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A fire hydrant now sits across from Sunflower Downs - part of the industrial park water project. *

District school population takes a dip

According to figures revealed at the October 14th regular meeting of the Board of Education for School District 58 actual student enrollment figures are down slightly from projections.

In the Princeton area the projected figures (Spring 2009) and actual figures (September 2009) show John Allison School at 97.5 Full-Time Equivalent students, down 4.5 for earlier projections; Vermilion Forks Elementary at 158, down 9 from projections; Princeton Secondary School at 223.0625, down 8.0625 and

Princeton Alternate at 33.25, down from the Spring projection of 40.

This means the total school population in Princeton sits at 511.8125 FTE, a drop from 530, the original projection. As for District 58 (Nicola-Similkameen) all but four schools show decreases.

There are a total of 13 schools in the District serving Princeton and Merritt with enrollment figures down 38.6875 FTEs from spring projections.

Compared to September of last year, the District is down roughly 65 students.

PXA sets 2010 event dates

Princeton Exhibition Association (PXA), the management board for the fairgrounds complex, met October 13 to take a look forward toward next year's major events.

The annual rodeo will be held May 15 and 16. Horse racing will be two days next year, July 3 and 4. Tulameen Turtles will use a week, July 29, 30 and 31, and August 1 and 2.

The Fall Fair has booked August 27, 28 and 29, and the bullriding finals will be held September 11 and 12. ATV/BC is still negotiating for a date in June.

Problems identified

All groups holding events expressed concerns about the lack of spectators during 2009, as well as the steep reduction in sponsorship money.

John Bey said the horse racing meet brought in half the usual returns. Ken Crompton noted that attendance and sponsorships for the bull riding finals were down, and attendance at the rodeo was down. Fall Fair experienced a slight reduction in attendance, and a big reduction in sponsorships. All groups are hoping for more community support next year.

Some concerns were expressed about finding people to run the concession for the major events. Although each event is only a couple of days, there is a lot of work involved and a crew is needed. Stan Thompson remarked that he had been around the PXA for at least 25 years, and the concession was always an item of concern.

The events were good

On the plus side, there was general agreement that all of the events had been done well.

The Fall Fair expressed appreciation to the PXA for all of the work done to improve the appearance of the buildings, the infrastructure of the grounds, and the new dance floor in the beverage area.

Work goes on

Despite all of the work done in the past year to improve the grounds, the need for more repairs continues. Although most of the systems and buildings are shut down for the winter, there is still work to be done on the Ag barn.

The delay in winterizing the Ag barn is the result of trying to find the least expensive materials to do the job. Money is always a major concern for the PXA, as most improvements cost thousands of dollars.

One of the big contributors to improvements is Wayne Hooper, a professional painter who has put in more than 100

volunteer hours painting structures at the grounds. Many other people have contributed a lot of hours to grounds improvements as well as assisting in putting on events.

The grounds are being cleared of old machines and the PXA plans to dispose of a lot of old wooden material as soon as the snow falls.

Will 4-H fold?

Judi Esdale, representing 4-H, said the Little Britches Rodeo had been a success for 4-H, who raised money helping with the concession at the rodeo.

However, she expressed concern about the future of 4-H in Princeton. If 4-H is to continue, Esdale told the PXA, then there must be more young people involved in local 4-H clubs, and more adults willing to be leaders.

Esdale said most people think a youngster must be raising some

kind of livestock to belong to 4-H but this is not true.

Young people can form a photography club, or a small engine club, an arts and crafts club, or a cooking club, or an environmental club. What is needed is the commitment to belong, and a commitment from adults to lead the club.

Adults can receive 4-H training, so prior knowledge is not a factor.

The next meeting of the PXA is the annual general meeting to be held at Town Hall on November 10 at 7:00 PM.

Following the AGM, meetings will recess for a couple of months, although the executive will continue to conduct the PXA business.

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School Board examines field trips

A total of nine field trips for Princeton students were announced at the October 14th regular meeting of the Board of Education for School District 58 (Nicola-Similkameen).

While most of the trips have already taken place in the September and October schedule, remaining trips include the Princeton Secondary School Leadership Class attending the BC Student Leadership Conference October 22nd in Kelowna and PSS Grade 12 students going to Merritt Secondary School November 12th

for post-secondary institution presentations.

The biggest field trip planned to date, which was approved at the October 14th School Board meeting, will be a Senior Girls Basketball team tour and Tournament in San Diego, California at the end of December.

One field trip, planned in May of

next year for Merritt Secondary School students to either Peru or Costa Rica for an 'international development experience' was denied.

Reasons were many but focused primarily on the amount of school days students would miss and the choice of destinations for a French class to visit.

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Colton Calihoo shares PSS Student of the Month honours with three other students for September. The foursome volunteered their time during the Traditional Music Festival in August. *

Senior girls earn trip to California

A London, Ontario sports tour company is responsible for putting together the package, which will see Princeton Secondary School's

Senior Girls Basketball team play a tournament at the Mount Miguel Festival in San Diego, California. The field trip, which will be from

December 26th to January 2nd and will include 5 nights in San Diego and two in Anaheim, was approved by the Board of Education for

District 58 (Nicola-Similkameen) at their October 14th regular meeting.

One of the team's coaches, Dean Johnston, spoke to the board about the trip stating the original plan was to take the team to Hawaii, "but the competition level was not very good," Johnston stated.

The California event will pit the Princeton girls against mostly AA or AAA teams.

"It's a tough schedule," Johnston said, "but we expect to come back stronger regardless."

PSS Vice Principal and Counsellor Sandee Blair added that field trips of this kind are a great experience for the participants.

"The opportunities for the girls (who go on a trip like this) are meaningful."

She recounted being on a field trip to Vancouver Island "with girls who had never been on a ferry before" and could only imagine what positive benefits a trip to San Diego would bring.

"These trips are so rich in many

ways."

The team has raised \$18,000.00 so far this year - a total of \$27,000.00 over the past four years - with the cost of the San Diego trip pegged at \$7,500.00.

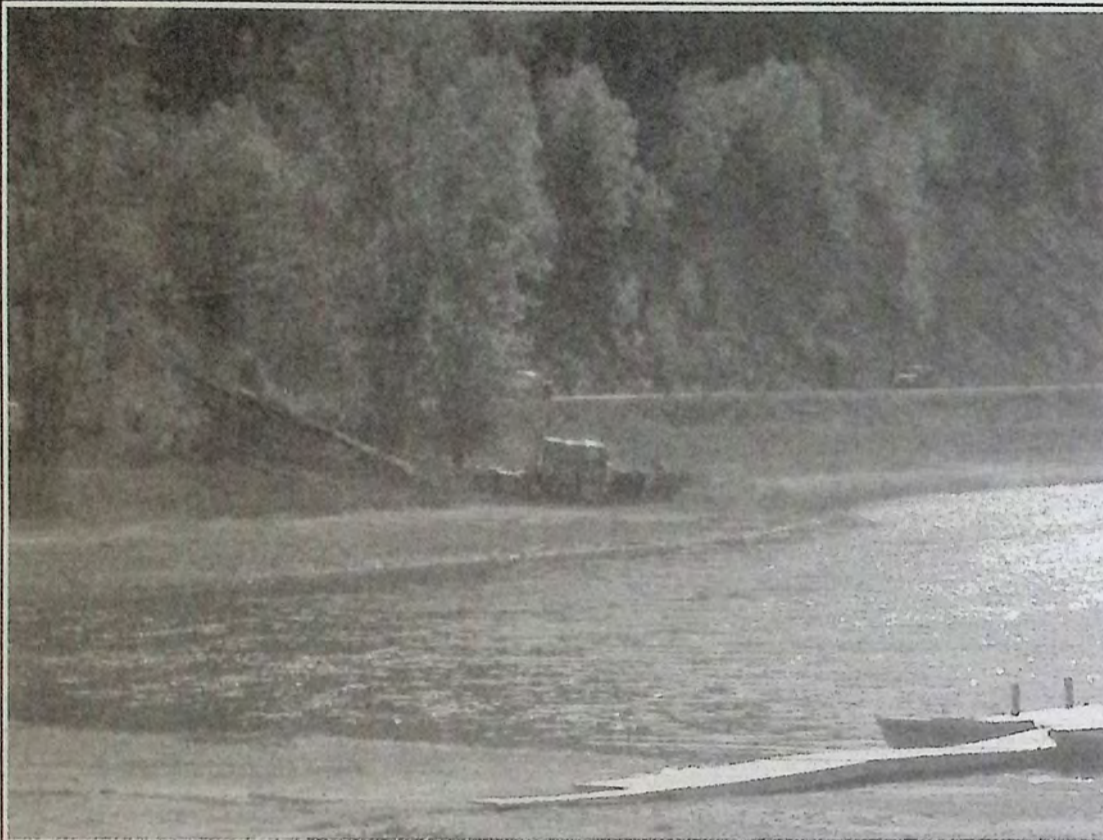
The Princeton Basketball Association was formed to handle fundraising and the program generated \$23,000.00 last year alone.

Johnston told School Board officials that a total of seven tournaments have been scheduled, with an eighth as an option.

The group recently purchased a shooting machine worth \$6,500.00, which has already provided the group with information on improving some abilities of players.

"The machine is an asset we believe will pay dividends in the future," Johnston said, who is obviously proud of the players he and other members of the association have been able to attract to the program.

"It's a good group, it's a great group and they are committed to ball."



This 'Super B-train' was actually halfway in Allison Lake following a single vehicle accident on October 5th. Power was out in the area following the accident at the north end of the lake which occurred at about 8:00 PM. Power was not restored until early the next morning. The driver was alright thanks to the quick response of area residents and emergency responders. Photo: John Marconato

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Princeton Town Hall News

TOWN OF PRINCETON AND REGIONAL DISTRICT AREA "H" FREE LANDFILL DAYS

FREE DUMPING is being offered once again at the LANDFILL on **October 24 & 25, 2009** for Town of Princeton and Regional District Okanagan Similkameen Area "H" residents only.

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TOWN OF PRINCETON TAX EXEMPTION BYLAW

Town council will consider providing permissive tax exemption for the following properties for the 2010 taxation year in accordance with section 224 of the Community Charter.

Name	Civic Address	2009 Exemption
Roman Catholic Church	43 Billiter	310.30
Princeton Silver Crest Housing Center	30 Billiter	89.63
Princeton Silver Crest Housing Center	23 Fenchurch	168.07
Foursquare Gospel Church	38 Kenley	157.34
Foursquare Gospel Church	Kenley Ave	105.19
Foursquare Gospel Church	Kenley Ave	29.80
Foursquare Gospel Church	Halford Ave	14.02
Pentecostal Assemblies	165 Vermillion	100.80
W. Long - St Paul's Presbyterian Church	190 1st St	233.60
Princeton Long Term Care Society		172.83
Interior Health Authority	595 Ridgewood	1,934.01
Princeton Congregation of Jehovahs Witnesses	604 Ridgewood	261.21
Crown Provincial BC- trails		16.65
Crown Provincial BC- trails		20.16
Baptist Church of Princeton	160 Old Hedley Rd	294.52
Crown Provincial BC- trails		11.83
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This bylaw proposes to exempt properties from taxation that would have otherwise generated approximately \$4,000 annual tax revenue.

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NEW-FAMILY READING CIRCLE-LET'S READ!

