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The 2015/16 YBC season started September 16th at Copperhill Lanes, signalling the official end of summer for many. \*

## PXA ends full season of activity

Princeton Exhibition Association (PXA) met September 15 to discuss a number of issues related to a very busy season. There have been a number of events at the fairgrounds.

Bill Allinott, who put on the mud racing event and demolition derby, attended the meeting and was congratulated by PXA President Paul Bedard, who thanked Allinott and his crew for the way they handled the event.

Bedard described the past summer as 'trying' due to controversy regarding more than one event. He received some criticism as well for the way the paper work had been handled. Procedures for contracts and insurance will be reviewed by Town Council and Town Hall administration.

User groups are to be informed the PXA does not provide supplies and equipment for any beer gardens for any events.

Information was given to the PXA regarding a horse clinic to be held September 26 to 28. No formal request had been made to reserve those dates and the organizers were to be informed they must apply in writing to the PXA to reserve dates and negotiate a fee for use of the grounds.

The PXA has been approached by a group wishing to hold a major event next year. This led to a discussion of whether campers on the grounds should be charged an overnight camping fee. Where and how campers could be accommodated was discussed. Other similar venues charge for camping on the grounds during events. No decision has been made.

The weed situation was discussed,

and members decided to hold an information session on the invasive Hoary Alyssum weed which is poisonous to horses. This weed has spread on the fairgrounds and has become a major nuisance. A hand weeding project was not costly and proved effective, but a bigger and better project is needed for next year. The PXA treasurer was asked to allocate \$2,000 for weeding next year.

A special grass seed is available to the PXA and it will be planted this fall. The Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society (OASISS) is providing seed.

The Fall Fair was granted permission to renovate Building #2 to remove aging shelving and revamp the building so it is adaptable for a variety of uses. The Fall Fair had a number of requests, the first being a request for the PXA to budget for the purchase of a riding lawnmower with a trailer attached for moving chairs, tables and other equipment. Another request was for an inspection of the false fronts built in 1990 for Billy Miner Days. Fall Fair asked for a change to be made in the former pari-mutual area to make it more usable for other activities.

The PXA is entering a budget planning period which is done in conjunction with the Town of Princeton.

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## Fall Fair wins support

The 50th Princeton Fall Fair received great support from the public. Mayor Frank Armitage and the Youth Ambassadors gave a warm welcome to those attending the fair. Saturday paid attendance was 451, with half that many on Sunday.

It was a great fair for children, with numerous activities including inflatable play areas, face painting by the Youth Ambassadors, arts and crafts with Shirley Freding, and pony cart rides by Snowy Rivers Farm.

Adults enjoyed the Langley Drill Team, The gospel singers, including Steve 'Elvis' Elliott, with did a gospel hour on Sunday morning and a main show on Sunday afternoon to a highly appreciative audience.

Jonas Melan, a skilled chainsaw artist, kept people interested in what he does with a chunk of tree. He has donated a bench he created which will be raffled off during coming months, and he says he will be happy to come back next year. Sue Gereau did horse massages and was approached to massage a lame dog and a cat brought to the fair by their owners.

There were many interesting vendors at the fair, and some candidates for the upcoming election were present to talk about their parties.

Top Junior Exhibitor was Madison Fulton, who took home \$62 for her many entries.

Top exhibitor in baking went to

Jennifer Bernard. Competition in Home Canning was strong, but Miranda Grigg emerged as top exhibitor and won the special prize of canning equipment. Ben Mazzarella won the special prize for top exhibitor in Vegetables. Overall top exhibitor was Dawn Johnson.

The annual Fall Fair raffle prize of a lift of two by fours went to Gerry McGrath, a Lower Mainland resident who recently purchased a home in Princeton. Second prize was won by another Lower Mainland resident, F. Crouch of Burnaby. Third prize, from Cool Beanz, went to James Bond of Princeton, and fourth prize, a Fortis BC emergency kit, went to Alana Sheppard, of Princeton. A number of local residents won gate prizes.

The Fall Fair Association will be busy to the end of the month catching up on their paperwork. They meet on September 22 at 6:30 PM at the fairgrounds office to make final reports.

"We will know how we stand when all the bills are paid," President Dawn Johnson commented.

"Right now, we know there will be a 51st Fall Fair in 2016."

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Always with a guitar nearby, Rui breaks into song at a casual family barbeque in June. Photo: Brenda Engel

## Ladies, Gentlemen...

### ...Boys and Girls, "The Brazilian" Has Left the Building

*The Legend of Princeton's Very Own "Crazy Brazilian Sasquatch" Rui Ferreira*

by Daniel Davidson

A few short weeks ago, which now seem like an eternity, a very unique young man left our town. With him he took more than just a small part of the hearts and minds of myself and my family, several of our neighbours but also of many of our fellow townfolk here in Princeton. To be clear, as far as my wife and I are concerned, he took quite a big piece of our hearts, and watching him drive away was as powerful an experience as it was when watching one of my own sons drive off to participate in yet another Military engagement for the Canadian Armed Forces.

The young man that I write of is Rui Ferreira, and I know that I am not alone in proclaiming both my respect and admiration of this young man. To be sure, I am always amazed at finding yet another Princetonite who was touched by this young traveller's numerous acts of kindness, gentle yet infectious sense of humour, his kind and generous spirit, and, perhaps most of all, his incredible reserves of enthusiastic energy! Seriously, what wasn't he involved in? Whatever door was even only just partially opened to him, and in a small town as friendly as ours there were many, many doors opened, he jumped in whole-heartedly, and he was game for whatever was asked of him.

For Rui, knowing just exactly what was appropriate, or what wasn't, was something of a challenge at

times and on a few occasions a down-right struggle. "Try to keep in mind, please," he would occasionally ask of me while searching for an answer to a particular situation, "that I am from a different culture, and I'm not sure exactly what the right thing to do or say is at times." More often than not however, his hesitation was more out of his sincere desire not to hurt anyone, or of being misunderstood as his primary concern was always how his words or actions could affect others. That simple, yet powerful character trait - sincerity - was what first got my attention, and to this day I still feel that, in spite of his many attributes, it is still his strongest asset. Yes, Rui showed immense talent and skill, both academically and semi-professionally as an athlete, actor, songwriter, musician, singer and recording editor. Yet, it was his concern for others' (shown in his many volunteer hours spent throughout our community) that really got my attention. He truly is a very caring young man, with an empathy for others that went well beyond his young years.

I had never seen him more enthusiastic, about anything, than when he was trying out for the local Rugby team. It became urgently evident to him during the first five minutes of the warmup on the first day of try-outs, that this adventure was going to consist of a higher degree of pain beyond anything he had ever imagined, and that the amount of work demanded by the coach would probably kill him. Still, the chance to learn something more about Canada and Canadians,

the opportunity to hopefully gain a few new friends, and maybe help out those who were struggling with the rigors of training as much as himself (and there were more than a few), was so powerful that nothing, potentially not even his own untimely demise, was going to stop him from making the team; nothing! With a look on his face that I will never forget, after the event had ended, he showed up at my doorstep for our scheduled music sessions, simply beaming with excitement at the prospect of making the team and being able to play and travel with his new friends. Nothing was beyond his infinite enthusiasm, and it was contagious! Whether it was during a Rugby or Baseball practice, in the Band Room with friends doing some Music, rehearsing at the Theatre or just chatting with friends while playing one of the countless Board Games that he enjoyed so much, within minutes everyone around him was as excited about the prospects of whatever activity they were involved in as he himself was.

