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Esther Donovan, left, and Princeton's very own Switchmen from the KVR join in the Hallelujah Song during Princeton's annual Christmas Songfest December 11th at Riverside Theatre. Photo: Dawn Johnson

Superintendent's report receives Board approval

The Board of Education for School District 58 (Nicola-Similkameen) approved Superintendent of Schools Dr. Bob Peacock's 'Report on Student Achievement 2013/14' at their December 11th regular meeting.

There are a total of seven areas covered in the report. Under Improving Areas of Student Achievement the overall completion rate for the district in 2012/13 was 73.0% compared to the provincial average of 83%.

"This is the first time that the completion rate for the district has been above 70 percent," stated Peacock.

"This is an outstanding accomplishment."

The district has also seen improvements in Aboriginal completion rates and the English 12 pass rate, and has supported the use of early childhood educators in kindergarten and grade 1 classes.

"I think that is paying off in positive ways," Peacock adds.

In the category of Challenging Areas the Superintendent's Report points to a need to improve on Aboriginal completion rates as well as engaging parents in their children's education while supporting their needs at home.

Attendance has been an issue in the district and Peacock summed it up by saying, "Attending school you are more likely to succeed than by not attending."

Also, as the district is experiencing a higher number of kindergarten and grade 1 students with extreme behavioural issues, "More district resources have been designated to the lower grade levels."

In the section of the report title 'Programs/Performance/Results and Intervention' the focus gets directed to Literacy Blocks added in the north end of the district and StrongStart coordinators being

hired as education assistants in kindergarten and grade 1 classes.

Dr. Peacock also indicates that, "Through district committees, student assessments have now been established for various grades in both literacy and numeracy," this includes a kindergarten assessment that also evaluates the social emotion level of students. This assessment will be "implemented for the first time after the New Year."

The district is also in the early stages of providing "wrap around support" focusing on attendance issues with the use of a child care worker, directed suspensions, hospital homebound and community services.

The final element of the report deals with Targets of which there are many including a district literacy target for 2013 of 80% or higher (FSA) for grade 4 students and 65% or better for grade 7 students with district Aboriginal targets to be 80% or better (FSA) for grade 4 and 55% or better for grade 7.

District targets by 2014 for English 10 are a passing rate of 95% or better for all students and 90% or better for Aboriginal students with 2014 English 12 targets set at 95% or better passing rate for all students and 90% or better passing rate for Aboriginal students.

District targets for other completion rates are 70% or better for all students, and 65% or better for Aboriginal students with learning disability designated students to reach a completion rate of 60% or better and a target of 50% or better

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CMMC provides '14 update

Copper Mountain Mining Corporation (TSX: CUM) (the "Company" or "Copper Mountain") provided the following operation update and 2014 production guidance for its operations at the Copper Mountain mine as of December 11th.

The Company's goal for 2014 is to continue to optimize performance

of the Copper Mountain Mine, to maximize copper production while mining from both Pit 2 and Pit 3 areas during 2014. Mining at a rate of 175,000 tpd is planned to continue during 2014 with copper production forecast to be approximately 80 to 90 million pounds.

Mill throughput during the month of September was at an average of 31,693 tpd compared to 26,000 for the first half of 2013, an increase of 21.9%, however, during November the average throughput decreased to 26,123 tpd as a result of operating with one ball mill for part of the month. September and October copper production was 6.8 and 6.5 million pounds respectively, while November's production of copper was lower at 5.2 million pounds as a result of operating with only one ball mill for part of the month. Mill throughput was maintained in the 1,000 tpd range during the period when only one ball mill was available.

The target throughput is 32,000 tpd while utilizing portable crushers. The permanent secondary crusher is expected to be installed in the late summer of 2014 and this should enhance mill throughput. -submitted

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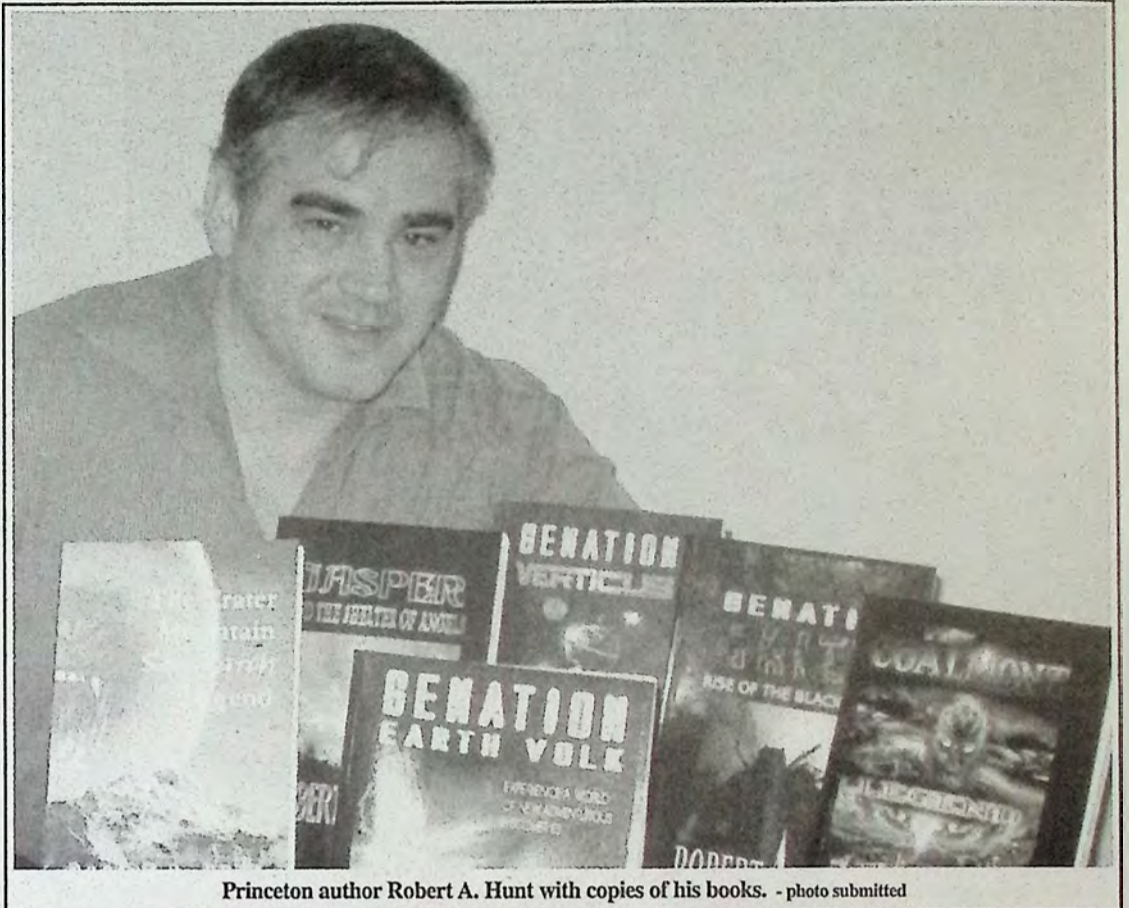
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Princeton author Robert A. Hunt with copies of his books. - photo submitted

Local author shares stories

Robert A. Hunt has been a resident of Princeton since 2005 and has made many friends here. Employed at Copper Mountain Mine and the author of several novels, Robert says, "I can't imagine living anywhere else. Princeton is my home." "Princeton has really grown on me. My family and I can't imagine living anywhere else in the world. When I'm not writing, I like to spend time with my wife and children. We go for trips and walks and enjoy drawing and painting together. Otherwise, you might find me out hiking, mountain biking or skiing, unless I'm on shift at Princeton's Copper Mountain Mine. Mining is such an important part of my life and I am so thankful to be working with such talented people there."

Hunt continues, "Writing is something I have enjoyed even as a young boy. It is not just a hobby for me but a passion, and it is a wonderful thing to see my children sharing in the art of storytelling also. Advertising a book or being interviewed for my stories was not as important to me as putting my ideas on paper and charging forward to create my next novel. The ideas I formulate tend to get backed up if I don't flesh them out and I experience a form of unrest until a project is finished. I am compelled to write; to create what has not been created before and experience all of the things I have been looking for from movies and books, but couldn't find. My stories are what I hoped someone else would come up with to satisfy my hungry expectations."

Hunt explains, "When I was a boy, Drawing and painting was how I could share what I was creating in my mind. I created heroes, villains, an unexpected twist of events, creatures and many worlds. My brother

and I were so critical of books and movies, as I'm sure everyone is. We would discuss how we thought a scene should have played out or an alternate ending. To us, we had the 'real' story. It was the way it should have been and we knew we were right because we saw how someone else did it and knew the way we had it, just felt right. I enjoyed the adventures my brother and I had growing up, and later I made my own comic books. We loved to laugh and make the craziest situations possible. Recently, my brother showed me some of the comics I made as a kid. I didn't know he kept them all this time, but we ended up laughing about them all the more as we rekindled our youth for a moment."

Hunt adds, "I stopped making comics when the work to do so was too great. It is not easy for one person to commit to the work involved in putting each of the panels together (penciling, inking, colouring). One page can take days to get right. I began writing out the stories with the hopes of getting around to turning them into comics later. Visually, I will always like comic books because they are not only engaging with the colour and action, but they are grounded in the sense that the reader can visualize exactly what was in the writer's mind, perspective and all. Once I began writing, I found everything was so much easier and faster to create. It was like going from a pedal bike to a mustang. When my thoughts were able to fly on paper, it was like someone broke the dam and everything just came pouring out. Part of me wants to share my stories with the public, but in a way I still like writing a story for myself. That was how it was when I started out and I have become

used to it."

Hunt explains, "When a novel is finished and edited, it is, for me, like a child who has grown and is ready to leave the home. Still a part of me doesn't want to let go, but now that I have seen where my books can go and the feedback is encouraging. Now I have deadlines and promotions. Each of my books have been entered in giveaway contests and reached many people around the world. You can find my titles on Amazon.com. (Search under 'kindle store.')

Hunt says, "My mother was amazed that I could publish stories. She said she doesn't think she could do it, but I told her, 'If I can do it, anyone can.' My secret is not in writing the books, but in telling the story. The moment you tell yourself you are going to work on your book, it becomes a difficult task of 'work' but writing should be a world of fun."

Hunt concludes, "It is my honour to take this opportunity to share my stories with you that have been such a big part of my life. I left a copy of 'The Coalmont Legend,' novel at the Coalmont Hotel so people who visit there could take a look at it and a display my books can be found at the public Library here in the town of Princeton."

If you are interested in novels by Robert A. Hunt, you can send him a friend request on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100007192625193> or you can visit Robert A. Hunt's personal Blog; <http://genationofficial.blogspot.ca/>

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Student Trustee Hillary Riel gave the School District 58 (Nicola-Similkameen) Board of Education a report on what has been happening at Princeton Secondary School and shared student insights into recent activities. *

Flip Of The Coyne

by Spencer Coyne

My first memory of Nelson Mandela was during the 1980's. There was a movie on CBC. I don't remember what the movie was called. I do remember how the movie portrayed the way white South Africans treated black South Africans and I didn't understand why people hated other people because of the colour of their skin. My dad made me watch that movie. He would do that from time to time and I thank him for it now. Sometimes those movies or documentaries that he made me watch back then stuck with me and they helped me understand a little more about the world around me. In a way it was those movies like the one about Mandela that made me question everything and seek the answers for myself.

Mandela was once called a terrorist, and now with his passing the world remembers him, not as a terrorist, but as a hero. It's funny how time can change perspective. Even some of the staunch right wingers in the United States are now having to give praise to a man they believed should never have seen the light of day. I wonder if some of the whistleblowers in the US today will someday be hailed as freedom fighters and patriots. Lord knows they are not being treated as such now.

Politics is a funny game. Opinion and attitude change with the mood of the people. I guess "the people" isn't the right terminology. It should be "the base." Now that we live in an ever-polarizing world, parties no longer care about the mob. They only care about their contingent within the mob. Today, conserva-

tives pander to their base daily while the left panders to theirs, and the only time they try to steal away from the other side is during election season, and they only go so far as to try and catch those fence-sitters who are not sure what camp they are in yet.