Join Pam Thomas and other families at JAE for a fun evening of reading, crafts & activity weekly. This program supports reading and comprehension of stories that everyone will love. A healthy evening snack is provided. This program is supported by Princeton Leaders for Literacy funding from Literacy Now. Space is limited to 15 children so please register by calling 250-295-6067 or stop in to see Pam.

Ages: Kindergarten to Grade 3 & Adults

Cost: Free Pre-registration is welcomed.

Where: JAE Strong Start Room

When: Thursdays

Time: 6:00-7:00 pm October 22 to December 3



MEET WITH COUNCILLOR ARMITAGE

Councillor Frank Armitage will once again be available to meet with interested citizens in Council Chambers on Tuesdays between 2 and 4pm. Please drop by to share your thoughts with him.

NOTICE OF BOUNDARY CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that effective February 27, 2009 the boundary of the Town of Princeton is amended by including three separate areas within the municipality, approximately 90 parcels in total, including a portion of DL 1824 (East Princeton Waterworks District); a portion of DL 1297 and a portion of DL 1823.

Letters Patent and a map showing the new boundaries may be viewed at the office of the Town of Princeton, 169 Bridge Street, Princeton, BC V0X 1W0 during regular office hours from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Mondays through Fridays, except statutory holidays, or call 250.295.3135 for additional information.

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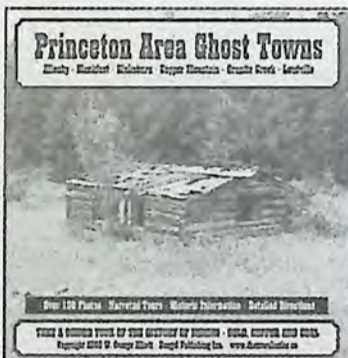
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Keremeos News



Pie baking contest winner Yvonne Kosugi reacts to the news. - photo submitted

Grist Mill Apple Day a success

Despite a chilly start to the morning the Fall Apple day at the Keremeos Grist Mill was a huge success. Several hundred visitors attended the event from throughout the Okanagan, with visitors from as far afield as the Lower Mainland.

The main event, the apple pie baking contest, drew a record number of entries, with fifteen local home bakers showing off their culinary prowess. The judges, Mayor Walter Depot, RCMP Constable Cory Hendricks and local apple farmer Sally Mennell had a tough task deciding the winner based on a range of attributes including overall appearance and flavour, pastry texture and apple selection. Only two points out of a possible 60 separated the top three pies. This year's winner was Yvonne Kosugi who is newly arrived in the valley and decided to enter the contest at the last minute, bringing her pie hot out of the oven!

Another exciting event was the first ever apple race down the mill creek. Each entrant carefully selected their apple based on its hydrodynamic properties, marked their name on it and launched their craft off the bridge.

The apples bobbed down the creek to the finish line downstream. Some were caught up early in the swirls and eddies, others steering a straight path to apparent victory only to be pipped at the line by a dark horse hugging

the stream edge. Winner in the ladies category was Joyce Fauteux, who narrowly beat her daughter Jo-Jo. Jaden Conroy won the children's race and the Mill Curator Jim Millar used his local knowledge of the mill stream currents to emerge as victor in the Men's Category.

Entertainment throughout the afternoon was provided by Joyce Fauteux and the Similkameen Senior Singers and by Summerland duo, the appropriately named "Hot Apple Pie" (Ernie Sykes and Jack Sevy). Hot Apple Pie, who performed outside despite frozen fingers, and then entertained the audience into the late afternoon in the Mill café, kindly donated their appearance fee to help this fund-raising event.

This was the last event this season to be organized by the Grist Mill Heritage Club, and with the generous support of the local community over \$2,000 has been raised this year to help fund much needed repairs and maintenance at the Mill.

As ever the day could not have been the success it was without the help of many volunteers, too numerous to mention individually, but nonetheless greatly appreciated.

Our particular thanks go to Barb and Walter Despot and Pat and Jeff Rowe for their sterling service on the grill. Valu Plus provided three pies courtesy of Ron the Baker and has been a staunch sup-

porter of the Mill throughout the year.

Fred Danenhower, local director of the BC Fruit Growers Association provided a table with an array of different local apple varieties to taste and Harry Naegel of Harry's Harvest in Naramata provided a splendid display of rare heritage apples.

Dumpling Dale Farm, PHH ARC Environmental and Pharmasave sponsored the contest prizes. Finally our special thanks go to the Similkameen Wineries Association who have been generous in their support through two fundraising events and Cawston Cold Storage, which made a handsome donation.

Jim and Brenda Millar have done a wonderful job in their first season as mill curators and Celia Pattenden deserves a special mention for keeping the mill grounds in immaculate condition throughout the season.

On a sad note we were sorry to hear that Jim Winfrey who has been at the mill almost every weekend this year with his wife Flo passed away immediately before this final event - Jim - we'll all miss you.

On behalf of the Grist Mill Heritage Club we look forward to next year and hope to build on this year's activities to raise awareness of our local heritage treasure. Our humble apologies if we have neglected to thank everyone.

- submitted by Dave Cursons and Jim Bagley

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Fall Apple Day pie baking contest judges were, from left, Keremeos Mayor Walter Despot, RCMP Const. Cory Hendricks and local apple farmer Sally Mennell. - photo submitted

Village Council issues meeting highlights

Here are the Media Highlights from the October 5th Regular Meeting of Keremeos Village Council:

- A public hearing was held relating to the application to change the zoning of 418 Highway 3A in Keremeos from Tourist Commercial to Tourist Commercial site specific to allow for the building of a second dwelling on the property. Other than one letter providing support for the rezoning, no comments were forthcoming from the public.

- Council heard from Ian Dyck and Bob Gibney of Fortis BC, explaining the company's Resource Plan. Fortis must plan for future power needs, determine where the power

will be generated or from where it will be purchased, and implement conservation strategies.

- Paul Kuster, the Village's representative on the Lower Similkameen Community Forest Partnership provided an overview of the process leading up to the creation of the Community Forest, and the receipt of the license from the Ministry of Forests. He explained that approximately 20 to 25 local jobs are maintained due to the Community Forest initiative.

- Councillor Gary Thielmann was appointed by Council to work with the Similkameen Elementary Secondary School to promote

awareness about reducing individuals' carbon footprint.

- Council granted a variance to reduce the exterior side yard parcel setback at 1113 5th Street. The variance was requested to provide a larger deck to ensure a safe entrance and exit from the home.

- Council granted a variance for the building at 702 3rd Street (Lower Similkameen Community Services Society and Interior Health) to allow for patio roofs to be installed on three residential units in the complex. Council also approved a variance to bring the other parcel lines in conformity with the Village's Zoning bylaw.



Apple pies and more apple pies...fifteen in total - were entered in the Grist Mill Apple Day pie baking contest held over Thanksgiving weekend in Keremeos. - photo submitted

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Health / Lifestyle News

Expected increase in activity means residents need to remain vigilant

While the majority of the cases of the H1N1 flu virus seen in the Interior Health region and across British Columbia have been mild, the public still needs to be mindful of taking action and precautions to protect themselves from the virus this fall and winter.

B.C. is seeing an increase in H1N1 flu activity earlier than what is normal for the annual flu season and Interior Health would like to remind the public – and especially pregnant women and those with underlying chronic health conditions – that now, more than ever, is the time to be vigilant about using good personal hygiene etiquette to help minimize the spread of viruses.

"For the last few months, we have been predicting an increase in flu activity. Now, some schools in the Interior are seeing increased absenteeism and physicians throughout the region are reporting more cases of influenza-like illness," said IH Senior Medical Health Officer, Dr. Andrew Larder. "We have been expecting and preparing for this increase and, with the lessons we have learned from the experience in the Southern Hemisphere during their flu season, we are in a very good position to manage the virus in our region throughout the fall and winter."

Pregnant women, Aboriginal people, and adults and children with underlying health conditions are at higher risk of more serious illness and complications from the H1N1 flu. Those with chronic health conditions such as respiratory disease, asthma, heart disease, diabetes, immunosuppression, kidney or liver disease or blood disorders, should take extra precautions to protect themselves. People in these risk groups should talk to their doctor about getting a prescription for antiviral drugs in advance that they can fill if they do start to have flu-like symptoms.

"The most effective way you can protect yourself is to wash your hands often for at least 15 seconds with soap and water, or use a hand sanitizer if you aren't near a sink," said Larder. "Be sure to sneeze and cough into your sleeve or a tissue and, if you or your children do get sick, stay home from work or school so you don't get others sick."

The H1N1 vaccine is expected to arrive in B.C. in November, or possibly earlier, and the provincial government has ordered enough doses to ensure that everyone who needs and wants the vaccine will be able to receive it. It's also expected that all British Columbians will be able to receive one dose of the vaccine by Christmas. While one dose will be sufficient for most adults, children under ten may require two doses.

Symptoms related to the H1N1 flu virus are very similar to those of seasonal flu, including cough, fever, general aches and fatigue. These symp-

toms may last up to 10 days or longer for some people.

Watch for information on future H1N1 flu vaccination clinics in your local media or the Interior Health website at www.interiorhealth.ca.

If you have general questions about H1N1 or related symptoms, call HealthLink BC at 811, 24 hours a day or log on to www.healthlinkbc.ca.

Free Seasonal flu vaccine clinics for seniors 65 and older and those living in long-term care facilities ONLY will run to November 9.

"We are offering the vaccine to the elderly as they are more susceptible to serious complications and hospitalization from influenza" says Dr. Paul Hasselback, Medical Health Officer with Interior Health. "Seasonal Flu clinics for other at-risk groups will begin in early 2010, following H1N1 vaccine clinics for the general population."

The vaccine offered to seniors in October contains three strains of seasonal flu based on worldwide trends tracked by the World Health Organization. It will not protect you against the H1N1 flu virus. "Getting the seasonal flu vaccine is a safe, effective way for seniors to stay healthy and avoid serious illness" adds Hasselback. "Hand washing and

staying home when sick will also help stop spreading disease to others."

Seniors Flu Clinic Information

To find a seasonal flu clinic, visit the Flu Locator at www.immunizebc.ca, or call your local Public Health Centre, located under Health Authority in the blue pages of the phonebook.

Please note these clinics are for free seasonal flu shots for those 65 years and older and residents of long-term care facilities. Free seasonal flu clinics for those under 65 with chronic health conditions will be held later in the year or early in 2010, once the planned clinics for H1N1 are complete.

A reminder to seniors 65 years and older that they should also consider getting a pneumococcal immunization if they have not received one previously, which is available free of charge. Contact your local health unit to book an appointment.

This vaccine helps protect against pneumonia and offers additional protection from flu complications.

For information on the flu, visit HealthLink BC online at www.healthlinkbc.ca or call HealthLink BC toll-free at 8-1-1, 24-hours a day to speak with a registered nurse or consult with a pharmacist.

Living Past 100

Keep Your Memory Fresh

Would you like to live to be 100 and not be able to remember all of your favourite times and favourite people? For most of us, the answer is a definite "NO". We value being able to remember things.

It is kind of a standing joke that the older you become, the more forgetful you become.

It would be nice if it were only a joke, but it is somewhat true and it is not funny. Becoming forgetful may cause a person to think Alzheimer's is beginning. For most of us, this is not the case. What is really going on is that we are missing an important nutrient called choline.