Keeping in mind that this young lad had never seen snow, he quickly learned the answers to his questions about what we do during the long harsh months of winter. He soon found out that by getting involved in as many local clubs and organizations as possible, we are able to stay quite active indeed. He then got real busy, real quick! Thanks in large part to the support of his Host Families, Skating, Curling, Skiing and Snow Boarding were just a few of the

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# Flip Of The Coyne

by Spencer Coyne

Last week a 9th grade boy in Texas took his homemade digital clock to school to show his new teacher. He was proud and excited to show his abilities. His father had encouraged him to show off his creation. The father was proud of his son. What father wouldn't be? The teacher was impressed by the abilities of the young pupil and gave him positive feedback. Later in the day, the boy's clock beeped and a teacher got suspicious and didn't believe the young man that it was just a clock and the situation escalated quickly. The boy was questioned and taken away from his school to a juvenile detention centre in handcuffs until he was later released to his parents.

The student didn't do anything wrong. He made a clock, but authorities and school officials didn't believe him. They were convinced it was the beginning of a bomb. There are two things that are wrong here: firstly, a curious fourteen year old was only doing what teen-aged boy like to do, taking things apart and putting them back together, using his mind to explore and create. It is what all parents love to see in their children. We want our children to grow and expand their minds. Why else would the father of the boy encourage his son to show his new teacher how skilled he was? If you believe the official line from the school and the police, the student was only arrested and questioned because of his technology and nothing else.

Secondly, the student's name is Ahmed Mohamed. He is a young

Muslim boy and it is hard to believe that if he was white that the school and the police would not have reacted differently. There was a teacher who had seen and inspected the clock. The boy communicated that it was a clock. Although the press reported that it was in a brief case, it was actually in a pencil case. The police did their job. They were called and they responded, but that doesn't mean that they could not have looked at it like makers (people who build electronics as a hobby) and see that the components were consistent with a clock. It is hard to believe that Ahmed was not seen as being suspicious because of his skin colour and his religion. I guess in a world where movies are people's source of information and all bombs look like dynamite or plasticine attached to a clock and those people putting those bombs everywhere usually have brown skin and names like Mohamed, it is no doubt that a young boy trying to impress his new teacher is perceived as a threat.

Sadly this fear of those different from us is not exclusive to the United States or other nations. Canada is going through the same thing right now as people call on the government to do more for the refugees fleeing the war in Syria and Iraq. Daily we see dozens of posts on the internet spreading hate and fear. In the leaders' debate, Harper used this xenophobia to his advantage when he dropped the line "old-stock Canadians." There is great debate in the political world whether it was a slip of the tongue

or deliberate to rally to a certain segment of his base. If it was any other time, I would agree it was a slip of the tongue or that he simply meant Canadians of more than one generation. I don't believe it was a slip of the tongue because of who the Conservatives have announced is assisting with the campaign: Layton Crosby. Mr. Crosby's tactics have been described as playing to the lowest common denominator, divisive and controversial. His tactics have been known to play the race card and politics of fear, so when days after the announcement of such a controversial character coming to the aid of the Conservative campaign Harper uses a term like "old-stock" it is hard to not believe that it was an intentional use of a controversial term.

Just because people are different than us doesn't mean that they are a threat to us. At one time Catholics and Protestants feared each other and even went to war because of difference of religious beliefs. When the Irish arrived on the shores of North America they were treated as second class citizens and ran out of town. Today the idea is absurd. Migrants from India and China were treated as second class citizens or worse when they arrived on our shores, yet today their arrival is accepted as regular practice. The list really goes on. People fear things that are different and they fear people who are different, but for politicians to feed off that fear and use it is worse than the original act of fear. It spreads hate and mis-

understanding that leads to bigger problems. Ahmed Mohamed will be fine. He will change schools. He has an invitation to the White House and support from around the country now. Hopefully in Canada the politics of fear will come to an

end. Rather than seeing people by their race or religion, we will see them as fellow human beings. We realize that people fleeing a war zone are not necessarily a threat and politicians who try to feed off that fear are desperate.

## Posse win in double OT

Princeton Posse hosted North Okanagan Knights September 18th. To say it was an exciting game is putting it mildly - at least according to the stats sheet.

Princeton scored first at 9:31 (Kirt Fortney from Alex Pistilli) and North Okanagan responded on the power play at 2:56 to tie the game. Credit went to Graham Watkins with assists going to Layne Greene and Trent Redschlag.

The second period was much rougher than the first with a total of 15 penalties assessed - just six of them to the home team.

The Posse took the lead at 6:28 with a power play goal scored by Thomas Cankovic. Assists went to Tanner Braid and Sean Emmerson. Princeton widened their lead at 1:55 with another power play goal. This one scored by Tanner Braid who was helped by Anders Saarela and Chad Kimmie.

After two periods it was Princeton leading on the scoreboard 3-1 and North Okanagan leading in the

penalty box 12-9.

The third period saw a shift in play with the Knights dominating by out shooting Princeton 18-10 and scoring twice to tie the game.

Their second goal of the game was at 16:03 (Cameron Welch from Kelsey Byrne and Ryan Moon) and their third one was at 4:39 (Layne Greene from Austin Fournier).

The first overtime period flew by as if it didn't happen but the second overtime frame saw the Posse take the win with 1:13 left to play. Keith Comte got the marker with help from Thomas Cankovic and Drew Carter.

Final score: Princeton 4, North Okanagan 3 (OT2). Shots on Goal: North Okanagan 45, Princeton 24. Penalties in Minutes: North Okanagan 14 for 36-minutes, Princeton 11 for 22-minutes. Princeton went 2 for 7 (28.6%) on the power play while North Okanagan finished 1 for 5 (20.0%).



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Motorsports Weekend

On behalf of Hillbilly Promotions, we would like to give thanks for all the hard work on this, our first Motorsport Weekend - September 5th & 6th, 2015. Not one person can be credited for such an awesome event. Without the help from participants and all our volunteers this event would not have been such a success. It was a pleasure to work with such great people and I thank you for all of your hard work.

Thank you to my wonderful family for supporting this idea and all the help you put in to make it happen. Thank you to the PXA for all of their support. A Special thanks to Jennifer Bernard and Paul Bedard for the extra efforts. A special thanks to Cap'n Crunch, Lee Pemble, Laurie Gordon, and Dave Knoller for all their efforts in making the Demo Derby happen. Thank you Town Council. Special thanks to Kevin Huey (Town of Princeton).

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Editorial Page

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## My Turn...

### The True North Strong and Free

I like to think of myself as a casual Canadian.

I think I fit the overall international view of what a Canadian is - polite, kind, caring, quiet, a sometimes sports fan and fond of anything involving bacon.

In a way, I look at our friends over the Border as being a bit on the fanatical side about how proud they are about being American but deep down inside I wonder why most Canadians aren't.