The postal cuts are a perfect example of this. As news of the cuts to urban door-to-door delivery came out, people just glazed over the other news of that day. Ottawa is trying to make it so if you work for an MP you will have a lifetime gag order. While I am concerned about the 8,000 jobs that were supposed to be secure jobs, and I feel for the small handful of people who

will have a hard time getting to the end of their street to pick up their mail at their neighbourhood mailbox, unlike my friends within certain left circles, I was not so hung up over the loss. I am more concerned with the fact that, if you work for an MP, and that MP is pulling the wool over the eyes of the people of Canada, they won't be able to blow the whistle on that MP. We have laws that protect whistleblowers, but I guess that only applies if it doesn't jeopardize the Prime Minister's control over his party. Our system is supposed to be transparent. Our elected officials are supposed to answer to the people of this continued on Page 21

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My Turn...

All I Want For Christmas

This is a simple request.

All I want for Christmas is for citizens to lobby Town Council to take a good, long, hard look at what empty storefronts are doing to the downtown.

I want Town Council to ask themselves, what message is this sending to residents and visitors?

I highly doubt the answer will be anywhere along the lines of 'We're open for business' because, in actual fact, there's not that many businesses left in downtown Princeton.

I applaud the new investors in Princeton who have worked so hard to clean up and expand their businesses. Both hardware stores come to mind as good examples of what new investment can produce in our community.

But what about the absentee owners with empty storefronts?

If you can afford to own a vacant commercial property in Princeton, good for you but let me be one of the first small business owners in our community to tell you that you aren't helping the rest of us very much.

Downtown Princeton is starting to look like a ghost town.

Those of us in business do what we can to keep the local economy chugging along but with one (and sometimes two) empty storefronts per block, it's hard to get excited about much.

We learned a couple weeks ago that the City Council in Tonasket, Washington (Princeton's Sister City) hold a hard line on issuing business licences and what businesses they want in their community.

With the exception of one closure due to a family death, there are no empty storefronts in their downtown core. Sure, the majority of businesses are of the new and used variety, but everyone we talked to in business there makes a living.

I think it's time the Chamber of Commerce started to push Town Council for answers as to why they aren't enforcing guidelines related to empty businesses. They had to be pushed by local business to cancel a business licence earlier this year as a result of non-compliance. How long must we wait for Town Council to get proactive about saving the downtown?

Sure, they deserve heaps of credit for all the beautification of Veterans Square in recent years and the wise use of taxpayers' money with the move to the former courthouse building.

Now it's time to get tough on a number of commercial property owners who clearly have control over the future of downtown Princeton. Town Council needs to take back control of the growth and development of the downtown core by getting tough on commercial property owners who don't live in the community and don't appear to be helping the local economy by keeping their storefronts empty. It's not fair to the community and it's not fair to the existing businesses who continue to struggle to attract customers to a slowly dying downtown.

Oh, and Santa, I'd also like a bit more snow to make things look festive, but after the 27th or 28th can you make the snow go away?



Raeleen Campana's choir sings 'When Christmas Comes To Town' during the annual Community Christmas Songfest December 11th at Riverside Theatre. For many it is an annual tradition to attend. Photo: Dawn Johnson

...Your Turn

Letters And E-Mails Received This Week

Editor,

Last week my wife and I spent a hectic day in the malls. Everywhere hordes of people were searching determinedly for gifts. Not a good time to check my blood pressure or heart rate.

On the drive back to our peaceful little community, my pulse slowed and I reflected on how my parents celebrated Christmas when I was young. They loved the snow, the social events, the gift giving, the singing and recitations of children in church Christmas Eve. For her Christmas Eve meal, Mom always invited a financially successful but virtually friendless couple my sisters and I disliked intensely. In every respect, they were takers, never givers.

The woman, at times, made unkind remarks toward Mom. Plus, they were committed, unrepentant

smokers and the odour of stale tobacco assailed our young nostrils within moments of their arrival. They received a gift but gave nothing. I invariably waited for them to depart, which they did immediately after dessert. Cigarettes and lighters in hand, they scarcely took time to express an obligatory thanks for the meal. Even so, Mom and Dad experienced a deep joy. At the

Dear Mr. Newspaper Man;

I'm not sure if you can help me reach Santa or not. I'm not doing so well in school and I think it has a lot to do with problems with my Mom and Dad. They tend to get angry a lot at this time of year.

Dad has been having trouble keeping a steady job and Mom has been doing odd jobs all over and they just don't seem very happy and Christmas isn't too far away. I

time, this was totally incomprehensible to me.

Now, after the passing of many years, I understand that by inviting these people into their home our parents bequeathed to us a precious memory of giving without any expectation of return. It's a memory we still cherish some 40 years later.

- Art Martens, Hedley

don't want them to spend what little money they have on me as I just want our family to be happy being together.

We got a Christmas Hamper last year and I think we may get another one this year. It really helped lighten the mood in our house for most of the holiday knowing that people we don't even know cared enough to make sure we had a nice Christmas dinner and some extra groceries. I even got a couple of gifts as well!

So I guess what I'm asking from you Mr. Newspaper Man is can you thank the people who donate to the Christmas Hampers for me? It will really mean a lot to me if you can do that because the Hamper was a really big deal in our house and it arrived at the best possible time that it could.

Thank you, and Merry Christmas.
- Timmy

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Current Comment

What's Your Tradition?



Dawn Johnson
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experience. I have a friend of Ukrainian descent who must have the special Christmas bread her mother baked for Christmas morning breakfast.

My sister in Vancouver will wake Christmas morning to a silent apartment, but she will be eager to get out early to visit her grandchildren to share the excitement of Christmas through their eyes.

My sister-in-law in Ontario will wake up late, having gone to midnight Mass and then visited with friends until 3:00 AM. She will travel to her son's place, or he will travel to her place, as they take turns cooking the turkey dinner.

Many people will be on the telephone, wishing distant loved ones a Merry Christmas.

My nephew will be trying to cope with the chaos of little children opening Christmas gifts at six o'clock in the morning.

A lot of people like new-fallen snow for Christmas: others like Arizona or Hawaii for Christmas. My cousins in Hawaii will go swimming on Christmas Day just as they always do, and they will have a nice light dinner or maybe go out to a local restaurant and have turkey salad.

My old friend in Belgium would have bought the biggest, fattest

carp she could find, then she would stuff it Christmas Day and the family would have the big fish for Christmas dinner, along with spice cake and marzipan cookies for dessert.

A young friend in Jamaica will get together with family for a time of singing, dancing and feasting, enjoying the warm sun and Caribbean breezes.

One tradition seems to be universal - the need to share the day with family and/or friends and enjoying some kind of feast.

When we look in our shops, we see the evidence of our North American Christmas traditions: lights of all kinds, the sound of Christmas carols, holly, mistletoe, poinsettias, candy canes, boxes of chocolates, striped candy, bags of nuts, tins of cookies and shortbread, fruitcake, mandarin oranges, Christmas cards, tinsel, turkeys, and ornaments for Christmas trees - even the trees themselves!

Our Christmas traditions come from many sources. When I see the poinsettias, I remember the poinsettia bushes in southern Italy standing two meters tall and beginning their display in early December. The Christmas tree is a tradition originating in Germany and Scandinavia, the holly and mistletoe from England, shortbread from Scotland, boxes of chocolates and candy from Europe, Santa Claus from the eastern American Dutch settlers, Christmas cards from the Americans, fruitcake from England, oranges from the West Coast, and turkey from our own North American native traditions.

In some families, the tradition at Christmas is to wait until Dad or Mom comes home from work before the fun and feasting begins. There are people in every community who put in a shift on Christmas Day. They are highway crew, hospital staff, restaurant workers, service station workers, convenience store workers, emergency services workers, and many others for whom Christmas Day is another working day. I always think of them at Christmas because they keep things running while the rest of us do as we please.

Whatever your traditions are at Christmas, enjoy the day and the people with whom you share it. Have a happy holiday!

"Throw more shrimp on the bar-
bee" might be heard any
Christmas Day at my cousin's
house in Western Australia, where
it is a hot mid-summer day on
December 25. His grandchildren
will visit, filled with the joy of the
gifts the big white boomer brought
during the night, while his sons
just want to sit in a lawn chair and
toss back a nice cold beer. That is
their traditional Christmas.

No matter where you are in the
world, the Christmas tradition will
be a little different from one place
to the next. As family members
grow up and have children of their
own, each wants to retain some
part of a Christmas tradition that
was part of their own childhood

Ladies re-elect executive

At the annual Legion Ladies Auxiliary Christmas dinner meeting, elections for the 2014 executive were held. Charlene Longdo was returned as President, with Dorothy Monkman as Vice-President and Ann Bauder as Secretary-Treasurer. Norma Kraetor, Evelyn Cook, Dawn Johnson and Gail Madill form the Executive Committee.

The new executive will be

installed at a Legion potluck supper to be held January 10.

Special thanks was given to Eleanor Sinclair and her daughter, Barbara, for arranging the dinner, as they have done for many years.

Members agreed to hold another spaghetti dinner on March 1, 2014, details to be worked out at the January 14 meeting.

The meeting ended with warm wishes for a happy holiday season.

Holiday Wishes!

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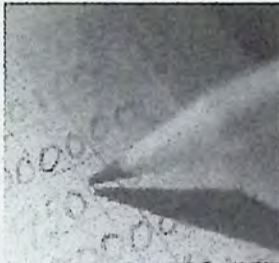
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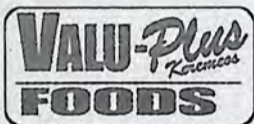
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Lower Valley News

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The staff at Valley First Credit Union in Keremeos are pleased as punch with their latest trophy: their business won 1st in the Christmas Lightup Competition sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce. Left to right: Linda Buschen, Barbi Montgomery, Chris Johnson and the trophy-holder Sunny Dhaliwal. A bit of forewarning to the after-hours cleaning staff at Valley First: the trophy doesn't just "look" heavy, IT IS heavy (don't hurt yourself)! Not all employees were available for the photo op. One staff member needs to be given a special thanks: Linda Secord worked very hard at making sure their business looked its best. Be sure to drop in and check out the hand-made Christmas tree posters. Photo: Arlene Arlow



Grethe Jensen of Kaleden was one of the many vendors at the annual Christmas Craft Sale December 6th and 7th at Victory Hall. Grethe grows her own wheat and makes the stalks of grain into beautiful artwork. The annual craft sale in Keremeos features vendors who sell handmade gifts. Photo: Arlene Arlow



Julie Ellison of Little Luxuries Soap Company sells a delightful array of scented and unscented handmade soaps. Her gifts were featured at the annual Christmas Craft Sale December 6th and 7th at Victory Hall in Keremeos. The event is sponsored by Similkameen Country, the local Chamber of Commerce. Photo: Arlene Arlow



Vermilion Forks Field Naturalists explore China Ridge on snowshoes! - photo submitted

Naturalists snowshoe at China Ridge

by Janis Wright, VFFN

It might sound unappealing to be outdoors in -20 degree weather, but our Vermilion Forks Field Naturalists' trek at China Ridge on Saturday, December 7th was truly exhilarating! John Henry and Mary Masiel led seven of us, all well bundled, through the woods for close to two hours, and we gloried in the clear, blue sky and the snow sparkling under the rays of the sun, as we crunched along the snowshoe trails. John pointed out animal tracks along the way, while Amanda identified some of the birds we heard twittering in the trees. Prints of deer, mice, lynx and rabbit were prevalent, while cross-

bills and chickadees cheerily announced their presence. We stopped at a shelter higher on the ridge, and eventually made our way back to the longhouse, where we basked in the warmth of the woodstove fire, enjoying our lunches and hot drinks. We look forward to several more snowshoe outings over the next couple of months!

VFFN members will be participating in the Christmas Bird Count on Saturday, January 4th in the Princeton area, and are looking for volunteers from the community to help as well. The CBC is an international tally that has been in effect in North America since 1900. Expertise in birding is not a

requirement, as novices are teamed with knowledgeable birders, and are needed for spotting and counting. This annual event is always an educational, entertaining activity which begins at Billy's Restaurant at 8:00 AM and ends with dinner and a summary of each team's success. Counts from those with backyard feeders are welcome also. Please contact Madelon Schouten at 250-295-7078 for more information and to confirm involvement.

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 14th, 7:00 PM at Riverside Centre. Doug Rebagliati will provide a presentation on his trip to India last year, so do join us for an interesting evening!

