

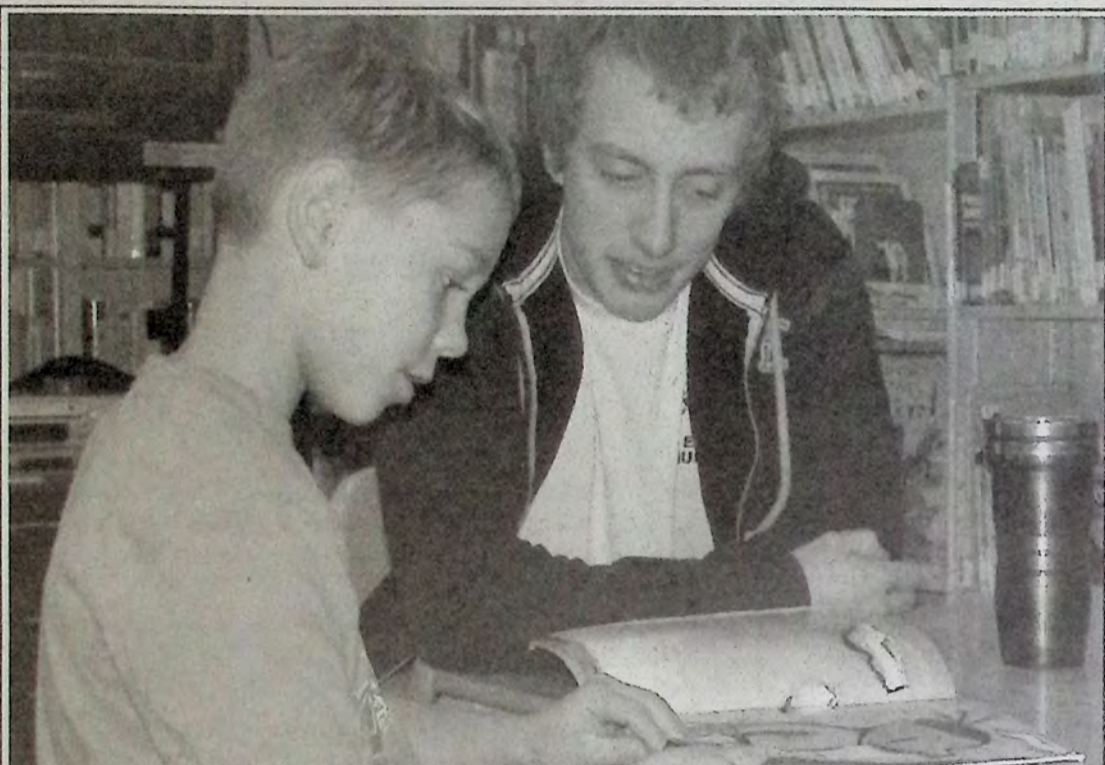


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Tuesday, December 15, 2009



John Allison Elementary School students had reading test assistance from Princeton Posse players last week. Posse forward Ben Morgan (#20), right, was one of the players who took part in the program. \*

## RCMP report numerous attempted vehicle thefts

RCMP report a 'rash' of vehicle thefts and attempted vehicle thefts occurred between December 4 and 6.

The majority of the incidents were recorded in the downtown core with two reported in the Third Bench area.

"The vehicles that were stolen have been recovered," says Princeton RCMP Detachment Commander Sgt. Dave Clare.

"Including a Ford pick-up stolen from Panorama Crescent which was recovered in Merritt on Sunday night, December 6th."

Princeton RCMP remind you to "be aware of who is in your neighbourhood" and to report any suspicious persons or activities to the local Detachment at (250) 295-6911 or CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

## Airport, campground have successful years

2009 has been a good year for Princeton Airport as is verified by the Princeton Regional Airport 2009 Financial Report, presented to Town Council during their December 7th meeting.

The report states, "The Princeton Airport enjoyed its most successful year ever. Airshow 2009 was a resounding success, our fuel system was in operation for the entire year and utilized by both local and visiting aircraft and our new terminal facility was substantially completed."

The year-to-date figures show total revenues at \$204,691 with total operating expenses at \$87,413. Fuel sales total \$13,394 - far short of the anticipated \$100,000 in the airport budget, however, net profit on fuel sales is reported to be at \$31,344.

Capital expenses total \$105,132 for the terminal building which only requires interior finishing before the project is complete.

Princeton Town Council also

received an update on the operation of the Princeton Municipal Campground at their December 7th regular meeting.

A three-year contract to operate the facility was awarded to JAKA Associates (Jim and Karen Manion)

in April 2009. The report states, "The Manion's successful proposal placed heavy emphasis on the importance of marketing to increase sales as well as a desire to see overall campground improvements."

The bottom line shows a revenue

increase of almost \$27,000 over 2008, with expenses totaling \$51,700.07 for a net income of \$5,443.49. A loss of \$216.00 was recorded the previous year, but the facility wasn't open as early or as long as it was in 2009.

A total of seven upgrades/improvements were suggested to the town to consider prior to the 2010 camping season.

They include electrical upgrades, cosmetic changes, and various repairs to facilities located at the site.

## Deer feeding bylaw receives three readings

The Town of Princeton introduced a bylaw prohibiting the feeding of deer last week, giving it three readings at the December 7th regular meeting of Town Council.

Stating that Deer Feeding Bylaw No. 822, 2009 is part of an ongoing updating and modernization of town bylaws it was not until recently that municipalities had the authority to regulate the feeding or attracting of deer.

The provincial government paved the way for the change in 2008 when they amended the *Spheres of Concurrent Jurisdiction - Environment and Wildlife Regulation*.

The bylaw speaks for itself stat-

ing, "No owner or occupier of land within the Town of Princeton shall intentionally feed, cause to be fed or provide or make available food or other substances for the consumption by deer within the Town

of Princeton, either on private property or on public property."

The bylaw exempts what it refers to as "any natural product that is growing on a particular land owned or occupied where feeding of deer

is occurring."

The fine for being ticketed for intentionally feeding deer is set at \$100 and each day that the bylaw is violated will be considered a separate offense against the bylaw.

## Town releases financial statement

Town Council received the 2009 Third Quarter Financial Statements at the December 7th regular meeting.

For the period ended September 30, 2009 total revenue was at \$5,750,949 with \$3,084,437 coming from the sale of services and rentals and \$1,365,042 from taxation.

Total expenditures during the same period totaled \$2,243,162 for a surplus of \$3,507,787.

Take away capital expenditures and transfers to the capital equipment reserve and the third quarter

shows a loss of \$204,664.

Financial assets currently sit at \$6,552,498 with liabilities at \$1,879,579 showing net financial assets at \$4,672,919.

Non-financial assets total \$14,252,649 to show the Town of Princeton's net position (as of September 30th) at \$18,925,568.

The report is unaudited.

**Go, Posse, Go!**



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Princeton Rotary Club President Randy Clark, left, welcomes Area 5 Assistant Governor Chris Southin (right) and his wife Peggy to the December 7th Rotary Luncheon meeting. \*



**Notice of Application and Procedural Conference**

**FortisBC Inc.**

**Application for 2009 Rate Design and Cost of Service Analysis**

**THE APPLICATION**

The Application presents FortisBC's 2009 Rate Design and Cost of Service Analysis. FortisBC seeks Commission approval of the Application, pursuant to subsections 58 and 61 of the *Utilities Commission Act* ("UCA", the "Act").

On December 11, 2008, the Commission issued Order G-193-08, which approved the terms of a Negotiated Settlement Agreement concerning FortisBC's 2009 Revenue Requirements Application. The Application is intended to recover the established revenue requirement, while conforming to established regulatory practices for cost allocation and Provincial policy for providing correct incentives to reduce energy consumption.

**THE REGULATORY PROCESS**

A Procedural Conference will be held at the Manteo Resort, in the City of Kelowna, commencing at 1pm on Tuesday, December 15, 2009, to discuss procedural matters related to the Application.

**PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE DOCUMENTS**

The Application and supporting materials will be available for inspection at the following locations:

**FortisBC Inc.**

Head Office: Suite 100-1975 Springfield Road, Kelowna, BC, V1Y 7V7  
Trail Office: 1290 Esplanade, Trail, BC, V1R 4L4

**British Columbia Utilities Commission**

Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC, V6Z 2N3

Websites [www.fortisbc.com](http://www.fortisbc.com) [www.bcuc.com](http://www.bcuc.com)

**REGISTERING TO PARTICIPATE**

Persons who expect to actively participate in the review process or processes should register as Intervenor with the Commission. Intervenor will receive copies of the Application, all correspondence and filed documents. Persons not expecting to actively participate should register with the Commission as Interested Parties and will receive a copy of the Application's summary, all Orders issued, and the Commission's Decision.

Intervenor and Interested Parties should inform the Commission Secretary, in writing, by Monday, December 14, 2009 of their intention to become Intervenor or Interested Parties, and their intention to attend the Procedural Conference.

All submissions and/or correspondence received from active participants or the public relating to the Application will be placed on the public record and posted to the Commission's web site.

**PARTICIPANT ASSISTANCE/COST AWARDS**

Any party intending to apply for a Participant Assistance/Cost Award is advised to review the Commission's Guidelines with respect to the requirements for eligibility. The Participant Assistance/Cost Award Guidelines may be obtained by writing to the Commission Secretary, or online at [http://www.bcuc.com/Documents/Guidelines/2007/DOC\\_5014\\_G-72-07\\_PACA\\_2007\\_Guidelines.pdf](http://www.bcuc.com/Documents/Guidelines/2007/DOC_5014_G-72-07_PACA_2007_Guidelines.pdf)

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact Ms. Erica Hamilton, Commission Secretary, as follows:

Telephone: (604) 660-4700  
Facsimile: (604) 660-1102

BC Toll Free: 1-800-663-1385  
E-mail: [commission.secretary@bcuc.com](mailto:commission.secretary@bcuc.com)

## Town awards landfill building contract

Construction improvements to the recycling facility at the Princeton and District Landfill will take place, thanks to a decision by Town Council at the December 7th regular meeting.

582138 BC Ltd. was awarded the contract to construct a steel post and wood frame building at the recycling centre of Princeton and District Landfill.

The submitted quote was for \$22,500 plus GST to complete the

project.

The work is part of the 2009 landfill improvement program, which is being funded by the Federal Gas Tax Transfer program and administered through the UBCM Regionally Significant Projects program.

There were only two quotes received for the job – both from local contractors and both were close in cost but the contract was awarded to the lowest bid.

## Town forms new forest corporation

The Vermilion Forks Community Forest Corporation was formally formed at the December 7th regular meeting of Town Council.

The purpose of the formation was to provide legal consent for the Town of Princeton to enter into a joint venture with the Upper Similkameen Indian Band and Regional District Okanagan Similkameen for the purpose of holding a Community Forest

Agreement/License.

The joint venture is being incorporated to be a self-sustaining entity. The joint venture will hold a community forest license that will generate revenues through forestry operations.

Revenues generated within the corporation will be used to cover operational costs with net profit being distributed to the three partners equally.

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# Safe home program benefits from fundraising campaign

Thanks to the generosity of Shoppers Drug Mart customers and employees in Princeton, \$1,561,000 has been raised for the Cindy Parolin Safe Home Program through this year's 'Tree of Life' fundraising campaign.

During three weeks over 1,150

Shoppers Drug Mart/Pharmaprix stores across the country have been participating in the eighth annual Tree of Life campaign benefiting over 300 local women's health initiatives. Since its inception, the campaign has raised over \$11-million which has been directed

towards improving the quality of life for Canadians.

In Princeton, the proceeds raised by local Shoppers Drug Mart customers and employees will benefit Cindy Parolin Safe Home Program.

The Cindy Parolin Safe Home Program is administered by

Princeton Child Care Services Society, a non-profit agency that promotes the well being of Princeton and District families and children. The Safe Home coordinator will use the Tree of Life donation to ensure the availability of a safe and supportive living environment for women and children exposed to abuse and violence.

"Princeton Child Care Services Society appreciates the generosity of Shoppers Drug Mart, its staff members and Princeton residents," said Society President Susan Hamilton.

"We are fortunate to live in a caring community where we are all willing to share the responsibility for providing services to 'at risk' women and children through the Cindy Parolin Safe Home Program."

"The success of this year's campaign has been made possible by the support and commitment of our customers and staff," said Princeton Shoppers Drug Mart owner Julie Garcia.

"Shoppers Drug Mart is dedicated

to supporting women's health initiatives at national, regional and local levels, in order to provide women access to health care resources, services and education to improve their whole health. We are pleased to present this year's Tree of Life campaign proceeds to Cindy Parolin Safe Home Program of Princeton."