The broad spectrum of B vitamins play a major role in keeping the brain healthy, and keeping memory good. If you find yourself forgetting too many important things, you may need a good Vitamin B supplement. The key vitamins are Vitamin B6 and Vitamin B5 (pyridoxine and pantothenic acid).

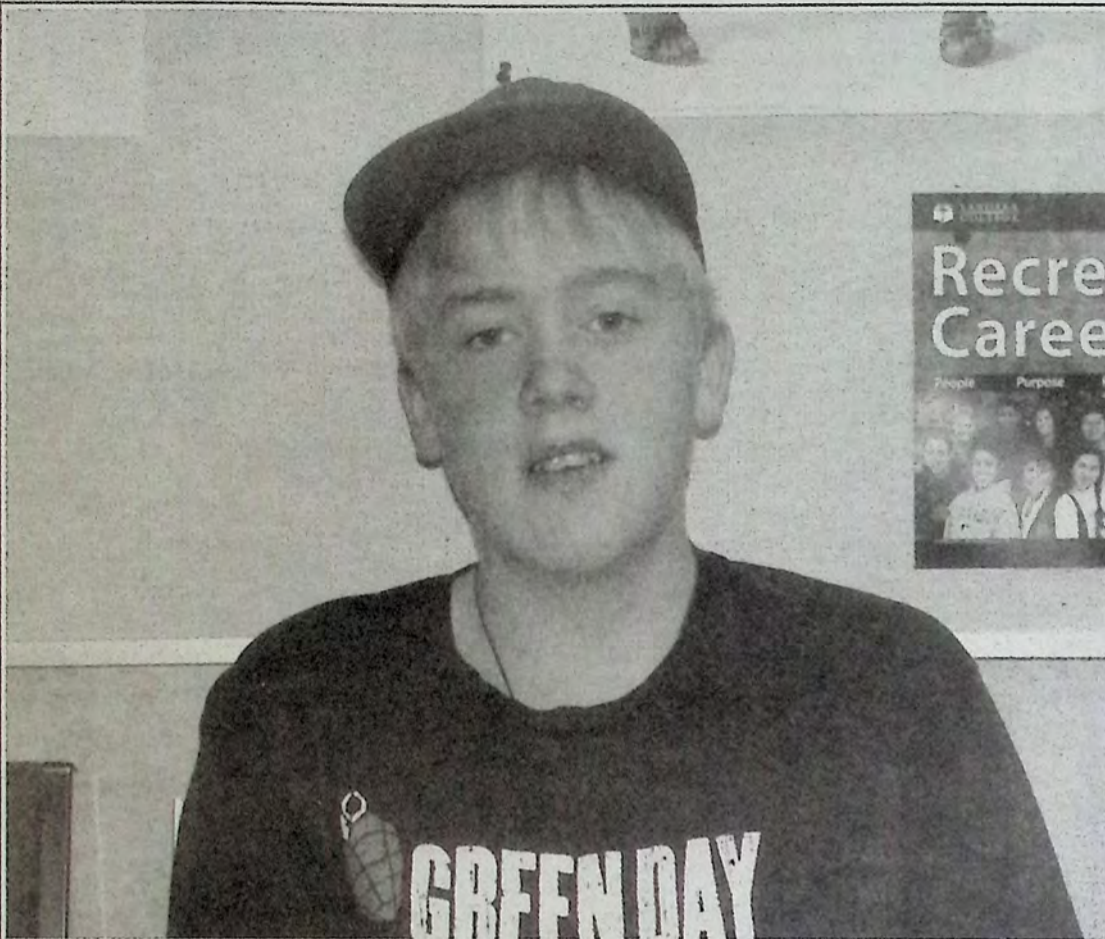
They should be part of any good Vitamin B supplement. They help the body transform choline into acetylcholine, which improves your memory. You might want to take lecithin, too, which contains high quantities of choline and inositol. You could even try a choline supplement.

You may have heard of using ginkgo biloba to improve memory. There is no scientific proof it works. However, there is plenty of scientific proof that choline will work to help you remember things. The first major study was done a long time ago at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Students studying for final exams were given choline or a sugar pill. Those students who took the choline supplement performed much better on the exams than those who took the sugar pill.

Another key to keeping your memory fresh is to eat a well-balanced diet containing good sources of protein, such as meat, milk, egg yolks, nuts, whole grains and fish.

Stay away from processed foods, junk foods and fried foods as much as you can. Avoid meals rich in carbohydrates, as too much carbohydrate affects memory. Make sure you are getting essential fatty acids such as Omega 3.

If you follow this kind of diet, and take the supplements, your memory should improve, regardless of age. If it does not, there may be underlying problems, such as allergies or hormone imbalances. Consult your physician in that case. **Warning:** When taking a supplement, never take more than the amount recommended on the label, and if it says to use it only under the care of a physician, then do not take it without first consulting your physician.



Morgan Dobbs shares PSS Student of the Month honours with three other students for September. The foursome volunteered their time during the Traditional Music Festival in August. *

Vermilion Forks Field Naturalists: Stemwinder Hike

Janis Wright led a small group of Naturalist club members on a hike up Stemwinder Mountain on October 3rd, a cool and somewhat snowy day at the higher elevation (light flakes, but they fell continuously!).

The hardy members trekked to a high meadow, where we enjoyed a good view of the Mascot Mine and the Similkameen Valley to the east of Hedley. Lunch and hot beverages were appreciated once we returned to the McIntosh cabin!

The next club activity will be an

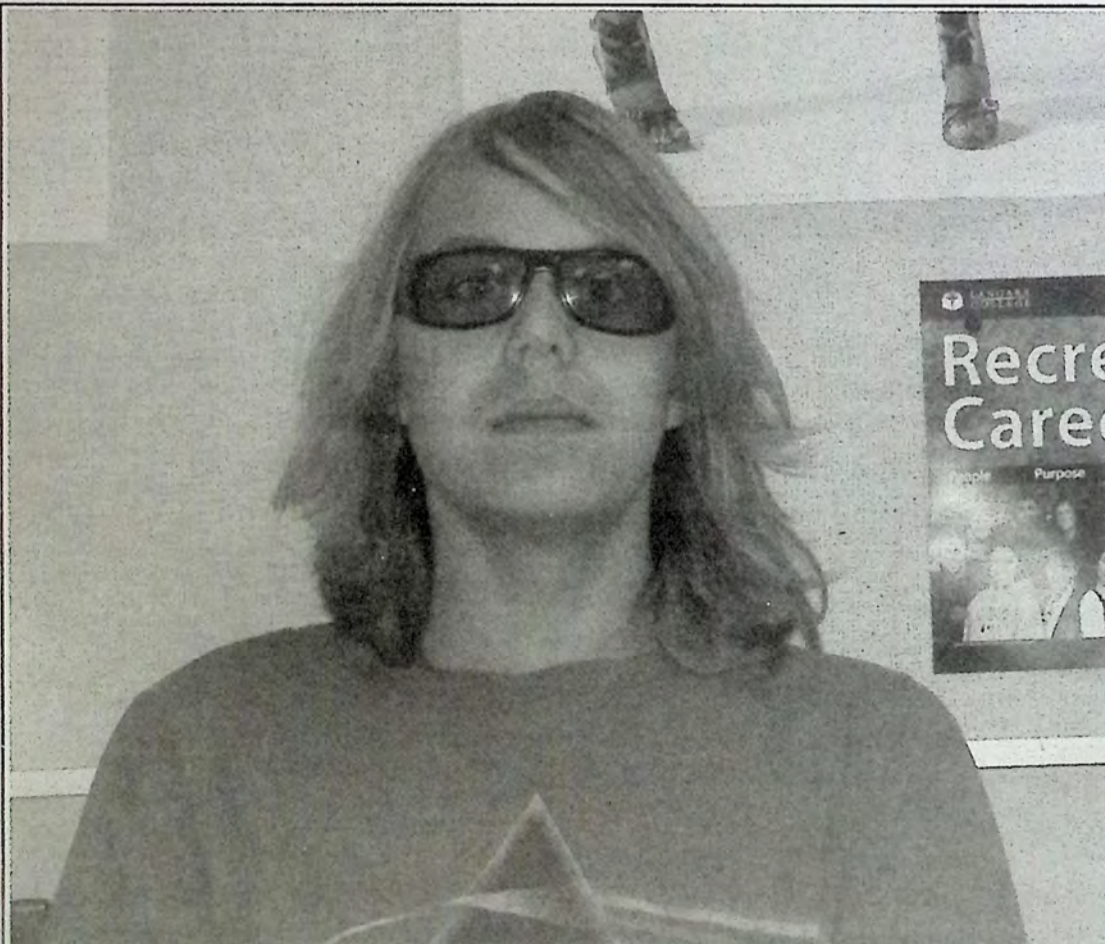
outdoor cookout at a campground on the Tulameen River on Saturday, November 7th. We will walk along the KVR trail to the campground from a point near Coalmont.

As always, the public is invited to attend. Please bring your own food to cook, a little wood for the fire and don't forget to confirm your participation with Blaine or Arlene Marsel at (250) 295-3404. We will meet at Billy's Restaurant at 10:00 AM.

The next evening program will

take place Tuesday, November 10th, 7:00 PM at the Riverside Centre, when Lawrence Stoochnoff will present a slide show entitled "Snow Birds in Arizona." All are welcome to attend! - submitted

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Sam Kastor shares PSS Student of the Month honours with three other students for September. The foursome volunteered their time during the Traditional Music Festival in August. *

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The Green Corner

Tips for keeping our water clean

by Diana Robinson

(NC)—Canadians are proud of our clean, pure and pristine water and believe that everyone can be a little drop creating a big ripple to keep it that way. More than 81,000 Canadians recently submitted their tips into the Little Drops, Big Ripples: Keeping our Natural Resource Clean, Pure, Pristine contest held by Purex Natural Elements laundry detergent. Tips included:

- Sweeping sidewalks and driveways instead of hosing them down prevents soil, grit and debris that has accumulated and that often contains contaminants from entering our water system and polluting our water.
- Don't put garbage in open containers so that it doesn't blow into storm drains, lakes and streams.
- Don't dump art paint down the sink

— let the paint dry in egg carton palettes and reuse it later.

- While you are waiting for the water to heat up in the kitchen or bathroom, catch all the cold water in empty containers and use to water plants.
- Wash your car on the lawn or go to a car wash so that the dirt, oil and grease don't end up in the storm drain and then in the river.
- Take only pictures and leave only footprints. When walking along trails and beaches, don't leave any trash behind that can make its way into the water and harm plants and animals.
- Collect rainwater from downspouts in barrels and use for watering plants.
- Never pour anything down the drain you wouldn't feel safe putting on your skin or in your mouth.
- Turn on the dishwasher and wash-

ing machine only when they are full.