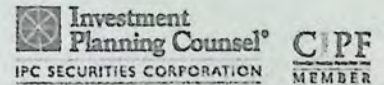


December 7th was a special day for Jennifer Montgomery (left). Her dog grooming business The Paw Spa had its official Grand Opening in Keremeos. Located at 613-7th Avenue Jennifer promises to take extra special care of your pooch. Jennifer is pictured with Joanne Harks who dropped by to offer some friendly support. Oh yes, we mustn't forget the pooches: Jennifer is holding Sheldon and Joanne is holding Beamer. Photo: Arlene Artow

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The Living Water Church choir sings 'The First Noel' during Christmas Songfest December 11th. Photo: Dawn Johnson

Saddles 'n' Spurs
 by Pastor George Donovan

We had a small cabin close to the barn and it had an oil heater in it. The road to the barn was a dirt road and we used lots of sawdust to dry up the mud but some days you just couldn't drive into the barn.

We needed another 45-gallon drum of stove oil and the truck was coming so we would have to take the drum out to the paved road. I saddled up a red roan and took my lasso and put it around the drum and dangled it to the saddle horn. Just then someone came to see me so I dismounted and asked my brother to take it out for me.

I was in my early 20s and he is 13 years younger than me so he was just a kid. As soon as the rope tightened and the drum fell over the roan spooked, spun a 3-60 and wrapped the rope around his waist and took off at a full gallop.

It ran down the dead end side of the barn so I thought it would stop or I could catch it. My brother was screaming and it was terrifying. The horse just ran past me at full speed and headed toward an open gate. He tried to dismount but the loop around his waist held him tight on the side of the horse.

The gate was open toward us and only wide enough for the horse and not the drum as it was sideways. I thought it would catch in the gate and kill my brother. By the time he got to the gate the rope was still around him and he was hanging off the right side of the horse.

The opening was now too narrow and he slammed into the gate post really hard. The jolt caused the

drum to fly ahead and the loop came off the drum and gave slack to the loop on my brother and he fell to the ground.

He was banged up, scared but still alive! There were several people to witness this and all were relieved to

see him safe. I thank God that it wasn't more serious and while I look back on this incident I'm not sure I learned a lot because of many future close calls and stupid decisions I made.

..... continued in Two Weeks

Living Past 100

Watch What The Kids Are Eating!

If you have small children in your home at Christmas time, keep an eye on them every minute and watch what they are eating or drinking.

Too often, children eat too much rich food and become ill, or they indulge in beer, wine or liquor while nobody is watching them, and they become ill. Some children may have allergies to nuts or oranges, but they will grab them if nobody is there to stop them.

Small children can easily choke on hard candies such as peppermints, or they can choke on nuts and orange segments, and if you have a dog, they may sample dog kibble or biscuits and choke on them.

Children have been known to eat crayons, chalk, candles, dog food, cat food, poinsettias and other house plants, tree ornaments and pieces of tinsel, the Christmas tree, and candy wrappers on individually wrapped candies. They can easily poison themselves on medications left where the child can reach them.

If you have pets, be sure the children do not bite the dog's ears or the cat's tail - there is sure to be an unpleasant outcome for the child.

Do not let children wander unsupervised from room to room. They may find sharp objects such as straight pins or objects such as buttons, feathers, and anything else they might eat.

It is not just eating habits of small children that are a cause for caution: do not allow them near fireplaces, hot kitchen ranges, or any sharp or pointed objects, including candy canes, pens, pencils, and knives, of course. Keep an eye on children near a tablecloth, as they may pull on it and dump objects, either heavy or hot, on themselves.

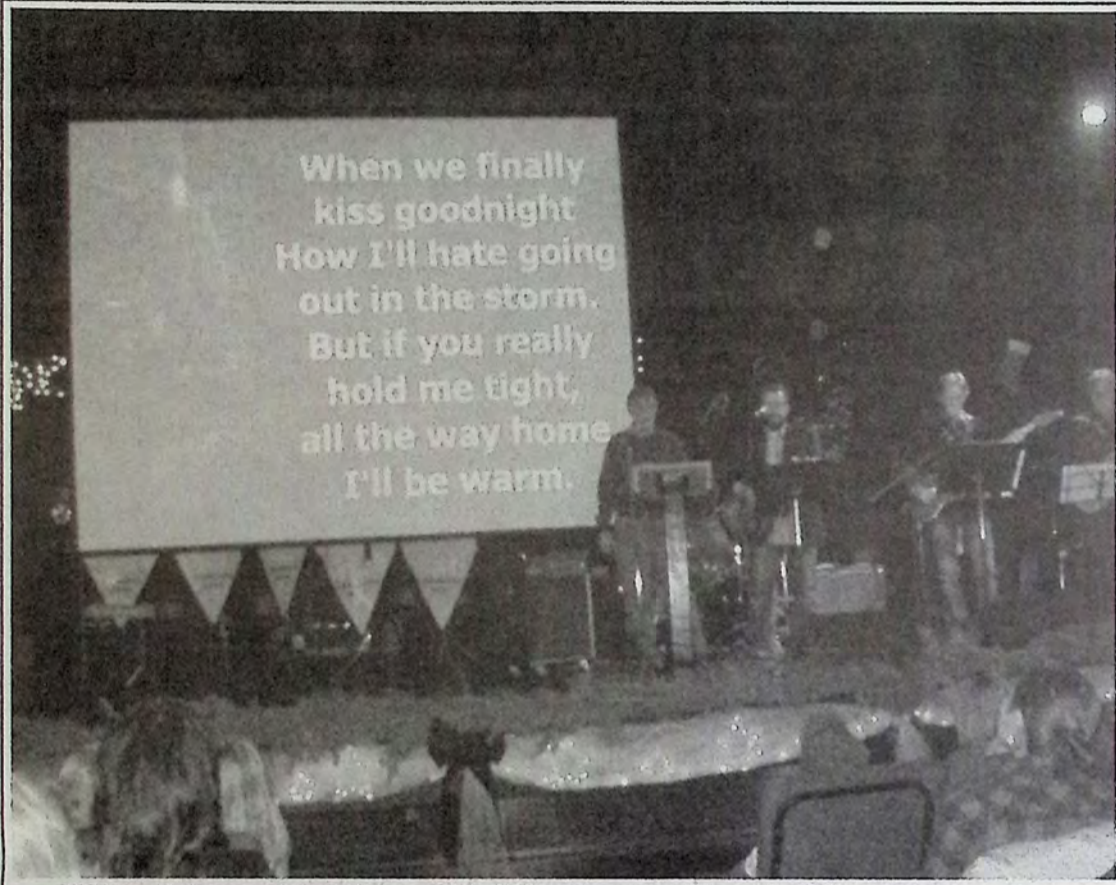
The joy of Christmas is easily spoiled by a sick or injured child. When adults are busy either making dinner or watching television or just enjoying each other's company, it is easy to forget to constantly watch small children. Be alert, and make this Christmas accident-free. It will be better for YOUR mental health.

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Entertainment



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MC Peter Rytkonen and the Switchmen of the KVR perform a rendition of 'Let It Snow.' Photo: Dawn Johnson

Christmas songfest warms the season

The annual Community Christmas Songfest, held December 11 at Riverside Theatre, is truly a community event.

It is always amazing how so many people give so generously of their time and talent to make others feel the Christmas spirit through music and song. Christmas songs were sung, carols were sung, Christmas music brightened the evening, and all because people from our community want to help others enjoy the Christmas season.

The choirs of the Baptist Church and Living Waters sang a number of Christmas songs. The Switchmen of the KVR provided great music, Alan K. Parsons joined in with So This is Christmas, the 'late bloomers' of Princeton Community Band played old carols, and Esther Donovan joined The Switchmen in The Hallelujah Song.

Peter Rytkonen was Master of Ceremonies, and Lyle Thomas was the technical support.

Esther Donovan, on behalf of the

Arts Council, organized, supervised and decorated the stage. All of the participants gave a lot of

pleasure to everyone who attended. The evening was a great Christmas gift to the community.



Princeton Baptist Church choir sing 'Christmas Is Coming.' Photo: Dawn Johnson

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Clip 'n' Save Game Schedule

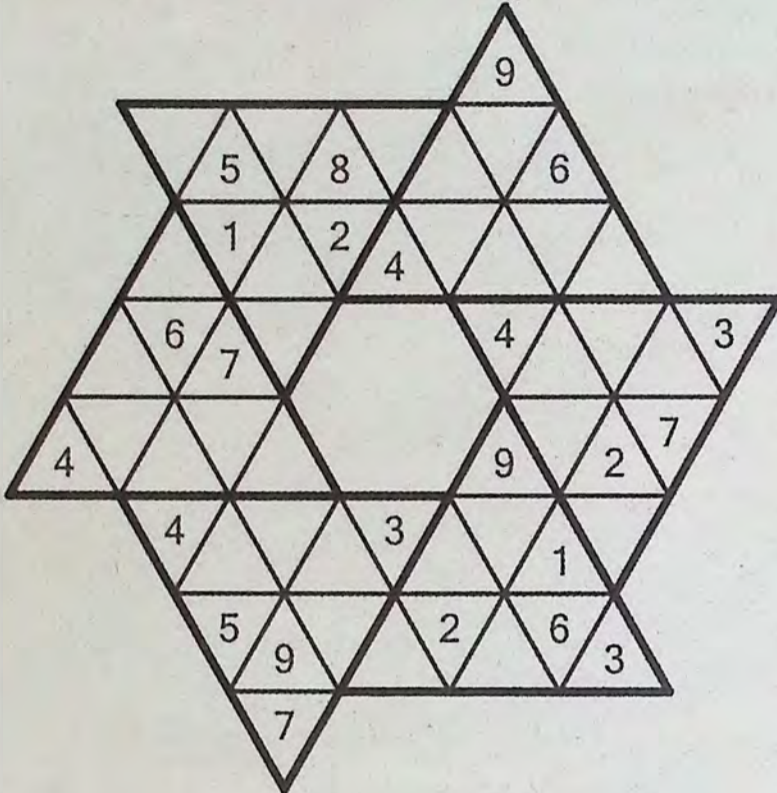
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| Date | Time | Away | Home |
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| Exhibition Season | | | |
| Sat Aug 31 | 7:30 PM L | Princeton 3 | Summerland 5 |
| Sat Sep 7 | 7:00 PM L | 100 Mile House 7 | Princeton 0 |
| Sun Sep 8 | 2:00 PM W | Grand Forks 1 | Princeton 2 |
| Regular Season | | | |
| Fri Sep 13 | 7:00 PM W | Kelowna 3 | Princeton 4 |
| Sat Sep 14 | 7:00 PM OT L | N Okanagan 4 | Princeton 3 |
| Wed Sep 18 | 7:35 PM L | Princeton 1 | Osoyoos 6 |
| Fri Sep 20 | 7:00 PM L | Kamloops 5 | Princeton 4 |
| Sat Sep 21 | 7:00 PM L | Princeton 0 | Kelowna 6 |
| Sun Sep 22 | 3:00 PM | CANCELLED Princeton @ | N Okanagan |
| Fri Sep 27 | 7:30 PM L | Princeton 3 | Summerland 4 |
| Sun Sep 29 | 2:00 PM W | Osoyoos 2 | Princeton 4 |
| Fri Oct 4 | 7:00 PM L | Kelowna 4 | Princeton 1 |
| Sat Oct 5 | 7:00 PM L | Summerland 4 | Princeton 1 |
| Fri Oct 11 | 7:35 PM L | Princeton 2 | Osoyoos 6 |
| Sat Oct 12 | 7:00 PM OT W | Sicamous 4 | Princeton 5 |
| Tue Oct 15 | 7:00 PM L | Princeton 4 | Kelowna 5 |
| Sat Oct 19 | 7:00 PM OT W | Spokane 2 | Princeton 3 |
| Fri Oct 25 | 7:00 PM W | Revelstoke 0 | Princeton 6 |
| Sun Oct 27 | 2:00 PM L | Kelowna 6 | Princeton 4 |
| Sat Nov 2 | 5:00 PM L | Summerland 4 | Princeton 2 |
| Sun Nov 3 | 3:00 PM W | Princeton 8 | N Okanagan 4 |
| Fri Nov 8 | 7:00 PM OT W | Princeton 6 | Nelson 5 |
| Sat Nov 9 | 7:00 PM L | Princeton 3 | Castlegar 5 |
| Fri Nov 15 | 7:00 PM L | Nelson 7 | Princeton 4 |
| Sat Nov 16 | 7:00 PM OT L | Beaver Valley 4 | Princeton 3 |
| Sun Nov 17 | 5:00 PM OT L | Princeton 4 | Kamloops 5 |
| Fri Nov 22 | 7:00 PM L | Princeton 2 | Kelowna 4 |
| Sat Nov 23 | 7:30 PM L | Princeton 1 | Summerland 5 |
| Wed Nov 27 | 7:00 PM L | Osoyoos 6 | Princeton 2 |
| Fri Nov 29 | 7:00 PM L | 100 Mile House 4 | Princeton 3 |
| Fri Dec 6 | 7:00 PM W | Princeton 4 | N Okanagan 2 |
| Sat Dec 7 | 7:00 PM L | Castlegar 3 | Princeton 2 |
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| Fri Jan 17 | 7:30 PM | Princeton @ | Beaver Valley |
| Sat Jan 18 | 7:00 PM | Princeton @ | Spokane |
| Fri Jan 24 | 7:30 PM | Princeton @ | Summerland |
| Sat Jan 25 | 7:00 PM | N Okanagan @ | Princeton |
| Fri Jan 31 | 7:00 PM | Princeton @ | 100 Mile House |
| Sun Feb 2 | 3:00 PM | Princeton @ | N Okanagan |
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News Leader Sudoku 485

HOSHI SUDOKU - About The Puzzle

Sudoku - also known as "Number Place" - is a logic-based, combinatorial number-placement puzzle. The aim of Sudoku is to enter a number from 1 through 9 in each cell of a grid, most frequently a 9x9 grid made up of 3x3 subgrids. Each row, column and region must contain only one instance of each number. This Sudoku variant is called "Hoshi Sudoku". It contains six large triangles. The numbers 1 to 9 must be placed into the cells of each large triangle. Every line of any length - even uncontinuous - must contain every number not more than once.



