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Crews worked May 14th at cutting away sections of the traffic islands at the Burton Avenue/Highway 3 intersection to improve accessibility. More work is expected at the location. Photo: Brenda Engel

How we voted on May 12th

Here are the unofficial results from the May 12th BC Election for the two Similkameen Valley ridings.

In Fraser-Nicola (formerly Yale-Lillooet) a total of 12,817 ballots were cast with the incumbent, BC NDP's Harry Lali, finishing on top with 6,275 votes or 48.96% of the popular vote.

The BC Liberal Party's Ella Brown was second with 5,494

votes (42.86%) with Desiree Maher-Schley of the Green Party of BC finishing third with 834 votes (6.51%) and the BC Refederation Party's Dian Joan Brooks collecting 214 votes (1.67%).

In Boundary-Similkameen the BC Liberal Party's John Slater topped the polls with 6,439 of the 17,133 total votes cast (37.58%).

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Study reveals local housing concerns

The report is titled: "Affordable Housing Assessment - the future of healthy homes for healthy people - Town of Princeton, British Columbia" and is a report prepared for the Princeton Attainable Housing Society (PAHS), dated March 2009 by Alice Sundberg and Dianna Hurford.

Here is the report's Executive Summary: Similar to many small towns in British Columbia, the Town of Princeton is familiar with living in transition.

Although recent uncertainty in the resource economy has negatively affected employment in BC, the number of people in Princeton receiving benefits such as Income Assistance and Employment Insurance is decreasing.

The majority of residents earn income through employment (60%), followed by a high percentage of pension earners (21%). The majority of Princeton households own their own home (72%). Home

prices in Princeton have more than doubled over the past 10 years (from \$92,000 in 1998 to \$202,000), but a working family with a moderate income may still find Princeton an affordable and pleasant town to buy a home.

It appears rents have not yet seen as drastic an increase as the buying market. Rents range upwards from \$300 for a bachelor in a non-profit seniors' building and \$500 in a private market suite. Four mobile home parks also provide a significant number of affordable options for low-income families and seniors over the age of 55.

These findings do not displace the fact that a number of residents are struggling to find housing, and that this number may increase in the near future. This study found that a minimum of 16 low-income families (6 single-parent families with mental health issues), 55 independent seniors, 7 seniors requiring support (such as home care), and 4-14 single people with mental health issues require healthy, safe and affordable housing in the commu-

nity.

Core need data revealed 275 households living beyond their means, paying more than 30% of their income on housing costs. Upon an initial examination, a significant proportion of the existing affordable stock in the private sector (with the exception to ground-oriented homes) is in various states of deterioration. Future affordability and the health of low-income residents will be 'at risk' assuming this trend continues and future stocks remains unidentified for replacement.

The most relevant trends currently affecting the demand for housing in Princeton include the possibility of a new Similco mine opening in the next two years, a growing seniors population, amenity migration and second-home buying, several retiring doctors and a decrease in wage incentives for locum doctors, a reduction of services at the local hospital, and an aging and uncertain affordable housing stock.

The community in Princeton also has many assets to contribute to the

future of a strong, healthy community. Future planning will require strong cooperation—planning with residents for the future sustainability of the town, building on community strengths, and addressing challenges.

Phase 2 of the project will identify priorities for further exploration and determine the level of demand for particular housing options; phase 3 will provide a feasibility analysis of the priority option. Given the needs, opportunities and challenges identified in the housing needs assessment, the following steps are recommended:

1. Plan to increase the supply of affordable housing for independent seniors, low income families, and persons with mental health disabil-

ities.

2. Involve potential residents in the planning process.

3. Include a holistic approach that includes social, economic and environmental considerations.

4. Build and foster partnerships between all levels of government, private and non-profit sectors.

5. Develop rapport and trust with local government and private sector.

6. Educate and raise awareness in the community about the needs and contributions of low income and vulnerable populations.

The PAHS hosts their annual general meeting Thursday, May 21st at 7:00 PM in the Hospital Board Room. The meeting is open to anyone with an interest.

RCMP report weekend activity

Princeton RCMP laid three charges under the Liquor Control and Licensing Act, issued four twenty-four hour driving suspensions under the Motor Vehicle Act and charged one individual with impaired driving over the weekend of May 9th and 10th.

Two other individuals were also charged with driving while prohibited and one individual was arrested for being drunk in a public place.

Two firearms were seized resulting in a charge being laid.

There were also two charges for Breach of Conditions and three complaints of assault that police responded to. A gram of cocaine was also seized.

All activities kept both Princeton RCMP Detachment members and Keremeos Traffic Services officers busy.

The RCMP remind residents that if you see any suspicious drug-related activities you are requested to call the local detachment at (250) 295-6911 or CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).



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Museum begins summer season

Two students welcome visitors to Princeton Museum this year. Thanks to a grant from HRDC, the Museum Society was able to hire Kailee Smith and Julia Halipchuk for the summer.

This year, the Museum features a display celebrating the 60th anniversary of the opening of the Hope-Princeton Highway. A continuous display on DVD honours the history of Blakeburn, while another display begins the count-down to Princeton's 150th anniversary.

The Museum Society is well represented on the Princeton 150 Committee. Princeton Curling Club has come forward as a participant in Princeton's celebration. Next year, the curling club will mark 80 years since its founding. Other groups celebrating a milestone are welcome to participate.

The museum opened on the long weekend to welcome a special tour group called GeoCash. This group was playing a game that moved

them from site to site. Participants were pleased to receive copies of the News Leader special historical edition.

Historical Society revives

Jon Bartlett and Rika Ruebsaat attended the Okanagan Historical Society AGM held at Nk'mip. They received a warm reception when they announced the revival of the Similkameen Historical Society. An executive has formed, and meetings will begin in September. The Society will meet nine times a year with meeting locations alternating between Keremeos, Hedley and Princeton. These meetings are open to the public.

The September meeting offers a presentation by Brenda Gould of the Upper Similkameen Archaeological Department. She will talk about the Similkameen Valley.

In October, Kelly Cook will give a presentation on historic trails. Look for further information in the

near future.

The executive of Princeton Museum Society will meet with Town Council to discuss the future of the museum building,

which has had to be renovated. Plans have been made to expand the museum as soon as the library is moved to a new location. The next regular meeting will be held

at 2:30 PM on June 9 at the Chamber of Commerce meeting room. Interested members of the public are always welcome to attend.



Julia Halipchuk, left, and Kailee Smith return to work at Princeton Museum this summer.*

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Princeton Town Hall News

SPRINKLING REGULATIONS IN EFFECT NOW

Effective May 15, 2009 and continuing until September 30, 2009 water sprinkling is restricted.

Sprinkling is prohibited between noon and 6:00 pm
ODD numbered houses may water on ODD numbered days
EVEN numbered houses may water on EVEN numbered days.

Water conservation means controlling, protecting, managing and planning for the wise use of our water resources. Economically speaking, it makes sense. Not only do we have to think about using our existing supplies wisely; we also have to consider costs. Water is getting more expensive. It's costing us more to supply, to treat, to dispose of, and to treat again. The energy required to meet these demands is enormous and also carries with it an environmental price tag.

Some helpful watering hints:

- When watering your lawn on the permitted day, do it in the cool morning to avoid evaporation.
- Clean your sidewalks and driveway with a broom. Using a broom instead of a hose can save 200 litres of water each time.
- Don't water your lawn on windy days.
- All your lawn really needs is 2 - 5 cm of water a week.
- Keep your grass longer than usual (about 6 cm); taller grass holds the water better.

For more information on water conservation and helpful lawn and gardening tips, visit the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen website at www.rdos.bc.ca.

Mayor and Council thank you for your cooperation.

PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Council has proclaimed May 17 to 23 as National Public Works Week. National Public Works Week is a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works.

We are proud to recognize the work done by our crew in maintaining our water systems, sewers, streets and public buildings, the safety and comfort of this community greatly depends on their work.

Thanks to our crew

Henry Rykers, Ken Silovich, Len Liberatore,
Pat Hayes, Ken Gibson, Bob Coyne, Allan Bouvette,
Britt Fraser and Cody Thomas.

WHEEL ABOUT DAY 2009

The Princeton Accessibility Awareness Committee has once again challenged Mayor and Council to participate in the second Accessibility Awareness Wheel About Day on Thursday May 28th from 10:30 am to noon. Participants will use a wheel chair to travel a short route and complete a small number of activities intended to represent accessibility challenges and safety concerns faced on a daily basis by seniors and those less physically able.

Spectators are welcome, meet us at Town Hall at 10:30.

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Section 24 of the *Community Charter*, the Town of Princeton gives public notice that it intends to provide a guarantee to the Princeton Racing Days Association. This guarantee is for the pari-mutuel horse racing betting being held on Friday June 26, 2009 at the Princeton Exhibition Grounds being conducted by the Princeton Racing Days Association. The guarantee is in the amount of \$20,000.

CENTENNIAL POOL LESSONS

Red Cross Swimming Lessons - Spring '09
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Early registration for swim lessons at Centennial Pool are being held at Riverside Centre on Thursday, May 21 from 4:00pm to 6:30 pm. Please call Centennial Pool after May 25 at 250-295-6535 to register for lessons this Spring & Summer.

SUMMER DAY CAMPS

The Town of Princeton Parks, Recreation and Culture Department is offering a variety of Summer Camp options for both children and youth this July and August. Check out the Summer Leisure for the Summer Adventure Camp, Professional Soccer Camp, Badlands Basketball Camp, Aaron Heuser Basketball Camp and DHI Hockey Program.

The Summer Leisure Guide is full of a variety of other programs for all ages. If you did not receive one in the mail please stop by Town Hall, Riverside Centre, Centennial Pool, or Arena for your copy today.

Call 250-295-6067 to register or learn more.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

SUMMER DAY CAMP STAFF REQUIRED

The Town of Princeton Parks, Recreation & Culture Department is now accepting applications for the Summer Day Camp Positions. Send a resume to Box 670, Princeton, BC V0X 1W0 or drop one off at Town Hall. Call 250-295-6067 for more details.