I mean, why are we not as, you know, loud and in your face about being Canadian?

Don't get me wrong, I will celebrate Canada Day if there's a cake involved, but otherwise it's just another day off for others and a working day for me.

I am proud to be Canadian and like to subliminally share that with some of my website projects where I have chosen to use a dot CA web domain address rather than the more common dot COM. What makes me wonder about how proud other fellow Canadians are is when I see things like faded, worn and otherwise ratty looking Canadian flags.

The sad thing is that the ones I'm talking about, and one in particular, happens to be flying above Town owned property.

I hear all the talk about how hard our elected (acclaimed in this case) officials are working to beautify the Town (and they have done very well in places) but wonder if because we are all casual Canadians if we just don't see worn out flags anymore. I dare you to take a look around and examine Town owned properties. It won't take long and you'll see what I mean.

I thought at first there might have been a budgetary issue in the way of the flag replacement program, but after searching online I found that strong, outdoor Canadian flags could be had for \$150 or less. Surely after a \$2,000 sidewalk paint job there has to be \$150 in a slush fund somewhere for a new flag.

Again, as we are typically casual about our Canadianism as opposed to being blatant about Americanism, there is a possibility that the worn out flags are just not that noticeable after a while. It's a lot like posters in windows around town. It doesn't take long and you don't see them anymore.

Maybe there should be a bylaw about that.

I know I'd just go ahead and call it the "Faded Flag Bylaw" because it would likely end up with a longwinded title that would go along the line of "Unsightly and Unmaintained Canadian Flag Condition Bylaw No. 501A-15" or something like that.

Myself personally, the casual Canadian that I am, I'm not too worried about the faded flags. But I do wonder what message it sends to our international visitors when they tour around the community and encounter one. I'm sure that there's going to be some selfies posted on social media with captions reading, "Heinz and I in front of the Princeton, BC faded Canada flag."

That'll really boost tourism, I'm sure.

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As part of a volunteer appreciation event September 20th at Princeton Museum was the unveiling of this plaque to honour two longtime contributors. Helen was a dedicated volunteer and Don helped with the Pollard Wing project. \*

## ...Your Turn

### Letters and E-Mails Received This Past Week

To The Editor;  
 While Dawn Johnson's September 15 Current Comment has an accurate Header (Earth is Changing), she has chosen to cherry-pick for her column opening, stating that Australia has had "one of the coldest winters on record."

The FACTS as outlined by the Australian government, are available online at <http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/current/season/aus/summary.shtml>. These show that while TWO areas in the south of Australia (a very large continent) indeed experienced colder than average temperatures this past winter, MOST of the continent averaged WARMER than average temperatures.

In FACT, the number of high temperature records noted exceeds by

twofold the number of low temperature records, and Western Australia (a very large area in itself) recorded the 2nd highest Maximum temperature as well as 2nd highest Mean Temperature on record for this period.

These results are replicated across the globe, with temperature anomalies belying the FACT (Google any hard-science agency) that average global temperatures are rising, and with this, the incidence, frequency and severity of severe weather events and climatic disruptions.

And another thing. There was, indeed, frost "in the mountains" of Queensland this past winter. Queensland is not, however, near the equator, straddling 25 degrees south latitude - about the same as

San Diego. Warmer than Canada, on average, for sure, but not equatorial...

Just the FACTS, please, ma'am. Global warming is indeed upon us, and the sooner we accept that, the sooner we can take positive steps to minimize it - such as shutting down the extraction of unconventional petroleum deposits; aka the Alberta Tar Sands!

- Rob Rubis, Princeton

To The Editor;

Vermilion Forks Field Naturalists would like to thank George Elliott and the Similkameen News Leader for the exemplary exposure this community-minded newspaper gives to local organizations and events.

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Sincerely, Janis Wright, VFFN

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# Current Comment

## We Do Not Pay Taxes For Sacred Ground



Dawn Johnson  
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I joined the Princeton Exhibition Association (PXA) in 1982. The fledgling association had been chartered that year and was dominated by Princeton Racing Days Association. Princeton Rodeo Association had hosted its first rodeo in August of that year and Stan Thompson was on the PXA board of directors, elected at the first annual general meeting in November 1982. The Fall Fair president was also on the board.

I have attended nearly every PXA meeting since I joined. I listened to the bickering between Rodeo and Racing Days. Racing Days did not like rodeo people driving across the race track. Racing Days representatives did not like Fall Fair holding events on the race track. The race track was sacred ground. The horse racing event held once a year ran the PXA until 2000, when attracting horses became difficult.

The Town of Princeton owns the fairgrounds and everything on those grounds except for two tenants' homes and the horses boarded in the barns. The Town built the first track and the grandstand. The Lions Club built the concession. The Fall Fair received provincial

grants to construct the fair buildings. 4-H, Fall Fair and PXA received grants to build the Ag. Barn. The Fall Fair paid for the paving from the front gate to the grandstand.

There was little money to work with. The PXA received a pittance from the Town until 6 years ago. Many local businesses did free work to maintain and expand the grounds. Many people in Princeton opposed tax money going to support "a playground for the horsey set" when Area H contributed no tax dollars to the upkeep. The facility fell into disrepair, despite the best effort of dedicated volunteers.

A year ago, two new proposals came before the PXA. One was to build an equestrian course on the perimeter of the grounds. The other was to put on a motor sports event. The PXA approved both. Among those who voted were people who were Rodeo Association members and Riding Club members.

During the past summer, opposition to motor sports grew to the point where a scathing letter appeared in local newspapers. Opposition was centered on using the rodeo arena for a demolition derby. The letter was published a month before the motor sports event.

Members of the PXA were shocked. Included among those who opposed the motorsports event were people who had rarely, if ever, attended a PXA meeting. I know because I attend both meetings monthly.

Among those who opposed motor sports were people I had not seen at any work party called in advance of the annual rodeo, or for any other event. I know because I

was among the group of volunteers who turned out to do the work.

Suddenly, the rodeo arena had become "sacred ground" just as the race track had been.

Here are some facts: the people of Princeton own the entire fairgrounds facility, and anything built on those grounds are a gift to the people of Princeton. Until this year, the taxpayers of Princeton paid for the facility. This year, the Area H people have begun to pay taxes toward the maintenance of the fairgrounds (IP). The PXA is the group of volunteers who manage what goes on at the fairgrounds. Nobody does more volunteer work on the grounds than PXA President Paul Bedard. Past PXA presidents have done a tremendous amount of work, and people such as Stan Thompson, John Bey, Bob Lind, and Pete Ruoss have done far more than a fair share. All of this was a gift to the people of our community.

Here's the bottom line: if you don't like decisions made by the PXA and the Town, become one of those who make the decisions and do the work. Become one of those people who promote events of all kinds so the fairgrounds can make money.

When a new event is proposed, be one of those people who promote increased use of the facility.

I am very pleased motor sports was a success and plans for next year are underway. I hope members of the motor sports group join the PXA. They did a great job.

Anybody who thinks they know how to make better use of the fairgrounds facility whether you ride a dirt bike or a horse, you should bring your energy to the PXA, where the decisions are made and the planning is done.