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THIS WEEK'S SOLUTION: Page 20

Wednesday Movies

MORNING

10:00 am DTOUR ch.45 "Live and Let Die" (1973, Action) Roger Moore. Agent 007 charms a tarot reader in Jamaica on the voodoo/heroin trail of Mr. Big. (In Stereo) (CC)

AFTERNOON

12:30 pm SPIKE ch.44 "The Longest Yard" (2005, Comedy) Adam Sandler. At a Texas penitentiary, jailed NFL veterans train their fellow inmates for a football game against the guards. (In Stereo)

5:00 pm DTOUR ch.45 "Live and Let Die" (1973, Action) Roger Moore. Agent 007 charms a tarot reader in Jamaica on the voodoo/heroin trail of Mr. Big. (In Stereo) (CC)

EVENING

6:00 pm YTV ch.18 "Yogi's First Christmas" (1980, Adventure) Voices of Daws Butler. Animated. Hoping to ensure a happy Christmas for Mrs. Trockmorton, Huck and the gang awaken Yogi Bear out of his winter sleep to help

in their preparations. (In Stereo) (CC)

CITY ch.29 "The Christmas Clause" (2008, Drama) Lea Thompson. Stressed-out from work and family, a successful lawyer wishes that her vision of a new life would come true. (CC)

8:00 pm CBC ch.13 "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) (CC)

9:00 pm DTOUR ch.45 "Live and Let Die" (1973, Action) Roger Moore. Agent 007 charms a tarot reader in Jamaica on the voodoo/heroin trail of Mr. Big. (In Stereo) (CC)

9:30 pm WTBS ch.3 "Head of State" (2003, Comedy) Chris Rock. An alderman becomes a presidential candidate and chooses his unsophisticated brother as a running mate.

11:30 pm WTBS ch.3 "Confessions of a Shopaholic" (2009, Comedy) Isla Fisher. A compulsive shopper who is drowning in debt lands a job as an advice columnist for a financial magazine.



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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2013

Table with columns for time slots (6 AM to 11 PM) and various channels (WTBS, CHBC, KNOW, KSPS, KHQ, KREM, A&E, KXLY, BCTV, CITY, CBC, YTV, TSN, VTV, DISC, FAM, CITY, SPIKE, DTOUR). Each cell contains a list of programs and their titles.

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There are simple pleasures one can depend on for Christmas, and one of them is folks who go to the wall with exterior decorations. This smartly-decorated home at the corner of Sparks Drive and Richter Street stands out at night along Highway 3A as one travels southbound past Bears Fruit Stand into Keremeos. It is a couple of blocks off the highway (turn west off of Highway 3A at Sparks Drive), but well worth the trip. Photo: Arlene Arlow

Thursday Movies

MORNING

8:45 am FAM ch.26 "Mickey's Once Upon a Christmas" (1999, Fantasy) Voices of Wayne Allwine. Animated. Mickey and his friends tell three stories including "A Very Goofy Christmas" and "Mickey and Minnie's Gift of the Magi." (In Stereo) (CC)

9:00 am YTV ch.18 "The Naughty List" (2013, Adventure) Voices of Sean Astin. Animated. Winter and Snowflake accidentally wreck the North Pole Christmas tree and find themselves on Santa's naughty list. They accidentally give Santa and all the other elves food poisoning, and they are the only ones left to save Christmas. (In Stereo) (CC)

9:50 am FAM ch.26 "Mickey's Twice Upon a Christmas" (2004, Fantasy) Voices of Wayne Allwine. Animated. Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, Goofy and friends take part in a series of holiday adventures.

(In Stereo) (CC)

11:30 am SPIKE ch.44 "Rambo" (2008, Action) Sylvester Stallone. John Rambo calls upon his long-buried but lethal skills to rescue a missionary and her comrades from the Burmese army. (In Stereo)

AFTERNOON

5:00 pm DTOUR ch.45 "The Man With the Golden Gun" (1974, Action) Roger Moore. Agent 007 heads for the Orient to find a \$1 million hit man with a midget sidekick. (In Stereo) (CC)

EVENING

8:00 pm CITY ch.12 "The Polar Express" (2004, Fantasy) Voices of Tom Hanks. Animated. The conductor of a train to the North Pole guides a boy who questions the existence of Santa Claus.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2013

| | WTBS ch.3 | CHBC ch.4 | KNOW ch.5 | KSPS ch.6 | KHQ ch.7 | KREM ch.8 | A&E ch.9 | KXLY ch.10 | BCTV ch.11 | CITY ch.12 | CBC ch.13 | YTV ch.18 | TSN ch.19 | VTV ch.22 | DISC ch.24 | FAM ch.26 | CITY ch.29 | SPIKE ch.44 | DTOUR ch.45 |
|-------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| 6 AM | In the Heat of the Night | Morning News (N) 8:30 | Wibbly Pig | Thomas | KHQ News 6AM (N) | KREM 2 Morning News | Criminal Minds 8:00 | Morning Northwest | Morning News (N) 8:30 | (5:00) Morning News (N) | CBC News Now (N) 9:00 | Kid vs. Kat Rescue | SportsCentre 8:30 | CTV Morning Live (N) 9:00 | Last Car Standing | Stella-Sam Phineas | CityLine (N) 8:30 | Deadliest Warrior | (5:30) Eat St. 8:30 |
| 7 AM | Law & Order: SVU | | Ella the Elf | Arthur | Today Keanu Reeves; | CBS This Morning (N) 9:00 | Criminal Minds 9:00 | Good Morning America (N) 9:00 | | | | Tiger | Penguins | SportsCentre 9:00 | Shred! | Shake It | Let's Make a Deal (N) | Deadliest Warrior | Security |
| 8 AM | Law & Order: SVU | | Magic Bus | Curious | Amick Byram performs. (N) 9:00 | | CSI: Miami "Dissolved" | | | Morning Huntley | Bo On/Go | Pokémon | SportsCentre 9:30 | Mayday "Turning Point" | Jessie 9:30 | The Price is Right (N) | Deadliest Warrior | Eat St. 9:30 | |
| 9 AM | Millionaire | Morning Millionaire | Dragon | Peg | | The 700 Club 9:00 | CSI: Miami 9:00 | Live! Kelly and Michael | Morning Huntley | The Doctors 9:00 | Super Why! Cat in the Hat | "The Naughty List" 9:00 | SportsCentre 9:30 | Live! Kelly and Michael | Yukon Men 9:30 | "Mickey's Once Upon a Christmas" | Jdg Judy | Deadliest Warrior | World's Wildest Restaurants |
| 10 AM | Divorce | The Doctors 9:00 | Poppy Cat | Sesame Street (N) | | The Price Is Right (N) | Criminal Minds 10:00 | The View 10:00 | The Doctors 10:00 | AnnaOlson Debt/Part | Bookaboo | A Flintstones Christmas Carol 10:00 | STIHL 10:00 | The View 10:00 | How/Made 10:00 | "Mickey's Twice Upon" | The Chew 10:00 | Deadliest Warrior | Forbes Island in San Francisco. |
| 11 AM | Judge Alex | AnnaOlson | Rolie Polle | Tiger | Jdg Judy | Young & Restless | Criminal Minds 11:00 | Paid Prog. | AnnaOlson | Noon News Hour (N) | Heartland 11:00 (DVS) | A Flintstone Christmas | Darts | Marilyn Denis | Don't Drive Here | Phineas ANT Farm | General Hospital (N) 11:00 | Ways Die | Movie: ** "Rambo" (2008) Sylvester Stallone. |
| 12 PM | King | Noon News Hour (N) | Dino Dan Making | Charlie Rose 12:00 | Paid Prog. Sexy Legsl | News Bold | The First 48 12:00 | The Chew 12:00 | Noon News Hour (N) | Days of our Lives (N) | CBC News Now (N) 12:00 | Smurfy | SportsNation (N) 12:00 | CTV News (N) 12:00 | Pure Evel American | Wingin' It | Katla 12:00 | Disaster | |
| 1 PM | Community | Days of our Lives (N) | Dragon Pajanimals | Painting Knit | Days of our Lives (N) | The Talk 1:00 | After the First 48 1:00 | General Hospital (N) 1:00 | Days of our Lives (N) | The Talk 1:00 | Republic of Doyle 1:00 | C. Brown Parents | Hockey | The Social 1:00 | Moonshiners 1:00 | Wizards Good Luck | CityLine 1:00 | Jail 1:00 | Security |
| 2 PM | Seinfeld 1:30 | The Middle | Big Bear PAW Patrol | Thomas Super Why! | Katie 1:30 | Let's Make a Deal (N) | The First 48 1:30 | Queen Latifah | The Talk 1:30 | Queen Latifah | Steven and Chris (N) 1:30 | Sidekick Jimmy | Off Record Interruption | Dr. Phil 1:30 | Porter Rid Auction | Shake It ANT Farm | CityNews at 5 (N) 1:30 | Cops Sting. Jail 1:30 | Border Security 1:30 |
| 3 PM | The Middle | Queen Latifah | Clifford G. Shrinks | Std Peg | Ellen DeGeneres Show | Dr. Phil 1:30 | The First 48 1:30 | Rachael Ray 1:30 | Queen Latifah | Young & Restless | Recipes Stefano | Year Without a Santa | SportsCentre (N) 1:30 | Bethenny 1:30 | How/Made 1:30 | Jessie 1:30 | CityNews at 6 (N) 1:30 | Cops 1:30 | Eat St. 1:30 |
| 4 PM | Big Bang | Young & Restless | Maya Bee Arthur 4:00 | Wild Kratts WordGirl | Jdg Judy | The Dr. Oz Show 4:00 | Duck D. 4:00 | The Doctors 4:00 | Young & Restless | Early News Global Nat. | Dragons' Den 4:00 | Parents | NHL Hockey: Phoenix Coyotes at Toronto Maple Leafs. 4:00 | Ellen DeGeneres Show | Daily Planet (N) | Good Luck Phineas | Mod Fam | Cops 4:00 | Disaster |
| 5 PM | Browns | News (N) 5:00 | Martha | News | News | News | Duck Dynasty 5:00 | News ABC News | Early News Global Nat. | (4:59) News Hour (N) | News | Parents Kung Fu | CTV News at Five (N) | Fast N' Loud "Gas Monkey" | Austin | Family | Cops 5:00 | Movie: *** "The Man With the Golden Gun" (1974) 5:00 | |
| 6 PM | Browns | Global Nat. | Waterfront Cities | PBS News-Hour (N) 6:00 | News | KREM 2 News at 6 (N) | Duck D. 6:00 | News at 6 | (5:59) News Hour (N) | ET Canada | News | Santa Claus Brothers | SportsCentre (N) (Live) 6:00 | CTV News (N) 6:00 | Bandit Car Special | ANT Farm | Pckge Deal | IMPACT Wrestling (N) 6:00 | |
| 7 PM | Mod Fam | Ent | Park | Health Matt. | Jeopardy! | Inside Ed. | Rodeo Girls (N) 7:00 | Ent Insider | Ent ET Canada | Johnny Reid | George S | Year Without a Santa | etalk (N) | Big Bang | Moonshiners 7:00 | Shake It | Murdoch Mysteries 7:00 | | Security |
| 8 PM | Family Guy | Johnny Reid | Christmas Dinner | Father Brown 8:00 | The Sing-Off (N) 8:00 | Big Bang The Millers | (8:01) Rodeo Girls 8:00 | Charlie Brown | Johnny Reid | Movie: *** "The Polar Express" (2004) | "The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause" 8:00 | A Flintstone Christmas | That's Hockey 2 Nite | Big Bang | How/Made | Good Luck | CityNews-Tonight (N) | Glory 13 | Disaster |
| 9 PM | Amer. Dad | Movie: *** "The Polar Express" (2004) | Movie: "Becoming Santa" (2010) | Foyle's War 8:30 | Saturday Night Live Popular holiday sketches. 8:30 | Crazy Two Men (10:01) Elementary 8:30 | (9:01) Duck Dynasty | 20/20 "A Special Edition of 20/20 -- The Year" | Movie: *** "The Polar Express" (2004) | News Hour Final (N) | The National (N) 9:00 | Funnies Home Videos | E:60 9:00 | Played "Hitman" (N) 9:00 | Fast N' Loud "Gas Monkey Bandit Car Special" | Wingin' It | Jimmy Kimmel Live 9:00 | Cops 9:00 | Movie: *** "The Man With the Golden Gun" (1974) 9:00 |
| 10 PM | Naomi Watts. | | Noel Noel | Luther: Tidings | News | News | Duck D. 10:00 | | | | | The Middle Mr. Young | SportsCentre (N) 10:00 | Played "Revenge" 10:00 | Good Luck | Maury 10:00 | Jail 10:00 | | |
| 11 PM | "Right Kill" | CHBC News Final (N) | Park Our Part | Charlie Rose (N) 11:00 | News Jay Leno | News Letterman | (11:01) Rodeo Girls 11:00 | KXLY 4 J. Kimmel | News Hour Final (N) | ET Canada | CBC News | Boys Splatalot | SportsCentre 11:00 | News-Lisa | Moonshiners 11:00 | Wizards Princess | Paid Prog. | Jail 11:00 | Security |