- Use baking soda followed by hot water to clean out clogged drains.
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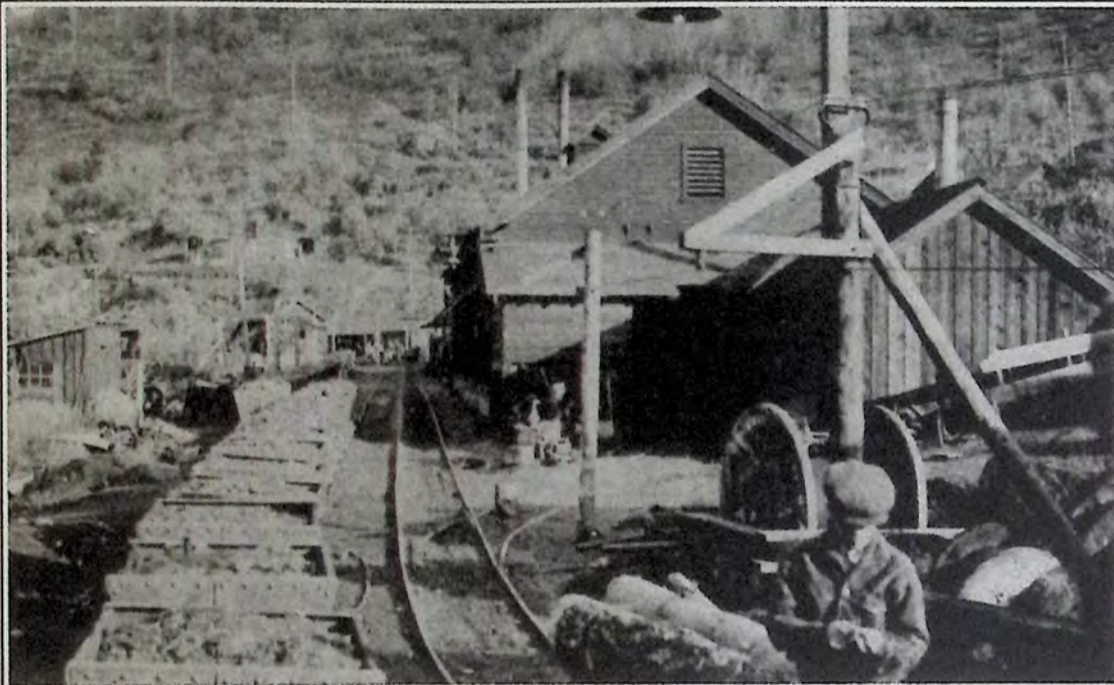
A hydrant sits in the centre of what used to be called Beacon Flats. *

Princeton 1860 - 2010

150 Years of Similkameen History

Nick Mills - Princeton & District Museum & Archives

Black Wednesday

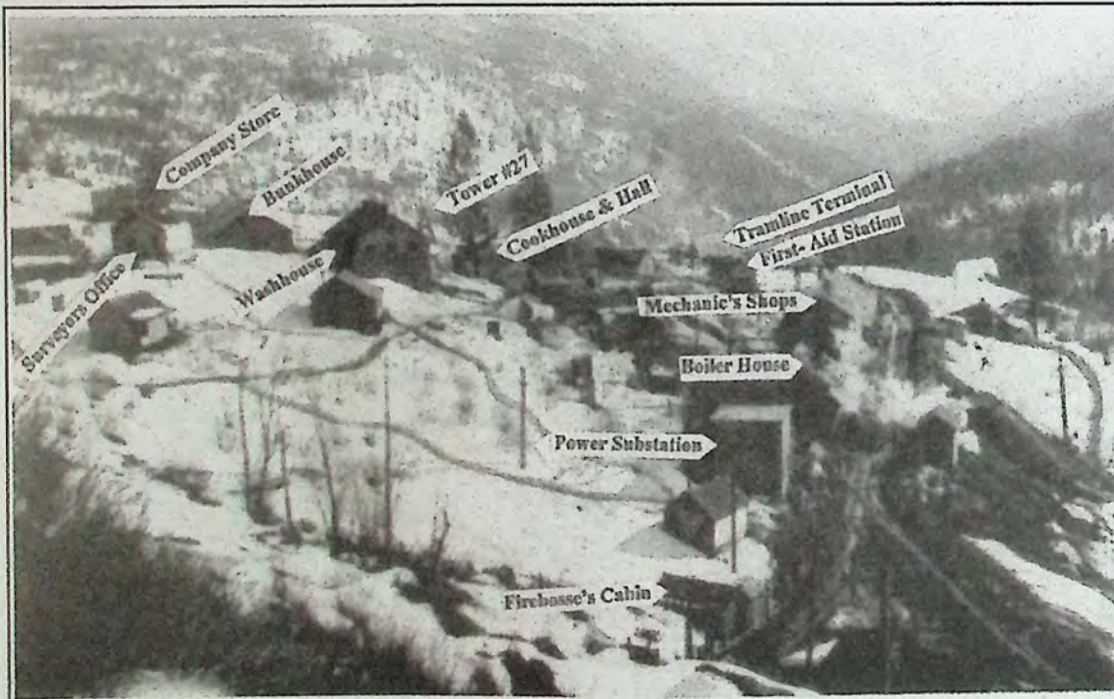


Mine portal at Blakeburn. Photo: Princeton Museum

Of all the history surrounding the past 150 years in the Princeton area, August 13th, 1930, will be remembered as the darkest day. On that Wednesday at Blakeburn, an explosion happened which to this day remains one of the most disastrous mine explosions to have occurred in British Columbia. Today's casual visitor to Coalmont and Blakeburn will see very little to suggest the magnitude of former operations following the discovery of coal in the area and the organization in 1910 of the Columbia Coal and Coke Co. Ltd; with the arrival of the railway in the form of the Vancouver Victoria and Eastern, an off-shoot of the American financed Great Northern Railway, the intent was to exploit the full potential of coal deposits in the Tulameen Valley. Today, reading the newspapers of that time in the Princeton Archives, no one

would have believed the Company had financial problems, but it must have been the case as operations were suspended in the fall of 1912. In 1913 the property was bought by the McEvoy Trust Co and operated under the name of "A. McEvoy, Trustee Operators, Coalmont Collieries". In 1914 the output was 4,850 tons, this being hauled down to Coalmont by teams of horses. The outbreak of World War I made it difficult for the mine to operate and during 1916 Coalmont Collieries closed. The following year they resumed production under a Vancouver syndicate of which the two major shareholders were W. J. Blake Wilson (who was also President of the new Company) and Patrick Burns (who was at that time one of Canada's largest cattle kings and meat packers - a business that he sold for \$15,000,000 in 1928). It was from

the names of these two gentlemen that the word Blakeburn was derived. During the summers of 1918-20 the coal was hauled in five-ton trucks from Blakeburn down to the railway in Coalmont, but in the fall of 1920 a 15,110 foot long tramway was installed that had a carrying capacity of one ton per minute. By 1924, 284 men were employed and output for that year was 149,080 tons. Situated 1,600 feet above Coalmont, Blakeburn and Coalmont in 1930 were both described by the District Mine Inspector, John G. Briggs, as "The largest most important coal operation in Princeton district." It is also worth noting that the workforce seemed to enjoy a measure of content and well being denied men elsewhere in those early years of the Depression. continued on Page 24



Blakeburn 1926. View from above the Wilson Portal. Photo: Princeton Museum

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Princeton's John Minot (#12) follows the play in the North Okanagan Knight zone, October 17th. *

MP urges continued action

NDP Agriculture critic, Alex Atamanenko (BC Southern Interior) is challenging all Canadians to join the International Day of Action Against Multinational Corporations begun last week by Via Campesina to resist what they describe as "a privatization robbery of the land, biodiversity, water, seeds, production, and agribusiness trade" by transnational agriculture and resource corporations.

This year the global farmers

movement is focussed on Monsanto's genetically modified (GM) food and crops, the company they see as posing the biggest threat to their survival.

"Monsanto's new SmartStax corn was recently authorized by Health Canada without any health or environmental safety assessments whatsoever which is deeply alarming," stated Atamanenko.

"I urge everyone to be a part of today's action and help inundate the Minister of Health with letters

and phone calls demanding that the authorization for SmartStax be withdrawn immediately."

Atamanenko referenced the UN's Food & Agriculture Organization report which says that another 105 million people worldwide have swelled the ranks of the world's hungry this year, raising the total of those who are malnourished to 1.2 Billion or one sixth of all humanity.

"It is a poor reflection of the world's food system when global hunger is rising as rapidly as the profits of agribusiness corporations," stated the NDP Agriculture Critic. "Even as we watch the financial crisis wreaking havoc in other sectors of the world's economy those who are consolidating their control over the global food supply are getting filthy rich. This year's earnings for Cargill alone were their second-best in history which is now allowing them to open or expand their major processing facilities for canola, palm, soy and biofuels, much of which is genetically modified, in Brazil, Canada, China, France, Ghana and the U.S."

According to the NDP agriculture critic, it is critical for more Canadians to become more informed about the world's food system and be moved to take action in support of the global movement against transnational corporations begun last week.

"It's going to take all of us to break the corporate stranglehold over the global food and economic system and move to one that allows greater participation and control by the people," concluded Atamanenko. "We must not allow ourselves to be complacent about an issue that ultimately affects all of us."

Vermillion Court Report

by Donna Wilson

We saw an old-fashioned picture of ladies having a garden tea party in frilly dresses and fancy hats and decided to have one as well.

The ladies put on their fancy 'outfits,' some with new hats and some with hats from years gone by. We

then proceeded in a parade up the street to a local business to have a tea party. It was very enjoyable and the ladies want to do it again in the Spring.

Thanks to everyone who became a part of the 'bygone era,' It was fun!

High School Rodeo

Taylor Schneider continues to score on the BC High School Rodeo circuit.

Her most recent win was a 2nd Place finish in Goat Tying at a High School Rodeo event in Peachland.

Schneider is from Hedley and the

BC High School Rodeo Association is a non-profit organization which supports youth, education and the great sport of rodeo and the North American Heritage.

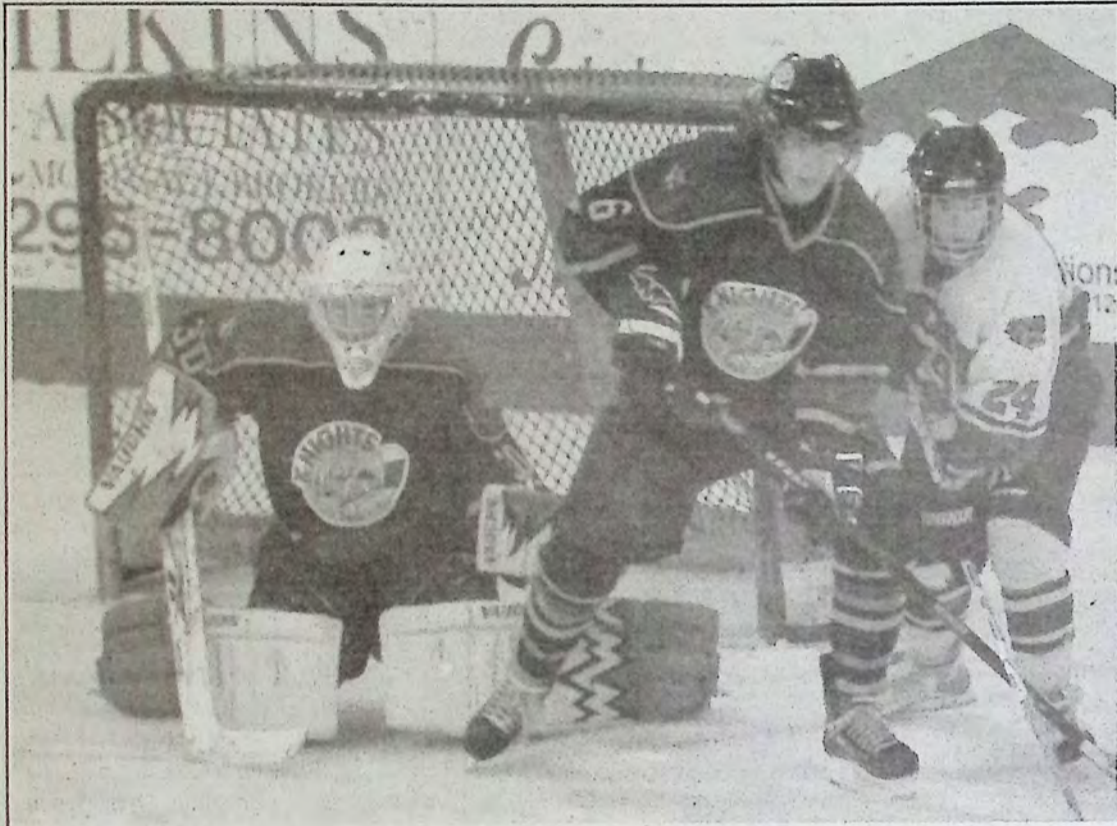
The events are for BC High School students in grades 9 through 12.