YBC participants go through stretching exercises before hitting the lanes last week. It marks the beginning of a new season at Copperhill Lanes. \*

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Roll Number	Property Address	Legal Description
562-00079.000	291 ALLISON AVE	PLAN NUMBER: KAP1302; BLOCK: 7; LOT: 24; DISTRICT LOT: 1823;
562-00112.010	222 ALLISON AVE	PLAN NUMBER: KAP1302; BLOCK: 9; DISTRICT LOT: 1823;
562-00139.000	310 PINE ST	PLAN NUMBER: KAP1302; BLOCK: 12; LOT: 5; DISTRICT LOT: 1823;
562-00162.000	345 NECHIEFMAN ST	PLAN NUMBER: KAP11820; LOT: 8; DISTRICT LOT: 1823;
562-00174.000	379 TULAMEEN AVE	PLAN NUMBER: KAP1463; BLOCK: 1; LOT: 4; DISTRICT LOT: 1823;
562-00233.000	271 BRIDGE ST	PLAN NUMBER: KAP34288; BLOCK: 3; LOT: 1; DISTRICT LOT: 705;
562-00592.000	249 PENRYN AVE	PLAN NUMBER: KAP96; BLOCK: 38; LOT: 3; DISTRICT LOT: 705;
562-00727.020	415 AUBURN CRES	PLAN NUMBER: KAP1459; BLOCK: 8; LOT: 6; DISTRICT LOT: 705;

The following Manufactured Homes have Delinquent Taxes owing. If payment is not received prior to Monday, September 28th, 2015 the Town of Princeton will be registering a lien on the title and proceeding with collection action.

Roll Number	Property Address	Manufactured Home Reg. #
562-70001.152	14 - 263 HIGHWAY 3	Manufactured Home Reg. # 10610
562-70004.051	5 - 405 BRANDLMAYR GATE	Manufactured Home Reg. # 27558

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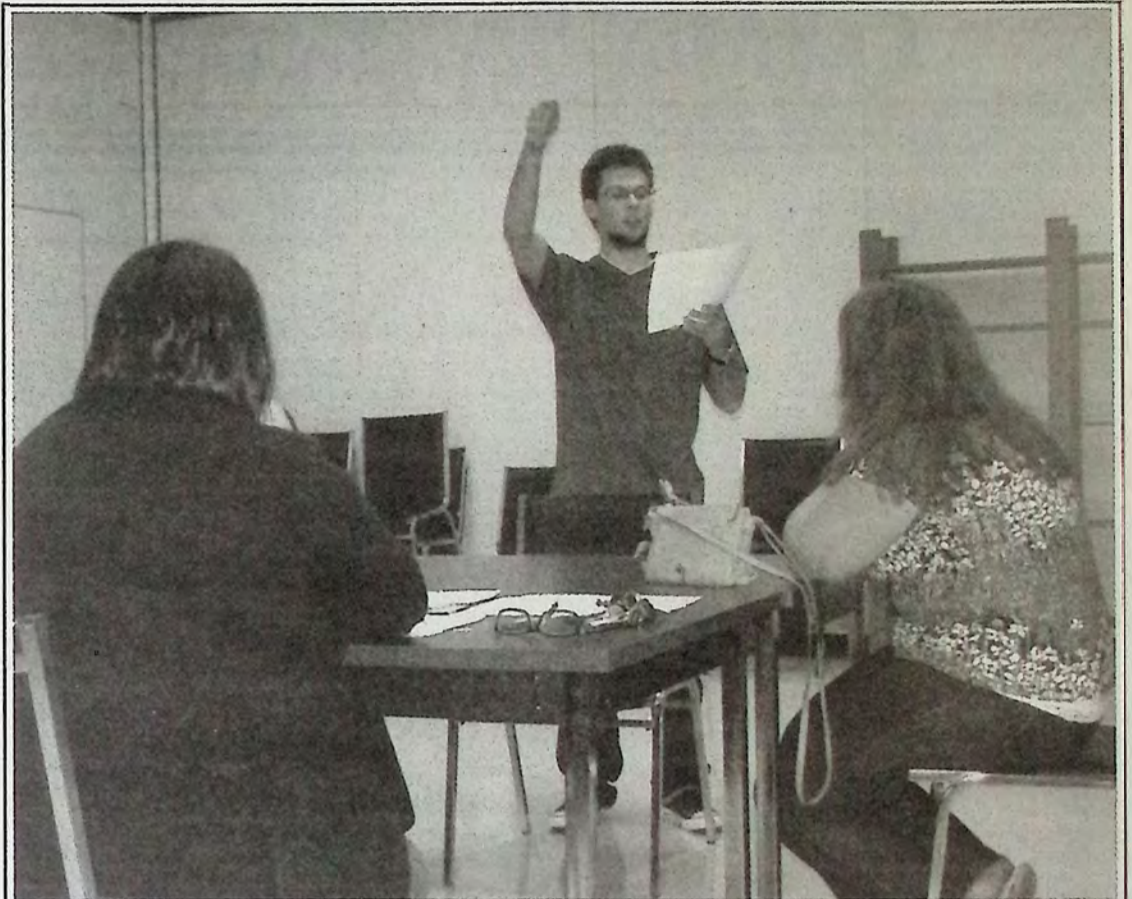
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Rui auditioned with flair for a role in the play "Yo, Ho, Ho A Pirate Christmas."\*

# Ladies, Gentlemen...

## ...Boys and Girls, "The Brazilian" Has Left the Building

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winter activities that he found exciting! Yet, in typical and characteristic fashion, it was the direct interaction with those with whom he shared these activities that he relished most. It was during the several projects that he participated in with our local Theatre Company that he really found his footing.

When he was invited to audition for a part in a theatrical production, with our local thespians, he jumped at the chance, and the history of Theatre in Princeton was changed forever; he was such a natural, that he just had to be seen to be believed. One of the several productions that he participated in was a period piece, with a character who spoke English with an Italian accent; being a native Portuguese speaker, Rui didn't have to try very hard to capture his new character's speech patterns. Although he loved the chance to act, what he cherished more was the group of new friends that he was making, and the chance to learn yet another element of life in Canada. More than the thrill of the footlights though, was the antics of the REAL drama and practical joking that took place in the wings during both the rehearsals and the actual performances that impressed him the most. Sure, being a member of a team that put together some very, very fine productions, that we are so fortunate to have available to us here in Princeton, involved a great deal of sacrifice and hard work. Yet, the rewards of making friends and

learning about Princeton, British Columbia and Canada, from sharing the lives of those whom he had come to regard as some of the finest people that he had ever met, was what really counted to this young man.

As Rui could only speak passable English when he first arrived, the academic rigors of Grade 12 classwork didn't come easy to him. However, having been raised in a home that highly valued education, Rui was no stranger to hard work and study. These traits paid off in more ways than one by providing him with an educated view of Canada and Canadian Culture at large, and also by landing him on both the Honour Roll and Principal's List academically. Still, with all that it cost to achieve these high academic standards, Rui still found the time to volunteer with the noon hour Songwriters Club. Here, his advanced skills as a Musician, Singer and Composer not only helped his fellow students, but his unlimited energy and enthusiasm helped support, encourage and excite others into believing in themselves and their abilities to create their own music. For Rui, a young man who had already written, recorded and performed music with his band (peers) back home in Sao Paulo, Brazil, it provided a rare and exceptional insight into the lives, hearts and minds of his Canadian peers, and of how the world (and living in it) appeared to them at this crucial period of their young lives.