RIVERSIDE THEATRE MOVIES

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FRIDAY, MAY 22

NEW IN TOWN

Renee Zellweger & Harry Connick Jr. star in this Romantic comedy set in a small town. Rated: PG



Sisters Madison and Makenzie Johnston enjoy the view of Princeton Rodeo May 10th from the comfort of the VIP section. The Club provides seating and food each year for sponsors and volunteers. *

Rotary Club continues with tradition

Princeton Rotary Club members received copies of this year's Parade Entry Forms at the May 12th weekly luncheon meeting at Copper Mountain Bar & Grill. The forms will be distributed

throughout the area to previous entrants in the parade as well as through advertising in local media. Entry fees are set at \$10.00 with children free. The parade will begin at 12 Noon

on Saturday, June 27th and this year's theme is 'Winter Olympics In June.' For more information call Judy at (250) 295-0217 or Randy at (250) 295-7694 or e-mail randy.clark@telus.net.

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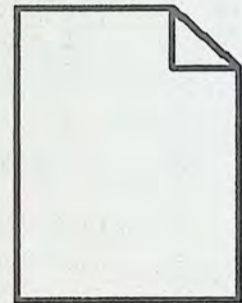
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Keremeos News



While the ladies banded together and worked on kitchen duties and meal preparation during the Keremeos Stockbreeders Association barbeque May 17th at Memorial Park... *

2009 Keremeos Elks Rodeo results

Here is the unofficial list of Keremeos Elks BCRA Rodeo Daily Leaders for Saturday, May 16th.

In the first section of Bareback Riding there were only two scoring rides. Steve Hohmann of Quesnel, BC was first with 74 points followed by Kelvin Lahue of Williams Lake, BC with 68 points.

In Saddle Bronc Riding the only cowboy to score was Steve Hohmann of Quesnel, BC with 76 points on 77 Party Time.

There were no qualifying rides in the Steer Wrestling event.

In Breakaway Roping the only cowgirl to get on the leader board

was Kirsty DeRose of 150 Mile House, BC with a time of 3.7-seconds.

In the second section of Bareback Riding Steve Hohmann of Quesnel, BC was the only one to score with 72 points riding A20.

In Saddle Bronc Riding - second section - Steve Hohmann of Quesnel, BC led the pack with 76 points riding 216 Broken Promises. Devin Richter of Omak, WA was second with 71 points and third went to Danny Bruckman of Kamloops with a 62.

In Ladies Barrel Racing Shauna Beeman of Omak, WA finished first with a time of 18.453-seconds. Brady Denner of 150 Mile

House, BC was second with 18.720-seconds and Tamara Oram of Kelowna, BC was third with 18.927-seconds.

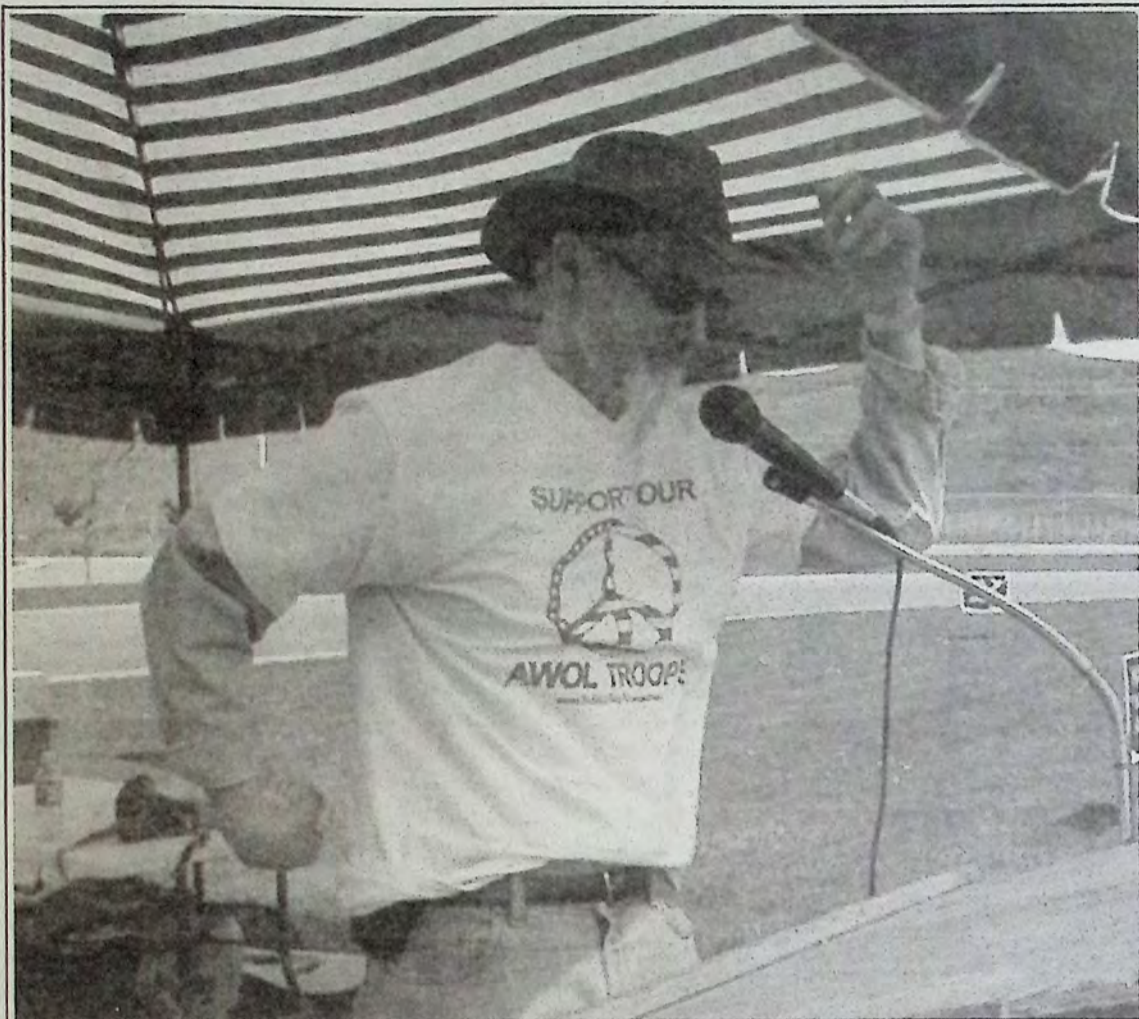
In Junior Barrel Racing Delanie Thorlakson of Armstrong, BC was first with 18.799-seconds with Paige Gill of Keremeos, BC finishing second with 21.704-seconds.

In Local Novice Barrel Racing Tonessaha Stukel of Kaleden was first with 20.315 seconds and Sieria Stukel was second with 21.789-seconds.

In Team Roping Troy Fischer (Mayerthorpe, AB) and Brett McCarroll (Camrose, AB) finish-
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...The men took on the chore of grilling up the beef enjoyed by all in attendance. *



BC Southern Interior MP Alex Atamanenko at the Mother's Day Walk For Peace. - photo submitted

Peace Walk celebrates 26

Canadians and Americans converged at the Osoyoos Oroville Border crossing on Sunday, May 10th to celebrate the 26th Annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace.

In uniform at the 26th Annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace, Canadian Forces reservist, Paul Danetrick with his mother, Lisa Danetrick, about Danetrick's refusal to be deployed to Afghanistan on grounds of conscience. Danetrick faces Court Marshall and/or discharge for his action.

Boundary Similkameen New Democratic Party Candidate Lakvinder Jahl also spoke to the Mother's Day Walk For Peace supporters. Jahl relayed her feeling as a mother with a son in the Canadian Forces.

Southern Interior Member of Parliament, Alex Atamanenko, accepted the gift of a protest t-shirt from the American delegation at the Mothers Day Walk for Peace.

The celebration has been held at the park at the Oroville-Osoyoos Border Crossing every year since 1983.

Background: The Mothers Day Walk For Peace celebrated it's 26th consecutive year on Sunday, May 10th at the U.S. Canada Border Crossing.

Americans meet at the Oroville Public Library at 12 Noon and Canadians meet at 1:00 PM at Haynes Point Provincial Park. The two groups walk the highway to

meet at the border park.

The colorful celebration began at 2:00 PM with talk, prayers, songs, dance, sing-a-long, tributes, remembrances, poetry and prose all in keeping with the theme of world peace, justice and the environment.

The walk began in 1983 when Canadian peace activists arranged with their American counterparts to meet at the border so that the Canadians could deliver them a paper mache mock-up of a Cruise Missile.

The Americans then took the missile to the US Naval Base on Whitby Island - the Boeing Aircraft Plant in Seattle, Washington where they staged a demonstration against Cruise Missile testing at Cold Lake, Alberta and against the US military strategy of deploying cruise missiles in Europe.

J.J. Verigin, Executive Director of the Spiritual; Communities of Christ, the Doukhobors, from the Grand Forks area has been the liaison with Canadian and American Border authorities who have consistently honored the traditional event through the past 26 years. Always in view of their watchful eye the annual event has continued to flourish over the years.

For the past 26 years, the Mother's Day Walk has been a way for Canadian and American activists for peace, justice and the environment to renew acquaintances, share

stories, assist each other's efforts on either side of the border and to celebrate their good will toward one another. -submitted

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Health / Lifestyle News

Gear up for the summer storm

(NC)—Across the country, Canadians are looking forward to the brighter days of summer and the countless activities associated with warm, dry weather. But summertime is also the season when Mother Nature can often wreak havoc with extreme weather, including heavy rain, lightning storms, and flooding — all of which can lead to electrical blackouts.

Energizer has encouraged Canadians to develop a family emergency plan as part of Emergency Preparedness Week (which was May 3 - 9) to prepare themselves for blackouts that occur as a result of severe weather. This will protect every member of the family in the event of a storm and reduce the potential for property loss or damage. An effective family emergency plan

should include specific information about meeting places where family members can reunite and list contact numbers for people both in town and out of town who can provide assistance. It's also critical to outline the location of fire extinguishers, the electrical box, gas and water valves, and floor drains.

In addition, it is essential for every family to have an emergency kit for the home that includes jugs of water, non-perishable food items, a first aid kit and some emergency cash.

Many families make the mistake of reverting back to the old-fashioned candle as a means of creating light during a blackout. But candles can often do more harm than good and are one of the leading causes of household fires annually. As an alternative, it's best to use battery-pow-

ered area lights, lanterns and hand-held flashlights.

To help keep households safe and prepared, Energizer has specially developed the Weather Ready line of lights for emergencies and severe weather. This line of lights is designed for those unexpected situations when power is not available and is part of Energizer's mandate to help plan, prepare and protect Canadians from the dangers of extreme weather.

Finally, every household should have an ample supply of fresh batteries and a radio handy to keep in touch with the outside world in the event they are confined to the home.