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Action in front of the North Okanagan Knight net October 17th at Princeton Arena. *

Posse take Knights into double OT

A betting man would probably have considered the 2-11 North Okanagan Knights easy prey for the 7-3 Princeton Posse just before the October 17th opening face-off at Princeton Arena - and he would have been wrong.

With a line up containing the KIJHL's second best scorer (Trevor Fitzgerald) the Knights came prepared and showed they were far better than what their win-loss stats showed.

The first period zipped by with Princeton out shooting North Okanagan 8 to 3 and a 2-minute penalty issued to each team but there was no scoring.

Princeton's Dan Hillman popped in the first goal at 6:03 of the second period. Assists went to Spencer Kristensen and Jared Hidber.

The Knights tied the game at 4:08.

Princeton regained the lead at 3:41 (Brooks Christensen from Dayton Shaw and John Minot).

The Knights then tied it up again at 1:05 proving to everyone they were far from prey.

During the second intermission Posse Webcast play-by-play announcer George Elliott asked Posse Assistant Coach Kevin Robillard to describe the difference between the first and second peri-

ods.

"There really hasn't been much of a difference," Robillard responded. "Both teams have capitalized on the mistakes made by the other."

The third period sailed by with Princeton out shooting North Okanagan 4 to 1, but no scoring which forced an overtime period.

The new KIJHL overtime rules see a 4-on-4 five minute period which then moves to a final 3-on-3 five-minute period, if needed.

And that's exactly how it went. The first five minute overtime period was over in a flash and it wasn't until 2:36 of the second overtime frame when Princeton's Chad Brears scored to give the home team the win. Assists went to Dan Hillman and Brenden Stephen.

"Three on three opportunities are

so intense," Robillard commented near the end of the webcast.

Although both teams were evenly matched on ice, credit goes to Posse goalie Jeff Daniels and Knights goalie Chris Solecki for keeping the scoring to a minimum. Both netminders stopped everything that came at them, making big saves when needed.

Final score: Princeton 3, North Okanagan 2 (OT). Shots on goal: Princeton 21, North Okanagan 14. Penalties: North Okanagan 5 for 10-minutes, Princeton 3 for 6-minutes.

The Princeton Posse will have a busy home schedule in the next week playing Kamloops Tuesday, October 20th, Revelstoke Friday, October 23rd and Sicamous Saturday, October 24th.

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Princeton Posse



Princeton's Evan Stack (#26) shows he's ready to take control of the situation. *



A blue line face off, Princeton vs. North Okanagan, October 17th. *



Princeton's Brendan Stephen (#7) helps goalie Jeff Daniels keep a rebound away from the Knights. *

Similkameen News Leader - Horoscopes

October 21 - 28, 2009

Aries - You may have problems with youngsters this week but you can resolve them with a good talk. This weekend, spend quality time with your friends, or spouse. Enjoy.

Taurus - Stay aware of possible injuries to your back. This is a good time to think about how to improve your health. Job runs smoothly. You are entering a time of low energy. Rest, relax.

Gemini - You could feel very creative now, but your energies are directed toward communication, errands, neighbours. This weekend, focus shifts to job, health challenges. Think!

Cancer - Family matters smooth out. Focus shifts to what you own. Watch out for losses. Do not take on any debts: stick to budget. This weekend, young people demand attention. Be firm.

Leo - You are well into your high energy cycle and people may think you are pushy or egotistical if you don't use this energy for work. Clean up property, home, this weekend.

Virgo - You may get some extra benefits now. This weekend, do errands, take short trips, communicate with neighbours, others. Something may be disturbing your peace of mind. Express it.

Libra - Problems concerning people you associate with can bother you. There is a lot of action in this area. A gift may come your way. This weekend, think before you spend.

Scorpio - Career demands remain high. Older folks may have problems, or you may have problems with authority figures. Don't waste time worrying. Energy cycle improves. Achieve!

Sagittarius - Groups you belong to can bring you benefits now. This weekend, you enter a phase when your mind is on some deep concerns. Think them through. Health is good.

Capricorn - Career matters run smoothly. You may have some financial matters to take care of regarding insurance, mortgage, investments. Read the fine print. Focus is on associates.

Aquarius - Your friends may tell you what you don't want to hear, and partner may oppose you. Expect conflict. You could be too optimistic or blinded by your own desires.

Pisces - You would really like to be travelling this weekend and may resent being tied to the job. You need to take good care of your health until June. Guard against infections, cuts, burns.

Tuesday Movies

EVENING

7:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Donnie Brasco" (1997, Crime Drama) Al Pacino. An undercover FBI agent uses the patronage of an unwitting mobster to infiltrate the New York Mafia. (E)
9:00 pm KNOW (5) ★★½ "Deliver Us From Evil" (2006, Documentary)

Oliver O'Grady, a former Roman Catholic priest in California, recounts his crimes as a pedophile. (E)
9:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Donnie Brasco" (1997, Crime Drama) Al Pacino. An undercover FBI agent uses the patronage of an unwitting mobster to infiltrate the New York Mafia. (E)

Wednesday Movies

EVENING

7:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Striking Distance" (1993, Suspense) Bruce Willis. An alienated Pittsburgh police officer and his new partner on the River Rescue Squad hunt a serial

killer. (E)
9:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Striking Distance" (1993, Suspense) Bruce Willis. An alienated Pittsburgh police officer and his new partner on the River

Thursday Movies

MORNING

9:00 am SPIKE (44) "Sharpshooter" (2007, Action) James Remar. For his last assignment, a sniper must stop a terrorist who plans to sell nuclear materials. (In Stereo)

EVENING

7:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "The Weather Man" (2005, Comedy-Drama) Nicolas Cage. A Chicago weather forecaster tries to mend relations with his father, his ex-wife and his two children. (E)
9:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Yours,

Mine & Ours" (2005, Comedy) Dennis Quaid. A household threatens to burst at the seams when the marriage of two widowed parents creates a family of 18 children.
10:00 pm KNOW (5) "Edge Codes.com: The Art of Motion Picture Editing" (2004, Documentary) Premiere. Filmmaker Alex Shuper examines the history and craft of editing movies. (E)
11:00 pm SPIKE (44) ★★½ "Ticker" (2001, Action) Tom Sizemore. A renegade cop teams with an explosives expert in order to stop a mad bomber in Los Angeles. (In Stereo)

Friday Movies

MORNING

9:00 am SPIKE (44) "Mask of the Ninja" (2008, Action) Casper Van Dien. A detective helps a young woman who witnessed a band of ninja murder her wealthy father. (In Stereo)

AFTERNOON

4:00 pm SPIKE (44) ★★ "The Hills Have Eyes" (2006, Horror) Aaron Stanford. A family road trip takes a terrifying turn when the travelers become stranded in a government atomic zone inhabited by a band of bloodthirsty mutants. (In Stereo)

EVENING

7:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Fun With Dick and Jane" (1977, Comedy) Jane Fonda. When a California aerospace executive loses his job, he and his wife turn to armed robbery. (E)
YTV (13) ★★½ "The Addams Family" (1991, Comedy) Anjelica Huston. Gomez, Morticia and their ghoulish household are prey to a scam involving long-lost Uncle Fester. (In Stereo) (E)
7:30 pm FAM (26) "Don't Look Under the Bed" (1999, Fantasy) Erin Chambers. A girl calls on her broth-

er's imaginary friend to banish a mischievous boogeyman who has framed her for his pranks. (In Stereo) (E)

9:02 pm FAM (26) ★★½ "Beetlejuice" (1988, Comedy) Michael Keaton. Two ghosts try to scare away their home's new tenants. (In Stereo) (E)

9:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Rumble in the Bronx" (1995, Action) Jackie Chan. A Hong Kong policeman in New York defends a woman shopkeeper against bikers who want protection money. (E)

10:00 pm KNOW (5) ★★½ "The True Meaning of Pictures: Shelby Lee Adams' Appalachia" (2003, Documentary) The Kentucky-born photographer's pictures of poverty-stricken Appalachians have earned him praise and criticism. (E)

10:34 pm FAM (26) ★★½ "Batman Forever" (1995, Action) Val Kilmer. The Caped Crusader woos a criminal psychologist, takes on a sidekick and battles Two-Face and the Riddler. (In Stereo) (E)

11:00 pm SPIKE (44) ★★ "Friday the 13th" (1980, Horror) Betsy Palmer. The reopening of Camp Crystal Lake spells murder and mayhem for a group of sexually promiscuous counselors. (In Stereo)

Similkameen News Leader - Recipe Corner

Recipe #294

Mango Peanut Salsa

(NC)—There's nothing better than something sweet to go with the summer heat. That's why mangoes are the perfect fruit for salsas. The peanuts in this fast and easy-to-prepare recipe will add a little crunch, making it an ideal condiment to add instant flavour to fish, pork or chicken. More great recipes can be found online at www.peanutbureau.ca.

Prep time: 10 minutes / Makes about 2 cups (500 mL)

Ingredients:

- 1 ripe mango
- 1 ripe but firm avocado
- 1 jalapeno
- 1/4 cup slivered red onion 50 mL
- 3 tbsp lime juice 45 mL
- 1/4 tsp salt 1 mL
- 2 tbsp chopped mint 30 mL
- 1/4 cup peanuts, coarsely chopped 50 mL

Directions:

1. Peel and remove pit from mango and avocado. Dice into 1/2-inch (1-cm) pieces and place in a bowl. Slice jalapeno in half and discard seeds. Finely mince half the jalapeno and add to bowl along with red onion. Stir in lime juice and salt.
2. Just before serving, stir in mint and peanuts. Taste and add more minced jalapeno and salt if you wish. Salsa will keep well up to 2 hours, but for best results stir avocado, mint and peanuts in just before serving.

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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.