The Shoppers Drug Mart Tree of Life fundraising campaign is a three-week program held across Canada each autumn. Customers, staff and Pharmacist-Owners at over 1,150 Shoppers Drug Mart/Pharmaprix stores together raise funds for a local women's health charity by purchasing a paper leaf, maple leaf or apple for the Tree of Life.

Since 2002, the Tree of Life campaign has raised \$11-million for Canadian health charities. This year alone, over 300 women's health charities across Canada will benefit from the proceeds. Shoppers Drug Mart stores are owned by local pharmacists who live, work and give back to the communities they serve.



Princeton Posse player Nick Cecconi (#22), right, enjoys helping a student at John Allison Elementary School last week. Numerous Posse players got involved in reading programs at the school. \*

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### Princeton Town Hall News

#### WINTER DAY CAMP FOR FAMILIES

Join our day camp staff for a day or week of winter fun. Make crafts, play games, go sleigh riding, skating and enjoy some sports. What a better way to spend the day then with friends and fun! Ages: 6 to 12 years Time: 9am to 3pm Dec. 21 to 24 & Dec. 28 to 31 Cost: \$15.00 per day or \$56.00 for 4 days. Location Riverside Centre. Register today as this program has a minimum number of 8 and a maximum number of 20 children per day. Call the Princeton Community Recreation Office at 250-295-6067 to learn more or to register.

#### RIVERSIDE MOVIES

Riverside Theatre presents a fun animated movie for all ages  
**CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS**

Friday, December 18  
Showtime: 6:30 pm  
Doors Open: 6:00 pm  
\$5.00 at the door



#### WINTER MATINEES

Winter movie classics for all ages will be shown during the Winter Break.

Spend a wintery afternoon at the Movies.

Tues, Wed, Thurs

Dec. 22, 23, 24 & Dec. 29, 30, 31

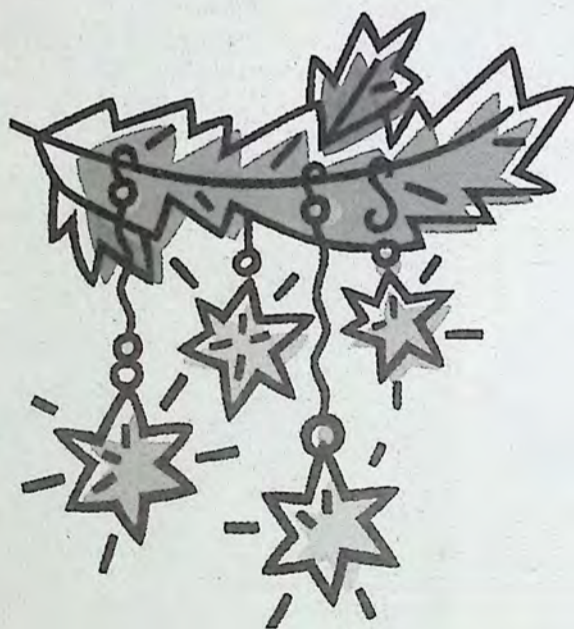
Showtime: 2:30 pm

Doors Open: 2:00pm

\$5.00 at the door

Call the Movie Hotline at 250-295-6067 line 2 to learn more.

The spirit of the season  
is in the peace, joy and hope  
that it brings.



## Seasons Greetings

from Mayor McLean,  
Councillor Armitage, Councillor  
Earle, Councillor Jarvis, Councillor  
Harkness and town staff.

#### PRINCETON ARENA WINTER SCHEDULE

Princeton & District Multi-purpose Arena will be closed on Christmas Day. Drop in for our public times or rent ice for a private skate.

#### Winter Break Public Skating Schedule



December 21 to January 1

Monday to Friday & Sunday

Public Skating 1:00-2:00pm

Stick & Puck 2:00-3:00pm

Saturday

Public Skating 1:00-2:00pm

Teen Stick & Puck 2:00-3:00pm

Princeton Arena 250-295-7222 or ice@nethop.net

#### PRINCETON 150 ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

Princeton 150 Anniversary Limited Addition 2010 Calendars are on sale this week at Town Hall and various businesses. The calendars show case Princeton's unique Heritage with beautiful pictures and historical tid-bits from the Princeton & District Museum & Archives, along with Princeton's community events all year long. Pick one up today for that perfect stocking stuffer or kitchen wall. Cost: \$10.00 each. To order 20 or more call the Princeton Community Recreation Office at 250-295-6067.

#### HOLIDAY SEASON OFFICE HOURS

Princeton town hall will be closed from December 28 to January 1, 2010 to allow our staff time with their families over the holiday season. The office will reopen January 4, 2010.

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**CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE**

THE VILLAGE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON AS FOLLOWS:

CLOSED:

Thursday, December 24 (at 12 Noon)  
Friday, December 25, Monday, December 28  
Thursday, December 31 & Friday, January 1

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Mayor, Council and Staff wish you all a safe and happy holiday season!



**2010 BUSINESS LICENCE RENEWAL**

Businesses are reminded that they are required to renew their regular Business Licenses and their Inter-Community Licenses by December 30, 2009. Invoices have been mailed out. If you have not received your notice as yet or there are any changes please contact our office.

**2010 VILLAGE COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING SCHEDULE**

**COUNCIL**

Monday, January 4 & 18  
Monday, February 1 & 15  
Monday, March 1 & 15  
Tuesday, April 6 & Monday, April 19  
Monday, May 3 & 17  
Monday, June 7 & 21  
Monday, July 5 & 19  
Tuesday, August 3 & Monday, August 16  
Tuesday, Sept. 7 & Monday, Sept. 20  
Monday, October 4 & 18  
Monday, November 1 & 15  
Monday, December 6 & 20

**Committee of the Whole**

Monday, January 25  
Monday, February 22  
Monday, March 29  
Monday, April 26  
Monday, May 31  
Monday, June 28  
Monday, July 26  
Monday, August 30  
Monday, September 27  
Monday, October 25  
Monday, November 29  
December - No Meeting

**Keremeos News**



Similkameen Country President Joan McMurray makes a point during the Sustainable Similkameen Project public meeting December 9th at Riverside Centre in Princeton. \*

**Fire department responds to blaze**

by Melanie Bagley, KVFD

The KVFD responded to what was initially reported as a routine chimney fire at 3:00 PM Sunday, December 6th but the first arriving crew discovered the fire had spread to the interior walls and attic.

Hose teams attacked the attic fire via the end wall vent opening and interior attic hatch. The main fire was knocked down rapidly but during overhaul the wall surrounding the enclosed metal chimney was discovered to be very hot.

The crew opened the dry wall up and discovered fire spreading

through the interior framing. It was quickly extinguished.

KVFD Captain Jim Murphy was in charge of the response and said he felt the fire was minutes away from doing substantially more damage.

"People are sometimes hesitant to call 911 for help. In this case the homeowner did the right thing in calling the fire department right away. Any delay would have resulted in at least more damage and likely a total loss as the fire was building rapidly," Murphy stated.

Murphy continued saying " The

Keremeos Fire Dept has a policy to never underestimate a report and always responds as if the situation is very serious. In this situation that policy paid off as a full crew arrived in time to limit further damage".

The cause of fire is related to the chimney but the direct cause is still under investigation.

The house sustained fire damage to the roof trusses and interior walls and some smoke and water damage.

There is no dollar value to the damage and its not known if the homeowner was insured.



Sustainable Similkameen Project author Romella Glorioso points to notes on the table in answer to a question from Keremeos Mayor Walter Despot at the public meeting December 9th in Princeton. \*

# Trio issue health services update

*This update is intended to provide you with information and offer reassurance of our commitment to provide quality health care and hospital services to Princeton residents.*

### Physician Services:

As you know Princeton currently has three permanent physicians, two of whom provide Emergency Department (ED) coverage at Princeton General Hospital. Four physicians are required to ensure proper coverage. ED coverage has been maintained using locums, physicians who work on short-term contracts.

### Cascade Medical/ Princeton General:

At this time there are gaps in our locum coverage during January and February, but we are working hard to fill these gaps. Should we be unable to find full physician coverage contingency plans are in place:

- The ED at Princeton General Hospital would be open during the day, Monday to Friday, however there may be some overnight and week-end closures during these two months.
- BC Ambulance Service would be notified of the need to bypass Princeton and head directly to

Penticton Regional Hospital during any short-term closure. Patients presented to Princeton General Hospital when the Emergency Department is closed would be directed by the Nursing Staff in the hospital.

- The six inpatient hospital beds would remain open for admitted patients; they, and the 37 residents of Ridgewood Lodge, would be cared for by their attending physicians.

- Community care services would continue to be available; Cascade Medical and Vermilion Medical Center would remain open offering full primary care services.

We will keep the community informed should closures become necessary; we expect full physician coverage will resume in March.

### New Programs

Princeton is receiving Communities in Challenge funding from the Ministry of Health Services which has helped Interior Health bring in locums 365 days of the year.

This funding was renewed in October in recognition of innovations underway in Princeton to support health care services.

Princeton was successful in

attracting a Nurse Practitioner in November; we are pleased to introduce Tanya ter Keurs, NP (t), to the health care team and the community of Princeton.

As Masters-educated registered nurses, Nurse Practitioners have the additional education and skills to provide a broad range of health-care services such as routine check-ups, diagnosing and managing common acute and chronic illnesses, prescribing medications, ordering diagnostic tests and referring to specialists.

The work of nurse practitioners allows family physicians to focus on more complicated cases, which in turn reduces the number of people who may present to emergency departments.

Interior Health is also supporting the education of five Princeton RNs in the new RN First Call Program being offered through the University of Northern BC. This new program will be introduced in Princeton during January and February of 2010.

Registered Nurses certified in the RN First Call Program will be able to manage some patients with minor presentations such as infections and eye, ear, nose and throat complaints, which we anticipate

will mean fewer after hours calls for physicians.

### Recruitment

The new economic activity in Princeton will impact the community's health care needs and Interior Health is working with the Town of Princeton and the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen in a concerted effort to attract health care professionals to the community who will be a fit for years to come.

Physicians are in great demand across the country and we are competing with many other small communities. The ongoing challenge is the lack of physician candidates from domestic or international markets willing to practice in rural communities and work frequent on call shifts.

However we expect that the presence of a Nurse Practitioner and the RN First Call Program will bolster Princeton's competitive edge in attracting physicians.

Interior Health has a dedicated physician recruiter who will be launching another media campaign in the spring with large ads featuring Princeton and the Okanagan. Interior Health is also closely linked with the provincial recruitment program, Health Match BC, and intends to explore further opportunities with this group to benefit from their extended reach.

- Sherry Uribe, Director Health Services
- Randy McLean, Mayor Town of Princeton
- Brad Hope, Area H Director



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## Health / Lifestyle News

### Does your home have a radon problem?

(NC)—All homes contain some radon gas. The question is whether your home's radon level presents a danger that can be avoided? The amount of radon gas present in your home will depend on various factors such as soil characteristics, geographic location, a home's construction type, foundation condition, and weather.

It's almost impossible to predict your home's radon level based on these factors, but the good news is that a simple test can tell you if you're in the safe zone or not. There are a number of testing kits available to the Canadian public. Health Canada recommends that the radon test performed in a home or public building be a long-term measurement for a minimum of 3 months.

#### Alpha Track

These detectors use a small piece of special plastic or film inside a container with a filter-covered opening. Air being tested diffuses (passive detector) or is pumped (active detector) through a filter covering a hole in the container. At the end of the test period the container is sealed and returned to a laboratory for analysis. The testing period of an alpha track detector is usually 1 to 12 months.

#### Electret Ion Chamber

Two versions of this detector exist: one for short-term tests of a few days or weeks and another for tests of several weeks or months. The detector is exposed during the measurement period, allowing radon to diffuse through a filter-covered opening into the chamber. Results can be read in the home using a special analysis device, or mailed for laboratory analysis. This type of detector can be deployed for 1 to 12 months.

#### Continuous Monitors

This detector plugs into a standard wall outlet much like a consumer carbon monoxide detector, and continuously monitors for radon. It allows the homeowner to make radon measurements in different areas of the home. After being plugged in for an initial period of 48 hours, the device displays the average radon concentration continuously. This convenience comes at a price though: continuous monitors are generally more expensive than

other radon-testing devices.

#### Charcoal Detectors

Like most testing kits, charcoal detectors need to be exposed to home air for a specified time period. Charcoal detectors consisting of a charcoal-filled container covered with a screen and filter are exposed to a home's air for two to seven days. They are then sealed and sent to a lab for analysis.