I wasn't with Rui when he trav-

elled out of town periodically with either his host families or to Rotary International functions and get-togethers. However, even just a brief look through his Facebook page shows that often he seemed not only to be the life of the party while he was out and about, but he always looked like he was having the time of his life while doing so; both figuratively and literally. The one constant that could always be predicted, was that Rui was usually always to be found with a big-beaming Brazilian smile; and boy oh boy was it ever contagious! During these excursions, EVERYONE around him, in the countless photos taken, were also beaming huge Multi-Cultural smiles!

He always tried hard to be respectful, courteous, kind and cheerful, and for the most part that's how he was received. With the help of his sponsors, Rotary International, and some of their representatives like Jim and Judy Short and others, as well as the countless friends, both young and old alike, he managed to do just that. He stood tall and proud (except when bending down to tie the shoelaces of a child he was working with during the time he volunteered at the Summer Day Camps for Kids) and represented his family, Sao Paulo and Brazil like a real Canadian!

However, there were a few times when life and circumstances were not at all fun. Yet, to these events Rui was quick to quote his parents simple but solid philosophies, and his mother-saying, "That's life, .....continued on Page 10

# Pets 'n' Vets

## Deworming Is Important Even in Western Canada, Study Confirms

by Ryan Ridgway BSc Ag., DVM

Many pet owners feel that deworming is not necessary because our Canadian winters are too cold for the parasites to survive. While there are not many studies on the prevalence of intestinal parasites in western Canada, a recent study by Daniel Joffe et al. published in the December, 2011 Canadian Veterinary Journal, looked specifically at the numbers of infected dogs and cats in the Calgary area. The good news is that, thanks to the temperature and habitats in Canada, we only see a small percentage of the different types of parasites present in the world. Those that are present, however, are at numbers similar to other studies in different parts of the world.

This study is not breaking science, but supports what veterinarians across western Canada have known for years - our pets have

intestinal parasites; roundworms and Giardia in particular. Most Canadian practitioners have been promoting annual deworming for most pets, up to every 6 months in outside pets. The reason we have known this is because of the life-cycle of the parasites.

Intestinal parasites we see in western Canada live in your pet's intestines as adults and shed eggs in your pets feces. They require around 2 weeks for the eggs to hatch and the larva to become infective to other pets. Because of this, the adults are protected by our pets and don't experience the cold winters we think they do. The eggs themselves have evolved to survive well in the environment and can survive some freezing. During warmer summer months, the eggs hatch and our pets can be infected by them.

How we house our pets has also changed, with more pets being inside more than they are outside.

Most of the eggs are, now shed inside of the house - cats in particular. It takes a very small amount of feces to carry a large number of eggs. You may not realize it but they can be present anywhere your pet has been, regardless of whether they have pooped there. The eggs don't require feces to become infective.

When it comes to the parasites present in western Canada, you shouldn't be concerned just for your pets. They can also infect people, young children in particular. Round worms infect people but, rather than migrating to the intestine, the larva get lost and can end up in places like our eyes. In fact, round worm infection is a major cause of blindness in some areas. Giardia also infects people, depending on the type your pet sheds and can lead to severe diarrhea and illness.

So how do you protect your loved ones, furry and not, from intestinal

parasites? By deworming your pets, and proper hygiene in your house. We can't fully rid our pets of the parasites but with proper deworming protocols and washing our hands and litter pans after handling our pets feces, we can minimize the number of eggs in the environment that can reinfect you and your pets.

Most veterinarians recommend deworming at least annually, regardless of whether your pet is inside or out. For puppies, we deworm at each of their puppy vaccinations, every 4 weeks, to get the numbers down to manageable levels. Because our dewormers only kill adults and have no residual activity, any eggs that are present in

the environment can reinfect your pets. In households and shelters with multiple pets, we recommend deworming every 2 weeks until they finish their puppy vaccinations and then every six months afterwards. You should also have your veterinarian regularly monitor your pet's feces for parasites. All it requires is a fecal sample dropped off at the clinic but it will determine how often your pet needs deworming and reduces the risk of resistance to dewormers from developing in the future.

So, wash your hands, routinely have your veterinarian check your pet's feces, and keep your pets properly dewormed to protect you, your children and your pets.

## Hospital Auxiliary News

Doreen Poulsen

Hello, Princeton!  
I wanted to say a big Thank You for making this summer one of our best ever!! Your generous donations help us to keep our sales up and raise funds to support so many community health avenues. Just a reminder to our contributors, we do not have the facilities nor the strength to reuse and recycle some of the items that end up at our store. Namely furniture, TV's, car seats and baby furniture (there are government liability rules that apply here) and large toys. Please do us a favour and find another place for these.

Having said this please keep dropping off your gently used clothes, etc. After all where would we be without them!

Some good news to all our loyal customers. We will soon be doing our change over to Fall and Winter. At the same time we will be bringing

up all our Fall and Hallowe'en merchandise. So if you are needing a costume or some decorations for the Fall/Hallowe'en season make sure you get over to the HATS (hospital auxiliary thrift shop) starting on Wednesday September 30 for the best selection of these items. You might be able to find a new winter coat or boots.

Mark your calendars for our Christmas Bazaar on Saturday November 14th. Starting on the day of our Christmas Bazaar we will have one of the greatest Christmas collections of good used items avail-

able in Princeton. Don't miss out on these incredible deals this year! Make sure you purchase a ticket on one of our wonderful Christmas baskets. Winners will be pulled on December 16. We will be closed for Christmas holidays from 4:00 PM December 18 till 10:00 AM January 6, 2016.

You might like to visit us at [www.princetonhospaux.org](http://www.princetonhospaux.org) on the internet some time. Also remember we are always looking for volunteers. Drop into the Thrift Shop or call me at 250-295-1577 for more information. Enjoy the Fall!!

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# Entertainment

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The 'new look' Princeton Posse start the 2015/16 KIJHL season in 'new look' jerseys. Photo: Bob Marsh Photography

## Posse tame Coyotes in second game of season

Princeton Posse hosted their second game of the new KIJHL season against Osoyoos Coyotes on September 12.

It didn't take long for the home team to spring into action, either. Brandon Breithaupt put Princeton on the scoreboard with an unassisted goal at 17:47.

They widened their lead to 2-0 with a goal scored by Joshua

Dickson with just 1:08 left in the period. Assists went to Cody Lassiter and Chad Kimmie.

Although the Coyotes had out shot Princeton 15-4 in the first 20-minutes of action, the Posse were sitting at a 50-percent scoring return for shots made.

The Coyotes got their first goal of the game at 10:51 of the second. Carter Shannon scored the short-

handed goal while teammate Scott Robinson was serving a 4-minute spearing infraction. Assists on the goal were awarded to Judd Repole and Devon Langelaar.