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Saturday Movies

AFTERNOON

- 12:00 pm FAM (26) ★★ "Tower of Terror" (1997, Mystery) Steve Guttenberg. A journalist and helpers investigate a 1939 mystery in which five people vanished from a hotel elevator on Halloween. (In Stereo) [E]
- 12:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Mission: Impossible III" (2006, Action) Tom Cruise. Now a trainer for IMF recruits, agent Ethan Hunt squares off against the toughest foe he has ever faced: a ruthless arms and information broker. [E]
- 1:30 pm FAM (26) "Roxy Hunter and the Horrific Halloween" (2008, Mystery) Aria Wallace. Roxy thinks

that her classmate is a vampire from Transylvania. (In Stereo) [E]

- 5:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Fun With Dick & Jane" (2005, Comedy) Jim Carrey. After losing their jobs, an affluent couple turn to robbery to support their lifestyle. [E]

EVENING

- 6:00 pm YTV (18) "Flintstones Meet Rockula and Frankenstone" (1979) Voices of Mel Blanc. Animated. When Fred, Wilma, Barney and Betty win a trip to Rocksylvania, Count Rockula mistakes Wilma for his bride. (In Stereo) [E]
- CITY (29) ★★ "Chaos and Desire" (2002, Drama) Pascale Bussières. A seismologist thinks a strange phenomenon in a small Quebec town may be a precursor to an earthquake. [E]
- 7:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Win a Date With Tad Hamilton!" (2004, Romance-Comedy) Kate Bosworth. Secretly in love with his friend, a supermarket manager becomes jealous when she meets a famous actor. [E]
- FAM (26) ★★½ "Tinker Bell" (2008, Fantasy) Mae Whitman. Premiere. Animated. A sprite must save Pixie Hollow by finding the magic of pixie dust. (In Stereo)
- SPIKE (44) ★½ "Resident Evil" (2002, Horror) Milla Jovovich. Commandos infiltrate a research facility after a deadly virus turns the entire staff into ravenous zombies. (In Stereo)
- 8:00 pm KSPS (6) ★★½ "Call Northside 777" (1948, Crime Drama) James Stewart. A Chicago

newsman digs up the story of a scrubwoman's son framed for murder. (In Stereo) [E]

- CITY (29) "How I Married My High School Crush" (2007, Romance) Katelyn Sackhoff. A teen's wish magically transports her and the hunk she loves to their wedding day 17 years later. [E]
- 9:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Housesitter" (1992, Comedy) Steve Martin. An architect has a girlfriend who won't move into his house and a dizzy woman who won't move out. [E]
- CHBC (4) BCTV (11) "How I Married My High School Crush" (2007, Romance) Katelyn Sackhoff. A teen's wish magically transports her and the hunk she loves to their wedding day 17 years later. [E]
- FAM (26) ★★ "The Witches" (1990, Fantasy) Anjelica Huston. A coven schemes to turn English children into mice. (In Stereo)
- SPIKE (44) ★★ "The Hills Have Eyes" (2006, Horror) Aaron Stanford. A family road trip takes a terrifying turn when the travelers become stranded in a government atomic zone inhabited by a band of bloodthirsty mutants. (In Stereo)
- 10:31 pm FAM (26) ★★½ "Superman II" (1980, Science Fiction) Christopher Reeve. The Man of Steel gets serious with Lois Lane and fights three Krypton outcasts in league with Lex Luthor. (In Stereo)
- 11:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Housesitter" (1992, Comedy) Steve Martin. An architect has a girlfriend who won't move into his house and a dizzy woman who won't move out. [E]

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Sunday Movies

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- 10:00 am WTBS (3) ★★ "Are We There Yet?" (2005, Comedy) Ice Cube. A divorcee's two children torment a man on a road trip.
- A&E (9) ★★½ "The Silence of the Lambs" (1991, Suspense) Jodie Foster. An FBI trainee seeks advice from a brilliant, psychopathic prisoner to catch a killer who skins his victims. [E]

AFTERNOON

- 12:00 pm YTV (18) ★★½ "Tim Burton's Corpse Bride" (2005, Fantasy) Voices of Johnny Depp. Animated. In 19th-century Europe, a

gifted pianist mistakenly weds a dead woman who takes him to the underworld. (In Stereo) [E]

- FAM (26) "Twitches Too" (2007, Mystery) Tia Mowry. Twin sisters who have magic powers uncover evidence that their missing father is alive. (In Stereo) [E]
- 1:30 pm FAM (26) "Return to Halloweentown" (2006, Comedy) Sara Paxton. An 18-year-old witch must use magic to stop a devious plot to destroy Halloweentown. (In Stereo) [E]
- 2:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "American Pie 2" (2001, Comedy) Jason Biggs. Old friends gather after their freshman year in college to rent a summerhouse on Lake Michigan and chase girls. [E]
- YTV (18) ★★ "Monster House" (2006, Fantasy) Steve Buscemi. Animated. Three youths discover that the residence next door is an evil, living creature. (In Stereo) [E]
- 4:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Fun With Dick & Jane" (2005, Comedy) Jim Carrey. After losing their jobs, an affluent couple turn to robbery to support their lifestyle. [E]
- YTV (18) ★★½ "Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit" (2005, Comedy) Voices of Peter Sallis. Animated. Pest controllers Wallace and Gromit must save the day when a vegetable-munching beast ravages town gardens. (In Stereo) [E]
- 5:00 pm CBC (13) ★★½ "Monsters, Inc." (2001, Comedy) Voices of John Goodman. Animated. A blue behemoth and his one-eyed assistant work in a giant factory that exists

to scare children. (In Stereo) [E]

EVENING

- 6:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Fun With Dick & Jane" (2005, Comedy) Jim Carrey. After losing their jobs, an affluent couple turn to robbery to support their lifestyle. [E]
- YTV (18) ★★½ "The Wizard of Oz" (1939, Fantasy) Judy Garland. A tornado whisks a Kansas farm girl to a magic land. (In Stereo) [E]
- 8:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "American Pie 2" (2001, Comedy) Jason Biggs. Old friends gather after their freshman year in college to rent a summerhouse on Lake Michigan and chase girls. [E]
- 9:00 pm FAM (26) ★★½ "Gremlins" (1984, Fantasy) Zach Galligan. An inventor gives his son an odd little creature which multiplies into monsters which wreck the town. (In Stereo)
- 10:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle" (2004, Comedy) John Cho. After smoking marijuana, two roommates scour New Jersey to satisfy their hunger for hamburgers.
- 10:46 pm FAM (26) ★★ "My Favorite Martian" (1999, Comedy) Christopher Lloyd. A befuddled martian crash-lands on Earth, assumes human form and befriends a TV-news producer. (In Stereo) [E]
- 11:00 pm SPIKE (44) ★★½ "From Dusk Till Dawn 3: The Hangman's Daughter" (2000, Horror) Ara Celi. An executioner's daughter joins an outlaw who escaped death, in a journey that leads to vampires. (In Stereo)

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2009

Table of TV schedule for Saturday, October 24, 2009. Columns include time slots (6 AM to 11:30 PM) and channel numbers (WTBS 3, CHBC 4, KNOW 5, KSPS 6, KHQ 7, KREM 8, A&E 9, KXLY 10, BCTV 11, CITY 12, CBC 13, YTV 18, TSN 19, VTV 22, DISC 24, FAM 26, CITY 29, SPIKE 44, TROP 45). Rows list programs such as Hunter, Fishing, Saturday Morning News, and various reality and news shows.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2009

Table of TV schedule for Sunday, October 25, 2009. Columns include time slots (6 AM to 11:30 PM) and channel numbers (WTBS 3, CHBC 4, KNOW 5, KSPS 6, KHQ 7, KREM 8, A&E 9, KXLY 10, BCTV 11, CITY 12, CBC 13, YTV 18, TSN 19, VTV 22, DISC 24, FAM 26, CITY 29, SPIKE 44, TROP 45). Rows list programs such as Sports, Foodies, News, The Sopranos, and various reality and news shows.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 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 (18)	TSN (19)	VTV (22)	DISC (24)	FAM (26)	CITY (29)	SPIKE (44)	TROP (45)
6 AM	In the Heat of the Night	(5:30) Morning News (N)	Franklin George S.	Bob Build Lions	News (N)	News	American Justice	News	(5:30) Morning News (N)	(4:30) Morning News (N)	CBC News: Morning (N)	Being Ian Viva Piñata	SportsCentre	Canada AM	Daily Planet	Henry's Feet	CityLine	Ways Die	Once a Thief
7 AM	Cosby		Clifford the Big Red Dog (DVS)	Arthur (E) Martha	Today (N)	The Early Show (N)	Cold Case Files	Good Morning America (N)			Dirtgirl Animal	Neutron Invasion	SportsCentre		Discovery Project Earth	Mickey Mickey	The Tyra Show	Surviving Disaster	The Outer Limits
8 AM	Harvey Fresh Pr.		Sid the Science Kid (DVS)	Curious Sid			CSI: Miami "Killer Date"		100 Huntley Street	Bo On Go	Bustytown	Pokemon Kld vs. Kat	SportsCentre		How-Made	Handy Handy	Rachael Ray	Surviving Disaster	North of 60
9 AM	Fam. Feud	100 Huntley Street	Spider Sesame Street (E)	Super Why! Dinosaur		The 700 Club	CSI: Miami "Recoil"	Regis and Kelly	100 Huntley Street	World Vision	Super Why! Wilbur	Rolie Polie Timothy	Fishing	Regis and Kelly	Daily Planet	Feet	News	Ultimate Fighter	TV Made
10 AM	Reba	Hospital for Sick Kids				The Price Is Right (N)	Criminal Minds "Jones"	The View (N)	Hospital for Sick Kids	Debt Part ET Canada	Poko Doodlebop	Berenstain Willa's	Bowling: Women's and Seniors	The View (N)	Worst Handyman	Mickey Handy	The O.C.	Ultimate Fighter	Dawson's Creek
11 AM	Jim Name Earl	World Vision	Rolie Polie Berenstain	Clifford Sit-Be Fit	Ellen DeGeneres Show	Young and the Restless	The Sopranos	Paid Prog.	World Vision	(10:59) Noon News Hour (N)	Gofrette Dirtgirl	(11:10) Erky George S.	X-Games Classix	Fashion	Mayday	Phineas Suite Life	The Bonnie Hunt Show	Ultimate Fighter	Raymond
12 PM	King	Noon News Hour (N)	Maggie Rose (12:35)	Charlie Rose	Paid Prog.	News	American Justice	All My Children (N)	Noon News Hour (N)	Days of our Lives (N)	CBC News: Today (N)	Creepie Ruby	Speed	etalk	Bear Feeding Frenzy	Wizards Montana	CityLine	Ultimate Fighter	Seinfeld
1 PM	Seinfeld	As the World Turns (N)	Wibbly Pig Dinosaur	Fine Art Sewing	Days of our Lives (N)	As the World Turns (N)	Cold Case Files	One Life to Live (N)	As the World Turns (N)	As the World Turns (N)	Doc Zone	Jacob Being Ian	NFL PrimeTime	Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye	Man vs. Wild	Cory	Judge J.	Ultimate Fighter	Raymond
2 PM	Friends	Young and the Restless	Franklin BluesClues	Barney WordWorld	The Bonnie Hunt Show	Let's Make a Deal (N)	CSI: Miami "Killer Date"	General Hospital (N)	Young and the Restless	The Doctors	Steven and Chris	Edgar Casper	Horn Interruption	Dr. Phil	MythBusters	Replace School	CityNews at 5 (N)	Ultimate Fighter	3's Co.
3 PM	The Office Name Earl	The Doctors	(3:01) Little Bear	WordGirl Electric	Judge	Dr. Phil	CSI: Miami "Recoil"	Rachael Ray	The Doctors	Young and the Restless	Fashion F. Sophie	Barnyard SpongeBob	Off-Record Sports	(2:59) The Dr. Oz Show	Canada's Worst Driver	Life Derek Suite Life	CityNews at 6 (N)	Ultimate Fighter	Carlawood
4 PM	Family Guy	Oprah Winfrey	WordWorld George S.	Fetch! Ruff Cyberchas	Judge J.	Oprah Winfrey	Criminal Minds "Jones"	Deal No	Oprah Winfrey	(3:59) Early Global	Ghost Whisperer	SpongeBob OddParent	Hockey Countdown	Ellen DeGeneres Show	Daily Planet	Phineas Wizards	Law & Order: SVU	Ultimate Fighter	Raymond
5 PM	Payne	Early News	Babar	BBC News	News (N)	News	Intervention	News	Early News	(4:59) News Hour (N)	CBC News: Vancouver (N)	SpongeBob	OddParent	CTV News at Five (N)	MythBusters	Suite Life Zoey 101	How I Met Purpose	Ultimate Fighter	The Outer Limits
6 PM	Law & Order: SVU	Global News	Mechanics Dogs	News-Lehrer	News (N) Millionaire	News Hollywood	Intervention "Cristy"	News	(5:59) News Hour (N)	ET Canada	Coronatn	iCarly	Football: Philadelphia Eagles at Washington Redskins. (Live)	CTV News (N)	Dirty Jobs (N)	Wizards	Trauma "Masquerade"	Disorderly Con.	ET Canada
7 PM	Movie: "Blade: Trinity"	Entertain ET Canada	Eden Landscape	'Allo, 'Allo! Europe	Jeopardy! Fortune	The Doctors	Extreme Paranormal (N)	Entertain The Insider	Entertain ET Canada	Heroes (N)	Fortune Jeopardy!	Malcolm Prank Ptrl		etalk Hollywood	Canada's Worst Driver	Sonny Suite Life	The Jay Leno Show (N)	Disorderly Con.	Family Guy
8 PM	(2004) Wesley Snipes.	House	Monarchy (N)	Antiques Roadshow	Heroes (N)	How I Met Purpose	Extreme Paranormal	Dancing With the Stars	House	House	Blades Mosque	Chris	SportsCentre (Live)	Dancing With the Stars (Live)	Daily Planet	Overruled! Montana	News CityNews	Movie: "Resident Evil" (2002)	Raymond
9 PM	Movie: "Blade: Trinity"	Lie to Me (N)	Visions of Space (N)	American Exp.	Trauma "Masquerade"	Two Men Big Bang	(9:01) Intervention	(Same-day Tape)	Lie to Me (N)	Lie to Me (N)	Just for Laughs (N)	8 Rules	Billiards	MythBusters	Wizards Buzz	Rock of Love Bus	Milla Jovovich.	Seinfeld	
10 PM	(2004) Wesley Snipes.	Heroes (N)	(10:05) FASD: Finding	Hoover: Landslide	The Jay Leno Show (N)	CSI: Miami	(10:01) Intervention "Cristy"	(10:02) Castle (N)	Heroes (N)	News Hour Final (N)	National	The Next Star	Fort Strong	(10:02) CSI: Miami	Canada's Worst Driver	School Cory	Coach Judge	MANswers	Married...
11 PM	Movie: "Passenger 57"	CHBC News Final (N)	(11:05) Bill Making	Charlie Rose (N)	News Tonight	News Late Show	(11:01) Extreme Paranormal	News	News Hour Final (N)	Entertain ET Canada	(11:05) The Hour	Adrenaline Mystery	SportsCentre (Live)	CTV News	Dirty Jobs	So Raven Life Derek	Home Imp. CityNews	MANswers	3's Co.