You can find Canadian radon testing service providers listed in the yellow pages, on the Canadian Radiation Protection Association (CRPA) website at: [www.crpacorp.com/biz\\_directory/radon/](http://www.crpacorp.com/biz_directory/radon/) or on the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) website at this location: [www.nehanrpp.org/Canada\\_Measurement.html](http://www.nehanrpp.org/Canada_Measurement.html).

You can also find out more about radon at Health Canada's website, [www.healthcanada.gc.ca/radon/](http://www.healthcanada.gc.ca/radon/), where you can order the free booklet Radon - A Guide for Canadian Homeowners. - News Canada

## Living Past 100

### Eat Healthy This Christmas

All of us look forward to feasting at Christmas time. This is a time of celebrating with family and friends. We go to parties and we eat and drink more than we should.

It is not so much the meals that put on weight during the holiday season, it is the snacks and drinks. One glass of wine can add 100 or more calories, and along with a cheese snack or two, or maybe a piece of fruit cake, the calorie count climbs rapidly. Many people will eat double the amount of calories that they need in one day.

It is not just the "eaters" who are at fault for overeating during the holidays. Hosts and hostesses share the responsibility. Dishes of chocolates, candies, nuts and those wonderful snacks are offered repeatedly to guests, who feel obliged to sample rather than appear rude.

When planning holiday get-togethers, think about the impact of calories along with sugar and fat content of foods. Many people have high cholesterol issues, and many people are diabetic. Try to keep snacks and low calorie, low salt and low sugar. Have drinks on hand that will not push a diabetic over the top, such as tea and coffee, or some of the sugar-free drinks and flavoured water drinks. Meals during the holidays should reflect the same consideration. Make sure there are plenty of vegetables, including salads, in holiday meals. Serve fruit for dessert, such as a fruit salad or simply offer a bowl of a variety of fruits such as apples, pears, oranges and bananas.

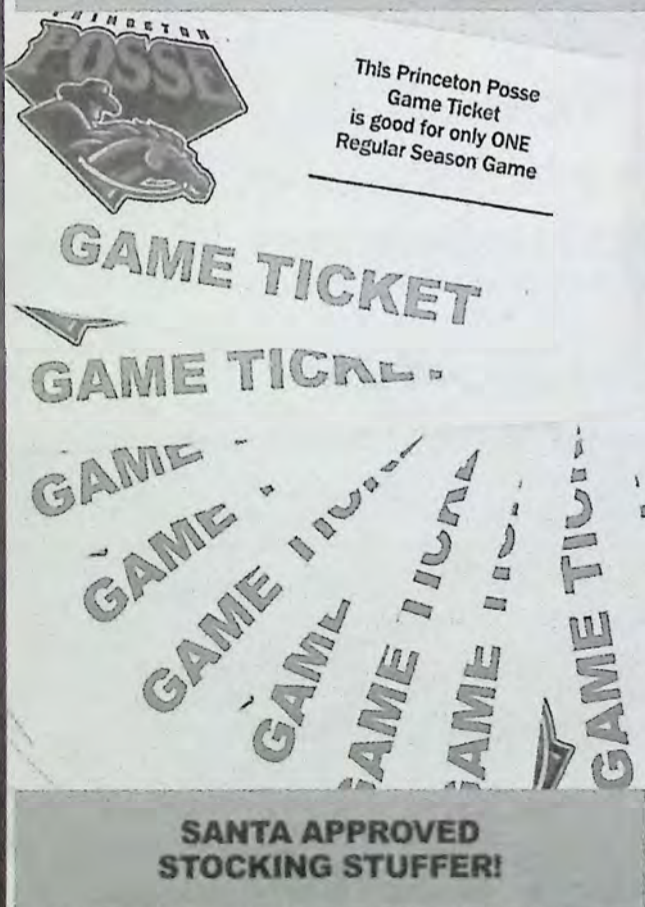
Everybody likes the turkey, and turkey is a good low calorie, low fat meat. Try not to dress it up too much with rich dressings and condiments. Let the turkey speak for itself. Turkey breast is loaded with B vitamins and minerals, including iron in a form easily absorbed. Although turkey has a lot of fat in the skin, people do not have to eat the skin.

Other components of Christmas dinner include healthy vegetables and salads. The cranberry sauce is good for your kidneys.

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# Princeton 1860 - 2010

## 150 Years of Similkameen History

Nick Mills - Princeton & District Museum & Archives

### William Albert Wagenhauser



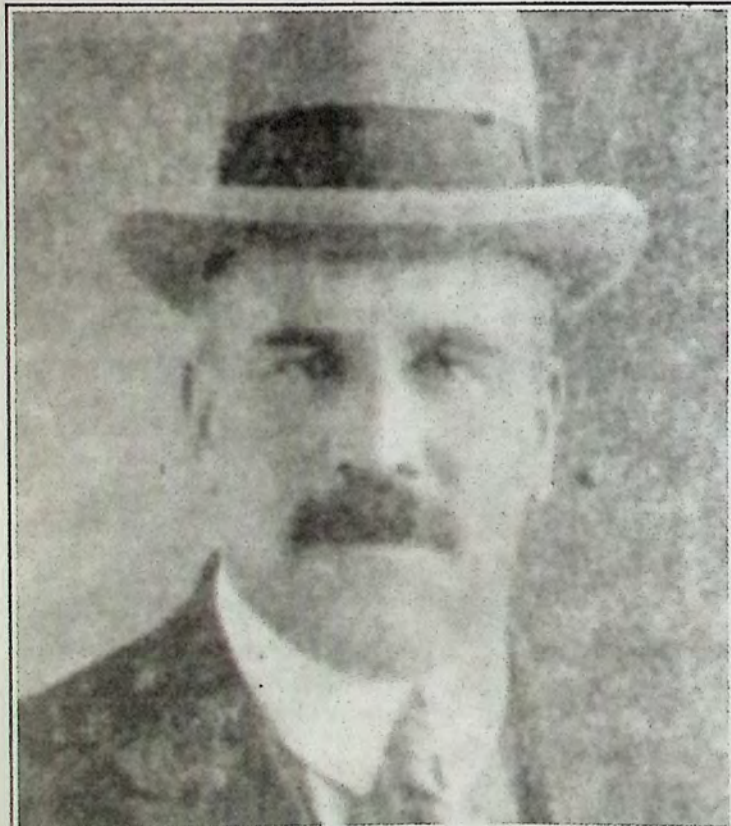
Wagenhauser's Princeton store, which burnt down in 1945. Photo: Princeton Museum

In 1938 the following notice appeared in the Similkameen Star— "A Community Complimentary dinner, under the direction of the Princeton Board of Trade will be tendered Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Wagenhauser prior to their departure from Princeton, at the Orange Hall, on Wednesday evening 23rd March at 7 o'clock." After a residence of fifteen years Mr. Wagenhauser and his wife were leaving Princeton for Vancouver the following Friday; although not originally from the Similkameen they were certainly well known by everyone throughout the Valley and certainly led a very interesting

and full life in Princeton. William Albert Wagenhauser was born in Birmingham, England, on December 11th 1879 and received a Public School education in London. Leaving school he trained as a merchant and immigrated to South Africa where he worked as an exporter's representative. With the outbreak of the Boer War he joined the army, serving with distinction and during the campaign winning the King's and Queen's medals with four bars and a mention in dispatches. During those three years his regiments were the Johannesburg Mounted Rifles and the Lord Roberts Horse and he rose

to the rank of Sgt. Major. In February, 1905, he married in Cape Town, the daughter of a noted Transvaal merchant, Miss E. A. M. Morris. Their own daughter, Muriel, born in Johannesburg during 1906, was their only child.

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William Albert Wagenhauser. Photo: Princeton Museum

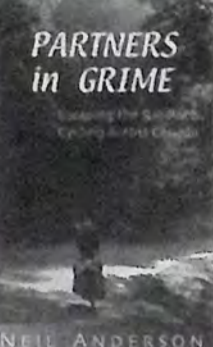
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### DEVELOPMENT OF A PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN

Application Number: MFR-HRA-IAPP-South 2009  
B.C. Ministry of Forests and Range, Range Branch  
441 Columbia St., Kamloops, BC, V2C 2T3

The purpose of the proposed Pest Management Plan (PMP) is to manage invasive alien plants and/or noxious weeds on provincial Crown Land in the southern Interior of B.C., including areas within or next to high-risk sites (e.g. ecologically important natural areas), transportation corridors, resource tenures, gravel pits and recreation sites.

The PMP applies to areas within the Thompson Nicola, Cariboo, Central Coast, Squamish Lillooet, Columbia Shuswap, North Okanagan, Central Okanagan, Okanagan Similkameen, Kootenay Boundary, Central Kootenay and East Kootenay Regional Districts.

The PMP applies to areas in the vicinity of the communities of Bella Coola, Alexis Creek, Quesnel, Williams Lake, 100 Mile House, Clinton, Lillooet, Cache Creek, Merritt, Princeton, Kamloops, Salmon Arm, Vernon, Kelowna, Penticton, Oliver, Osoyoos, Grand Forks, Castlegar, Nelson, Trail, Salmo, Creston, Kaslo, Nakusp, Revelstoke, Golden, Invermere, and Cranbrook.

The pest management methods proposed for use include mechanical methods, biological control agents and herbicides. The common and trade names for the herbicides proposed for use under this plan include: glyphosate (e.g., Vantage, Roundup, etc.); picloram (Tordon 22K); picloram, 2,4-D (Grazon); clopyralid (Lontrel); metsulfuron-methyl (Escort); 2,4-D Amine (e.g., Amsol); aminopyralid (Milestone); dicamba (e.g., Vanquish); dicamba, 2,4-D, Mecoprop (e.g., Dyvel DS); aminopyralid, metsulfuron-methyl (e.g., Clearview); aminopyralid, metsulfuron-methyl, 2,4-D (e.g. Reclaim); and aminopyralid and 2,4-D (Restore). Selective application methods include: cut and paint or inject, stem injections, basal bark, backpack, ATV and truck mounted foliar spray and wick-on.

The proposed duration of the PMP is from April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2015. Copies of the proposed PMP may be viewed at the Range Branch Headquarters office at the above address or online at <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/HRA/Plants/>.

A person wishing to contribute information about a proposed treatment site, relevant to the development of the pest management plan, may send copies of the information to the applicant at the address above within 30 days of the publication of this notice.



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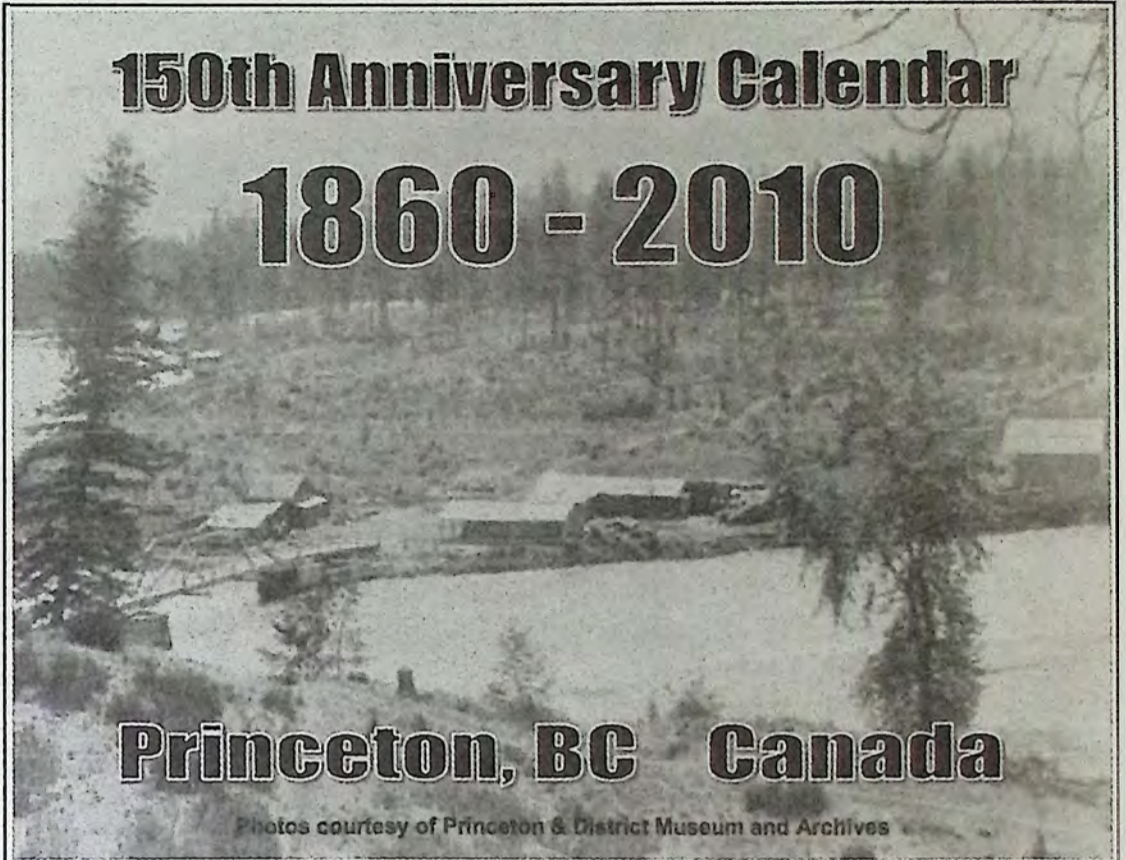
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**150th Anniversary Calendar**  
**1860 - 2010**



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The front of the 150th Anniversary Princeton Calendar. Photo: Princeton Museum

**Calendar celebrates 'our place in time'**

by Nick Mills

Like an express train, Christmas and the year end approaches! The year 2010 will mean something special to the Town of Princeton as it will mark the Community's 150th birthday.