Visit www.energizer.ca to learn about the wide range of portable power products available for emergency preparedness. - News Canada

Sound advice on choosing children's hearing aids

(NC)—It's hard enough being a kid and learning the foundations of normal socialization without having to deal with the impact of hearing loss. Children who experience hearing loss stand unique among their peers, and as such parents must be ever-mindful of their lifestyle needs.

Parents can relieve stress and anxiety for children with hearing loss by collaborating with an audiologist to ensure they choose the hearing aid that is best suited to children's ears.

What is "best" will vary by child. There are two principal types of hearing aids from which parents can choose: the Behind the Ear (BTE) hearing aid, which wraps the electronic components around the ear; and the Canal hearing aid, which holds the electronics in a shell that is then inserted into the canal.

As part of Hearing Awareness Month, Energizer Canada is encouraging parents to book an appointment with an audiologist to conduct a hearing test which will determine if their children are experiencing any hearing loss. If hearing loss is identified by the audiologist, it's important parents discuss the best hearing aid option for their young ones. What is best suited to each individual child will likely change

as he or she grows and becomes more responsive and independent; parents must remember to re-evaluate regularly their children's hearing aid needs.

The BTE is the most common aid chosen for children, because it is easily accessible and its levels can be most easily adjusted by parents and caregivers. It's also more durable and compatible with listening devices, as it can be connected to audio equipment.

Like all electronic devices, hearing aids run on batteries and parents must be mindful of battery power levels. Carrying a spare battery is

also recommended, particularly while leaving the house for an all-day outing. Children can feel a sense of anxiety and embarrassment if they are suddenly unable to hear, and young children might not be able to articulate to parents that their hearing aid's battery has died. Parents should, therefore, be proactive about ensuring a back-up battery is readily available.

Energizer has been crafting and perfecting hearing aid batteries like the Energizer Perf Pak and EZ change for decades. More information is available online at www.energizer.ca. - News Canada

Living Past 100

A Cheap Cure For Alzheimer's?

According to the Journal of Neurology (08/28), a study done at the University of California offers hope to those who have Alzheimer's disease. The study was done on laboratory mice with Alzheimer's disease. Each mouse was fed the human equivalent of up to 3,000 mg. of niacinamide (Vitamin B3) for four months. The mice responded with astounding results: at the end of four months, they had no indications of Alzheimer's disease.

The results of the study were impressive and the treatment is now being tried on people who have Alzheimer's disease. Each patient will receive a dose of 1,500 mg. of niacinamide twice daily. If this treatment works as well on humans as it has done on mice, this treatment will mean an end to the devastation of Alzheimer's.

Other research indicates niacinamide could improve the memory in healthy people.

Niacinamide is water soluble, so it is absorbed rapidly into the blood. It goes to body sites within 15 minutes after taking a pill.

Research has been done into the use of niacinamide as a treatment to avoid the problems associated with aging, such as poor balance, osteoarthritis, muscle strength, and stamina. The dosage at that time was 250 mg. five times a day at three hour intervals.

Niacinamide does not work overnight. Any treatment with niacinamide requires months to be shown to be effective. The body utilizes niacinamide not only to keep the nervous system functioning, but to aid in the utilization of carbohydrates, fats and proteins, and to increase hydrochloric acid in the stomach. Niacinamide lowers cholesterol and improves circulation, and has been used to treat some forms of mental illness. High doses should not be taken except with the guidance of a physician, as it is not recommended for people with peptic ulcers, diabetes, liver disease, or glaucoma.

Natural sources of niacinamide are: broccoli, beef, carrots, cheese, corn flour, eggs, fish, milk, pork, potatoes, tomatoes and whole wheat.

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Sharon Anderson spoke to Princeton Rotary Club May 12th about the Community Garden Project at John Allison Elementary School and approached the group for some financial assistance. *

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You and your spouse are cordially invited to attend our Veterans Appreciation Luncheon. You do not have to be a member of the Legion to be invited.

The festivities will include a social hour beginning at 1:00 PM followed by our ever popular Meat Draw beginning at 2:30 PM.

Legion dress would be appreciated.
Please RSVP to the Branch ASAP.

Hospital Aux. Report

by Audrey Salter

Before our meeting started we had a visit from Sherry Uribe who is the Administrator of Princeton Hospital. Sherry read us the wish list for our hospital, for the Auxiliary to discuss and vote on what we will purchase.

The meeting was then called to order by President Christina Scarisbrick. It was voted on that we purchase a bench for the Town of Princeton's 150th Birthday in 2010.

The Hospital Auxiliary will be celebrating it's 100th birthday this year so the members will be going to Rock Ridge Canyon for lunch in October.

Our meeting on June 8th will be a pot luck lunch at 12 Noon at the President's home.

There will be no meeting in July or August but will resume in September on the 12th at 1:00 PM.

Please watch for bag sales over the summer, the Thrift Store is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

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How we voted May 12th

..... continued from Front Page
Lakhvinder Jhaj (BC NDP) finished second with 5,626 votes (32.84%), Joe Cardoso of the Conservative Party was third with 3,456 votes (20.17% and Bob Grieve (Green Party of BC) was fourth with 1,612 votes (9.41%).

BC Elections says the results will not be finalized until the final count is completed on May 27th.

As for the question on Electoral Reform which read: *Which electoral system should British Columbia use to elect members to the provincial Legislative Assembly? The existing electoral*

system (First-Past-the-Post) or the single transferable vote electoral system (BC-STV) proposed by the Citizen's Assembly on Electoral Reform?

A total of 12,584 Fraser-Nicola voters responded to the referendum with a total of 8,899 votes (70.72%) in favour of the current system (FPTP) while 3,685 voters (29.28%) favoured the BC-STV proposal.

In Boundary-Similkameen, 16,563 referendum ballots were cast with 10,583 (63.90%) voting in favour of the 'First-Past-The-Post' method while 5,980 (36.10%) chose to support the BC-STV.

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Open houses will be hosted:

Castlegar Tuesday, May 26, 2009 from 7- 8 pm
Sandman Hotel, 1944 Columbia Ave

Kelowna Wednesday, May 27, 2009 from 7 - 8 pm
Ramada Hotel, 2170 Harvey Ave

Osoyoos Thursday, May 28, 2009 from 7 - 8 pm
Best Western Sunrise Inn, 5506 Main Street

These open houses focus on COSA and are the first step in examining both cost of service and rate design. More open houses will be held this summer.

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Volunteers prepare the Princeton Community Garden during a work party May 9th at John Allison School. From left, Myrna Bosomworth, Kelley Cook, Glenn Allison and Glow Lemon. Photo: Sharon Anderson

The Green Corner

Quick & Easy Ways To Protect The Environment

(NC)—We all should have a special interest in the environment -- after all it's where we live, work and raise our kids. A healthy environment enhances our quality of life. And if we keep it healthy, we're ultimately keeping ourselves healthy.

From your living room to a world away, here are some easy ways to protect the environment:

At home: An obvious energy saver would be to turn off the lights when leaving the room, but what about unplugging seldom used appliances? Plugged in appliances that are turned off still sap energy. Stereos, video games, chargers, and TVs can really add up when it comes to wasted energy at home so unplug them whenever you can.

In public: With tens of thousands of vehicles on the road every day, the private automobile is one of the leading sources of greenhouse gases in Canada and is responsible for 15% of our total emissions. To reduce the impact of your commute on the environment, carpool whenever possible. And if you must drive, avoid idling for long periods of time.

Around the world: Don't forget the rest of the planet. With the Internet connecting us to the rest of the world with the click of a mouse, you can take action on environmental issues around the globe.

Charities like Christian Children's Fund of Canada (CCFC), an international development organization, give you the opportunity to plant a garden and provide clean drinking water in communities suffering from extreme poverty.

This website: www.ccfc.ca will show you ways to take action and help a community become environmentally healthy today.



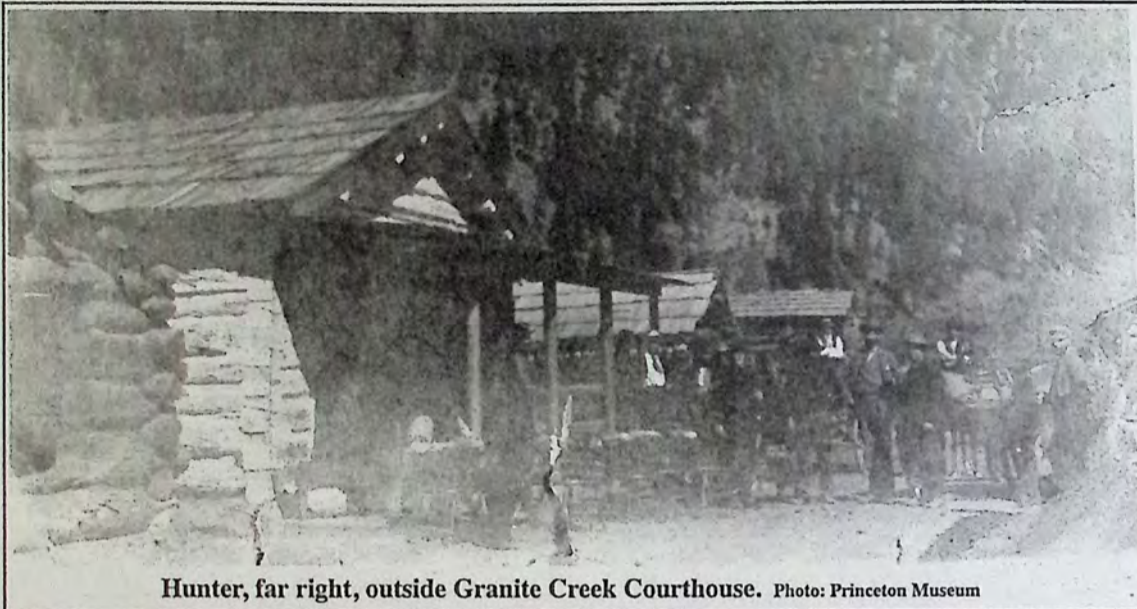
Students Kiaira and Norman Anderson assist during the Princeton Community Garden work party May 9th at John Allison School. Beds were completed and filled with topsoil. Photo: Sharon Anderson

Princeton 1860 - 2010

150 Years of Similkameen History

Nick Mills - Princeton & District Museum & Archives

Hugh Hunter



Hunter, far right, outside Granite Creek Courthouse. Photo: Princeton Museum

Hugh Hunter was born of Scottish parents on May 29th, 1860, in Londonderry, County Armagh, Ireland, his father was the Rev. Hugh Hunter, Chaplain of Scotland's Black Watch Regiment.