Friday Movies

MORNING

10:00 am DTOUR ch.45 "The Spy Who Loved Me" (1977, Action) Roger Moore. Agent 007 and a Russian beauty foil a madman in a submarine, who is out to nuke the world. (In Stereo) (CC)

10:30 am SPIKE ch.44 "Rambo" (2008, Action) Sylvester Stallone. John Rambo calls upon his long-buried but lethal skills to rescue a missionary and her comrades from the Burmese army. (In Stereo)

AFTERNOON

12:30 pm SPIKE ch.44 "The Rundown" (2003, Adventure) The Rock. Before his retirement, a bounty hunter must locate his boss' son, who is searching for a priceless artifact in the Amazon. (In Stereo)

5:00 pm DTOUR ch.45 "The Spy Who Loved Me" (1977, Action) Roger Moore. Agent 007 and a Russian beauty foil a madman in a submarine, who is out to nuke the world. (In Stereo) (CC)

EVENING

6:00 pm YTV ch.18 "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) (CC)

SPIKE ch.44 "The Rundown" (2003, Adventure) The Rock. Before his retirement, a bounty hunter must locate his boss' son, who is searching for a priceless artifact in the Amazon. (In Stereo)

7:00 pm CITV ch.12 "Mr. Magoo's Christmas Carol" (1962, Fantasy) Voices of Jim Backus. Animated. Mr. Magoo is featured as a man who doesn't believe in Christmas in this animated adaptation of "A Christmas Carol." (CC)

8:00 pm CHBC ch.4 BCTV ch.11 "Mr. Magoo's Christmas Carol" (1962, Fantasy) Voices of Jim Backus. Animated. Mr. Magoo is featured as a man who doesn't believe in Christmas in this animated adaptation of "A Christmas Carol." (CC)

CBC ch.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) (CC)

VTV ch.22 "Catch a Christmas Star" (2013, Romance) Shannon Elizabeth. Premiere. A widower reconnects with his high school sweetheart, one of the country's biggest pop stars, with help from his two children. (In Stereo) (CC) (DVS)

FAM ch.26 "Good Luck Charlie, It's Christmas!" (2011, Comedy) Bridgit Mendler. Chaos strikes when a woman and her daughter get separated from their family during the holidays. (In Stereo) (CC)

8:15 pm YTV ch.18 "All I Want Is Christmas" (2012, Comedy) David DeLuise. En route to Florida, a yuletide-obsessed Jewish boy figures out how to get the Christmas of his dreams by trading plane tickets with a boy going to Christmastown, Wash. (In Stereo)

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News Leader Recipe 592

Bacon-Mushroom Cheese Turkey Burger

Information: Serves 6, Prep Time: 10 minutes, Cooking Time: 10-12 minutes

Ingredients

- Burger:**
- 1 1/2 lb (750 g) ground turkey
 - 3 Tbsp (45 mL) finely chopped onion
 - 2 cloves garlic, minced
 - 1/4 tsp (1 mL) freshly ground black pepper

Topping:

- 1 cup (250 mL) shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) sliced mushrooms
- 6 slices bacon, crispy cooked and crumbled
- 1 green onion, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) mayonnaise

Directions

In a bowl, combine ground turkey, onion, garlic and pepper; mix well and shape into 6 patties. In a small bowl, combine cheese, mushrooms, bacon, green onion and mayonnaise; mix well.

Broil or grill burgers 4-6 inches (10-15 cm) from heat or over medium-hot coals for 10-12 minutes, turning once. During last several minutes of cooking, spoon 1/4 cup (50 mL) topping on each burger. Continue cooking until cheese is melted.

Nutrient analysis per serving: 303 calories; 20 g protein; 20 g fat; 2 g carbohydrates

Recipe courtesy of Turkey Farmers of Ontario. For more great turkey recipes visit the Manitoba Turkey Producers website at www.turkey.mb.ca.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2013

| | WTBS ch.3 | CHBC ch.4 | KNOW ch.5 | KSPS ch.6 | KHQ ch.7 | KREM ch.8 | A&E ch.9 | KXLY ch.10 | BCTV ch.11 | CITV ch.12 | CBC ch.13 | YTV ch.18 | TSN ch.19 | VTV ch.22 | DISC ch.24 | FAM ch.26 | CITY ch.29 | SPIKE ch.44 | DTOUR ch.45 |
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| 6 AM | In the Heat of the Night | Morning News (N) 30 | Wibbly Pig | Builder | KHQ News 6AM (N) | KREM 2 Morning News | Storage | Morning Northwest | Morning News (N) 30 | (5:00) Morning News (N) | CBC News Now (N) 0 | Kid vs. Kat Rescue | SportsCentre 30 | CTV Morning Live (N) 0 | Auction | Stella-Sam | CityLine (N) 30 | Cops 30 | GoldMind |
| 7 AM | Law & Order: SVU | | Ella the El | Arthur | Today Holiday books; Mary J. Blige performs. (N) 0 30 | CBS This Morning (N) 0 30 | Storage | Good Morning America (N) 30 | | | Tiger | Yu-Gi-Oh! | Hockey | | Auction | Phineas | Let's Make a Deal (N) | Ways Die | GoldMind |
| 8 AM | Law & Order: SVU | | PAW Patrol | Martha | | | Storage | | | Morning | Bo On/Go | Pokémon | | | Mayday 30 | Shake It | Let's Make a Deal (N) | Ways Die | The Dead Files 0 30 |
| 9 AM | Millionaire | Morning | Magie Bus | Curious | | | Storage | | | Huntley | Busytown | Beyblade | | | Don't Drive Here | Jessie 30 | The Price Is Right (N) | Ways Die | Eat St. 0 |
| 10 AM | Divorce | The Doctors 0 30 | Dinosaur | Cat in the | | | Storage | | | | | | | | | Wizards | The Price Is Right (N) | Ways Die | Eat St. 0 |
| 11 AM | Judge Alex | AnnaOlson | Dragon | Peg | | | Storage | | | | | | | | | Wizards | The Price Is Right (N) | Ways Die | Eat St. 0 |
| 12 PM | King | Neon News Hour (N) | Dino Dan | Charlie Rose 0 30 | Paid Prog. | News | Storage | | | | | | | | | Wizards | The Price Is Right (N) | Ways Die | Eat St. 0 |
| 1 PM | Community | Days of our Lives (N) | Watercolor | Days of our Lives (N) | The Talk 0 30 | The First 48 30 | Storage | | | | | | | | | Wizards | The Price Is Right (N) | Ways Die | Eat St. 0 |
| 2 PM | Seinfeld 0 | The Talk 0 30 | PAW Patrol | Super Why! | Let's Make a Deal (N) | The First 48 30 | Storage | | | | | | | | | Wizards | The Price Is Right (N) | Ways Die | Eat St. 0 |
| 3 PM | The Middle | Queen Latifah | Clifford | Sid | Ellen DeGeneres Show | Dr. Phil 0 30 | Storage | | | | | | | | | Wizards | The Price Is Right (N) | Ways Die | Eat St. 0 |
| 4 PM | Blg Bang | Young & Restless | Maya Bee | Wild Kratts | Jdg Judy | The Dr. Oz Show 30 | Storage | | | | | | | | | Wizards | The Price Is Right (N) | Ways Die | Eat St. 0 |
| 5 PM | Browns | News (N) 30 | Martha | News | News | News | Storage | | | | | | | | | Wizards | The Price Is Right (N) | Ways Die | Eat St. 0 |
| 6 PM | Browns | Global Nat. | Park | PBS News-Hour (N) 30 | Millionaire | KREM 2 News at 6 (N) | Storage | | | | | | | | | Wizards | The Price Is Right (N) | Ways Die | Eat St. 0 |
| 7 PM | Mod Fam | Ent | Coast | Wash | Jeopardy! | Inside Ed. | Storage | | | | | | | | | Wizards | The Price Is Right (N) | Ways Die | Eat St. 0 |
| 8 PM | Family Guy | "Mr. Magoo" | Murder Myster. | Call the Midwife Holiday | Dateline NBC (N) 30 | I Love Lucy Christmas | Storage | | | | | | | | | Wizards | The Price Is Right (N) | Ways Die | Eat St. 0 |
| 9 PM | Amer. Dad | Hawaii Five-0 "Pukana" | The Inspector Lynley Mysteries | Special 0 | Grimm 0 30 | Hawaii Five-0 "Pukana" | Storage | | | | | | | | | Wizards | The Price Is Right (N) | Ways Die | Eat St. 0 |
| 10 PM | "Rogue" (2007, Action) Jet Li. | Bomb Girls 30 (DVS) | Our Part | Cmas-Belmont | Dracula 0 30 | Blue Bloods (N) 0 30 | Storage | | | | | | | | | Wizards | The Price Is Right (N) | Ways Die | Eat St. 0 |
| 11 PM | "Almost" | CHBC News Final (N) | Architects of Change | Charlie Rose (N) 30 | News | (11:01) The First 48 | Storage | | | | | | | | | Wizards | The Price Is Right (N) | Ways Die | Eat St. 0 |

News Leader - Monday Movies

MORNING

7:30 am YTV ch.18 "Christmas Is Here Again" (2007, Musical Comedy) Voices of Ed Asner. Animated. An elf, a reindeer, a fox

and a polar bear help an orphan girl find Santa's toy sack. (In Stereo) (CC)
 9:00 am YTV ch.18 "A Fairly Odd Christmas" (2012, Comedy) Drake Bell. Timmy Turner must save

Christmas after his actions cause children to lose faith in Santa Claus. (In Stereo) (CC)
 10:00 am DTOUR ch.45 "Moonraker" (1979, Action) Roger Moore. Agent 007 meets Hugo

Drax, a tycoon out to nerve-gas Earth to make room for his space-bred master race. (In Stereo) (CC)