First laid out by the British Royal Engineers in 1860 we are one of British Columbia's oldest settlements.

To mark the occasion Princeton Museum and Archives Society and Princeton Chamber of Commerce,

on behalf of the Town's 150th Committee, have collaborated to produce the Princeton 2010 Celebratory Calendar.

Included inside the colour front cover, showing one of the earliest known pictures of Princeton, are thirteen many-not-seen-before b/w photographs showing people, places and events from the Community's past.

Events planned for 2010 are included on the monthly calendar besides significant events from the

previous 150 years. Inside the back cover is a timeline of "Our Place in Time", whilst the back includes a handy list of present day "Emergency and Useful Telephone Numbers."

Retailing at \$10 each (including tax), the calendar will be available later this week from numerous sources including, Town Hall, Similkameen News Leader, Shoppers Drug Mart and Home Hardware. Numbers are limited so an early purchase is recommended.

**Princeton Court News**

Exclusive to the News Leader - by Dawn Johnson

**Drivers lose licenses**

In Provincial Court in Princeton on December 10, a number of drivers came forward to plead to charges of driving with blood alcohol levels over .08.

Garry Fraser, of Princeton, was apprehended on June 12, 2009, while police were doing a routine road check on Tulameen Avenue in Princeton. Liquor was visible in his vehicle when he was stopped, and police suspected he might be impaired.

He failed a roadside breath test, and a later breath analysis gave readings of .180 and .170. Fraser was ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine and is prohibited from driving for

one year.

A similar fate awaited Gloria J. Kassa when she entered her guilty plea. Police on patrol observed a vehicle speeding on the evening of September 12, 2009. When she was stopped, the officer noted signs of impairment. She failed the roadside test, and subsequent breath analysis showed readings of .210 and .200. Kassa had no prior convictions and was ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine. She will not be allowed to drive for one year.

September 12 was a fateful day for Russell L. McKimmon, who attracted police attention by driving down the center line of Highway 3 past the Chevron station, then turning on to Burton Avenue and driving on the wrong side of the street. McKimmon was stopped by police and taken for breath analysis. Readings of .160 and .140 were obtained. He will pay a \$1,000 fine and is prohibited from driving for one year.

Justin L. Mowry was stopped for speeding on September 11, 2009, on Highway 97 near McLeod Lake. Police discovered Mowry

was prohibited from driving. He must pay a \$500 fine and loses his licence for another year.

Darryl H. Wiens, age 52, of Princeton, entered a guilty plea to driving without due care and attention. He will pay a \$1,000 fine and is prohibited from driving for three months.

**Woman faces probation**

A dispute at the home of Neil Jensen and Shannon McKay on September 4, 2009, led to McKay being charged with assault with a weapon. McKay appeared in Provincial Court in Princeton on December 10 to plead guilty.

Circumstances revealed that McKay had gone home that day to find boyfriend Neil Jensen drinking with friends. They began to argue, and the friends became involved in the argument. McKay, who was sober, picked up a baseball bat and ordered everyone out of the house, threatening to hit them with the bat.

Judge G. Sinclair noted McKay's clean record, and ordered a conditional discharge pending the completion of 18 months probation.

**Go, Posse, Go!**







# News Leader Entertainment

Similkameen News Leader TV Guide Listings - December 15 - 21, 2009



Posse webcast camera girl Des Cosman with the teddy bear she tossed out on the ice at Princeton Arena December 11th as part of the annual Teddy Bear game. \*

## Rebels beat Posse

While it was nice for fans to see the Castlegar Rebels play Princeton Posse in the only game between both teams this season, that wasn't why Princeton Arena was full on December 11th.

The crowd was anxious to throw things on the ice and as it was the traditional Teddy Bear Game the items fans were encouraged to toss were stuffed in nature and all in the name of charity.

Period number one zipped by as fast as a slap shot with no scoring as both teams played a quick back and forth 20-minutes.

Castlegar scored first at 12:35 of the second frame.

The Rebels widened their lead at 6:27 of the third period and as it was beginning to look as if fans would have to wait until the final buzzer before tossing their teddy bears Princeton got on the scoreboard.

It was at 4:20 when Leeland Malkinson scored on a pass from Brooks Christensen. Dayton Shaw also received an assist.

Then stuffed animals of every size and description pelted the ice surface at Princeton Arena. Posse players and coaching staff gathered the gifts, which were donated, to Princeton Crisis Assistance Society for inclusion in their annual

Christmas Hamper Drive.

The goal fired the home team up and although Princeton goalie Mitch Sheridan was pulled for an extra man the Posse could not capitalize on more than one scoring opportunity.

Castlegar dashed any hope of Princeton tying the game by adding an empty net goal with 1:23 left in the game.

Final score: Castlegar 3, Princeton 1. Shots on goal: Princeton 37, Castlegar 26.



Posse team captain Dan Hillman in front of the Rebel goal. \*

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### Season's Greetings From Princeton Arena

#### Christmas Public Skating Schedule

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

1:00 - 2:00 PM - PUBLIC SKATING / 2:00 - 3:00 PM - STICK & PUCK

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

1:00 - 2:00 PM - PUBLIC SKATING / 2:00 - 3:00 PM - STICK & PUCK

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

CLOSED

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

1:00 - 2:00 PM - PUBLIC SKATING / 2:00 - 3:00 PM - STICK & PUCK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

1:00 - 2:00 PM - PUBLIC SKATING / 2:00 - 3:00 PM - STICK & PUCK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

1:00 - 2:00 PM - PUBLIC SKATING / 2:00 - 3:00 PM - STICK & PUCK

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

11:00 - 2:00 PM - PUBLIC SKATING / 2:00 - 3:00 PM - STICK & PUCK

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

1:00 - 2:00 PM - PUBLIC SKATING / 2:00 - 3:00 PM - STICK & PUCK

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

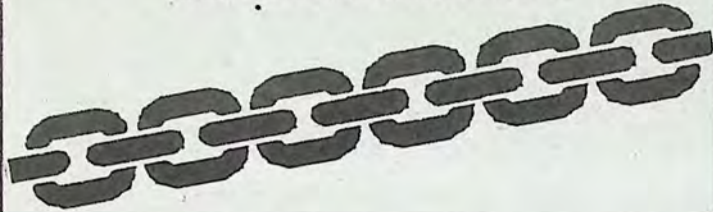
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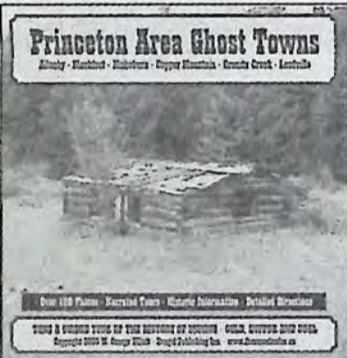
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Action in front of the Castlegar net, December 11 in Princeton Arena. \*

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In 1908 the Wagenhausers' left South Africa for Canada, settling in South Vancouver operating the Winnott General Store and where he was post-master for a number of years before moving to Pentiction and operating Pentiction Department Store until selling that to C. N. Mitchell.

The family then undertook a world tour and responding to the lure of the old home settled in Harrismith, Orange Free State, South Africa, but after three years returned to British Columbia in August 1924, taking over the Princeton store and business run by the Howse family.

Always active in public affairs, he continued by serving as President of the Princeton Board of Trade, several years as Vice-President and three as President of the Valley Associated Boards.

"Wag" as he was affectionately known by many in Town was three times President of the local branch

of the Canadian Legion of which he was a Charter Member.

After the death of 33 miners at Blakeburn on "Black Wednesday", 13th August 1930, it was he who chaired the dependents' relief fund and for which over \$40,000 was raised, but it was in business that Mr. Wagenhauser was best known to the people of Princeton and Dave Taylor speaking in 1938 said "He proved a friend to many Similkameen families in time of need and has given generously to many causes."

In addition to his business which was situated on Bridge Street, in 1926 he rented from Granby and operated the Company store at Copper Mountain.

For all his generosity though there was a much repeated story about Mr. Wagenhauser concerning a bill owing to him for a sack of flour. Wag couldn't remember who had charged it so he billed everyone and only one person

complained. Presumably everyone paid.

He quit the store on December 23rd, 1937, handing over the business to A. E. Tidball. Wagenhauser and his wife finally left Princeton March 25th, 1938, on the Kettle Valley morning train service to Vancouver.

During the Second World War he was employed by Vancouver Civil Defence and his last recorded return visit to Princeton was in 1950 by which time Wagenhauser's store was no more. Sadly, in 1945, there had been a disastrous fire in Town that completely destroyed a full block and that had taken account of his former building, today nothing remains.

It is reported that William Alfred Wagenhauser passed away at Shaughnessy Hospital in 1959 aged 80, his wife, Emma, in Concord, Massachusetts, on April 12th, 1972.



Players pick up some of the stuffed animals tossed on ice during the Teddy Bear Game December 11th. \*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2009

Grid of TV schedules for Tuesday, December 15, 2009, listing channels (WTBS, CHBC, KNOW, KSPS, KHQ, KREM, A&E, KXLY, BCTV, CITY, CBC, YTV, TSN, VTV, DISC, FAM, CITY, SPIKE, TROP) and programs (e.g., In the Heat of the Night, The Early Show, Paranormal State, The View, The Doctors).

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2009

Grid of TV schedules for Wednesday, December 16, 2009, listing channels (WTBS, CHBC, KNOW, KSPS, KHQ, KREM, A&E, KXLY, BCTV, CITY, CBC, YTV, TSN, VTV, DISC, FAM, CITY, SPIKE, TROP) and programs (e.g., In the Heat of the Night, CSI: Miami, The Sopranos, The Good Wife, The Doctors).

# Similkameen News Leader - Horoscopes

December 16 - 23, 2009

- Aries** - This is a busy time for you. Challenges come from what other people say to you. The holidays will disappoint if you let others reduce your self-confidence.
- Taurus** - Take care of your back or you are going to suffer. Check insurance, watch out for debts. You could get unexpected bonus. Things improve for Christmas. Enjoy!
- Gemini** - Interaction with others is important. Bolster your holiday feelings. Romance can come your way. Others treat you well. Don't overspend on gadgets.
- Cancer** - Job runs smoothly, health is good. Demands on wallet reach a peak. Watch out for somebody working against you behind your back. Partner may say too much.
- Leo** - You are full of energy and ego, but it winds down this week. Your job is demanding but dull. Double check your health: guard against colds, flu. Rest.
- Virgo** - You have a lot of worries which affect your health and your job. Partner, friends act unpredictably. Family events may cause problems. Cash shortage bothers you.
- Libra** - Comings and goings in daily life are challenging. News from family may surprise you. Watch out for road conditions. Accidents are possible. Be alert!
- Scorpio** - Career is very active, full of problems. You are busy with errands, matters close to home. You may want to spend too much on Christmas, but stick to budget.
- Sagittarius** - Money occupies your mind, and you take action to get more. Situation eases by Christmas holidays. You look good and feel good this week. Make the most of it!
- Capricorn** - Career challenges face you now, along with matters concerning shared resources. You need to do more thinking about yourself. This is a good time to speak out.
- Aquarius** - Spending time with groups you belong to will bring you pleasure this week. You may have problems with difficult people acting in an aggressive way.
- Pisces** - Career matters run smoothly, and you can add some fun to the job scene. Weekend is a good time to do housecleaning to make surroundings beautiful.