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11:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★½ "Passenger 57" (1992, Action) Wesley Snipes. An airline-security expert tries to bring down a skyjacker who, with his gang, has seized a jet. [E]

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462	893	175
785	421	369
579	236	418
248	517	936
316	984	257
857	142	693
631	659	724
924	378	581

CHALLENGE #238 - Hard

639	825	741
754	931	628
182	746	935
541	679	283
926	483	157
873	152	496
415	268	379
367	594	812
298	317	564

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- FRI NOV 06 - Pentlcton at PRINCETON
- SAT NOV 07 - PRINCETON at Pentlcton
- SUN NOV 08 - N Okanagan at PRINCETON
- FRI NOV 13 - PRINCETON at Revelstoke
- SAT NOV 14 - PRINCETON at Revelstoke
- SUN NOV 15 - PRINCETON at Chase
- FRI NOV 20 - PRINCETON at Beaver Valley
- SAT NOV 21 - PRINCETON at Spokane
- FRI NOV 27 - N Okanagan at PRINCETON
- SAT NOV 28 - Sicamous at PRINCETON
- FRI DEC 04 - Chase at PRINCETON
- SAT DEC 05 - PRINCETON at Chase
- FRI DEC 11 - Castlegar at PRINCETON
- SAT DEC 12 - PRINCETON at Kamloops
- WED DEC 16 - Kamloops at PRINCETON
- FRI DEC 18 - PRINCETON at Sicamous
- SAT DEC 19 - Grand Forks at PRINCETON
- SAT JAN 02 - Kamloops at PRINCETON
- SUN JAN 03 - PRINCETON at Sicamous
- FRI JAN 08 - PRINCETON at Col. Valley
- SAT JAN 09 - PRINCETON at Golden
- SUN JAN 10 - PRINCETON at Creston
- FRI JAN 15 - PRINCETON at Pentlcton
- SUN JAN 17 - PRINCETON at N Okanagan
- FRI JAN 22 - PRINCETON at Pentlcton
- SAT JAN 23 - PRINCETON at N Okanagan
- FRI JAN 29 - Kamloops at PRINCETON
- SAT JAN 30 - PRINCETON at Revelstoke
- FRI FEB 05 - Nelson at PRINCETON
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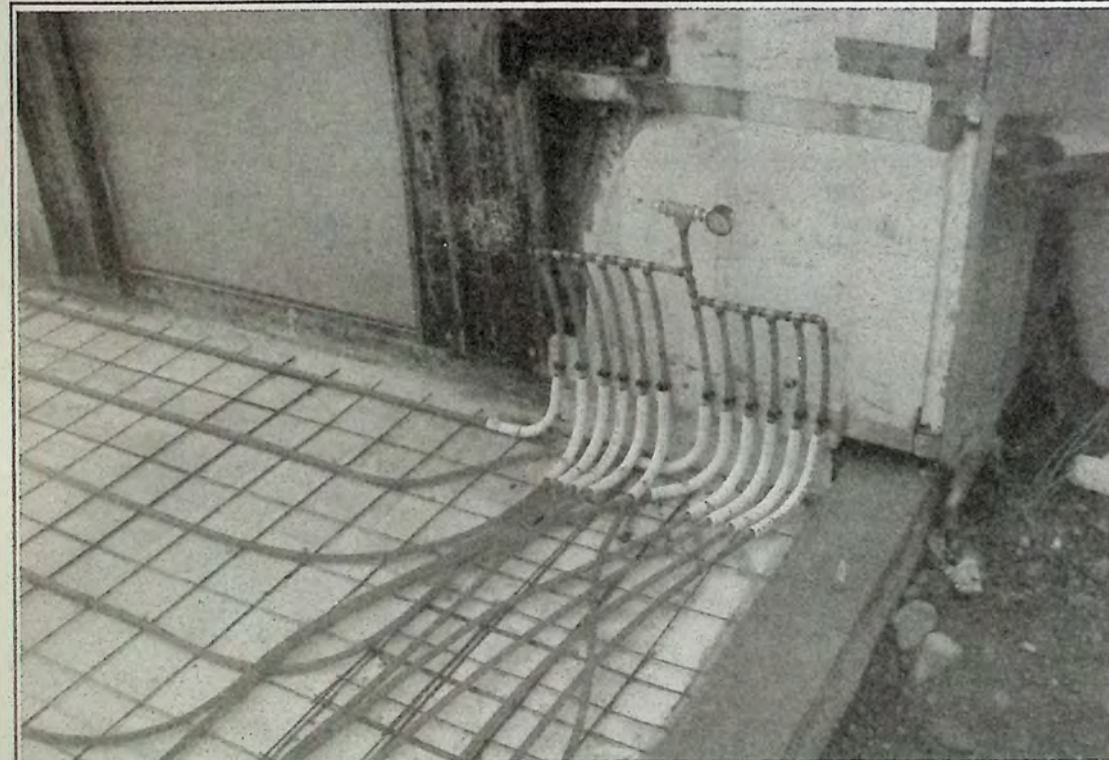
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My Turn...

Beer cart? Must be casual October

The list of Canada's Top 100 employers was released last week. As expected, Similkameen News Leader continues to hide its awesomeness by not participating in the program.

Possibly the fact that there are only two full-time and three part-time employees here assisted greatly in keeping us out of the running.

There's also the daily frisking before quitting time and constant changing of the locks, which may have contributed as well.

Besides, I hear the owner of the company is a real piece of work – and if I'm lucky he didn't edit that last line out or replace it with some sort of praise to feed his enormous ego. Providing he knows how to use the delete key on his computer, of course.

What gets me about the Top 100 list is the collection of insane perks offered at these places which include, but are not limited to, three weeks vacation to start; full health benefits for all retirees; bonuses; on-site daycare; coffee bar and discount cosmetics boutique; bonuses; private nap room; paid birthdays off; bonuses; four paid volunteer days off annually; bonuses and a weekly beer cart.

Guess how many of these wonderful perks are available in Princeton? How about in businesses located in British Columbia? Guess again.

For a moment there I thought sucking up to my wife, who happens to be the second full-time employee here, with a free lunch sometime this quarter was a really generous offer.

Obviously I missed the boat, train or beer cart on that one.

A Weekly beer cart?

Yes, one of Canada's Top 100 employers provides a weekly beer cart (it happens to be a company in Toronto, which means the beer cart is likely a medicinal health benefit in that it is probably used to calm nerves after a week of driving on the 401).

While I see some benefit in many of the perks, the 'management guy' inside me thinks there's a lot of sucking up going on in order to keep people happy in the workforce.

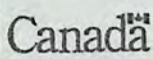
Whatever happened to being fulfilled with a job well done?

Apparently that went out the window about the time the corner office was replaced with a nap room complete with all the trappings of a holistic quiet room including herbal tea, incense, pale colours on the walls and ceiling and 'white noise' fed in through cleverly hidden speakers designed to look like rocks in the waterfall mural covering one wall.

Maybe if we could still get away with slipping subliminal messages into the white noise with such timely reminders as 'show up for work early each day this month' or 'your replacement's resume is only a phone call away' we may not need to see so much done for so little.

It does make me think I could maybe increase the limit on the Quarterly Free Lunch. And maybe I could splurge for a coffee a couple mornings each week.

But I draw the line at a beer cart.



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These four students share the Princeton Secondary School Student(s) of the Month honours for September. The foursome, from left, Sam Kastor, Morgan Dobbs, Colton Calihoo and Adam Gullason, were selected for volunteering during the Princeton Traditional Music Festival. *

...Your Turn

Having our cake, and eating it, too!

Dear Editor;

There's an endless list of schools, hospitals and "you-name-its" that we as citizens would like to see more money spent on. But then we turn around and whine about the taxes that pay for these things.

If we want to have our cake and

eat it too (low taxes as well as more services and vital infrastructure) then we're going to have to become more enterprising as a province and start making the most of what we've got.