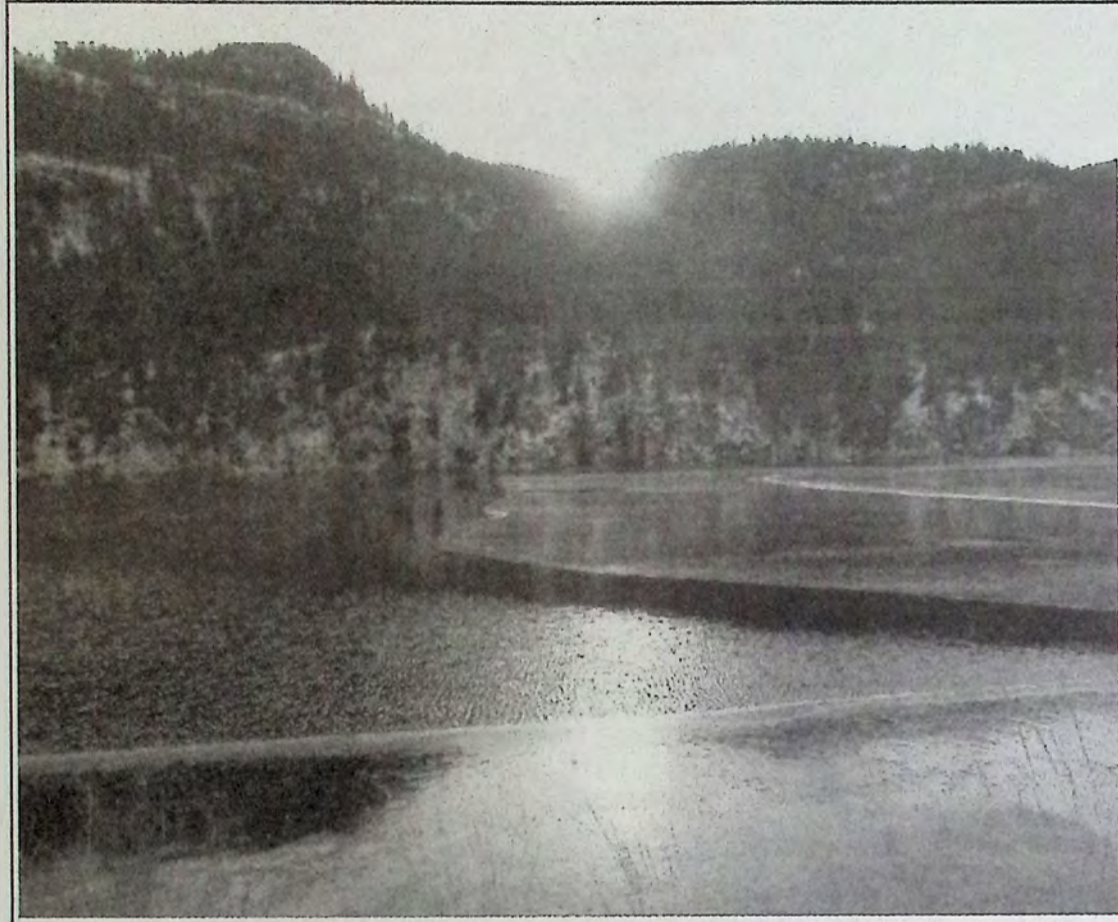
AFTERNOON

12:30 pm SPIKE ch.44 "The Bourne Identity" (2002, Suspense) Matt Damon. A woman helps an amnesiac, who has a dangerous past, to dodge assassins as he tries to learn about himself. (In Stereo)
 2:00 pm FAM ch.26 "Santa Buddies" (2009, Comedy) George Wendt. Talking puppies must save the day when the world forgets the meaning of Christmas. (In Stereo) (CC)
 5:00 pm DTOUR ch.45 "Moonraker" (1979, Action) Roger Moore. Agent 007 meets Hugo Drax, a tycoon out to nerve-gas Earth to make room for his space-bred master race. (In Stereo) (CC)

EVENING

6:00 pm SPIKE ch.44 "The Day After Tomorrow" (2004, Action) Dennis Quaid. A climatologist tries to locate his son after global warming leads to worldwide natural disasters. (In Stereo)
 7:00 pm FAM ch.26 "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) (CC)
 8:00 pm CBC ch.13 "A Christmas Story" (1983, Comedy) Peter Billingsley. In the 1940s, little Ralphie tries to convince his parents to get him a Red Ryder range-

model BB gun for Christmas. Narrated by Jean Shepherd. (In Stereo) (CC)
 YTV ch.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) (CC)
 VTVch.22 "The Twelve Trees of Christmas" (2013, Drama) Mel B. Premiere. To save her beloved library from a real-estate developer, a woman organizes a contest to decorate Christmas trees. (In Stereo) (CC) (DVS)
 9:00 pm KNOW ch.5 "Carol Channing: Larger Than Life" (2011, Documentary) Barbara Walters, Debbie Reynolds, Lily Tomlin and others pay tribute to the life and career of iconic musical-comedy star Carol Channing. (In Stereo) (CC)
 DTOUR ch.45 "Moonraker" (1979, Action) Roger Moore. Agent 007 meets Hugo Drax, a tycoon out to nerve-gas Earth to make room for his space-bred master race. (In Stereo) (CC)
 9:30 pm WTBS ch.3 "Domestic Disturbance" (2001, Suspense) John Travolta. A troubled boy claims he witnessed his new step-father commit a murder, prompting his father to investigate.
 11:30 pm WTBS ch.3 "Drillbit Taylor" (2008, Comedy) Owen Wilson. Three friends hire a homeless soldier-of-fortune to protect them from the school bully.



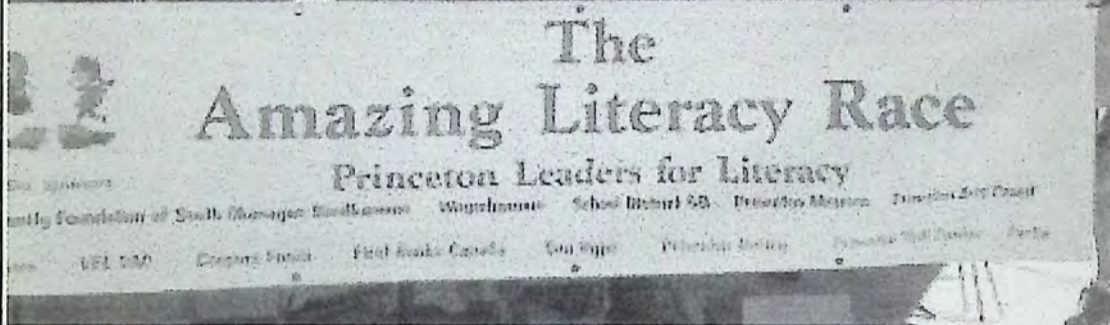
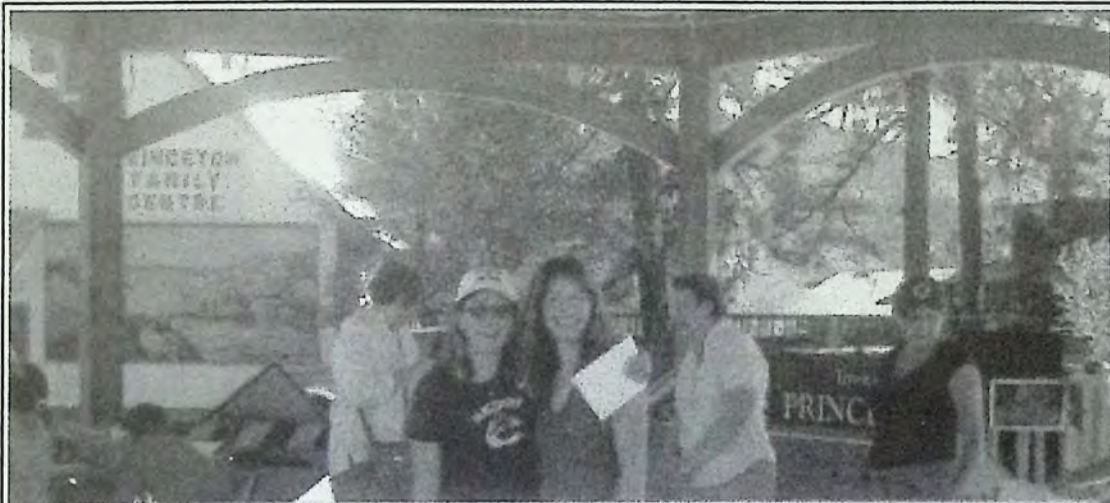
Ice forming on Yellow Lake caught on film December 9th. Photo: Brenda Engel

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2013

| | WTBS ch.3 | CHBC ch.4 | KNOW ch.5 | KSPS ch.6 | KHQ ch.7 | KREM ch.8 | A&E ch.9 | KXLY ch.10 | BCTV ch.11 | CITY ch.12 | CBC ch.13 | YTV ch.18 | TSN ch.19 | VTV ch.22 | DISC ch.24 | FAM ch.26 | CITY ch.29 | SPIKE ch.44 | DTOUR ch.45 |
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| 6 AM | In the Heat of the Night | Morning News (N) | Wibbly Pig | Bulldozer | KHQ News 6AM (N) | KREM 2 Morning News | Criminal Minds | Morning Northwest | Morning News (N) | (5:00) Morning News (N) | CBC News Now (N) | Rated A Rescue | SportsCentre | CTV Morning Live (N) | River Monsters | Stella-Sam Phineas | CityLine (N) | Auction | Sunset |
| 7 AM | Law & Order: SVU | | Ella the EI | Arthur | Today (N) | CBS This Morning (N) | Criminal Minds | Good Morning America (N) | | | Tiger | Kid vs. Kat | SportsCentre | | River Monsters | Shake It | Let's Make a Deal (N) | CSI: NY | Sunset |
| 8 AM | Law & Order: SVU | | PAW Patrol | Martha | | | | | | | Arthur | Movie: Christmas Is Here Again | | | | ANT Farm | | Deadliest Warrior | Pitchin' In |
| 9 AM | Millionaire | Morning | Magic Bus | Curious | | | CSI: Miami | | | Morning | Bo On/Go | Movie: "A Fairly Odd Christmas" | SportsCentre | | River Monsters | Jessie | The Price Is Right (N) | Ways Die | Eat St. O |
| 10 AM | Divorce | The Doctors | Dinosaur | Cat In the | | The 700 Club | CSI: Miami | Liv! Kelly and Michael | Morning | The Doctors | Super Why! | Movie: "A Fairly Odd Christmas" | Hockey | Liv! Kelly and Michael | River Monsters | Mickey's Magical Christmas | Jdg Judy | Auction | World's |
| 11 AM | Judge Alex | AnnaOlson | Dragon | Peg | | The Price Is Right (N) | Criminal Minds | The View | The Doctors | AnnaOlson | Bookaboo | | | The View | Licence to Drill | Christmas Sofia | The Chew | Deadliest Warrior | Movie: *** "Moonraker" (1979) Roger Moore. |
| 12 PM | King | Debt/Part | Dino Dan | Charlie Rose | Jdg Judy | News | After the First 48 | The Chew | News | Our Vancouver (N) | Cat In the | A Flintstones Christmas Carol | IIHF | Marilyn Denis | Licence to Drill | Phineas ANT Farm | General Hospital (N) | Deadliest Warrior | |
| 1 PM | Community | Days of our Lives (N) | Dragon | Paint This | Days of our Lives (N) | The Talk | The First 48 | General Hospital (N) | Days of our Lives (N) | Queen | Republic of Doyle | Frosty | Hockey | The Social | Licence to Drill | Wizards | CityLine | Movie: *** "The Bourne Identity" (2002, Suspense) Matt Damon. | Security |
| 2 PM | Seinfeld | The Talk | PAW Patrol | Super Why! | Let's Make a Deal (N) | The First 48 | Queen Latifah | The Talk | Queen Latifah | Steven and Chris | Parents | Off Record | Dr. Phil | Licence to Drill | Movie: ** "Santa Buddies" (2009) | CityNews at 5 (N) | | Airport | |
| 3 PM | The Middle | Queen Latifah | Clifford | Sid | Ellen DeGeneres Show | The First 48 | Rachael Ray | Queen Latifah | Young & Restless | Recipes | SpongeBob | Sports | Bethenny | Licence to Drill | Austin | Mod Fam | Deadliest Warrior | Security | |
| 4 PM | Big Bang | Young & Restless | Maya Bee | Wild Kratts | Jdg Judy | The Dr. Oz Show | Duck D. | The Doctors | Young & Restless | Early News | Dragons' Den | Victorious | Ellen DeGeneres Show | Auction | Austin | Mod Fam | Deadliest Warrior | Security | |
| 5 PM | Browns | News (N) | Martha | News | News | News | Duck D. | News | Early News | (4:59) News Hour (N) | News | The Happy Elf | CTV News at Five (N) | Auction | Jessie | Entertain | Ways Die | Movie: *** "Moonraker" (1979) Roger Moore. | |
| 6 PM | Browns | Global Nat. | Animals | PBS News-Hour (N) | News | KREM 2 News at 6 (N) | Duck D. | News at 6 | (5:59) News Hour (N) | ET Canada | News | Rudolph, the Reindeer | CTV News (N) | Auction | Liv-Mad. | Entertain | Movie: *** "The Day After Tomorrow" (2004) | Security | |
| 7 PM | Mod Fam | Ent | Hope for Wildlife | Hebburn | Jeopardy! | Inside Ed. | Duck D. | Ent | Ent | Bomb Girls | Rudolph, the Reindeer | Rudolph's Shiny Year | Katy Perry | Auction | Movie: "Christmas With the Kranks" | CityNews-Tonight (N) | | Moves | |
| 8 PM | Family Guy | Almost Human "Pilot" | Warfare Farm | Antiques Roadshow (N) | The Sing-Off One group is declared the winner. | How I Met | Duck D. | Shrek | Almost Human "Pilot" | Movie: **** "A Christmas Story" (1983) | Movie: ** "Christmas With the Kranks" (2004) | Movie: ** "The Twelve Trees of Christmas" (2013) | SportsCentre (N) | Auction | ANT Farm | | | Moves | |
| 9 PM | Amer. Dad | Sleepy Hollow | "Carol Channing: Larger Than Life" | Christmas In Norway | Independent Lens (N) | Mike | Duck D. | The Great Christmas Light Fight | Sleepy Hollow | Sleepy Hollow | Super Evil | Mr. Young | Russell Peters | Auction | Good Luck | Maury | Cops | Movie: *** "Moonraker" (1979) Roger Moore. | |
| 10 PM | Domestic Disturbance (2001) | Bomb Girls (DVS) | Foncle's | Hollywood Game Night | News | Elementary | Duck D. | KXLY 4 | News Hour Final (N) | ET Canada | CBC News | Boys | CTV News | Auction | Princess | Paid Prog. | Jail | Security | |
| 11 PM | "Drillbit" | CHBC News Final (N) | Hope for Wildlife | Return | Jay Leno | Letterman | Duck D. | J. Kimmel | News Hour Final (N) | The Test | George S | Splatalot | CTV News | Auction | | | | | |