## Tuesday Movies

- EVENING**
- 7:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Runaway Bride" (1999, Romance-Comedy) Julia Roberts. A New York reporter travels to Maryland to profile a woman who left three bridegrooms at the altar. (G)
- 9:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Runaway Bride" (1999, Romance-Comedy) Julia Roberts. A New York reporter travels to Maryland to profile a woman who left three bridegrooms at the altar. (G)

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## Wednesday Movies

- EVENING**
- 7:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "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. (G)
- 9:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "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. (G)

## Thursday Movies

- EVENING**
- 7:00 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Laws of Attraction" (2004, Romance-Comedy) Pierce Brosnan. Two successful attorneys fall in love despite battling each other in high-profile divorce cases. (G)
- 8:00 pm CBC (13) ★★ "Miracle on 34th Street" (1994, Fantasy) Richard Attenborough. A department store Santa claims to be the real St. Nick. (In Stereo) (G)
- 9:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Laws of Attraction" (2004, Romance-Comedy) Pierce Brosnan. Two successful attorneys fall in love despite battling each other in high-profile divorce cases. (G)
- 10:01 pm KNOW (5) ★★ "Lost in La Mancha" (2002, Documentary) Narrated by Jeff Bridges. Premiere. Production comes to a halt on Terry Gilliam's film "The Man Who Killed Don Quixote." (G)
- 11:00 pm SPIKE (4) ★★ "Hard Target" (1993, Action) Jean-Claude Van Damme. Hired to find a missing person in New Orleans, a merchant seaman becomes the prey of those who hunt men for sport. (In Stereo) (G)

## Friday Movies

- EVENING**
- 7:00 pm YTV (18) ★★ "Unaccompanied Minors" (2006, Comedy) Dyllan Christopher. Premiere. After a Christmas Eve blizzard shuts down the airport, stranded youths create holiday pandemonium for an uptight airport official and his assistant. (In Stereo) (G)
- 7:30 pm FAM (26) "The Ultimate Christmas Present" (2000, Comedy) Halleé Hirsh. Two girls' plan to close school by making it snow in Los Angeles jeopardizes Christmas. (In Stereo) (G)
- 8:00 pm CBC (13) ★★ "Home Alone" (1990, Comedy) Macaulay Culkin. Accidentally left by his Paris-bound family, an 8-year-old makes mincemeat of two burglars in the house. (In Stereo) (G)
- VTV (22) "Playing for Keeps" (2009, Docudrama) Jennifer Finnigan. A woman's affair with a married basketball player results in a custody battle over their son. (In Stereo) (G)
- 8:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Above the Rim" (1994, Drama) Duane Martin. A high-school basketball star is torn by loyalties to a drug dealer and an ex-player. (G)
- 9:05 pm FAM (26) ★★ "A Dog of Flanders" (1999, Drama) Jack Warden. An orphan struggles to become an artist within a society that favors only the upper class. (In Stereo) (G)
- 10:00 pm KNOW (5) ★★ "Koyaanisqatsi" (1983, Documentary) Premiere. Filmmaker Godfrey Reggio's scenes of nature without man give way to the human presence and its impact upon the natural world. (G)
- 10:30 pm WTBS (3) ★★ "Dead Man on Campus" (1998, Comedy) Tom Everett Scott. Two college students try to find a suicidal roommate in order to receive an automatic 4.0 grade average. (G)
- 10:45 pm FAM (26) "Spymate" (2003, Comedy) Chris Potter. A former agent and his onetime chimpanzee partner reunite for a final mission to save the man's brilliant daughter from a villainous scientist. (In Stereo) (G)

# Similkameen News Leader - Recipe Corner

Recipe #302

## Asparagus & Mushroom Brunch Dish

Preparation Time: 10 minutes / Cooking Time: 12 minutes

- 1/2 cup (125 mL) olive oil, divided
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) Dijon mustard
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) lemon juice
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) minced fresh parsley, chives or 2 tsp (10 mL) tarragon
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) each salt and pepper, divided
- 1 lb (500g) sliced mixed fresh mushrooms
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) minced onion
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) balsamic vinegar
- 4 soft poached eggs
- 1 1/2 lbs (750 mL) trimmed asparagus spears

Garnish: chopped parsley, chives or tarragon (optional)

In a small bowl or measuring cup whisk 1/4 cup (50 mL) olive oil, mustard, lemon juice, parsley, chives or tarragon and 1/4 tsp (1 mL) each salt and pepper together. Set aside for dressing.

In large skillet heat remaining 2 tbsp (25 mL) olive oil over medium-high heat. Sauté mushrooms and onion 3-5 minutes or until starting to release their moisture; stir in garlic, balsamic vinegar and remaining 1/4 tsp (1 mL) each salt and pepper. Heat for 1 minute and remove from heat; stir in 3 tbsp (45 mL) dressing and keep warm.

While eggs are poaching cook asparagus in large skillet of boiling water 3-4 minutes or just until crisp-tender; drain; toss with 1/4 cup (50 mL) dressing. Divide asparagus among 4 serving plates; spoon warm mushrooms on top of asparagus. Place a poached egg on top of mushrooms and drizzle remaining dressing over eggs. Garnish with herbs if desired. Makes 4 servings

Variation: Omit poached eggs and top mushrooms with 1/2 (125 mL) cup crumbled chevre (soft goat cheese).

TIP: Poach eggs a few hrs or a day ahead and with slotted spoon remove cooked eggs to cold water; refrigerate until needed. Then remove with slotted spoon and place in hot water to reheat.

Nutritional Information: Per Serving Calories: 378 Sodium: 423 mg Protein: 11.3 g Fat: 32.9 g Carbohydrates: 13 g Dietary Fibre: 4.5 g

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2009

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# News Leader Puzzle Page

## CARTER'S Sudoku Challenge

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### 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 #253 - Rated Easy

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#### CHALLENGE #254 - Rated Hard

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## Saturday Movies

### MORNING

- 6:00 am SPIKE 44 "Kill Switch" (2008, Action) Steven Seagal. A homicide detective resorts to violence to nab a cunning inner-city killer. (In Stereo)
- 9:00 am WTBS 3 "Galaxy Quest" (1999, Comedy) Tim Allen. Aliens, believing actors to be real heroes, enlist cast members of a sci-fi TV series to help save their people.
- 9:30 am A&E 9 "Keeping the Faith" (2000, Romance-Comedy) Ben Stiller. A rabbi and a priest both fall in love with the same woman.
- 11:00 am WTBS 3 "Tales From the Darkside: The Movie" (1990, Horror) Deborah Harry. A doomed boy stalls a witch with three tales: "Lot 249," "Cat From Hell" and "Lover's Vow."

### AFTERNOON

- 12:00 pm FAM 26 "Twas the Night" (2001, Comedy) Bryan Cranston. A mischievous teen and his uncle "borrow" Santa's sleigh. (In Stereo)
- 1:30 pm FAM 26 "An All Dogs Christmas Carol" (1998, Adventure) Voices of Steven Weber. Animated. Divine intervention is needed when a bulldog with a bad attitude makes plans to ruin the Christmas holiday. (In Stereo)

- 4:00 pm YTV 18 "Call Me Claus" (2001, Comedy) Whoopi Goldberg. Facing mandatory retirement after 200 years, Santa Claus asks a television producer to replace him. (In Stereo)

### EVENING

- 6:00 pm CITY 29 "In Her Mother's Footsteps" (2006, Suspense) Emma Caulfield. A woman sees visions of murders after her family inherits her wealthy father's house.
- 7:00 pm WTBS 3 "Contact" (1997, Science Fiction) Jodie Foster. A scientist seeks alien beings after receiving mysterious messages from deep space via radio telescope dishes.
- 8:00 pm KREM 8 "E!f" (2003, Comedy) Will Ferrell. A man leaves Santa's workshop to search for his family. (In Stereo)
- KXLY 10 "The Santa Clause 2" (2002, Comedy) Tim Allen. Santa must get married by Christmas Eve in order to save the holiday and keep his job. (In Stereo)
- CITV 12 "The Book of Eve" (2002, Romance) Claire Bloom. A Romanian immigrant uses good food, good humor and good conversation to break down the walls around a reclusive woman's heart.
- 8:05 pm KSPS 6 "An Affair to Remember" (1957, Romance) Cary Grant. Engaged to others, two

- cruise-ship passengers plan to reunite six months later atop the Empire State Building. (In Stereo)
- 9:00 pm CHBC 4 BCTV 11 "In Her Mother's Footsteps" (2006, Suspense) Emma Caulfield. Premiere. A woman sees visions of murders after her family inherits her wealthy father's house.
- VTV 22 "Chasing Christmas" (2005, Drama) Tom Arnold. Holiday spirits visit a single father who has boycotted Christmas since his wife left him. (In Stereo) (DVS)
- FAM 26 "On the 2nd Day of Christmas" (1997, Comedy-Drama) Mary Stuart Masterson. A woman and her niece are caught picking pockets in a department store on Christmas Eve. (In Stereo)
- 10:00 pm WTBS 3 "Star Trek: Insurrection" (1998, Science Fiction) Patrick Stewart. To uphold the principles of his Starfleet oath and save an alien race, Capt. Picard defies Federation orders.
- 10:30 pm FAM 26 "The Neverending Story" (1984, Fantasy) Barret Oliver. An imaginative boy is transported to a magical kingdom in danger of destruction. (In Stereo)
- 11:00 pm SPIKE 44 "Jackass: The Movie" (2002, Comedy) Johnny Knoxville. Nitwits perform stunts and pull practical jokes. (In Stereo)

## Sunday Movies

### MORNING

- 8:00 am WTBS 3 "The Out-of-Towners" (1999, Comedy) Steve Martin. An Ohio couple reinvigorate their passionless marriage during a bizarre 24 hours in New York City.
- 10:00 am WTBS 3 "Now and Then" (1995, Comedy-Drama) Christina Ricci. A modern-day reunion frames this account of the friendship shared by four girls during the summer of 1970.

### AFTERNOON

- 12:00 pm WTBS 3 "Alfie" (2004, Comedy-Drama) Jude Law. A Londoner continues his womanizing ways while working as a chauffeur in New York.
- YTV 18 "Casper's Haunted Christmas" (2000, Fantasy) Voices of Brendon Ryan Barrett. Animated. Cousin Spooky comes to the aid of Casper when the friendly ghost must scare someone or face banishment. (In Stereo)
- FAM 26 "Ebbie" (1995, Fantasy) Susan Lucci. The ghosts of Christmases past, present and future visit a heartless CEO in a version of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." (In Stereo)
- 1:30 pm FAM 26 "Christmas Carol: The Movie" (2001, Fantasy) Voices of Simon Callow. Animated. London miser Ebenezer Scrooge has a change of heart after he encounters three ghosts. (In Stereo)
- 2:00 pm WTBS 3 "Must Love Dogs" (2005, Romance-Comedy) Diane Lane. A divorced teacher meets a hopeless romantic after her sister thrusts her into the world of Internet dating.
- YTV 18 "An All Dogs

- Christmas Carol" (1998, Adventure) Voices of Steven Weber. Animated. Divine intervention is needed when a bulldog with a bad attitude makes plans to ruin the Christmas holiday. (In Stereo)

- 4:00 pm WTBS 3 "Titanic" (1997, Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio. A woman falls for an artist aboard the ill-fated ship.
- YTV 18 "Blizzard" (2003, Fantasy) Brenda Blethyn. A youngster learns about true friendship with the help of a magically gifted reindeer from the North Pole. (In Stereo)
- 5:00 pm CBC 13 "I'll Be Home for Christmas" (1998, Comedy) Jonathan Taylor Thomas. Absurd obstacles hinder a California college student's quest to get home by Christmas Eve to claim a Porsche and see his girlfriend. (In Stereo)

### EVENING

- 6:00 pm YTV 18 "Christmas With the Kranks" (2004, Comedy) Tim Allen. A Chicago couple scramble to put together a holiday celebration after their daughter decides to come home for Christmas. (In Stereo)
- 7:00 pm VTV 22 "Shrek the Third" (2007, Comedy) Voices of Mike Myers. Animated. Shrek and friends set out to find Fiona's slacker cousin, Artie, and bring him back to rule the land of Far, Far Away. (In Stereo)
- 8:00 pm WTBS 3 "Titanic" (1997, Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio. A woman falls for an artist aboard the ill-fated ship.
- KNOW 5 "Oliver Twist" (2007, Drama) Timothy Spall. Premiere. An orphan becomes part of Fagin's