Osoyoos continued to drill Posse goalie Zak Babin and were leading on shots-on-goal after 40-minutes of play with a tally of 34-7.

The Coyotes tied the game at 2-all partway through the third period

on the power play. Scott Robinson got the marker with Rainer Glimpel earning an assist. Princeton's Morton Johnston was in the penalty box at the time serving a Tripping call.

Princeton battled back and got the winning goal with just 37-seconds left in the game. Keith Comte got the point on the power play with assistance from Drew Carter and

Thomas Cankovic.

Final Score: Princeton 3, Osoyoos 2.

The win puts the Posse at 1-1-0 for the season, good enough for third place in their division. Shots on Goal: Osoyoos 47, Princeton 19. Penalties in Minutes: Princeton 6 for 12-minutes, Osoyoos 5 for 12-minutes. Both teams went 1 for 4 (25%) on the power play.

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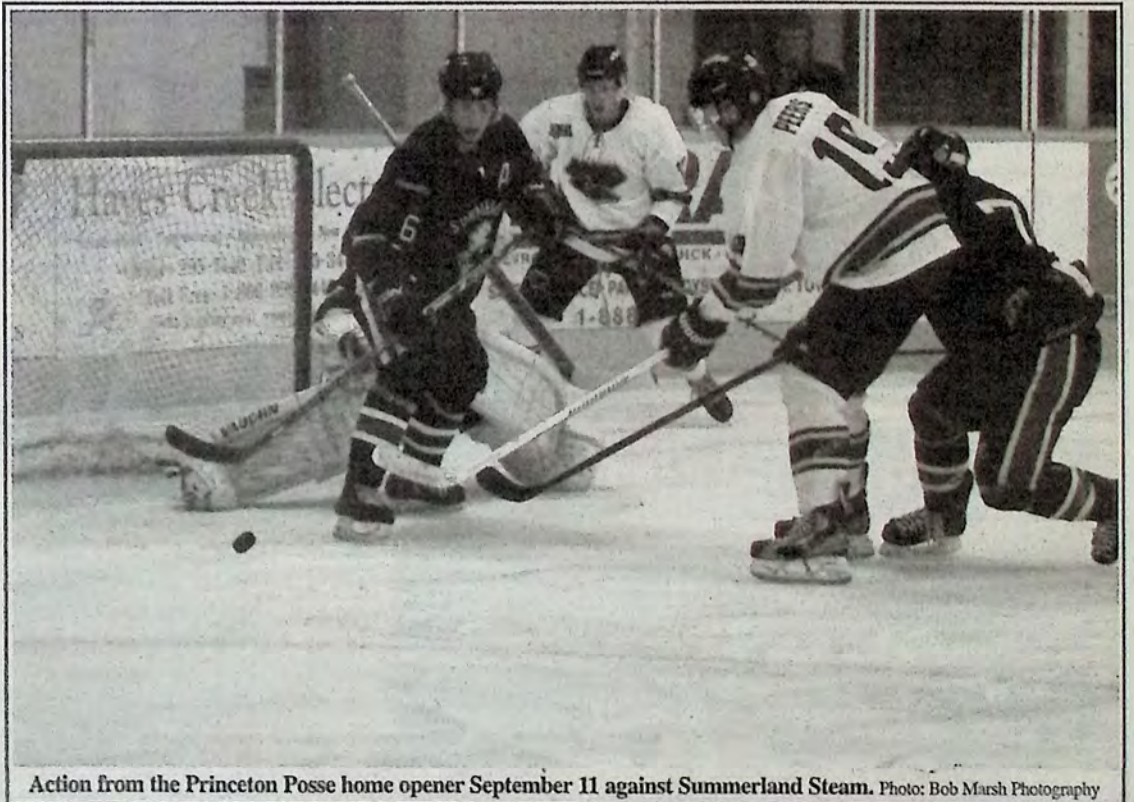
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Action from the Princeton Posse home opener September 11 against Summerland Steam. Photo: Bob Marsh Photography



# News Leader Str8ts

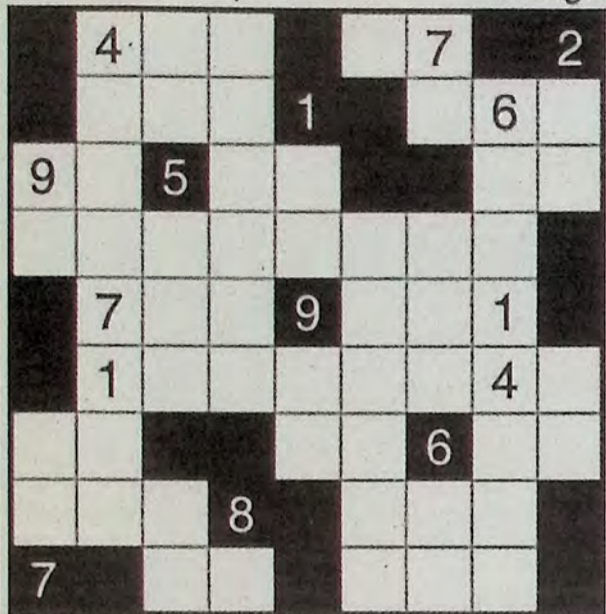
# Tuesday - Wednesday

## STR8TS

No. 247

Tough

Previous solution - Medium



How to beat Str8ts - Like Sudoku, no single number can repeat in any row or column. But... rows and columns are divided by black squares into compartments. These need to be filled in with numbers that complete a 'straight'. A straight is a set of numbers with no gaps but can be in any order, eg [4,2,3,5]. Clues in black cells remove that number as an option in that row and column, and are not part of any straight. Glance at the solution to see how 'straights' are formed.

You can find more help and strategies at [www.str8ts.com](http://www.str8ts.com) along with more puzzles, Apple apps and books.

### TUESDAY AFTERNOON

5:00 pm WTBS ch.3 "Stand by Me" (1986, Comedy-Drama) Wil Wheaton. A boy and his three buddies set out in the summer of 1959 on a hike to find a dead body.

### EVENING

9:00 pm KNOW ch.5 "Oil Sands Karaoke" (2013, Documentary) Five oil field workers compete in a karaoke contest. (CC)

### WEDNESDAY MORNING

10:08 am SPIKE ch.44 "Jaws" (1975, Suspense) Roy Scheider. A New England police chief, a shark hunter and a scientist have a showdown with a huge white shark. (In Stereo)

### AFTERNOON

1:24 pm SPIKE ch.44 "Jaws 2" (1978, Suspense) Roy Scheider.

Amity's citizens and police chief dread another tourist season with a huge white shark near the beach. (In Stereo)  
5:00 pm WTBS ch.3 "Guess Who" (2005, Comedy) Bernie Mac. The sarcastic patriarch of a black family freely expresses his opinion of his daughter's white boyfriend.