Princeton Literacy Project

Community Comes Together To Assist



Thanks to a grant from the Community Foundation of the South Okanagan/Similkameen, Princeton Leaders for Literacy was able to hold its first Annual Amazing Literacy Race in May of 2013. The event was so successful and well supported by the community and School District #58 that May of 2014 will be the date of the second annual event. Literacy Outreach Coordinator Dierra Maynard (left) stands beside Museum Manager Robin Lowe (right) and said of the event, "The event was so much fun. The students got to shop in Cooper's for a \$10 meal that was then donated to the local food bank, use an avalanche locator, write a poem, do a physical challenge, work as a team to build a puzzle, ride a bike to generate electricity, do some online hunting for clues and do a locally relevant historical treasure hunt. They were doing new things, learning, working as a team, creating, being socially responsible and having fun. It was a totally awesome day and the fact that it raised funds for our literacy programs was just icing on the cake for Princeton Leaders for Literacy. Through the generosity of the Community Foundation's donors who paid for all the great signs for the Amazing Literacy Race with their grant, they have made a lasting impact to our community and are a great example of how 'Giving Once helps Forever.' - photo submitted

hopes to offer a sign up sheet for at least two small workshops.

Seniors create just one proponent of literacy. For the past several years, PLFL has been identifying and targeting the community's literacy gaps in a full out assault with the assistance of many community partners. A great example of local aid came with the Amazing Literacy Race held last spring in conjunction with Vermilion Forks Elementary School. Every student and staff member from there participated in the day long event. Weyerhaeuser, Orica Mine, First Book Canada, School District #58, Cooper's Foods, the Community Foundation of the South Okanagan and Similkameen, SunRype, Fortis BC, Princeton Arts Council, Princeton Skills Centre, Reichert Sales and Services, the Town of Princeton, AutoTac Graphics, Princeton Secondary School, VFE PAC, Rotary Club and the Princeton Museum all stepped up to help out either with people, money, donations and/or more.

"There are so many good people in this community that really care about others here and, in this case the youth, that the idea really just took off fast," said local LOC Dierra Maynard.

"I think that living in a small town does have some disadvantages for youth with limited facilities for programs, but we have embraced great adaptability and ingenuity to compensate...and we are fortunate in that we have so many caring community-minded organizations who are generous when we really need them."

Maynard wanted to recognize the contributors over the past year because without them, "we really can't fill the literacy gaps in our community or assist those looking for a hand up...it just isn't possible."

At a recent literacy conference in Richmond a lifetime literacy award was given out to 71 year old Ellen Szita, who at age 45 learned to read and has since become a motivational speaker and lifelong literacy

advocate.

Szita said, "You people don't realize how what you do affects, so many of us. It is generational. My granddaughter was valedictorian at her graduation and my grandson just received his PHD. Helping one person helps many. It changes lives and gives us hope and new opportunities for a better life."

One of Princeton Leaders for Literacy's most recent accomplishments is the donation of over 200 books for the Bedtime and Books evening reading event at John Allison Elementary School. With a successful grant through First Book Canada and a financial boost of \$100 from Bill and Ann Vowles from The Hut, \$60.25 from School District #58 and \$100 from Princeton's Early Years group, the beautiful new books were handed over to all attending children as free gifts. The children were delighted with their presents and both the school and Princeton Leaders for Literacy knows that new books mean story time at home.

"We encourage all children to read, read, read," said Maynard.

"A love of reading really does give a person a boost towards success in life. It gives people new ways to think, new ideas and awakens creatively. I just can't think of anything bad to say about reading. We all want our children to succeed in life and programs like Bedtime and Books, the Amazing Literacy Race and many others our community offers are making a difference to our community's children."

"If we can find a way to help every person who is looking for a better life achieve it in some small way through one of our literacy programs," Maynard continued, "we are doing something right. It's about empowerment. Give people the tools to learn and they will build a better life for themselves and their family. I am really proud of our community for caring and for putting their philanthropy forth as proof. Together united is always a better way to tackle literacy issues than alone." - submitted

When people think about literacy, they often pinpoint the solitary skill of reading as the central essential task of learning, but ask those same people what learning means and it would be next to impossible to receive one collectively agreed upon answer. Learning is every part of everything. Even the local deer soon learn who has the best garden to rob and how and when to cross a busy highway.

So when Princeton Leaders for Literacy formed in 2008, it was no surprise that each member of the board had a slightly different idea of what literacy meant. This is where the job of a Literacy Outreach Coordinator (LOC) comes in. An LOC is responsible

for finding partnerships with organizations that need help and that can give help in all kinds of ways with all kinds of learning. Part of that process is at the mercy of the community. What does Princeton need? Where are the community's weaknesses? Where are the strengths?

Communities all across B.C. have created their own version of literacy assistance programs by answering those specific questions. Each community has different needs and wants, but some also have many similarities. One such similarity is the technological gap seniors are feeling the most. Princeton has done its part by offering a widely popular series of computer training

sessions at the Princeton and District Community Skills Centre that often have waiting lists. Princeton Leaders for Literacy hopes to continue these classes until the need disappears, if it ever does.

The next step is to target those seniors who are looking for just a little help with one or two tasks, such as creating an email account and learning to use it. This is where the Princeton branch of the Okanagan Regional Library will step up in a partnership with Princeton Secondary School to offer a few student driven workshops. Last year, PSS students offered a few one-on-one tutoring sessions with seniors with limited reception. This year the library

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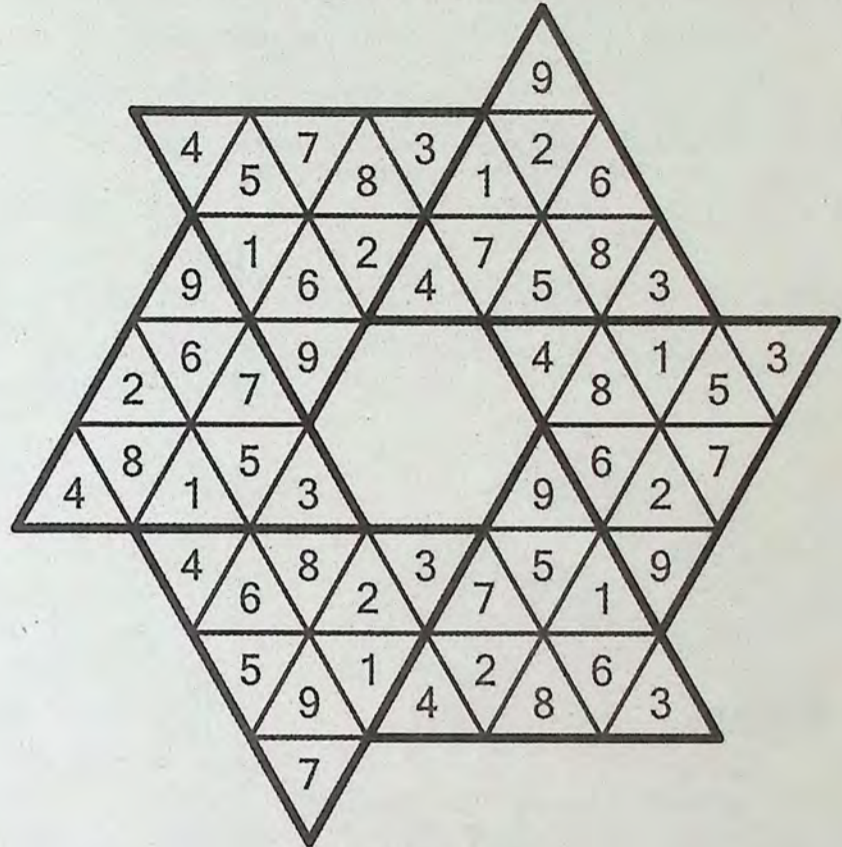
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Posse Report

President Dean Johnston

WE NEED YOU!

As this article is being written, the Posse head off on a 3 day road trip - the last long one of the season.

Stops include Chase, then Sicamous followed by a stop in Revelstoke Sunday. Do or die? Cliché - maybe, but there certainly

is starting to be a sense of urgency to the season for the team. And yet both expectations and confidence are at a season high!

Hence - we need you! This week! Two home games: Wednesday Osoyoos is in town, followed by Kelowna Friday.

The team has played very well lately, has played well at home all season, and is confidently showing signs of settling down and gelling. Once again, we need you! In the stands, vocal, and in force!

Wednesday December 18
12 Noon vs Osoyoos Coyotes
- Game time NOON!

- Elementary School Day - both Vermillion Forks and John Allison students will cram into the Corral
- We invite the older spectrum to PLAY HOOKEY WITH THE POSSE!!!

- The Eagle's Nest Saloon will be open and serving beverages including pop
- The BBQ will be fired up
- Adults - take an extended lunch! It is Christmas time! Take an extended lunch
- Adult tickets will include a Smokie and a Beverage
- come on up and watch from the Saloon!

Friday Night
December 20 vs Kelowna Chiefs
- game time 7:00 PM
- PSS Night - show your student ID and come in for Free!!

- Pregame Tailgate Party - BONFIRE In the PARKING LOT!!!
- Music, Tent, Bonfire, BBQs Gourmet Smokies - it all starts at 5:30 PM!
- Eagle's Nest Saloon will be open - Canucks on TVs!
- Come out, make an evening, and lets send the boys off on Christmas break with a message. This is Princeton - and this is our Posse!

Looking forward to seeing everyone out at the Corral!

The Posse, as always, extends a huge thank you to all fans, volunteers, billet families and Sponsors. And a huge and appreciative...Merry Christmas from the Posse to Princeton!

Board approves report

..... continued from Front Page for students with behaviour disability designation.

As for children in care the report states, "The district continues to track students on an individual level. We have reviewed 33 students and have found that 22 students (67%) are showing good progress and experiencing success. While still a concern, six of the students (18%) are showing some progress and five of the students (15%) are experiencing difficulties in one or more areas of learning."

In Early Learning, a number of strategies are in place including

kindergarten assessment of social emotional and literacy components, Early Child Education support, Ready Set Learn being offered and a StrongStart outreach.