- gang of London thieves.
- KXLY 10 "The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause" (2006, Comedy) Tim Allen. Premiere. Scott Calvin, aka Santa, contends with visiting in-laws and a scheme by mischievous Jack Frost to freeze him out of Christmas. (In Stereo)
- CBC 13 "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989, Comedy) Chevy Chase. The Griswolds spend the holiday in a garish way, especially when a country cousin pulls up in an RV. (In Stereo)
- SPIKE 44 "Lethal Weapon 2" (1989, Action) Mel Gibson. An accountant leads a wild detective and his cautious partner to a South African diplomat running drugs. (In Stereo)
- 9:00 pm VTV 22 "The Bourne Supremacy" (2004, Suspense) Matt Damon. A CIA chief sends a senior operative to take down Jason Bourne when it appears the rogue agent is behind the deaths of two people. (In Stereo)
- FAM 26 "One Magic Christmas" (1985, Fantasy) Mary Steenburgen. A guardian angel helps a poor, weary woman whose family faces eviction at the holidays. (In Stereo)
- 10:30 pm FAM 26 "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory" (1971, Fantasy) Gene Wilder. A poor boy and his grandfather win a tour through a wily candy-maker's marvelous factory. (In Stereo)
- SPIKE 44 "Lethal Weapon 3" (1992, Action) Mel Gibson. Los Angeles police detectives crush a guns-to-gangs operation with a wild woman from internal affairs. (In Stereo)

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 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	Bob Bull	News (N)	News	Intervention	News	(5:30) Morning News (N)	(4:30) Morning News (N)	CBC News Now (N)	Flamingo Drummer	SportsCentre	Canada AM	Daily Planet	Henry's Feet	CityLine	CSI: Crime Scn	Once a Thief
7 AM	Cosby		Clifford the Big Red Dog (DVS)	Arthur (EI)	Today (N)	The Early Show (N)	Intervention	Good Morning America (N)			Dirtdgirl	Christophr	SportsCentre		Extreme Machines	Mickey	The Tyra Show	CSI: Crime Scn	The Outer Limits
8 AM	Harvey		Sid the Science Kid	Curious			Intervention "John"		100 Huntley Street	100 Huntley Street	Bo on Go	(8:05) Care	SportsCentre		How-Made	Handy	Rachael Ray	CSI: Crime Scn	North of 60 "Bushman"
9 AM	Fam. Feud	100 Huntley Street	Super Why!	Dinosaur		The 700 Club	Intervention "Chuckie"	Live With Regis & Kelly	100 Huntley Street	World Vision	Super Why!	Santa	Sportfish	Live With Regis & Kelly	Daily Planet	Agent Oso	News	CSI: Crime Scn	TV Made
10 AM	Reba	Canada	Spider (10:35)	Sesame Street (EI)		The Price Is Right (N)	Intervention	The View	Canada	Debt Part	Poko	12 Days	Auto Race	The View	Super Tools	Mickey	The O.C.	CSI: Crime Scn	Dawson's Creek
11 AM	Jim Name Earl	World Vision	Rolie Polie Berenstain	Clifford Sit-Be Fit	Ellen DeGeneres Show	Young & Restless	Intervention	Paid Prog.	World Vision	(10:59) Noon News Hour (N)	Gofrette	Ruby	Boxing: Mikkel Kessler vs. Andre Ward.	Fashion	Apocalypse How	Phineas	CityLine	CSI: Crime Scn	Raymond
12 PM	King	Noon News Hour (N)	Maggie (12:35)	Charlie Rose	Paid Prog.	News	Intervention "Ryan"	All My Children (N)	Noon News Hour (N)	Days of our Lives (N)	CBC News Now (N)	Santa Fly Rhino		etalk	Wizards	The Bonnie Hunt Show	CSI: Crime Scn	Seinfeld	
1 PM	Seinfeld	As the World Turns (N)	Wibbly Pig	Fine Art	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)	Gardening Confidential	Cracker	NFL PrimeTime	Sue Thomas: F.B. Eye	Dirty Jobs	Cory	Judge J.	CSI: Crime Scn	Raymond
2 PM	Friends	Young & Restless	Franklin	Barney	The Bonnie Hunt Show	Let's Make a Deal (N)	Intervention "Lauren"	General Hospital (N)	Young & Restless	The Doctors	Steven and Chris	Invasion	Around	MythBusters	Replace	CityNews at 5 (N)	CSI: Crime Scn	3's Co.	
3 PM	The Office	The Doctors	(3:01) Little Bear	WordGirl	Judge	Dr. Phil	Intervention "Anthony"	Rachael Ray	The Doctors	Young & Restless	Fashion	Ginger	Record	(2:59) The Dr. Oz Show	Canada's Worst Driver	Life Derek	CityNews at 6 (N)	Movie: "Forrest Gump"	
4 PM	Family Guy	Oprah Winfrey	WordWorld	Fetch! Ruff	Judge J.	Oprah Winfrey	Intervention "Laney"	Deal No	Oprah Winfrey	(3:59) Early Global	Ghost Whisperer	Movie: "Home Alone"	Hockey	Ellen	Daily Planet (N)	Phineas	Murdoch Mysteries	Raymond	
5 PM	Payne	Early News	Babar	BBC News	News (N)	News	Intervention "John C."	News	Early News	(4:59) News Hour (N)	CBC News: Vancouver (N)	SpongeBob	NFL	CTV News at Five (N)	MythBusters	Suite Life	How I Met	The Outer Limits	
6 PM	Law & Order: SVU	Global News	Mechanics	PBS NewsHour (N)	News (N)	News	Intervention "Rob" (N)	News	(5:59) News Hour (N)	ET Canada	Coronation	Movie: "Merry Christmas, Drake & Josh" (2008)	Football: New York Giants at Washington Redskins. (Live)	CTV News (N)	Dirty Jobs	Montana	Mercy	ET Canada	
7 PM	Movie: "Getting Played"	Ent. Ton.	Eden	'Allo, 'Allo!	Jeopardy!	The Doctors	Hoarders	Ent. Ton.	Ent. Ton.	Holmes in New Orleans	Wheel	Movie: "Scrooged" (1988) Bill Murray.	Corner Gas	Man vs. Wild "Namibia"	Sonny	The Jay Leno Show (N)	Robin	Family Guy	
8 PM	Movie: "Getting Played"	House "Epic Fail"	Monarchy (N)	Antiques Roadshow (N)	The Sing-Off The winning group is revealed.	How I Met Purpose	Hoarders	Dog for Christmas	House "Epic Fail"	House "Epic Fail"	Just for Laughs (N)	Movie: "Scrooged" (1988) Bill Murray.	"Paradise City: Degrassi Goes Hollywood"	Daily Planet	Overruled!	News	CityNews	Raymond	
9 PM	Movie: "Getting Played"	Lie to Me	Glowing in the Dark (N)	Great Performances		Two Men Big Bang	Intervention "John C."	Find My Family (N)	Lie to Me	Lie to Me	The Hour Holiday		World Poker	MythBusters	Wizards	Make Me a Supermodel	Real Vice	Family Guy	
10 PM	Movie: "Gone Fishin'"	Holmes in New Orleans	Stolen Bibles		The Jay Leno Show (N)	CSI: Miami	Intervention "Rob" (N)	Castle	Holmes in New Orleans	News Hour Final (N)	National	Family Biz	Strength	CSi: Miami	Man vs. Wild "Namibia"	School	Coach	Real Vice	Family Guy
11 PM	Movie: "Gone Fishin'"	CHBC News Final (N)	Christmas Together	Charlie Rose (N)	News (N)	News	Hoarders	News	News Hour Final (N)	Ent. Ton.	(11:05) The Hour	Adrenaline	SportsCentre	News	Dirty Jobs	So Raven	Home Imp.	Real Vice	3's Co.

Monday Movies

**AFTERNOON**  
 3:00 pm SPIKE (44) ★★½ "Forrest Gump" (1994, Drama) Tom Hanks. JFK, LBJ, Vietnam, Watergate and other history is seen through the eyes of an Alabama man with an IQ of 75. (In Stereo)  
 4:00 pm YTV (18) ★★½ "Home Alone" (1990, Comedy) Macaulay Culkin. Accidentally left by his Paris-bound family, an 8-year-old makes mincemeat of two burglars in the house. (In Stereo)  
**EVENING**  
 6:00 pm YTV (18) "Merry Christmas, Drake & Josh" (2008, Comedy) Drake Bell. To avoid trouble with the law, two brothers promise to provide the best Christmas possible for a girl and her family. (In Stereo)  
 SPIKE (44) ★★½ "Forrest Gump" (1994, Drama) Tom Hanks. JFK, LBJ, Vietnam, Watergate and other history is seen through the eyes of an Alabama man with an IQ of 75. (In Stereo)  
 7:00 pm WTBS (3) "Getting Played"

(2005, Romance-Comedy) Carmen Electra. Three friends play a game of seduction on a stranger, but the tables are turned when he finds out about the joke.  
 8:00 pm YTV (18) ★★½ "Scrooged" (1988, Comedy) Bill Murray. A ruthless TV-network chief meets the ghosts of Christmases past, present and yet to come. (In Stereo)  
 VTV (22) "Paradise City: Degrassi Goes Hollywood" (2009, Drama) Raymond Ablack. Students travel to Los Angeles to score roles in a musical directed by actor Jason Mewes. (In Stereo) (DVS)  
 8:45 pm WTBS (3) "Getting Played" (2005, Romance-Comedy) Carmen Electra. Three friends play a game of seduction on a stranger, but the tables are turned when he finds out about the joke.  
 10:30 pm WTBS (3) ★ "Gone Fishin'" (1997, Comedy) Joe Pesci. Two life-long friends have disastrous misadventures after winning a fishing trip to the Everglades.

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721	649	583
583	769	241
912	584	367
476	123	859
258	961	734
134	257	698
697	438	125

CHALLENGE #254 - Hard

752	683	491
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436	129	587
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**Sego Resources issues update**

Sego Resources Inc. ("Sego" or the "Company") has completed its financing with Northern Securities Inc. ("Northern" or the "Agent"), whereby Northern acted as agent and sold pursuant to a Short Form Offering Document 8,000,000 units at a price of \$0.08 per unit for gross proceeds of \$640,000 (the "Offering"). Each unit (a Unit) consists of one common share and one transferable purchase warrant (a "Warrant"). Each warrant is exercisable into one common Share for a period of 60 months from closing at an exercise price of \$0.12 per share during the first 24 months, \$0.15 per share during the second 24 months, and \$0.20 per share for the last 12 months from closing.

Sego has paid the Agent a commission equal to 10% of the gross proceeds of the Offering (the "Commission"). Further, Sego issued to the Agent, at closing, non-transferable options equal to 20% of the number of Units sold pursuant to the Offering (the "Agent's Options").

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the price of \$0.08 per Agent's Unit at any time prior to the date that is 60 months from Closing. The Agent also received a lead broker fee equal to 5% of the gross proceeds of the Offering (the "Lead Broker Fee"). The Commission is a cash commission and the Lead Broker Fee was paid at closing in units of the Company at an issue price of \$0.08 per unit.

The net proceeds of the Offering will be used for continued exploration of the Miner Mountain Project and for general working capital.

Sego Resources Inc.'s primary project is the Miner Mountain Project a Copper Gold Porphyry Project near Princeton, 15 kilometres north of Copper Mountain Mining Corporation's former copper producer, (closed 1996) that is now planning to re-start production in 2011 following its recent favourable feasibility study.

The Miner Mountain Project is situated within the Traditional Territory of the Upper Similkameen Indian Band with whom Sego has an MOU. The Miner Mountain property is 2,400 hectares in size.

Diamond Drilling at Miner Mountain is scheduled to commence Friday December 11, 2009.

Sego Resources Inc. is a mineral exploration company, exploring the Miner Mountain Project, a large scale porphyry copper -gold target northeast of Princeton that is 2,400 hectares in size.

Exploration to date, has located zones of high grade surface copper-gold mineralization and drilling has confirmed the presence of significant copper-gold grades at depth.

The Miner Mountain Project is 15 kilometres north of Copper Mountain Mining Corporation's former copper producer (closed 1996) that is scheduled to resume production in 2011, following a recent favourable feasibility study.

The Miner Mountain Project is situated within the traditional territory of the Upper Similkameen Indian Band with whom Sego has a memorandum of understanding which provides a constructive framework for future development and exploration.

**Management** - Experienced in Wealth Building: CEO, J. Paul Stevenson has many years of experience in the mining industry and is a leader in Aboriginal engagement in the resources sector.