### EVENING

9:20 pm SPIKE ch.44 "Jaws" (1975, Suspense) Roy Scheider. A New England police chief, a shark hunter and a scientist have a showdown with a huge white shark. (In Stereo)

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6 AM	Law Order: CI	Morning News (N) ☐	G. Shrinks Rob Robot	Clifford Arthur	KHQ News 6AM (N)	KREM 2 Morning News	Dog	Morning Northwest	Morning News (N) ☐	(5:00) Morning News (N)	The Early Edition (N)	Kid vs. Kat Almost	SportsCentre ☐	CTV Morning Live Vancouver (N) ☐ ☐	Dangerous Flights	Justin ANT Farm	CityLine (N) ☐	Bar Rescue ☐	Live Here Live Here
7 AM	Law Order: CI		Dinosaur Wild Kratts	Odd Squad Wild Kratts	Today Bill O'Reilly; Neil Patrick Harris. (N) ☐	CBS This Morning (N) ☐	Dog	Good Morning America (N) ☐			Super Why! Arthur ☐	Squirrel Chucks	SportsCentre ☐		Yukon Men ☐	Jessie ☐ Dog	Let's Make a Deal ☐	Ink Master ☐	Yukon Gold ☐ (DVS)
8 AM	Crime Watch Daily (N)		PAW Patrol Curious	Curious Curious			CSI: Miami ☐		Morning Huntley St.	Moblees Tiger	SpongeBob Wayside	SportsCentre ☐		Daily Planet ☐ (DVS)	I Didn't Phineas	The Price Is Right ☐	Ink Master ☐	Security Security	
9 AM	Hot Bench Hot Bench	Morning Huntley St.	Astroblast Kate and Tiger	Peg		The 700 Club ☐	CSI: Miami ☐	Live! Kelly and Michael	Morning Huntley St.	Sugar ☐ Debt/Part	Super Why! Napkin	Sidekick Almost	SportsCentre ☐	Live! Kelly and Michael	How/Made How/Made	Save-Ums! Justin	FamFeud FamFeud	Ink Master ☐	The Dead Files ☐
10 AM	Divorce Divorce	Sugar ☐ Debt/Part	Boj (N) ☐ PAW Patrol	Sesame Street ☐ (E)		The Price Is Right ☐	CSI: Miami ☐	The View ☐	Sugar ☐ Debt/Part	Rachael Ray ☐	Bookaboo Monster	Spliced ☐ Kid vs. Kat	SportsCentre ☐	The View ☐	Mayday ☐	Thomas Julius Jr.	The Chew ☐	Ink Master ☐	Ghost Adventures ☐
11 AM	Judge Judge	Rachael Ray ☐	Monkey Dinosaurs	Dinosaur Sit & Be Fit	Hot Bench Hot Bench	Young & Restless	The First 48 ☐	Paid Prog. 21 Day Fix	Rachael Ray ☐	Noon News Hour (N)	Recipes Stefano	Rated A Rated A	Golf Fish Flats	Marilyn Denis	How/Made How/Made	Lalaloopsy Wizards	General Hospital (N) ☐	Ink Master ☐	Security Security
12 PM	Millionaire Millionaire	Noon News Hour (N)	PAW Patrol Kate and	Charlie Rose ☐	21 Day Fix LazyTown	News Bold	The First 48 ☐	The Chew ☐	Noon News Hour (N)	Days of our Lives (N)	CBC News Now (N) ☐	Chucks Squirrel	Hockey Lunch	CTV News Vancouver	River Monsters	Wizards Good Luck	Celebrity Celebrity	Ink Master ☐	Security Security
1 PM	Crazy Talk Crazy Talk	Days of our Lives (N)	Ruf-Tweet Tumble	Painting Quitting	Days of our Lives (N)	The Talk ☐	The First 48 ☐	General Hospital (N) ☐	Days of our Lives (N)	The Talk ☐	Heartland ☐ (DVS)	Almost Sidekick	Cabbie Cabbie	The Social (N) ☐	Treasure Quest: Snake	Good Luck Jessie ☐	CityLine ☐	Ink Master ☐	Border Border
2 PM	Payne Browns	The Talk ☐	Maya Curious	Thomas Sesame St.	TMZ (N) ☐ Inside Ed.	Let's Make a Deal ☐	The First 48 ☐	The Doctors ☐	The Talk ☐	Meredith Vieira	Murdoch Mysteries ☐	Wayside Kid vs. Kat	Off Record Interruption	Dr. Phil ☐	How/Made How/Made	Jessie ☐ Phineas	CityNews at 5 (N) ☐	Ink Master ☐	Ghost Adventures ☐
3 PM	Mod Fam Mod Fam	Meredith Vieira	Doozers PAW Patrol	Curious Cat in the Hat	Ellen DeGeneres Show	The Dr. Oz Show ☐	Storage	Rachael Ray ☐	Meredith Vieira	Young & Restless	Grand Designs (N) ☐	Sidekick Nerds	SportsCentre (N) ☐	Ellen DeGeneres Show	How/Made How/Made	Phineas Good Luck	(2:59) CityNews at 6 (N)	Ink Master ☐	Eat St. ☐ Eat St. ☐
4 PM	Big Bang Big Bang	Young & Restless	Maker Creative	WordGirl Wild Kratts	Jdg Judy Jdg Judy	Dr. Phil ☐	Storage	FABLife (N) ☐	Young & Restless	Early News Global Nat.	Bond! Vet Bond! Vet	SpongeBob Chucks	MLB Baseball: Teams TBA. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)	The Dr. Oz Show ☐	Daily Planet (N)	Dog I Didn't	Mod Fam	Ink Master ☐	Yukon Gold ☐ (DVS)
5 PM	Movie: **** "Stand by Me" (1985)	News (N) ☐	Dino Dan Wild Kratts	News Business	News NBC News	News CBS News	Storage	News ABC News	Early News Global Nat.	(4:59) News Hour (N)	CBC News	Parents SpongeBob		CTV News Vancouver	Fool's Gold Fool's Gold	Jessie ☐ Jessie ☐	Scream Queens "Pilot; Hell Week" ☐ ☐ (DVS)	Ink Master ☐	Security Security
6 PM		News Hour News	Hope for Wildlife ☐	PBS News-Hour (N) ☐	News Millionaire	News KREM 2 News at 6 (N)	Storage	News at 6 (N)	(5:59) News Hour (N)	ET Canada	CBC News	Hathaways		CTV News Vancouver	Edge of Alaska (N)	Dog Awesome	Week ☐	Ink Master ☐	Beautiful Beautiful
7 PM	Seinfeld ☐ Seinfeld	Ent ET Canada	Canada: Over the Edge	Gorongosa Park - Rebirth of	Jeopardy! Wheel	Broke Girl Broke Girl	Storage	Ent The Insider	Ent ET Canada	Limitless "Pilot" ☐		Max Coronation	SportsCentre (N) ☐	etalk (N) Big Bang	Highway Thru Hell (N)	Make Me Next Step	Broke Girl Two Men	Ink Master (N) ☐	Running Wild
8 PM	King King	NCIS ☐ (DVS)	Archaeology	Paradise ☐	The Voice The blind auditions continue. ☐	NCIS ☐ (DVS)	Storage	Muppets Fresh-Boat	NCIS ☐ (DVS)	NCIS ☐ (DVS)	Mercer 22 Minutes	Funnest Home Videos SC ☐	SC ☐	The Voice The blind auditions continue. (N) ☐	Rockies Rockies	Next Step Jessie ☐	CityNews-Tonight (N)	Ink Master Lip Sync	Mysterias-Museum
9 PM	The Middle Family Guy	NCIS: New Orleans ☐	Movie: "Oil Sands Karaoke" (2013)	On Two Fronts: Latinos & Vietnam	Best Time Ever	NCIS: New Orleans ☐	Storage	Dancing With the Stars (N) Same-day Tape ☐	NCIS: New Orleans ☐	NCIS: New Orleans ☐	Creek Standing	Wipeout ☐	SportsCentre (N) ☐	Edge of Alaska	Good Luck Wingin' It	EP Daily Reviews on	Ink Master ☐	Beautiful Beautiful	
10 PM	Amer. Dad Amer. Dad	Limitless "Pilot" ☐	Take Me	P. Guerrero		Limitless "Pilot" ☐	Storage		Limitless "Pilot" ☐	News Hour Final (N)	The National (N) ☐	Haunting Haunting	SportsCentre (N) ☐	Best Time Ever Highway Thru Hell	Lifo Derek Warthog!	Extra (N) Liquidator	Ink Master ☐	Running Wild	
11 PM	Family Guy Payne	CHBC News Final (N)	Canada: Over the Edge	Charlie Rose (N) ☐	News J. Fallon	News Colbert	Storage	KXLY 4 J. Kimmel	News Colbert	Late Show- Colbert	CBC News Coronation	Gags Gags	SportsCentre ☐	News-Lisa CTV News	Rockies Rockies	Wizards Connor	Crime Watch Daily (N)	Ink Master Tattoo	Ghost Adventures ☐