As for Other Comments, the Superintendent outlined activities aimed at enhancing student learning in the district which includes conversions of secondary school libraries into Learning Commons, a change in the timetable at Merritt Secondary School to make it better for student learning and the development of the SELF team (Social Emotional Learning Framework) at Princeton Secondary School.

Flip of the Coyne

Spencer Coyne

..... continued from Page 3 country yet the Prime Minister seems to want to change that window to a locked door. As we are crying over the lack of postal delivery in Canada's cities, our political system got a little more separated from the people it is there to serve.

If there is one thing we should try and take from the life of Nelson Mandela, it is that when there is something that is unfair and wrong,

then we should stand up and fight against it. We should not sit back and be sheep allowing those in power to do wrong in our name. Canadians need to wake up. Yes, the loss of door-to-door mail delivery to one third of Canadians is concerning, but the loss of access to our elected officials and the loss of transparency is criminal. As citizens, taxpayers, and voters, we need to demand that our government answers to the people.

District adopts two policies

A pair of policies were adopted at the December 11th regular meeting of the Board of Education for School District 58 (Nicola-Similkameen).

Policy No. 502.5 is the Smoking and the Use of Smokeless Tobacco Products Policy which was amended to include smokeless tobacco products such as e-cigarettes.

The policy states clearly "there is to be no smoking in school district buildings on school grounds or any other school property, including district vehicles or at school sponsored functions and/or events."

Enforcement of the regulation is left up to the Principal, or designate.

The second, a new policy, is No. 507.1 and is the Discrimination Policy.

The purpose of the policy is to define appropriate behaviours and actions in order to prevent discrimination and harassment through greater awareness of and responsive-

ness to their harmful effects; to ensure all complaints are taken seriously and dealt with expeditiously and effectively through consistently applied policies and procedures; and to raise awareness and improve understanding of the lives of all people.



Holiday Wishes

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News Leader Movies

Thursday & Friday

THURSDAY MOVIES

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CBC ch.13 "The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause" (2006, Comedy) Tim Allen. Scott Calvin, aka Santa, contends with visiting in-laws and a scheme by mischievous Jack Frost to freeze him out of Christmas. (In Stereo) (CC)
9:00 pm CHBC ch.4 BCTV ch.11 "The Polar Express" (2004, Fantasy) Voices of Tom Hanks. Animated. The conductor of a train to the North Pole guides a boy who questions the existence of Santa Claus.

KNOW ch.5 "Becoming Santa" (2010, Comedy) Jack spends a season playing Santa Claus for children and learns about the benefits of belief.

DTOUR ch.45 "The Man With the Golden Gun" (1974, Action) Roger Moore. Agent 007 heads for the Orient to find a \$1 million hit man with a midget sidekick. (In Stereo) (CC)

9:30 pm WTBS ch.3 "The Ring" (2002, Horror) Naomi Watts. A journalist investigates the mystery behind a bizarre videotape that brings death after seven days to all who view it.

11:30 pm WTBS ch.3 "Righteous Kill" (2008, Crime Drama) Robert De Niro. Two veteran detectives hunt a vigilante whose crimes resemble those of a killer they put behind bars long ago.

FRIDAY Movies

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8:30 pm SPIKE ch.44 "Doom" (2005, Science Fiction) The Rock. Soldiers use heavy firepower to battle mutants at a high-tech research facility on Mars. (In Stereo)

9:00 pm DTOUR ch.45 "The Spy Who Loved Me" (1977, Action) Roger Moore. Agent 007 and a Russian beauty foil a madman in a submarine, who is out to nuke the world. (In Stereo) (CC)

9:30 pm WTBS ch.3 "Rogue" (2007, Action) Jet Li. A federal agent seeks revenge on an elusive assassin after his partner and family are killed, but the target ignites a war between rival Asian mobsters.

10:00 pm FAM ch.26 "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992, Comedy) Macaulay Culkin. Once again left behind by his family, the boy hero lands in Manhattan and battles two burglars he faced before. (In Stereo) (CC)

11:30 pm WTBS ch.3 "Almost Famous" (2000, Comedy-Drama) Billy Crudup. An aspiring teenage rock journalist gets his big break when he follows an up-and-coming band on its tour.

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Princeton Baptist Church Children's Choir signing 'Mighty God' during Songfest. Photo: Dawn Johnson

Heart surgery program celebrates anniversary

A significant milestone has been achieved within the Interior Health Cardiac Surgery Program. This month the program marks its one year anniversary.

"Going through heart surgery is difficult enough without having the support of family and friends close by," said Premier Christy Clark, MLA for Westside-Kelowna.

"The availability of cardiac surgery in Kelowna has been a great benefit for patients from throughout the Interior, now able to receive expert care without having to travel far."

The program's first open heart surgery occurred on December 3, 2012. Since then more than 500 surgeries have been performed on patients from every corner of the interior. Dr. Calvin Wan, one of the program's three renowned surgeons, performed the 500th surgery on November 25: An aortic valve replacement and coronary artery bypass surgery.

"These surgical services, in addition to the education and health promotion work occurring as part of this program, are among the finest in the province," said Minister of Health Terry Lake.

"The first year of this program has seen outstanding results and clinical outcomes."

"As our population ages heart disease is an increasing concern," said Steve Thomson, MLA Kelowna-Mission.

"We know that the demand for these services is on the rise. Already in the interior close to 1,600 people received cardiac care through the Cardiac Surgery Program."

Surgeries are currently taking place in two renovated operating rooms at Kelowna General Hospital while the Interior Heart and Surgical Centre (IHSC) building is under construction. The Interior Heart and Surgical Centre building will be the permanent home for this program.

The building is planned to open in mid-2015.

The IHSC building will be the province's fifth cardiac critical care centre. Cardiac surgery is performed at four other hospitals: Royal Columbian, Royal Jubilee, St. Paul's and Vancouver General.

"Every year, 12,000 surgeries in 12 different specialties, including open heart surgery, will change and save lives of patients receiving care at the centre," said Norm Letnick, MLA Kelowna-Lake Country and Chair of B.C.'s Committee on Health.

"I want to thank those involved in developing and delivering the Cardiac Surgery Program for their hard work and expertise."

"It's important to realize this is not a Kelowna, or even an Okanagan, program," said Interior Health Board Chair Norman Embree.

"In the last year 60 patients from the Kootenay region received cardiac surgery here in the interior instead of having to travel to Vancouver. Sixty have come from Kamloops alone, and another 24 from communities in the Cariboo. The Cardiac Surgery Program truly is a regional service."

"We are pleased to be part of efforts to deliver this calibre of care right here in the Central Okanagan," said Robert Hobson, chair of the Central Okanagan Regional Hospital District, which is contributing \$70.7 million to the Interior Heart and Surgical Centre project.

Through its affiliation with the Southern Interior Medical Program, the Interior Heart and Surgical Centre will also support the training of future surgeons and physician, utilizing state-of-the-art equipment and advanced techniques.

To support patient care within the new Interior Heart and Surgical Centre building, the KGH

Foundation has embarked on its largest fundraising initiative to date, the Be a Lifesaver Campaign. Its mission is to ensure the surgical centre opens fully outfitted with the critical equipment it needs to change and save lives. For information and to learn how you can "be a life saver" visit www.bealife-saver.net.

For more information about the Interior Heart and Surgical Centre visit this website: www.building-patientcare.com.

Where do open heart surgical patients come from?

Regional breakdown December 2012 to November 14 2013:

- 100 Mile House, 7
- Lillooet, 3
- Armstrong/Spallumcheem, 7
- Merritt, 7
- Arrow Lakes, 6
- Nelson, 10
- Cariboo Chilcotin, 13
- North Thompson, 1
- Castlegar, 9
- Penticton, 15
- Central Okanagan (Kelowna, Lake Country), 138
- Princeton, 6
- Cranbrook, 2
- Revelstoke, 2
- Creston, 8
- Salmon Arm, 24
- Enderby, 7
- South Cariboo, 4
- Fernie, 1
- South Okanagan (Osoyoos, Oliver), 15
- Grand Forks, 6
- Summerland, 7
- Kamloops, 60
- Trail, 10
- Keremeos, 10
- Vernon, 57
- Kettle Valley, 1
- Windermere, 2
- Kimberly, 1
- Other BC Health Authorities, 17
- Kootenay Lake, 3
- Out of Province, 4

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This dish is called Ghormeh Sabzi and is basically a split yellow bean stew with zucchini and dried lime. Rice on the side makes the meal complete. "It's tangy and tasty," says Similkameen News Leader's George Elliott. *

Persian dishes featured at local restaurant

Matt Delaram is reaching back into his heritage to add a new feature to the menu at his restaurant.

Delaram is from Iran and has owned Country Kitchen Family Restaurant on Vermilion Avenue for a number of years. In an attempt to attract new business and customers Delaram has chosen to do what he does best, prepare foods from his homeland and feature a different Persian dish each Monday.

If it catches on, he plans to expand the days he offers the meals.

Persian dishes seem to be mostly of the meat and vegetable variety and are not only very flavourful, they aren't spicy or too exotic which should appeal to many.

One dish Delaram made recently is called Tas Kabob. An online source he used to promote the meals describes it in this manner:

"Persian Tas Kabob is a type of Persian dish that is a fusion of meat and various vegetables. Layered and piled on top of each other, nestled in close proximity in a pot, and cooked ever so slowly. In this simmering manner, the various ingredients grow cozy and intimate, they bond, each arraying its own distinct quality to a neighboring companion but also picking up the essence of its same pot comrades."

"The result is a dish with a fusion of flavor, aroma and texture far greater than the sum of its parts. What's more, it's a healthy and nutritious meal. The ingredients for it are pretty flexible and interchangeable. Mostly made with quince (Persian Beeh), that deceptively brutish looking fruit, with an intoxicating aroma and delectable flesh. If quince is not available

green apple can be substituted in a pinch.

"Traditionally meat is the anchor ingredient but Portobello mushroom can be substituted for vegetarian version without missing out on too much of the goodness of this dish. Figs are optional and you may use plums for our Persian food."

"Ghormeh Sabzi (pictured above) is a Persian Green Stew. Ingredients for this dish are beef, lamb, goat or pork, onion, turmeric, dried limes, kidney bean, spinach, parsley, cilantro, garlic, fenugreek leaves, preparation time 20 minutes, cooking time 2 hours. Well served with Basmati Rice."

If you are looking for a different kind of 'worldly meal experience' try the weekly Persian dish offered at Country Kitchen located on Vermilion Avenue.



Tas Kabob with sliced quince in the top of the dish in this photo. Quince is a fruit that is similar to a green apple or pear.

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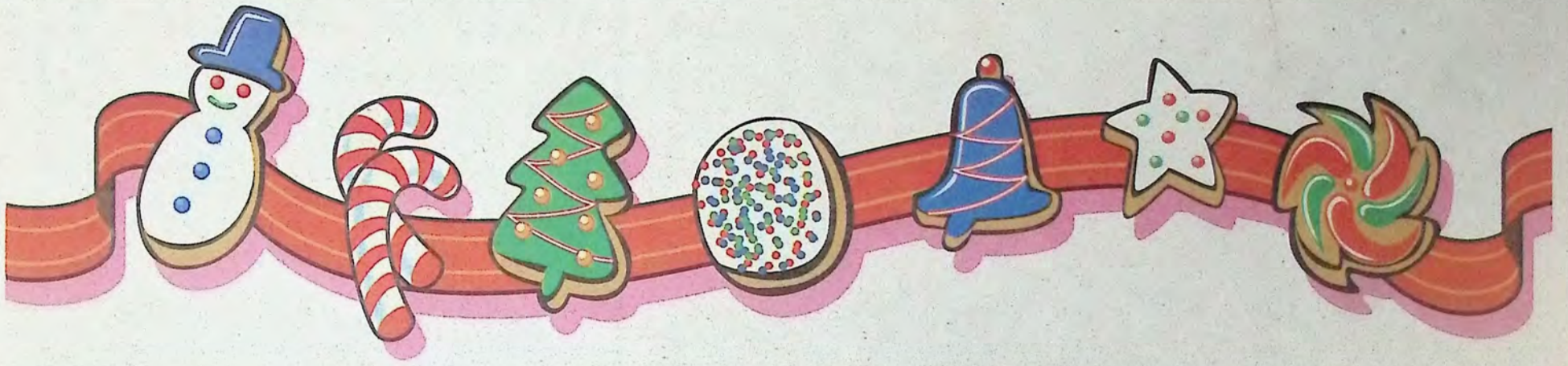
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