President, Chris Sampson, P.Eng., has extensive experience in porphyry copper exploration and J. Allan Hilton is a well known mine finder and prospector who discovered what became the Samatosum Mine. Shelley Hallock has extensive experience in corporate governance and a background in media. This team has worked together for 20 years. Qualified Person, Vic Preto Ph.D., P.Eng., is a recognized authority on the geology of the Nicola Belt and associated mineral deposits.

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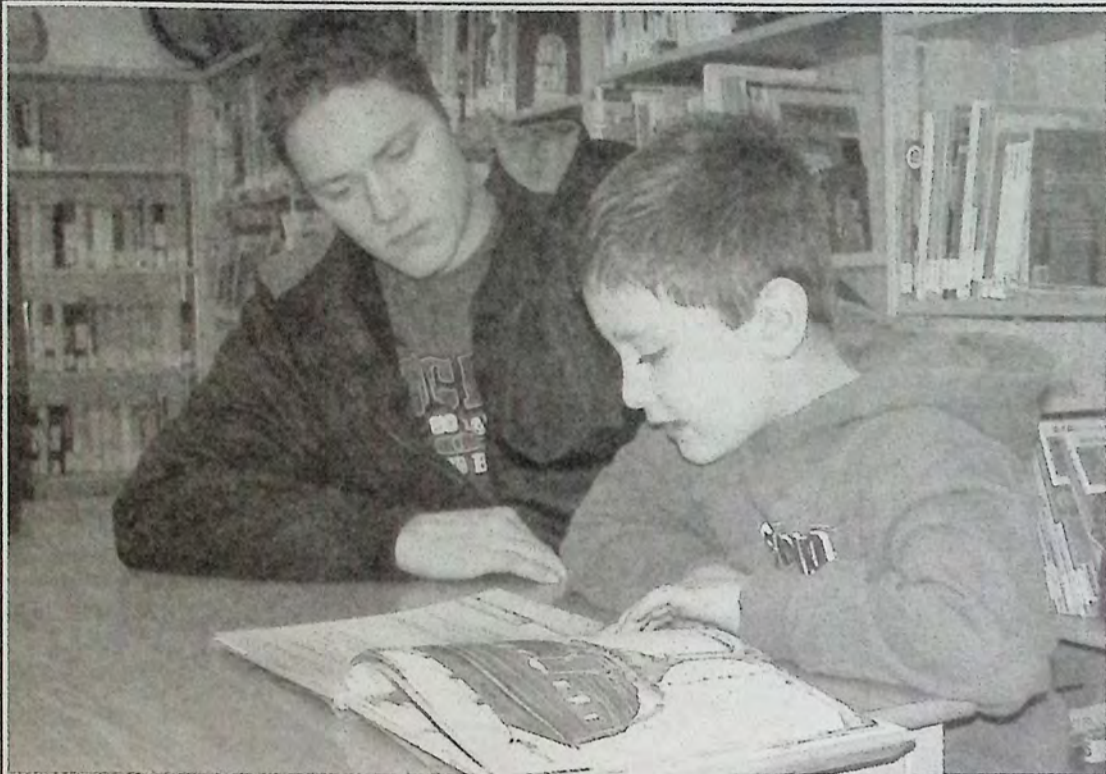


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Princeton Posse player Jared Hidber (#5), left, offered reading assistance last week at John Allison Elementary School. The students (and staff) enjoyed having members of the local team there. \*

## The Green Corner

### Posse Players Offer More Community Assistance

by Ken Carlson

Snow removal is often not a simple task. On behalf of seniors and those with mobility challenges, the Princeton Accessibility Awareness Committee appreciates the efforts of home and business owners in keeping their sidewalks clear of snow.

Snow free sidewalks are necessary to allow everyone an opportunity to move safely in their daily activities. Unfortunately, often it is those that most need the snow to be cleared that are the least able to clear the snow, specifically our seniors and mobility challenged.

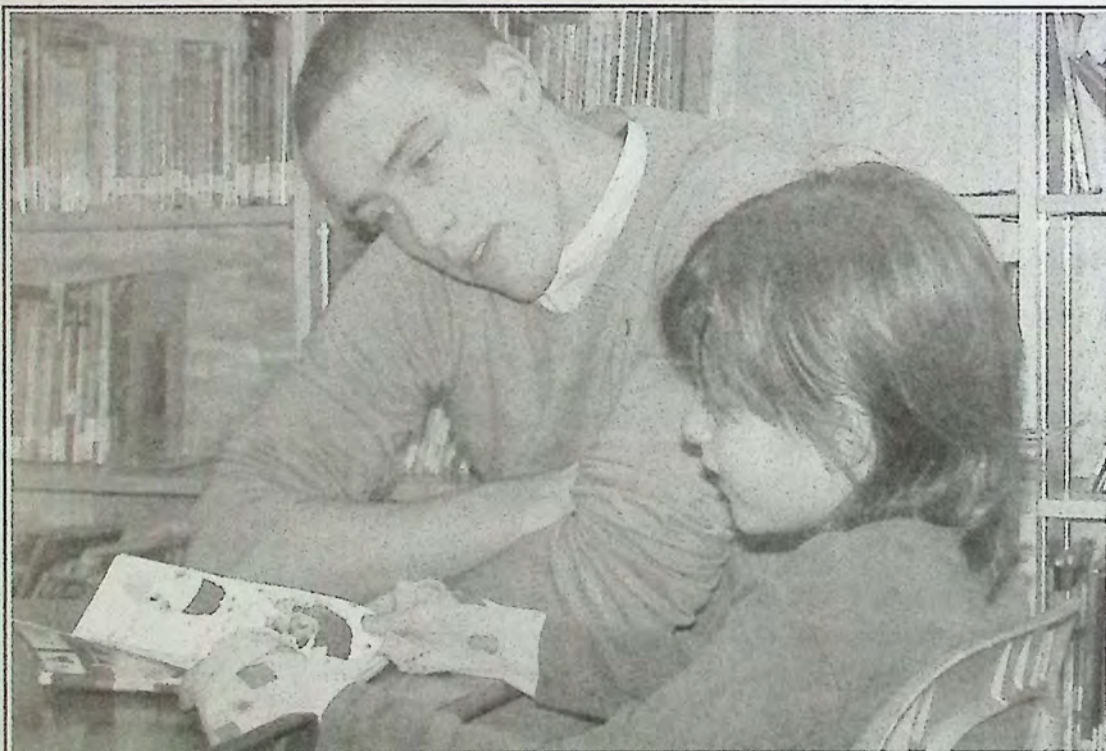
While the Town of Princeton snow removal bylaw outlines the responsibilities of home and business owners and states the penalty for non-compliance, it does not provide a remedy for those living in the downtown area who do not

have the physical ability to clear their sidewalks of snow and do not have the financial resources to hire someone to do the clearing for them.

The Accessibility Committee discussed many strategies to address this situation and we are pleased to announce that the Princeton Posse Hockey Club has generously volunteered their services to help clear the sidewalks of those unable to clear them themselves. We are very pleased the Posse has stepped forward to help us with this issue as we believe that a good neighbour approach is the best solution to many of our world's problems. The young men that play hockey for the Posse live throughout our community and are our neighbours, and their contribution towards the betterment of our community is greatly appreciated.

As mentioned, snow removal is not a simple task and some pre-organization to address the logistics of effective snow removal is required. Therefore, if you wish to be considered for help clearing your sidewalk of snow, please ask yourself: Do you live in the downtown area? Are you not able to clear the snow off the sidewalk in front of your home? Do your neighbours already provide this help to you?

To be considered for snow removal by the Princeton Posse, you must pre-register. Please call Ken at (250) 295-7582 or George at (250) 295-4149 to register for this free service. This is being organized and done by volunteers, so please do not wait until the snow starts falling, register now. We will do our best to accommodate all requests.



Princeton Posse player Evan Stack (#9), left, assisted last week at John Allison Elementary School.

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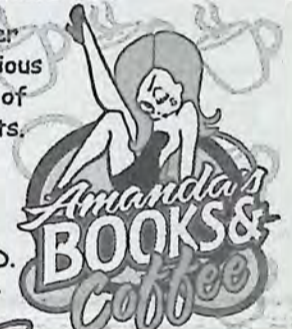
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# Editorial Page News Leader

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## My Turn...

### The Chunky Air We Breathe

One of the interesting things I've learned as being a panellist on the Sustainable Similkameen Project is the importance placed by valley residents on air and water.

They are, quite honestly, two things I've pretty much taken for granted until recently. Valley residents are proud of the fact that our air and water is, for the most part, crystal clear.

Sure, the water gets murky during spring runoff or when a huge landslide takes place upstream, but for most of the year it's the cleanest water this side of bottled water.

Sure, the air gets smoky at forest fire season, or turns blue in East Princeton, but for the most part it's the cleanest air this side of the smoggy Fraser Valley.

What is it about the air and water that attracts others to our area?

The obvious answer is that they don't have what we have, with the possible exception of blue air in East Princeton.

So no wonder valley residents get so uppity when there's talk about what they value most about living in the Similkameen.

You'd think they would focus on the lower property values in comparison to the big cities or the relatively low crime rate. You'd think they'd look to the huge cultural benefits of small town living and the old-fashioned values that still exist.

You'd think they would focus on organic growing, numerous outdoor recreational opportunities, and the fact that the 'big smoke' is still just over three hours away (with the possible exception of the blue air in East Princeton - which is not smoke, nor is it steam and must be some sort of strange particle native only to that part of the valley).

But, no. The loudest noise and clearest message coming out of the public meetings held throughout the valley by the Similkameen Valley Planning Society's Sustainable Similkameen Project is the need to protect and ensure the valley continues to have clean air and water forever and ever and a day or two.

When you strip it down to the core it's pretty obvious.

You cannot have life without air and water.

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Princeton Rotary Club President Randy Clark, left, welcomes new member Ed Staples at the December 8th regular meeting of the club. The group has been conducting a membership drive.\*

## ...Your Turn

### New Fire Department Gets Kick Start

Hi George;

Thank you for talking with me on Tuesday December 8th, about our new fire hall.

As we discussed about the picture in the December 1st edition of the Similkameen News Leader, Area H Director Brad Hope had asked our members to attend the

"Sustainable Similkameen Seminar" on Sunday November 22nd at the Hayes Creek Fire hall where he officially announced our incorporation and presented our association with our first ever cheque for \$1,000 from RDOS, which I was happy to accept on behalf of our new association.

As I mentioned we are presently applying for a parcel of Crown land at the 22km mark of the Princeton-Summerland Road to build the new fire hall.

As well we are also in the process of procuring equipment with the help of the Fire Chiefs Association of B.C. which have put us in contact with many fire departments throughout the province with surplus equipment they can offer us, and we will gladly accept.

If and when we receive the approval to occupy the Crown land we will start advertising our department by looking for associate members, firefighters etc., as well as contributors for the construction of the new hall and fundraising events which we would like to advertise in your paper.

So we look forward to keeping you informed about our progress as well as doing business with you in the future.

Yours Truly;

Ron Smith

Erris Volunteer Fire Association

### Letter To The Editor

### Reader tosses in the towel

Dear Sir;

Someone's gotta be kidding when it's suggested (December 1st News Leader) that doing laundry is an unpleasant, almost loathsome chore.

What are we - a bunch of spoiled children who refuse to grow up and appreciate the pampered lives we now live? There are many folks in the Princeton area who remember lugging pails from the well, heating the water on a wood-burning stove, hanging the washing on an outdoor line, summer and winter. We are of course glad those days are past.

Many of us had a washing machine powered by a small gas engine. When it was running, a door had to be left open to vent the exhaust fumes outside. Some days the engine would not start, and the man of the house would have to take it to his workshop to fix it.

Sure - buy one of those new, brainy washing machines - why not? But don't think that you should feel sorry for yourself just because you have to tackle the laundry.

Yours, with an acid pen,  
Margaret Trehearne,  
Princeton

# Current Comment

## Why Buy Closer To Home?



**Dawn Johnson**  
editor@thenewsleader.ca

Prime Minister Harper was in Copenhagen recently. He attended a world conference on global warming. He told other countries Canada could not set goals for abrupt change because Canada does not have the technology. There is more to it than that.

There is a trend sweeping our country encouraging us to buy food grown close to where we live. This trend is so strong that we can see television programs devoted to growing your own vegetables. I watch Aboriginal Television Network frequently. I have seen seminars for the Dene people (North of 60) on the importance of food self-sufficiency, not only to save money, but for better health.

On this same channel, there is a regular cooking show featuring foods common to Canada, such as salmon, wild rice, moose, caribou, venison, and some wild plants and berries. Healthy eating begins close to home for all of us.