He came to Canada in 1884 to work in the Fraser Valley and the building of the Canadian Pacific Railroad. When the section was complete, like many others, he joined the gold rush to Granite Creek. Soon the mining camp adjacent to the Tulameen River became a town with two streets of wooden buildings, many of which were designated "Hotels".

One of the log cabins housed the offices of the Gold Commissioner, G.C. Turnstall, who had been appointed by the B. C. Government; Hugh Hunter was appointed constable in 1885 and four years later, in 1889, Mining Recorder.

For wagons bringing in supplies to the placer miners at Granite Creek the road-in was via Tulameen and Lower Nicola, later renamed Merritt, and it was while on a trip to Lower Nicola that Hunter met a school teacher, Jessie Renton Olding, who was to become his wife. Born in Woodburn, Pictou County, Nova Scotia in 1861 her father was Michael Olding, who according to the Princeton Star in 1904, came from Vancouver.

In 1891, Hugh Hunter and Jessie Olding were married at Nicola; his wedding gift to the new wife was an organ that was transported to their home on Granite Creek slung in a blanket carried by six Chinese laborers. Mrs. Hunter used the instrument for church services held in their house which was situated on a street that housed nineteen saloons!

By 1899 the gold rush at Granite Creek was petering out and the town of Princeton was starting to emerge. The Government appointed Hugh Hunter Mining Recorder for the District and moved the office for local affairs to Princeton.

Besides being Mining Recorder Hunter was appointed Tax Assessor and Collector, Registrar of Births

Deaths and Marriages and Provincial Constable. Until 1904 he also held the position of Magistrate.

For the first couple of years, while the Court House was being built there was no jail nearer than Nicola. Criminals were tied to a tree or shackled at the blacksmith's. By 1902 a log hut was built for use as a jail which was situated behind the new court building. The first regular constable was one Ronald Hewitt; before the new Court House opened County Court was held in a commercial building.

From the beginning of the Hunters' arrival, Princeton for the next ten years was in a state of explosive growth. The Community boasted four hotels, a brewery, two streets of busy stores, banks, a school and the beginnings of a hospital, besides a growing number of automobiles.

Dozens of documents carried his signature, volumes of tax and mining records that still exist in Princeton's Archives until this day. In 1909, in addition to his many other duties, he was appointed Gold Commissioner and for a time he was Superintendent

of Roads that were needed to connect Princeton with Hedley, Keremeos and Pentiction.

Hugh Hunter built a house on five acres near the mouth of One Mile Creek, at the time it was the only frame house in the district. The Hunters had one daughter, Margaret, who was born in 1906.

Mrs. Jessie Hunter also had a very busy life as she kept the weather records for the Town right up until the day before she passed away. Today her old metrological data, covering a period of forty years, may still be viewed at the Princeton Archives.

Hugh Hunter retired from public office in 1927, but continued to serve on the local Board of Trade, later becoming a School Trustee.

On June 30th, 1942, Mrs. Jessie Olding Hunter died aged 81. After a few months of illness in Vancouver, her husband passed away on August 20th, 1944. He had been in poor health since Mrs. Hunter died. The newspaper obituary said that Hugh Hunter was survived by one daughter, Mrs. Margaret McGowan and two sisters living in England.



The Hunters including daughter Margaret. Photo: Princeton Museum

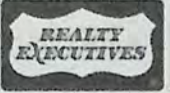
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Changes to the intersection of Burton Avenue and Highway 3 are starting to show! *

Princeton Court News

Exclusive to the News Leader - by Dawn Johnson

Judge sends local man to jail

David Goulet, age 33, of Princeton, attended Provincial Court in Princeton on May 15 to be sentenced on two charges. The first was an assault charge dating back to November 30, 2007. Goulet assaulted a man who was with Goulet's former girlfriend. Goulet was on probation at the time.

Goulet added a guilty plea on a charge dated January 9, 2009, stating Goulet had stolen a wrench worth \$250 from David Thomas. Thomas suspected Goulet had taken it when visiting Thomas' home, and it turned out Goulet had pawned the wrench, then redeemed it. Thomas never got it back.

Crown Counsel asked for a six month jail term for Goulet, with added days for the theft. Goulet's lawyer argued at length against a jail term, saying Goulet's main problem was alcohol, and he would not necessarily have suitable counselling in jail.

The judge decided Goulet, who has a long criminal record, had had enough chances, and sentenced him to four months in jail, plus seven days for the theft. The jail term is to be followed by one year on probation, during which he is not to enter any place where alcohol is sold. Goulet has a five year weapons prohibition, must give a DNA sample, and must pay \$250 to David Thomas.

Impaired nets big fine

Princeton resident Michael J. Slatten appeared in Provincial Court in Princeton on May 14 to plead guilty to a charge of having care and control of a vehicle while having a blood alcohol level over .08. When apprehended on January 30, 2009, Slatten failed a breath analysis with readings of .190 and .200. Slatten had a prior impaired conviction from 1993, combined with the high blood alcohol level, the judge sentenced Slatten to pay a \$1,500 fine plus a 15 percent

victim fine surcharge. Slatten is prohibited from driving for one year.

Woman agrees to peace bond

Tara Ryan, age 22 of Princeton, attended Provincial Court in Princeton on May 14 facing an assault charge. Information presented to the court indicated Ryan had become angry with her boyfriend, Michael Barnetson, on January 16, and had pushed him. Crown Counsel suggested settling the matter with a \$500 peace bond. For the next six months, Ryan is to have no contact with Barnetson.

Bond creates neighbour peace

Kevin Lynch lives across the street from Melvin Bass. On January 1, Bass complained to police about 37 year old Lynch's behaviour. He told police he was awakened at 4:25 AM by his dogs barking and found Lynch was outdoors yelling. At 6:25 AM., the Bass dogs began barking again, and once again, Lynch was the source of the problem, Bass told police. Finally, at 11:15 AM, as Bass was outdoors shoveling snow, Lynch yelled at him. Bass told police he had a history of having Lynch annoy him.

The judge ordered Lynch to serve a \$200 peace bond, lasting one year, during which he is to have no direct contact with Bass and stay off the Bass property.

Woman pays for breach

Erica Edwards, age 44, of Williams Lake, stood trial on May 14 in Princeton on a charge of breaching bail conditions by consuming alcohol. Edwards maintained she had not been drinking on September 6, 2008, but was under the influence of medication she was taking for an anxiety disorder. She presented copies of her prescriptions. Edwards' mother testified that when the RCMP brought her daughter home, there was no smell of alcohol on Edwards' breath.

Two RCMP constables testified that

they had received a call advising there was a female passed out in a vehicle parked at a pub in Princeton. They had gone to the location and awakened Edwards, asked her for identification, and talked to her. Both said they had noted a strong odour of alcohol coming from her. They had taken her to her mother's house to be cared for.

During the time they were with her, the RCMP officers had talked to her, and had heard her say a friend had driven her from another pub, and she had been refused service at the pub where she was found.

The judge found Edwards guilty and ordered her to pay a \$200 fine.

Guilty plea nets probation

A bout with drugs and alcohol, along with some ensuing bizarre behaviour, brought Jayson Caruso to court in Princeton on May 15. He entered a guilty plea to a charge of assault. He had gone to a home and created a disturbance, was sent away, but returned and the situation became aggressive. The 19 year old Princeton man was ordered to serve a suspended sentence of 12 months probation. He is to have no contact with Joel Milligan, and is to abstain from alcohol and illegal drugs. He is prohibited from owning firearms and must give a DNA sample.

Judge orders fine for assault

Joel Milligan, age 35, of Princeton, attended Provincial Court in Princeton on May 15 to plead guilty to an assault charge. Milligan had attacked a man whose son had been in an altercation with Milligan's son. Milligan had heard the man was threatening to do something to Milligan's son.

Milligan had a criminal record, so was ordered to pay a \$500 fine, and have no contact with the two people involved in the incident. Milligan was issued a five year weapons prohibition and ordered to give a DNA sample.



News Leader Entertainment

Similkameen News Leader TV Guide Listings - May 19 - 25, 2009



Bobby Louis of Vernon, BC finished Sunday, May 17th with a time of 18.0-seconds in Tie-Down Roping event during the 71st annual Keremeos Elks Rodeo. *

..... continued from Page 4 -ed first with a time of 5.5-seconds. Justin and Brett McCarroll (both of Camrose, AB) were second with 5.7-seconds and Josh Cahill (Clinton, BC) and Rod Spiers (Arras, BC) finished third with 7.1-seconds.

registered riders scored a qualifying ride.

The unofficial list of Keremeos Elks BCRA Rodeo Daily Leaders for Sunday, May 17th is as follows: *Morning Slack Results.*

In Ladies Barrel Racing Melanie Beeton (Prince George, BC) and Christine Ross (Botha, BC) tied

for first with times of 18.375-seconds. Kim Meise (Prince George, BC) was second with 18.853-seconds. In Tie-Down Roping only one cowboy managed to get on the scoreboard. It was Will Casey of Mesa, WA with a time of 25.7-seconds.

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Brandon Copithorne of Kamloops, BC tried to hold onto H05 I Wanna Play for eight seconds but couldn't in the Bull Riding event during the 71st annual Keremeos Elks Rodeo. *

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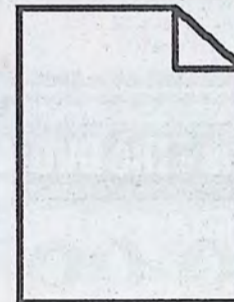
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Virgil Poffenroth of Riske Creek, BC shows how it's done during the Tie-Down Roping event. *



Willee Twan of Alkali Lake, BC during the Steer Wrestling event May 17th at Keremeos Elks Rodeo. *



Morgan Dilts of Eureka, Montana scored 81 points on Princeton-bred bull BL Storm Warning during the Sunday, May 17th performance of the 71st annual Keremeos Elks Rodeo. *

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2009

Table with 20 columns (WTBS, CHBC, KNOW, KSPS, KHQ, KREM, A&E, KXLY, BCTV, CITY, CBC, YTV, TSN, VTV, DISC, FAM, CITY, SPIKE, TROP) and 24 rows of programming details for Tuesday, May 19, 2009.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2009

Table with 20 columns (WTBS, CHBC, KNOW, KSPS, KHQ, KREM, A&E, KXLY, BCTV, CITY, CBC, YTV, TSN, VTV, DISC, FAM, CITY, SPIKE, TROP) and 24 rows of programming details for Wednesday, May 20, 2009.