The forest industry has served generations of people in this

province well and it will again. But it's also made us reliant on the our biggest trading partner the Americans and they've always needed us far less than we've needed them to buy our lumber products.

But now we've got something the Americans desperately need, something we're uniquely able to provide: an abundance of renewable clean energy. That puts us in the driver's seat for a change and it lets us turn the tables in our trading relationship with our American neighbours. This time we're the ones with our finger on the switch.

By becoming more enterprising and making the most of the renewable energy resources we've got in this province we can have our cake and eat it too. We can cover the cost of the services and infrastructure projects we want without adding a single new tax dollar from our own pockets.

So let's flip that switch and make it happen.

- Donald Leung, Burnaby

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Current Comment

Movie Inspires Fear For 2012



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Recently, two younger people asked me the same question: what did I think about 2012?

It seems there is a movie about December 22, 2012. It purports to build a case on the basis of the Mayan calendar, and is about all kinds of disasters which may strike on that date. It seems there is some kind of planetary alignment which will cause all sorts of catastrophic events on Earth.

This is not the first time I have heard about the "doomsday" predictions based on the Mayan calendar. These are based on nothing more than a gross ignorance of how the Mayan calendar works.

Yes, in 2012, the Earth will enter a new phase, according to the Mayan calendar. No, it has nothing to do with "doomsday".

First, try to understand that the Mayan calendar does not work like the calendar we use. Our calendar is based on the amount of time it takes Earth to move completely around the sun. The Mayan calendar was based on observations of Venus in relation to Earth, a totally different concept of measuring time.

This is not to say it was not an accurate measurement, because it was, for what it was designed to do. It was not designed to measure the length of the year, but to measure very long periods of time, much longer than our calendars could begin to measure.

The Mayans understood the measurement of the position of Venus against the Milky Way background would tell them something about how long it takes our solar system to make a circle around the Milky Way galaxy. This was called the "long count". It measured approximately 25,600 years of time. In 2012, the long count comes to an end.

This does not mean the end of

time. On the contrary, it simply means our solar system has reached a certain point in the circle and will begin going around the circle again. There is no end to a circle, after all. The long count merely identifies a certain spot on the circle as a starting point and ending point. You could do the same thing with a merry-go-round. You sit on one of the horses by a certain outside post, and when your horse goes around and comes to that post again, you know you went around a full circle. Big deal.

If you want another comparison, let's go back to our own calendar. When December 31 arrives, we know the Earth has done its circle around the sun and we call it the end of the year. It is not the end of time, but merely the end of that year. On January 1, a new year begins, and we celebrate it with joy, but we don't expect catastrophes just because it is a new calendar year. What we will do on December 23, 2012, is mark the beginning of a new calendar cycle devised by the Mayans.

Measuring time is like measuring anything else. For example, if you are measuring the length of your driveway, and you come to the end of the measuring tape, the world doesn't end, there are no disasters, you just mark the spot where the tape ended, and start measuring again from that point.

This is not the first time people have misunderstood the meaning of the Mayan calendar. The first people to make that big mistake were the Aztecs. They conquered the Mayans, then learned about the Mayan calendar. They gained a partial understanding of what it meant, and completely misinterpreted what it meant.

They learned the end of the long count was coming, and they believed it was the end of time. They began to sacrifice people to their gods as a way to stop the end of time and the end of the world. Thousands of people were sacri-

ficed out of ignorance about measuring time.

The really important questions we should be asking are: why did the Mayans, a so-called "primitive" people, care about measuring such great expanses of time? and: how did they figure out a method for measuring such a long period of time? Why was this measurement important to them?

Think about that last question. Do any of us really worry about where Earth is going to be in the Milky Way galaxy at any given time?

It would never occur to most of us to even bother to think about it, let alone try to devise a calendar to measure how long it would take. Most of us have trouble figuring out where we will be in 50 years, never mind 25,600 years. Did the Mayans know of something significant about the position of Earth in our galaxy, and if they did know that, how did they know it? Had the Mayans been around for more than 25,600 years, keeping track of the progress of Earth through the galaxy?

To me, the answers to the above questions are far more important than movie fantasies about predicted catastrophes.

Remember the big fuss made when 1999 turned into 2000? Do you remember television showing us people who had sold everything they owned to travel to Israel to witness the Second Coming? Can you imagine how embarrassed they must have felt when the sun rose on the year 2000 and Christ did not show up?

The universe in which we live is a time machine. We measure time in hours, days, months and years. The Mayans measured time in the "long count". When the long count comes to an end, we can mark the end of a 25,600 year journey through our galaxy, and the beginning of the next journey through the galaxy. This is more like Star Trek than some weird prediction, isn't it?

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A view of Blakeburn taken from the air. Photo: Princeton Museum

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On August 13, 1930, deep underground in Number 4 mine an explosion occurred and of the 46 men who were underground at the time only one was able to escape to safety; he was John Porchello and was lucky to not be far from the entrance at the time the blast occurred. In the gas-laden air workers dug feverishly to rescue their colleagues, but none were ever brought out alive. The families of the doomed men could only look on with anguish, but it was days before all the bodies were recovered.

The victims of the disaster are buried in Princeton Cemetery; the first funeral service was for Albert Cole, his 19th birthday would have been on August 17 and the last was held on September 30 for John Connell Smith, aged 36.

With W. A. Wagenhauser as Chairman and Dave Taylor as Secretary, the Blakeburn Relief Fund was organized; money poured in from every part of British Columbia and soon the total had reached in excess of \$33,000. Disbursements were handled by a Committee in Blakeburn which was chaired by J. Ovington and the Manager of the Coalmont Branch of the Royal Bank, E. G. Lucas, was Secretary. In addition there was a separate United Church fund, this was handled by the local minister, Rev. J. G. Reid, who happened to live at Coalmont.

The exact cause of the explosion was never determined. A lengthy report produced by Thomas Graham in the 1930 Annual Report of the Ministry of Mines advanced several theories, but none were conclusive.

Many left following the disaster, but those who remained returned to work, though on a smaller scale than previously. It was the beginning of the end for the coal mining Community. On October 28th of that year, although raining in Princeton, it was snowing in

Blakeburn when around 200 people gathered in the cookhouse to listen to the Princeton United Church Choir and it was commonly said that the occasion broke the spell which had hung over Blakeburn since Black Wednesday. The Depression over, the end final-

ly came for Blakeburn in 1940, the people of Princeton were sorry to see the mine finally close, but to quote former resident Mrs. W. Coles writing in the Merritt Herald where she told of happy days in the mining camp, "It was a good Blakeburn."

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Some might question whether the small business community is, in fact, deserving of such an official, calendared designation. The Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB), a big voice for Canadian small businesses for over 35 years, confidently points to two facts on small business' economic foothold:

- Small businesses comprise 98 per cent of BC'S enterprises
- Small businesses generate 33 per cent of BC's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

Moreover, the impact of small enterprises on our economy has been on the rise for years; there are no signs this growth is letting up. CFIB's chief economist Ted Mallet confirms that statistics show that small businesses continue to adapt and grow when the "going gets tough", including the most recent economic downturn from which we are only now beginning to emerge. In other words, small business is steadily and consistently becoming a bigger and bigger stabilizing force for our economy and workforce!

Did you know that small businesses under 50 employees account for

56 per cent of jobs in the private sector in our province? Further, 83 per cent of small businesses have fewer than five employees. Much of the new job creation comes from small businesses.

Scholars and economists have many theories why small businesses are so important to our economy. Factors that help small businesses succeed include:

- Opportunities created by decentralization and subcontracting
- Organizational flexibility in a fast-moving, information-based global economy
- Workplace flexibility for parents with children, older workers, and youth earning their first pay cheque
- Value placed on local specialty goods and services
- Rewards for creativity and innovation
- Plain old British Columbian entrepreneurial spirit!

The message is clear: small businesses are a force to be reckoned with. As they grow in number, strengthen communities and create new jobs and opportunities for British Columbians, small businesses claim stake to an unquestionable economic significance more than worthy of a spot on our calendars. For the millions of British Columbians who benefit from the strength of small businesses at any given moment, the October designation of small business month is the formal recognition of the small businesses who should earn our support the whole year long.

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SCA Branch #30 Report

by Carol Seaman

With seniors living longer, it puts a strain on healthcare, senior institutions, and long-term care facilities. We need to understand, prevent, and resolve life's challenges.

Every year, tens of thousands of elderly are abused in their own homes, in relatives homes, and even in care facilities. As seniors become more physically frail, they're less able to stand up to bullying or to fight back if attacked.

They may not see or hear as well or think as clearly as they used to, leaving openings for unscrupulous people to take advantage. Seniors being abused are often abused by those who are directly responsible for their care. More than half a million reports of abuse reach the authorities every year, and millions more cases go unreported. Abuse takes place where the senior lives, most often in their own home, where the abusers are apt to be family members. Horrifying also is the fact that long-term care facilities and senior insti-

tutions can also be sources of elder abuse.

Physical abuse is non-accidental force against an elderly person, causing pain, injury, or impairment. Emotional abuse, is treating elderly persons in ways that cause emotional pain or distress. Yelling, threats, ridicule, or it can be in the form of ignoring or isolating them from friends or activities.

Financial exploitation constitutes more than half of all reported cases of senior abuse. This involves unauthorized use of elders funds or property, either by the caregiver or an outside scam artist. Any misuse of personal checks, credit cards, accounts, income checks, household goods, stealing of cash, all are form of elder abuse.

At first you might not recognize signs of abuse, in fact, many signs and symptoms overlap with symptoms of mental deterioration, but that doesn't mean you should dismiss them on the caregivers say-so. Do your part, by listening to seniors,

watch for warning signs, keep an eye for financial transactions, and call or visit as often as you can.

This year the seniors at Branch #30 had to reach deep into their pockets as everything needed to be replaced or redone all at once. We now have a new roof on our building, a new bingo machine that needs a little love and understanding to run, a new dish sanitizer for the kitchen and some new burners for our busy stove.

Now we are in fine shape to take on winter. And to make the rest of us in good shape for winter we have the flu shots coming up October 29 from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, and again November 10 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

This year we will have our Oink Fest Dinner on November 1, so make sure you have your tickets, they are on sale now at our hall. If you're not having dinner with us, please feel free to drop by and have a coffee with us or a game of cards, you're always welcome.



The view of Sunflower Downs from the old beacon site. A hydrant now sits nearby. *



The Cawston Players' Christmas Show in 2008 featured Jen Ditmars and Gaby Villecourt as the Two Ugly Sisters in Cinderella. - photo submitted

Cawston Players welcome new members

New members are welcome as the Cawston Players plan for it's Spring 2010 Production and assemble material for this year's Christmas Show.

The players will gather on Monday evening, October 26th to do some play reading together and to discuss upcoming productions.

The Cawston Players have been entertaining valley audiences with occasional productions over the past eight years.

Their first production was Humulus the Mute followed by The Death and The Life of Sneaky Fitch along with variety shows, especially at Christmas.

Last year's Christmas Show was a

rendering of the traditional English Pantomime, Cinderella.

The CIA or Cawston Improv Associates were an offshoot group of The Cawston Players.

Local audiences responded well to Sganarelle, the Doctor in Spite of Himself by Moliere in 2006. A new

Moliere piece has been reset in the 1890's in the Lower Similkameen and will be part of the reading on Monday October 26th.

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