There are lots of television cooking shows featuring our local foods, but there are increasing numbers of cookbooks about using locally grown or locally produced foods. I have always admired Ontario's promotion of its food products. Ontario does produce a huge variety of foods, nearly as many different foods as B.C., but our Ministry of Agriculture does not promote B.C. produce the way Ontario does.

This may seem like an odd time of year to be writing about locally produced foods, but when you spread cranberry sauce on your turkey, keep in mind those cranberries were probably grown in our province, and the turkey may have been raised in Keremeos. We do produce good food right here in B.C.

What has this to do with climate change? It is simple: when you

buy food close to home or raise it in your own back yard, you cut down greenhouse gases. If you buy bread at your local bakery, you save the emissions from a load of bread trucked to town, and you are helping your local economy.

There is a book on the market right now called *The Price of a Bargain*. It is about the real economic cost of buying cheap goods made overseas. Think of the emissions from all of those ships carrying the goods. Worse yet, consider those countries that make the cheap goods probably shipped in the raw materials to supply the cheap goods manufacturers.

How much ocean and air pollution is involved in that production process?

When it comes to protecting the air we breathe, we will go after car exhaust, woodburning heaters, bonfires, and cattle farts, but nobody says a damned thing about airline travel. Do you know that, at any given moment on every day of the year, there are at least 5,000 airplanes in the sky over North

America alone? How much air pollution is that?

Train travel is so much more civilized and less costly to our environment, but do we hear messages from our government promoting train travel as superior to air travel? Not a chance. Nobody wants to take on the air travel industry.

For 50 years, economists have pushed the global economy concept. We have seen this concept wreak havoc on the poorest nations of the world. Now, we are concerned about global warming wreaking havoc on those nations, along with exterminating the polar bears and glaciers.

The really big things that need doing are not based on technology, Mr. Harper. They are based on the will to stop globalization of production. We need the will to produce what we need closer to where we live. Of course, the economists who advise Mr. Harper will not go along with this because it would ruin their pet economic theory and it would upset global corporations, and God forbid we upset those corporations!

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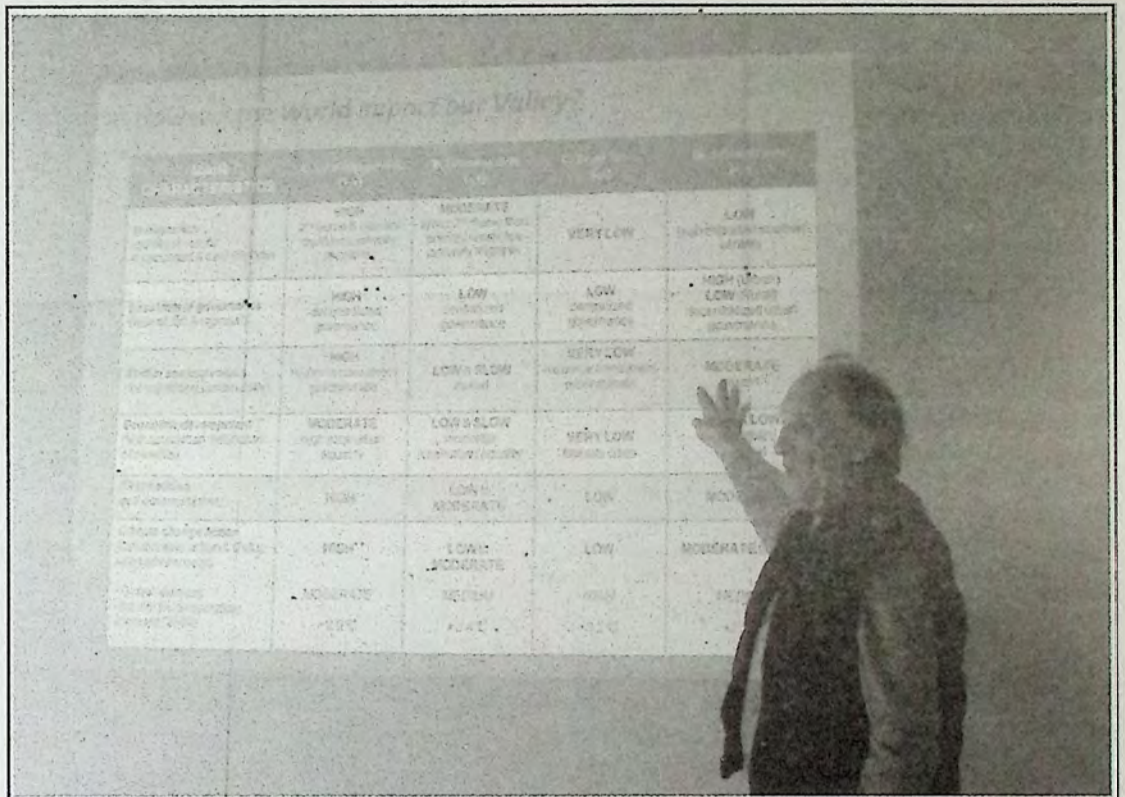
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Strategic Planner Dr. Laurence Moss reviews scenarios at the Princeton public meeting. Photo: Brenda Engel

# It's all about the water!

by Melanie Bagley, Community Liaison/Project Manager

Community members, who attended the Sustainable Similkameen public meeting in Keremeos, were very clear that the number one priority in this valley, when it comes to creating a sustainability strategy, is water.

"Water is the life blood of the valley," said Cawston resident Gabi Cursons. Gabi has been involved in a water-monitoring program. The program, run by Ministry of Environment and Environment Canada, takes samples from the Similkameen River from Princeton and Chopaka every two weeks.

The program was started in late 1970s. Over the last few years there have been some startling changes in the Similkameen River. According to Gabi, generally the water level has dropped, the river is warming up and, hence, the dis-

solved oxygen has decreased, and also overall water quality is decreasing.

The public felt that comprehensive data on water in the whole valley, the rivers, lakes and aquifer, was needed.

The Keremeos meeting was one of three Sustainable Similkameen meetings held during the week.

At the public meeting in Princeton, strategic planners Drs. Laurence Moss and Romella Glorioso gave a presentation on factors outside the valley which affect our communities. Four possible future scenarios were based on six external factors: in-migration, local role in governance, shift in society values, economic development, First Nations self-determination and climate change.

The public and panel members were asked to choose a scenario on which to base the Similkameen

sustainability strategy.

"Please do not choose the one you like the most," stressed Dr. Moss. "Choose the one you think is most likely to occur."

The scenario chosen was based on increasing demand for places rich in natural and socio-cultural amenities and decreasing local role in public policy decision-making for sustainability.

The other scenarios will not be redundant.

"It's an early warning system," explained Dr. Moss.

"You can begin to identify changing characteristics much, much faster and move the plan."

The third meeting at the end of the week was the Sustainable Similkameen panel who discussed the factors within the valley that would affect sustainability. Strengths and weaknesses identified..... continued on next page

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The News Leader's George Elliott, standing, assists with table discussions during the December 9th Sustainable Similkameen Project public meeting at Riverside Centre. Photo: Brenda Engel



Town Councillor Frank Armitage and Judy Short participate in the table discussions. \*

..... continued from Page 22 -fied by the panel itself, sixteen community meetings, biodiversity studies, the amenity migration survey and other sources were clustered into groups.

"The reoccurring theme, even in our panel meeting after the public meetings, focussed on the quality and quantity of water and air in the Similkameen Valley," says Similkameen News Leader Owner/Publisher George Elliott, a panel member.

"We went through a list of key determining factors in our internal analysis trying to choose the top five strengths and top five weaknesses in the valley and discovered that the majority of our list contained factors that were considered both strengths and weaknesses."

The volunteer panel members will continue working on this project and, with public input, a sustainability strategy will be formulated by the end of the project in March 2010.

The strategy will then go to the valley's planners so that, when they make plans, the whole valley can be considered not just one jurisdiction.

Jurisdictions include the Village of Keremeos, the Town of Princeton, RDOS Areas B, G and H, the LSIB and USIB.

"So far, it looks as if the Village of Keremeos and Area H (Princeton Rural) of the Regional District have expressed strong interest in implementing the final SSP report

into their Official Community Plans," Elliott adds.

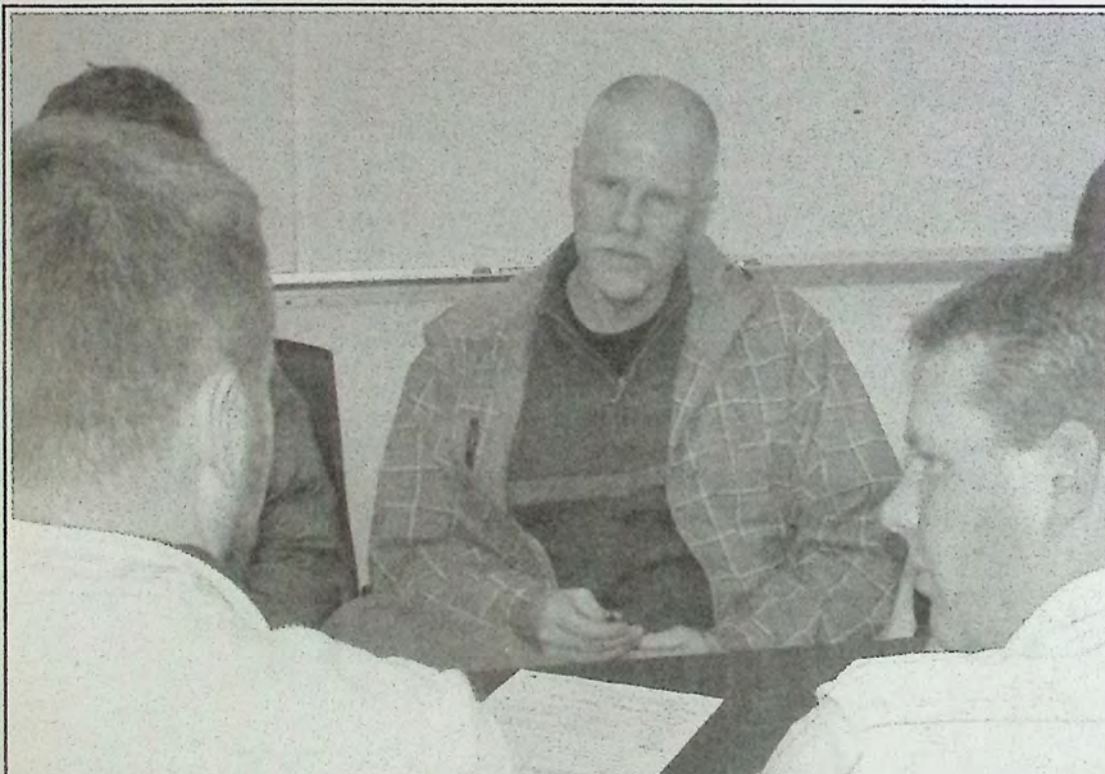
"That kind of interest alone in incorporating the panel's work into OCPs makes this project worthwhile as far as I'm concerned."

However the strategy is formulated, one thing is clear. There must be a means to implement, monitor and evaluate the Similkameen sustainability strategy.

For further information on the Sustainable Similkameen Project, please visit, [www.rdos.bc.ca/ssp](http://www.rdos.bc.ca/ssp).

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Community Recreation Director Lyle Thomas sits in on a table discussion during the December 9th Sustainable Similkameen Project public meeting at Riverside Centre. \*

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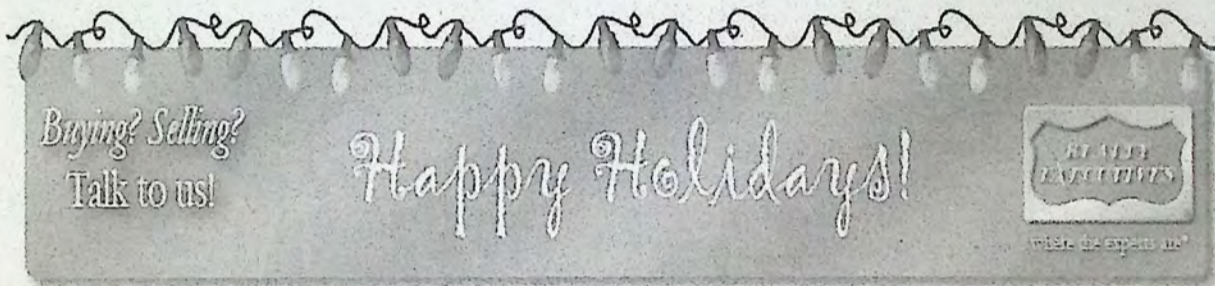
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