Similkameen News Leader - Horoscopes

May 20 - 27, 2009

Aries - Your thoughts turn now to people you need to talk to and errands you need to run. You are still full of amiable energy, and full of plans. Plans are real. Are you dreaming?

Taurus - Your thoughts turn to what you own and what you owe. Your health is good, but you feel like it isn't. You may just feel lazy. You can advance your goals with determined effort.

Gemini - Right now, you are good at working with groups and pushing for a goal. This is a good time to look inward and find out what you want. Keep it to yourself for now.

Cancer - You enter a time when your career runs smoothly. Take time to think about the inner you and how it relates to career. Sibling challenges you to move forward. Set goals.

Leo - You still feel that urge to travel, and with careful planning, you can make it happen. Friends seem unreliable now, helpful only when times are good. Focus on saving money.

Virgo - You can take charge now and you'll have plenty of work. Career takes top priority. Parents are good to you, and people in power offer help. They will challenge you next week.

Libra - Friends, mate continue supportive but demanding. Stop feeling depressed. Replace it with determination. Be careful not to alienate others with your fears and pessimism.

Scorpio - Turn attention to health, debts, investments. Hard work is good for your health right now. Plans can begin to move ahead. Groups you belong to demand effort next five months.

Sagittarius - Friendly interaction with others is your key to success for the coming four weeks. Friends and spouse are supportive. Put energy into creativity, spirit of enterprise.

Capricorn - High level of activity around home continues. You may feel creative, with focus on make home more attractive. Matters related to death, inheritances, investments may surface.

Aquarius - Your thoughts may turn to having fun, being creative, or spending time on sports or children, but your major focus is on discussion, siblings, and neighbourhood.

Pisces - Continue putting effort into making money. Possessions occupy your mind: how can you make best use of them? Focus on home, property. Friend or spouse needs help.

Similkameen News Leader - Recipe Corner

Recipe #272

Parliament Steak

(NC)—HP Sauce and Steak sauce are a perfect pair for the Summer Season. HP Sauce isn't just a condiment, use it as a marinade. The rich bold flavour turns any steak into an extraordinary steak.

Ingredients:

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- 1 Beef Top Sirloin Grilling Steak

Preparation:

- Combine the marinade ingredients.
- Place meat and marinade in a plastic bag, squeeze out air and seal bag. Marinate 12-24 hours in the refrigerator.
- Grill over medium-high heat 5-7 minutes per side, turning only once or twice with tongs.

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Tuesday Movies

EVENING

10:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Mortal"

Kombat" (1995, Action) Robin Shou. Three martial artists are forced to battle demonic adversaries with the fate of the world hanging in the balance. (E)

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Wednesday Movies

AFTERNOON

5:00 pm WTBS (3)
★★★ "Cinderella Man" (2005, Biography) Russell Crowe. Despite a string of losses and injuries, boxer Jim Braddock makes a dramatic comeback and faces champion Max Baer. (E)

EVENING

7:00 pm CITY (12) ★★★ "Casino Royale" (2006, Action) Daniel Craig. Premiere. After receiving a license to kill, British agent James Bond enters a high-stakes poker game with Le Chiffre, a man who finances terrorist groups. (E)
8:00 pm KXLY (10) ★★½ "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest"

(2006, Adventure) Johnny Depp. Premiere. Capt. Jack Sparrow must find a way to avoid the clutches of ghostly pirate Davy Jones and his crew or be damned for all eternity. (In Stereo)

BCTV (11) ★★★ "Casino Royale" (2006, Action) Daniel Craig. Premiere. After receiving a license to kill, British agent James Bond enters a high-stakes poker game with Le Chiffre, a man who finances terrorist groups. (E)

9:30 pm WTBS (3)
★★★½ "Cinderella Man" (2005, Biography) Russell Crowe. Despite a string of losses and injuries, boxer Jim Braddock makes a dramatic comeback and faces champion Max Baer. (E)

Thursday Movies

EVENING

7:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★★ "Scream" (1996, Horror) Neve Campbell. A psycho killer targets a past victim's daughter, while a tabloid TV reporter homes in on his identity. (E)

10:30 pm WTBS (3)
★★★ "Scream" (1996, Horror) Neve Campbell. A psycho killer targets a past victim's daughter, while a tabloid TV reporter homes in on his identity. (E)

Friday Movies

EVENING

6:00 pm SPIKE (44) ★★★ "Training Day" (2001, Crime Drama) Denzel Washington. A rookie cop meets a corrupt Los Angeles narcotics officer who wants to include him in his schemes. (In Stereo)

7:00 pm YTV (18)
★★★½ "Aquamarine" (2006, Comedy-Drama) Sara Paxton. A mermaid washes ashore after a violent storm and enlists the help of two teenage girls in winning the heart of a handsome lifeguard. (In Stereo) (E)

7:30 pm FAM (26) ★★ "Good Boy!" (2003, Comedy) Molly Shannon. After adopting a dog, a 12-year-old learns the animal is an interplanetary scout sent to investigate other canines. (E)

9:00 pm FAM (29) "Hatching Pete"

(2009, Comedy) Jason Dolley. A teenager becomes a big hit when he dons a chicken suit to become a high-school mascot. (E)

9:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "A Simple Plan" (1998, Suspense) Bill Paxton. A Minnesotan, his dimwitted brother and his brother's redneck friend find and decide to keep \$4 million. (E)

10:30 pm FAM (26) ★★★ "Miracle" (2004, Drama) Kurt Russell. Coach Herb Brooks leads the U.S. Olympic hockey team to victory over the Soviet team in 1980. (E)

11:00 pm SPIKE (44) "Depth Charge" (2008, Suspense) Eric Roberts. The American captain of a nuclear submarine demands a ransom of \$1 billion from the United States. (In Stereo)

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THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009

Table for Thursday, May 21, 2009. Columns include time slots (6 AM to 11:30 PM) and channels (WTBS, CHBC, KNOW, KSPS, KHQ, KREM, A&E, KXLY, BCTV, CIVI, CBC, YTV, TSN, VTV, DISC, FAM, CITY, SPIKE, TROP). Rows list programs such as 'Jeffersons', 'In the Heat of the Night', 'Cosby', 'Fam. Feud', 'Trivial', 'Harvey', 'Fresh Pr.', 'Still Stnd', 'King', 'Seinfeld', 'Friends', 'Payne', 'Deal No', 'Friends', 'Friends', 'Friends', 'Friends', 'Movie: "Scream"', 'Campbell', 'Family Guy', 'Family Guy', 'Seinfeld', 'Movie: "Scream"', and 'Horror'.

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2009

Table for Friday, May 22, 2009. Columns include time slots (6 AM to 11:30 PM) and channels (WTBS, CHBC, KNOW, KSPS, KHQ, KREM, A&E, KXLY, BCTV, CIVI, CBC, YTV, TSN, VTV, DISC, FAM, CITY, SPIKE, TROP). Rows list programs such as 'Jeffersons', 'In the Heat of the Night', 'Cosby', 'Fam. Feud', 'Trivial', 'Harvey', 'Fresh Pr.', 'Still Stnd', 'King', 'Seinfeld', 'Friends', 'Payne', 'Deal No', 'Friends', 'Friends', 'Friends', 'Friends', 'Movie: "Scream"', 'Campbell', 'Family Guy', 'Family Guy', 'Seinfeld', 'Movie: "Scream"', 'Horror', 'Videos', 'Family Guy', 'Family Guy', 'Movie: "A Simple Plan"', 'Suspense', and 'Bill Paxton'.

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CARTER'S Sudoku Challenge

CREATED FOR THE NEWS LEADER BY CARTER BOSWELL

HOW TO PLAY:

Sudoku is a game of logic. There is no math involved. The object of the game is to fill the grid so that the numbers 1 through 9 appear only once in each row, column and 3 x 3 box. The numbers can appear in any order and Carter has left you some clues below.

CHALLENGE #193 - Rated Easy

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CHALLENGE #194 - Rated Hard

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THIS WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
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Saturday Movies

MORNING

9:00 am WTBS (3) ★★½ "Alfie" (2004, Comedy-Drama) Jude Law. A Londoner continues his womanizing ways while working as a chauffeur in New York. (E)

10:00 am KREM (8) ★★½ "The Iron Giant" (1999, Fantasy) Voices of Jennifer Aniston. Animated. A malevolent government agent threatens to destroy the friendship between a boy and a huge alien robot.

11:00 am WTBS (3) ★★ "Sliding Doors" (1998, Romance-Comedy) Gwyneth Paltrow. After a series of misfortunes, a woman with an unfaithful boyfriend experiences an alternate reality.

AFTERNOON

12:00 pm FAM (26) ★★ "Slappy and the Stinkers" (1998, Comedy) B.D. Wong. Second-graders save a sea lion from their principal, an animal thief, and a groundskeeper who mistakes it for an oversized gopher. (E)

1:30 pm FAM (26) ★★½ "Zenon: The Zequel" (2001, Science Fiction) Kirsten Storms. The 21st-century girl makes the most of a dull assignment

by lending a hand to some homeless aliens. (E)

4:00 pm YTV (18) ★★ "The Powerpuff Girls Movie" (2002, Comedy) Voices of Catherine Cavadini. Animated. Three little girls with superpowers battle an evil monkey and its army of chemically enhanced primates. (In Stereo) (E)

EVENING

6:00 pm CITY (29) ★½ "Ripper: Letter From Hell" (2001, Horror) A.J. Cook. Members of a college study group on serial killers fall victim to a stalker whose methods mirror Jack the Ripper's.

8:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "The Time Machine" (2002, Science Fiction) Guy Pearce. A scientist travels into the future and meets a race of people who fear hideous monsters living under the ground. (E)

KSPS (6) ★★½ "Dances With Wolves" (1990, Western) Kevin Costner. Costner's epic vision of the American frontier as seen through the eyes of a 19th-century U.S. Cavalry officer. (In Stereo) (E) (DVS) CBC (13) ★★½ "The Pink Panther Strikes Again" (1976, Comedy)

Peter Sellers. Inspector Clouseau's on the trail of his ex-boss, out to destroy the world. (E)

8:30 pm KXLY (10) ★★ "The Mothman Prophecies" (2002, Suspense) Richard Gere. A reporter investigates the sightings of a strange creature and other strange phenomena in a small town.

9:00 pm FAM (26) ★★½ "City Slickers II: The Legend of Curly's Gold" (1994, Comedy) Billy Crystal. Premiere. Three grown men follow a trail guide's map to buried treasure near Las Vegas.

SPIKE (44) "Urban Justice" (2007, Action) Steven Seagal. A former government agent begins a relentless pursuit of his son's murderer. (In Stereo)

10:30 pm CBC (13) ★★½ "Little Big Man" (1970, Western) Dustin Hoffman. A 121-year-old white survivor of Custer's Last Stand recalls his checkered life with Cheyenne, Wild Bill Hickok and medicine shows. (E)

10:56 pm FAM (26) ★½ "Theodore Rex" (1996, Comedy-Drama) Whoopi Goldberg. A murder involves a smart-aleck detective with talking dinosaurs brought back by genetic science in the near future. (E)

11:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "The Time Machine" (2002, Science Fiction) Guy Pearce. A scientist travels into the future and meets a race of people who fear hideous monsters living under the ground. (E)

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Sunday Movies

MORNING

9:00 am WTBS (3) ★★ "Sliding Doors" (1998, Romance-Comedy) Gwyneth Paltrow. After a series of misfortunes, a woman with an unfaithful boyfriend experiences an alternate reality. (E)

A&E (9) ★★½ "Jesus Camp" (2006, Documentary) Filmmakers Heidi Ewing and Rachel Grady visit an evangelical Christian summer camp called Kids on Fire, where children take part in programs designed to strengthen their beliefs. (E)

11:00 am WTBS (3) ★★½ "Guess Who" (2005, Comedy) Bernie Mac. The sarcastic patriarch of a black family freely expresses his opinion of his daughter's white boyfriend. (E)

AFTERNOON

12:00 pm FAM (26) ★★½ "Gotta Kick It Up" (2002, Drama) Susan Egan. A teacher inspires a group of Latina schoolgirls to reach for their full potential and become a championship dance team. (E)

1:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "The Upside of Anger" (2005, Comedy-Drama) Joan Allen. An ex-ballplayer befriends a mother of four who has hovered in a boozy funk since her husband abandoned her. (E)

1:30 pm FAM (26) ★★½ "Tiger Cruise" (2004, Drama) Hayden Panettiere. Terrorists strike on Sept. 11, 2001, while a teenager is visiting her father aboard the USS Constellation. (E)

3:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason" (2004, Romance-Comedy) Renée Zellweger. An attractive lawyer and Bridget's former boss threaten her newfound happiness with Mark Darcy. (E)

VTV (22) ★★ "Fancy Dancing" (2002, Romance-Comedy) Jason Priestley. A carefree crooner takes a job at his uncle's ad agency and falls for an attractive co-worker. (In Stereo) (E)

4:00 pm YTV (18) ★★½ "Zathura" (2005, Adventure) Josh Hutcherson. Two young brothers play a mysterious game that propels them into an outer-space adventure. (In Stereo) (E)

5:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "My Best Friend's Wedding" (1997, Romance-Comedy) Julia Roberts. A writer tries to stop her former lover from marrying another woman, a guileless heiress. (E)

EVENING

6:00 pm YTV (18) "Gym Teacher: The Movie" (2008, Comedy) Christopher Meloni. For a coveted award, a gym coach must turn a gangly kid into an athlete. (In Stereo) (E)

7:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "My Best Friend's Wedding" (1997, Romance-Comedy) Julia Roberts. A

writer tries to stop her former lover from marrying another woman, a guileless heiress. (E)

8:00 pm KNOW (5) "Deceived by Flight" (1988, Mystery) John Thaw. Inspector Morse investigates when a cricket player meets an untimely death during a match. (E)

BCTV (11) CITY (12) "Futurama: Bender's Game" (2008, Comedy) Voices of Lauren Tom. Premiere. Animated. While searching for fuel, the crew encounters an underworld inhabited by medieval creatures and knights. (E)

9:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason" (2004, Romance-Comedy) Renée Zellweger. An attractive lawyer and Bridget's former boss threaten her newfound happiness with Mark Darcy. (E)

KHQ (7) ★½ "The Last Templar" (2009, Adventure) (Part 1 of 2) Mira Sorvino. An archaeologist and an FBI agent try to uncover the secrets of the medieval Knights Templar.

KXLY (10) "Diamonds" (2009, Drama) (Part 1 of 2) James Purefoy. Premiere. The African diamond trade affects the lives of a ruthless businessman, his father, a U.S. senator, a model and an orphan. (In Stereo) (E)

FAM (26) ★★½ "Michael" (1996, Drama) John Travolta. Tabloid employees investigate a rumor about an angel and find a surprising creature with healing powers and a lot of sex appeal. (E)

10:45 pm FAM (26) ★★½ "Awakenings" (1990, Drama) Robert De Niro. A doctor tries the drug L-dopa on an immobile man and others like him in 1969 New York. (E)

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SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2009

Table with 20 columns (WTBS to TROP) and 24 rows (6 AM to 11 PM) listing TV programs and channels for Saturday, May 23, 2009.

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2009

Table with 20 columns (WTBS to TROP) and 24 rows (6 AM to 11 PM) listing TV programs and channels for Sunday, May 24, 2009.

MONDAY, MAY 25, 2009

| | WTBS (3) | CHBC (4) | KNOW (5) | KSPS (6) | KHQ (7) | KREM (8) | A&E (9) | KXLY (10) | BCTV (11) | CITY (12) | CBC (13) | YTV (14) | TSN (15) | VTV (16) | DISC (17) | FAM (18) | CITY (19) | SPIKE (20) | TROP (21) | |
|-------|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--|-----------------------|---|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--|
| 6 AM | Jeffersons | News (N) | (6:12) George S. | Bob Build | News (N) | News (N) | Intervention | News | (5:30) News (N) | (4:30) News (N) | CBC News: Morning (N) | Being Ian (6:25) | Tennis: French Open - Early Round - Day 2. From Paris. (Live) | Canada AM | Daily Planet | Henry's King | CityLine | CSI: NY | Once a Thief | |
| 7 AM | In the Heat of the Night | Room That News | Martha Dora | Arthur (El) Martha | Today (N) | The Early Show (N) | Intervention "Ashley" | Good Morning America (N) | | | Save-Ums! Animal | (6:50) Viva Casper | | | Monster Moves | (6:56) Phineas | The Tyra Banks Show | CSI: NY | The Outer Limits | |
| 8 AM | Cosby | Ad Pers | (7:58) Hi-5 | Curious | | | Intervention "Chuckie" | | | 100 Huntley Street | Bo On Go | Pokemon | | | How-Made | Weekend | Rachael Ray | CSI: NY | North of 60 | |
| 9 AM | Fam. Feud | Three Takes | Berenstain Clifford | Super Why! Hurray for Heroes | | The 700 Club | Intervention | Regis and Kelly | 100 Huntley Street | Hospital for Sick Kids | Super Why! Gofrette | Rolie Polie Timothy | | Regis and Kelly | Daily Planet | Feet Tigger | News (N) City | CSI: NY "Admissions" | TV Made What | |
| 10 AM | Trivial | The Mom Show | Noonbory (10:36) | | | The Price Is Right (N) | Intervention "Jacob" | The View (N) | World Vision | Debt Part House | Wilbur | Berenstain Dewitt | | The View (N) | Super Ships | Mickey Handy | The O.C. "The Links" | CSI: NY | What The Nanny | |
| 11 AM | Harvey | One House | Rolie Polie | Dragon | Ellen DeGeneres Show | Young and the Restless | Intervention "Ryan" | Paid Prog. Wall St | World Vision | (10:59) News (N) | Martha Stewart | Willa (11:25) | Fishing | Twice in a Lifetime | Mega Builders | Benj Bear (11:25) King | The Bonnie Hunt Show | CSI: NY "Taxi" | Grace Videos | |
| 12 PM | Fresh Pr. | Chef | (12:01) | Memorial Day Concert | Paid Prog. | News (N) | Intervention "Leslie" | All My Children (N) | News (N) | Days of our Lives (N) | News (N) | George S. | | etalk | Canada's Worst Driver | (11:49) | CityLine | CSI: NY | Seinfeld | |
| 1 PM | Still Stnd | Home to | Maggie | | Days of our Lives (N) | As the World Turns (N) | Intervention | One Life to Live (N) | As the World Turns (N) | As the World Turns (N) | Steven and Chris | (1:05) Viva Ruby | Boxing: Friday Night Fights | Sue Thomas: F.B.I. | Dirty Jobs | Dragon Emperor | ER "Back in the World" | CSI: NY | Raymond | |
| 2 PM | King | Guiding Light (N) | Franklin BluesClues | Barney WordWorld | The Bonnie Hunt Show | Guiding Light (N) | Intervention "Janet" | General Hospital (N) | Young and the Restless | The Doctors | Living Fortune | Flamingo (2:35) Being | | General Hospital (N) | MythBusters | (1:54) K. Possible | News (N) | CSI: NY | Raymond | |
| 3 PM | Seinfeld | Split Ends (N) | (3:01) Zoboomafo o "Messy and Clean" | Big World WordGirl | Judge | Dr. Phil | Intervention "Angelina" | Rachael Ray | The Doctors | Young and the Restless | Jeopardy! | Grossology | Off-Record | Dr. Phil | Canada's Worst Driver | Replace Emperor | News (N) | CSI: NY "Admissions" | What | |
| 4 PM | Payne | Debt Part | | Fetch! Ruff | Judge J. | Oprah Winfrey | Intervention | Deal No | Oprah Winfrey | (3:59) News Global | NHL Hockey: Playoffs - Teams TBA. (Live) | SpongeBob | Hockey | Ellen DeGeneres Show | Daily Planet (N) | (4:08) Phineas | Law & Order: SVU | UFC Unleashed | Vanity E News | |
| 5 PM | Payne | News (N) | Martha (5:35) | BBC News Business | News (N) NBC News | News (N) CBS News | Intervention "Sandy" | News ABC News | News Global | (4:59) News (N) Global | ET Canada | Drake iCarly | NBA Basketball: Western | News (N) | Dirty Jobs (N) | Zoey 101 Life Derek | The Bachelorette (N) | UFC Unleashed | Ground Up | |
| 6 PM | Movie: "Men in Black II" | Global News | Taste Buds Mechanics | News-Lehrer | News (N) Millionaire | News (N) Hollywood | Intervention "Gabe" (N) | News | News (N) | ET Canada | Entertain | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 PM | (2002) | E! News | Undersea | 'Allo, 'Allo! | Jeopardy! | The Doctors | Obsessed (N) | Entertain | Entertain | Bones (PA) | News (N) | Prank Ptrl | Conf. Final | etalk | Worst Handyman | Wizards Montana | Newlyweds | 4th and Loug (N) | Are You Smarter | |
| 8 PM | (8:15) | The Soup | Around the World | Antiques Roadshow (N) | Dateline NBC | Big Bang | Crime 360 | The Bachelorette (N) | House "Emancipation" | House "Emancipation" | TBA | Malcolm | | Big Bang | Daily Planet | Suite Life Buzz | News (N) (8:35) News | Pros vs. Joes: All Stars | Make Bob-Doug | |
| 9 PM | (9:15) Movie: "Men in Black II" | My Boys | Sense Memories | American Experience | Two Men Rules | Intervention "Sandy" | | Bones (PA) | Hip to Be Holy (N) | To Be Announced | League Zixx Level | UEFA | Christine | Two Men | MythBusters | Wizards Life Derek | (9:06) Jimmy Kimmel | CSI: NY | Seinfeld | |
| 10 PM | Black II" (2002), Will Smith | The Best Years (N) | On Screen | Hallowed Grounds (N) | Medium (N) | CSI: Miami | Intervention "Gabe" | Newlyweds | Hip to Be Holy (N) | News Hour Final (N) | National | Falcon Beach | Score Golf | CSI: Miami | Worst Handyman | School Cory | (10:06) I Love New York | Most Amazing Videos | Raymond Married... | |
| 11 PM | Sanford Montel W. | News (N) | Halda Art Landscape | Charlie Rose (N) | News (N) Tonight | News (N) Late Show | Obsessed | News (11:35) | News (N) | Entertain | (11:05) The Hour | Mystery Ghost | SportsCentr e (Live) | News (N) | Dirty Jobs | Suite Life Life Derek | Judge News | Disorderly Con. | Married... | |

Monday Movies

EVENING

6:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★"Men in Black II" (2002, Comedy) Tommy Lee Jones. Two interstellar agents try to stop an alien disguised as a lingerie model from destroying the world. [E]

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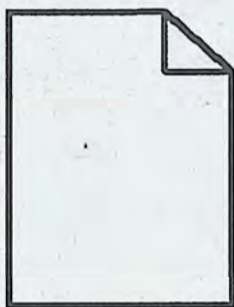
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Items will be on display beginning May 13, 2009, on School District #58 (Nicola-Similkameen) website (www.sd58.bc.ca) and click on Auction for a list of inventory and for placing bids. All bids will be in accordance with School District #58 (Nicola-Similkameen) regulations as indicated on the bid site.

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My Turn...

Cenotaph Park is not a cemetery

We do a lot of positive promotion in our office on behalf of the Town of Princeton. So much at times that I've considered billing the Town for services rendered.

One of the projects we've been keenly focussed on is the enhancements to the Cenotaph Park, or the Princeton Town Square.

The way some residents have reacted to the project makes me think they think it's some sort of sacred ground that should never be touched, unless, of course, you happen to be the guy picked that week to mow the lawn and weedwhack the site.

I mean no disrespect whatsoever as I am the son of a veteran, so I think I have a fairly good understanding of what a Cenotaph should be. In my mind it should be a monument where we publicly display our thanks to those who fought for our freedom. It should be a place where we can respect that but also a place where we should be allowed to celebrate that freedom.

A Cenotaph is not a cemetery and maybe we need to be reminded of that.

The monument is symbolic and the park surrounding it should be a place to share our freedom with one another.

The monument should be our reminder that it is because of those people it represents and honours that we are able to watch a musical presentation, enjoy a picnic lunch or whatever in it's watchful shadow.

We have explained to far too many residents what they see downtown today is not what they will see downtown in a few months. There's a drawing in the window of the former Goldion Restaurant showing what the Town Square is going to look like when completed.

Take the time to investigate what the project is all about.

If you want more details, the men working on the site can also explain what is going on. It's probably best to ask the volunteer site formen Dave Woodruff to show you what is really going on rather than beaking off about the mess, the noise, the dust or whatever.

Considering it is technically a construction site, I'm pretty impressed with the fact that we hardly notice they are working on the project unless we walk by the site. Our office is four doors away from it and we haven't experienced any problems - except for people complaining to us about what they seem to believe is what's really going on at Cenotaph Park.

Yes, Veterans Avenue is closed - but it's temporary.

Yes, the Cenotaph itself will have some work done to it (it's foundation needs repair, among other things) but these repairs will ensure the monument will stand proudly in Cenotaph Park long after you and I are gone.

Yes, traffic flow is different, but that's part of the enhancement and who wants to remember the slingshot that used to be there?

I know I can hardly wait to see the project when completed as I expect to go there and be soothed by the sound of the water fountain, watch musicians play in the gazebo or on the grass and enjoy the freedom to do just that.

And the last thing I'll be doing is pointing fingers or complaining of a minor inconvenience that paved the way for a beautiful spot in the centre of our town, complete with a symbolic monument to remind me why it's there.

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A 'not so old' shot from our files of a puck bouncing off the goal post in a Princeton Posse game. *

...Your Turn

Reader looks at election

Letter to the Editor,

I can't help but wonder what the citizens of BC are thinking when it comes to the governance of their day to day lives, their children's schools and opportunities, their elderly family member's health and medical welfare?

From the results of the latest provincial election it would seem they don't give a damn.

About 52% of possible voters actually voted - WOW! What could the other 48% possibly think is more important on May 12/09? It boggles my mind!

The Liberals won only 46% of the popular vote yet formed its third majority government with 49 seats, the NDP won 42% of the popular vote and only got 36 seats while the Green party won 8% of the popular vote and was awarded absolutely 0 seats in parliament.

Therefore of the 8% of the voting public (based on recent census rates) about 200,000 people in this province who believe in the Green's party platform, have absolutely no say in government for the next 4 years.

Even though less than half of the voters placed their confidence

(in votes) for the Liberal Party of BC, the Liberal party is awarded a "bank check", majority government, again!

This is due to our wonderfully archaic and ineffective "First Past the Polls" voting system that big business and politicians will do anything to promote as the only voting system the public should ever consider effective.

We the public - the illiterate, uneducated, passive and lazy public should never consider the single transferable voting system as anything but ineffective. Ha!

Common sense would state that 46% of the popular vote for the Liberals should afford 46 seats in Parliament, 42% of the popular vote for the NDP should

afford 42 seats in Parliament and 8% of the popular vote for the Green party should afford 8 seats in Parliament.

But I guess common sense isn't so common anymore!

Common sense should also state that voting is not a right but a responsibility of every single Canadian (like taxes) and therefore mandatory! 52% voter turnout is shameful!

Let's better ourselves BC, let's educate, motivate and take responsibility for ourselves, our children and our future!

I may not believe in the gross expenditure of taxpayer money being spent on the Olympics but I do believe in my fellow Canadians to do better than 52%!

- Jeff Leggat, Burnaby

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Current Comment

Flu Scare Was Outstanding Success!



Dawn Johnson
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The big H1N1 flu outbreak was an opportunity for the World Health Organization (WHO) to go into action. I give them top marks for alerting the world to a flu threat that might have been very serious if people had not been put on the alert immediately. There are a couple of things about it that made me wonder.

The so-called swine flu has been around before, and many thousands of people, including my husband and me, were vaccinated for it. In fact, swine flu is not an uncommon thing. Maybe the latest strain of it was not common, but swine flu strains are not uncommon. What I found really interesting was that the Mexicans were dying of it, but it seemed mild in most North Americans. Was it because the rest of us eat better than Mexicans and therefore have better immune systems? I think the WHO should look into that aspect.

Another thing that made me wonder was the lack of action by WHO back in 1982 when HIV and AIDS were first identified. People were dying in Africa and the Caribbean islands before it reached San Francisco, but little was done to investigate the source of the disease and how it was spread. Serious warnings were not issued until the media put people on alert. Even then, in North America, it was considered a gay men's disease, even though in Africa thousands of women, particularly prostitutes, were infected and dying. AIDS is a world-wide pandemic. It has killed millions of people. An estimate says 40 million people have died from it. HIV is still around, and AIDS is still killing people, but it scarcely makes the news, unlike the swine flu.

Other flu outbreaks have made big news and brought sudden action. The avian (bird) flu could easily have killed a lot of people, but huge flocks of birds were killed and burned, which is an effective way to

prevent the spread of the disease. At the same time, avian flu has been around for a long time. I grew up on a poultry farm, and we had a flock destroyed due to the flu, and we always had to guard against the many strains of avian flu. Our buildings in which we housed the birds were cleaned with a disinfectant wash at least twice a year, even if there was no sign of sick birds. We don't hear about that in the news now that the scare is over.

Most of the big outbreaks of swine or bird flu, or mad cow disease, are a direct result of the kind of agricultural practices engaged in by modern agriculture. A health institute in the United States did a study of where such diseases originate and how they spread. What they found was these diseases tend to originate in facilities where livestock are confined to a building and live in close quarters. We might speculate that the more crowded the livestock housing, the more likely it is to be dirty as well.

The study found that people will somehow spread the disease, either from themselves to another person, or from one facility to another. In the case of bird flu, an infected wild bird might infect a domestic flock, but that is a remote possibility. The study found that small herds or flocks that were free ranged did not produce the deadly infections. Although they might become infected at a later date, these free ranging herds and flocks had less chance of being infected.

It came as no surprise to me when I saw the hog facility in Mexico near where the H1N1 flu killed the first humans. It was a large barn in which hundreds of hogs were housed.

A free ranging animal is out in the sunshine most of the day. As a result, it is exposed to UV rays, and UV rays kill viruses. It is as simple as that. Sunshine kills viruses.

Do you know how few livestock spend most of their days out in the sunshine? Do you have any idea what kind of facilities house livestock these days? Around here, we see small herds out in pastures all

day long. They are healthy animals living healthy lives. They get good food, plenty of fresh air and sunshine, and plenty of exercise.

If we contrast this with most bird facilities, hog facilities and dairy facilities, we find animals confined to indoor spaces which are crowded. Flocks are generally kept the same way, especially flocks of laying hens. The animals and birds are fed well, for the most part, but they see little sunshine and get inadequate exercise. If you were actually to visit these facilities, you would probably be shocked at the unhealthy conditions in which these animals live.

From out of unhealthy conditions comes disease. Some of these diseases kill only the livestock or flocks, but some of the diseases make the leap from one species to another, and then we get alarmed and start to do something to prevent becoming infected. Isn't that like closing the barn door after the horses have escaped?

All of us go to the grocery store and buy chicken, eggs, pork and beef, and most of us never think about the conditions in which the livestock lives. We assume they are in clean, healthy conditions. Then there is an outbreak, and we still do not question the living conditions of the animals and birds. If we are really concerned about these outbreaks, maybe we should be just as concerned about living conditions for livestock.

After saying all of this, I don't want to hear of some local organization rushing out to condemn local ranchers and the turkey farm. I visit a lot of local ranches, and I visit the turkey farm. Our local producers are raising healthy animals that are well fed, get out in the sunshine and get plenty of exercise. This is one of the reasons I like to buy locally. Our food is pretty darned safe in our valley.

There are groups who criticize and take action against poor living conditions for livestock. You might want to look them up on internet if you really want to be involved in doing something to stop the unhealthy production of livestock.

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Debbie Freemantle of Surrey, BC rounds the last barrel at Keremeos Elks Rodeo May 17th. *



Team Roping action from the 71st annual Keremeos Elks Rodeo May 17th. *

Local cowboy qualifies for CNFR

Princeton's Jeremy Buhler has qualified for the upcoming College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR).

Buhler, a sophomore at South Plains College in Levelland, Texas, will be making his first appearance in team roping. Competition starts at the Casper, Wyoming Events Center June 14th to 20th. At stake are National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association titles and nearly \$250,000 in scholarships.

The CNFR is celebrating their 61st anniversary and 11 years in Casper. The CNFR features nine rodeo events, bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, tie-down roping and steer wrestling for the men, barrel racing, goat tying and breakaway roping for the women. In addition, team roping is held which can feature male and female competitors.

Along with individual titles, many of the competitors are hoping to be part of the men's or women's team that takes the team championship back to their college or university.

Each contestant has three preliminary rounds of competition prior to the final round on Saturday night, June 20th.

Scores and times from those three rounds will be added up and the 12 contestants with the fastest total times or highest total scores will advance to the finals.

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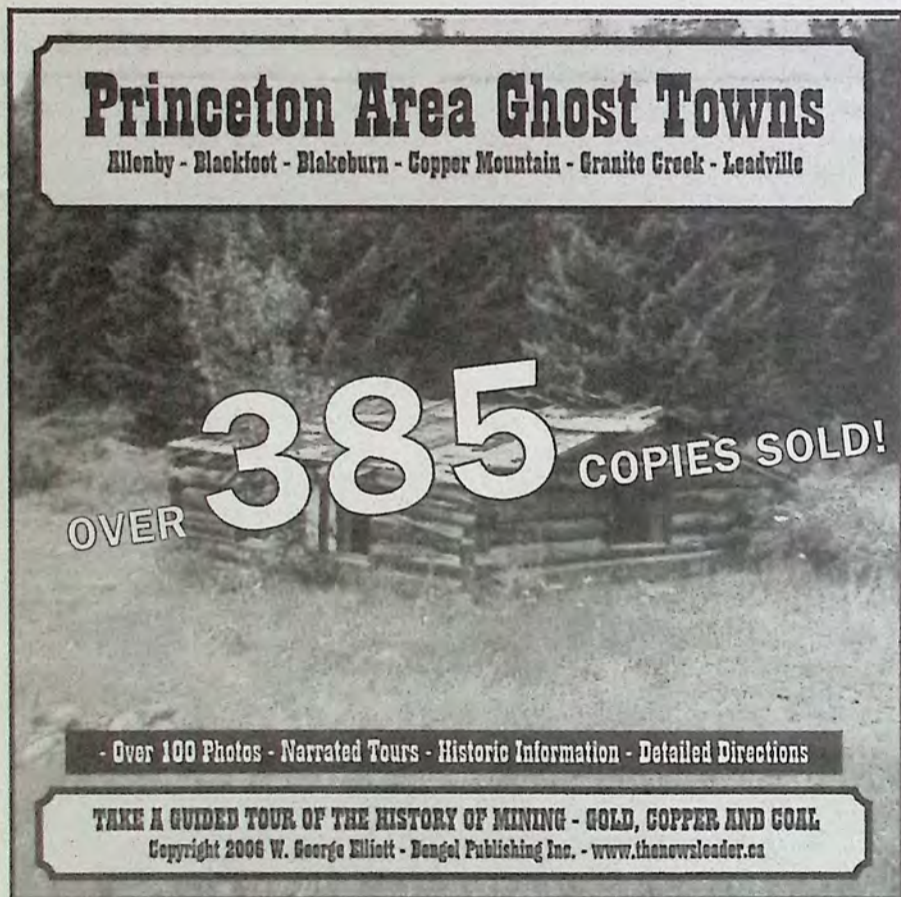
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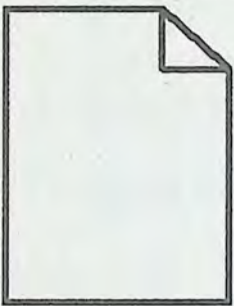
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Matt Bates of Kamloops rides Death Trap for 77 points at Keremeos Elks Rodeo May 17th. *

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Sunday Afternoon Performance

In Bareback Riding (1st Section) the only rider to score any points was Matt Bates of Kamloops, BC with 77 points on Death Trap.

In Tie-Down Roping Willee Twan of Alkali Lake, BC took first place with a time of 15.3-seconds. Darrel Diebel of Okanogan, WA was second with 16.4-seconds and Virgil Poffenroth of Riske Creek, BC finished third with 17.9-seconds.

In Saddle Bronc Riding (1st Section) Rod Rimmer of Victoria, BC was the only cowboy to get on the scoreboard with 69 points riding 280 Black Lace.

In Steer Wrestling only one cowboy had a qualifying time. It was Willee Twan of Alkali Lake, BC with 5.6-seconds.

In Bareback Riding (2nd Section) Matt Bates of Kamloops, BC took first place with 80 points riding P39 Bubbaganooosh.

In Saddle Bronc Riding (2nd Section) Rod Rimmer of Victoria, BC was first with 73 points riding 216 Broken Promises.

In Breakaway Roping Nik Smith of Peachland, BC was first with a time of 4.3-seconds with Montana Madill of Courtenay, BC second with 4.7-seconds.

In Junior Steer Riding Nik Smith of Peachland was first with 76 points. Caleb McMillan was second with 74 points.

In Ladies Barrel Racing Coleen Duggan of Cache Creek, BC took first place with a time of 17.650-seconds. Monica Oram of Logan Lake, BC was second with 18.014-seconds and Laura James of Vanderhoof, BC was third with a time of 18.085-seconds.

In Junior Barrel Racing Angelica Dias of Penticton, BC was first with 18.963-seconds. Keira Smith of Peachland, BC was second with 19.821-seconds.

In Local Novice Barrel Racing Dori Watts of Kaleden, BC was first with a time of 18.845-seconds. Bea Surenan of Naramata, BC was second with 18.863-seconds. Breanne Watson of Keremeos, BC was third with 19.344-seconds.

In Team Roping Cecil and Bobby Louis of Vernon, BC finished first with a time of 14.2-seconds. David Hamming (Vernon, BC) and Jordan Dinwoodie (Enderby, BC) were second with 18.9-seconds.

In bull riding only one contestant had a qualifying ride and it was Morgan Dilts of Eureka, Montana who scored 81 points. The bull he drew was BL Storm Warning, a bull from the Princeton, BC ranch of Brian Rutherford.

Following Sunday's performance attention shifted to Memorial Park in downtown Keremeos for the annual steak barbecue hosted by the Keremeos Stockbreeders Association.



Nik Smith of Peachland scored first place in Breakaway Roping Sunday, May 17th at the 71st annual Keremeos Elks Rodeo. He scored a time of 4.3-seconds.



Century 21 Princeton Realty and Westland Insurance hosted a fundraising hot dog sale outside their office on Bridge Street May 15th. Proceeds collected went to the Crisis Assistance Society. *

Field Naturalists' enjoy hike

A fun time was had by Vermilion Forks Field Naturalists' members and friends on Peter Antonick's April 26th hike in the Hornet and Loosmore Lake area.

The group trekked six-kilometres through scenic territory, past several lakes, and eventually stopped for lunch at Green Lake. Lunch was supplemented by Peter's delicious smoked salmon and trout, with an exquisite bottle of his homemade cherry wine to top things off - a gourmet meal!!

The hardworking naturalists picked up litter along the way - doing our civic duty always! In fact, there was little debris to be found, so congratulations to hunters and fishermen for keeping the area clean!

We saw several moose tracks, a

red-tailed hawk, as well as loons, buffleheads and Barrow's gold-eyes.

We also saw what we thought were two huge owls' nests, with a portion of a large egg at the bottom of the tree in which the nests were sitting. We have since been advised by Madelon Schouten, our birding expert, that the nests and eggs likely belonged to great blue herons!

The weather was diverse - lots of sunshine mixed with a little snow - just perfect for hiking!

The next regular field trip of the Vermilion Forks Field Naturalists will be May 30th.

We will meet at Billy's Restaurant at 9:00 AM, and head out to the Middleton's property for an exceptional look at the spring flowers on

the benches above their home on Highway 5A. Non-members are more than welcome to join us!

The next meeting of the Vermilion Forks Field Naturalists will be held at 7:00 PM on June 9th at the Riverside Centre.

The program will feature Dennis St. John, well-known lepidopterist from Penticton, whose presentation is entitled, "Getting to Know Our Butterflies."

Again, the general public is most welcome to attend.

- submitted

Vermillion Court Report

by Dorothy Stenvold

Things have been remarkably quiet as we wait for spring to arrive.

The group went out one morning and engaged in eating whatever they felt like that day. I had and enjoyed a lovely sandwich and a bowl of soup. Another day this week we are to be entertained by the staff who are doing their best to keep us busy.

They will help to fill our day with big ideas, as doing our hair differently and other things.

Apart from these two things we have been relatively quiet. We've played games and cards, and of course enjoyed cookies or cake with an afternoon cup of coffee or juice.

We always look forward to Aida's visits and her helpers. They always have something different to tell us.

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