The 35th annual Terry Fox run was led in Princeton September 20th by 'red shirt' cancer survivors. The start/finish line was on Vermilion Avenue next to the gazebo in Veterans Square. \*

## PXA plans seminar on poisonous weed

As if knapweed, toad flax and Russian thistle were not bad enough, Princeton Exhibition Association (PXA) has a new nasty weed to deal with on the fairgrounds. The very invasive Hoary Alyssum is poisonous to horses who eat it, and can cause serious illness or death if mixed in hay fed to horses. After consulting Lisa Scott, of Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society (OASISS), the PXA discovered this weed is spreading rapidly in the Princeton area, although most people do not know what it is and tend to ignore it.

The weed has little white flowers, grows on a single stem or multiple stems, and produces hundreds of seeds on each stem. A weeding pro-

gram at the fairgrounds in August showed Hoary Alyssum has invaded the front of the fairgrounds, crossed the race track and is into the rodeo arena and surrounding area. According to Scott, this weed is spreading rapidly on the south side of the valley toward Copper Mountain. She stated it is unlikely it can be eradicated and will be here for years to come.

In order to make the public aware of this weed, the PXA will host an evening seminar on the three most invasive weeds in the Princeton area. Horse owners, hay producers, and field naturalists are invited to attend due to their specific interests, but the public should attend as well. Lisa Scott plans to speak, and may have an additional speaker.

## Ladies, Gentlemen...

### ...Boys and Girls, "The Brazilian" Has Left the Building

.....continued from Page 6 today." She would often remind him that, "whether at home surrounded by family and friends, or alone and ten thousand miles from home (which he was, approx.), life has to be lived; on life's terms"; and that's exactly what he did.

Finally, there was the music. He seldom went anywhere without his guitar, and there were seldom, if ever, those who regretted this habit. Not only was he quick to start into one of his ever-ready Pink Floyd standards like "Wish You Were Here," or Jon Bon Jovi's Classic "Wanted: Dead or Alive," but he also carried a few "Road-Worn" Canadian Classics like Steppenwolf's "Born to Be Wild." More interesting though, was his incredible ability to create material in the back of a bus from an event that had taken place earlier in the day. While sitting in the back seat of Jim and Judy Short's car during a trip to Vancouver, he stumbled upon the magic of Apple's "Garage Band." From that relationship came projects that I often would find myself using the word Genius

to describe.

After only a few preliminary lessons in Digital Recording and Theory earlier last winter in my humble home studio, he started writing and recording songs that not only met the standard criteria of having legitimate commercial potential, but several that could very possibly become so in the next few months after settling down back home in Brazil; we'll see, eh? Perhaps even more amazing was the fact that many of these songs were written in English by a young man who was just learning our language! As these few songs became enough to fill first one, then two and finally a THIRD album, the complexity of both the material and his ability as a self-taught Audio Engineer was nothing less than truly a wonder to behold. Just ask anyone who saw Rui play his guitar and sing. He would close his eyes and drift off to that place where only those Bona-Fide gifted Artists among us know of, and for a minute or two relieve us mere mortals of our daily struggles. Yes, I am confident that we will be hear-

ing more about Rui and his music in the months and years to come!

True to his character, while performing at this year's Princeton Traditional Music Festival, before singing his last song for both visitors and friends in the audience, he gave a "Shout Out" to the Princeton he had come to know and love as his Canadian Home. Reminding passers-by (again, shining the spotlight on Princeton rather than himself) to come again to the "Greatest Little Town in Canada," he then took a moment to thank EVERYONE for making his year with us the most unforgettable experience of his life. Then, quietly and sincerely he dedicated his final contribution, a song called "Patience," to his mother. Thanking her for always being there for him in his heart; again, Rui always thinking of others!

Arriving in Princeton with nothing much more than an old guitar, a couple of Pink Floyd T-shirts and a smile, he left here with half the town in his heart; and now he's gone. Princeton's very own "Crazy Brazilian Sasquatch" has left the Building! We're sure going to miss you, Rui.

P.S. I spoke with him just the other day via Skype, and he was very excited about telling me of his new job as an ESL English Instructor at a private college in his home town. Ha! I can just see him sitting on a desk at the front of his class, guitar in lap, teaching his students English by belting out "We Are the Champions" by Queen, and having them all sing along at the chorus; in English, of course!

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# SO COUNTRY INTERNET RADIO



Conservative MP Dan Albas tried his hand at milking a wild cow at the Princeton & District Fall Fair September 12th. The cow was in fact wildly decorated, which could indeed be construed as "wild." Albas spent part of the morning getting to know folks who he hopes to serve as MP come October 19. Two other candidates also made brief appearances at the Fall Fair. - photo submitted

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

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6 AM	Law Order: CI	Morning News (N) ☑	G. Shrinks Rob Robot	Clifford Arthur	KHQ News 6AM (N)	KREM 2 Morning News	Dog	Morning Northwest	Morning News (N) ☑	(5:00) Morning News (N)	The Early Edition (N)	Kid vs. Kat Almost	(6:15) 2015 IRB Rugby World Cup: Scotland vs. Japan. (N)	CTV Morning Live Vancouver (N) ☑	Alrshow "Two for One"	Justin ANT Farm	CityLine (N) ☑	Bar Rescue ☑	Live Here Live Here
7 AM	Law Order: CI		Dinosaur Wild Kratts	Odd Squad Wild Kratts	Today Trevor or Noah; James Spader; Suze Orman. (N) ☑	CBS This Morning (N) ☑	Dog	Good Morning America (N) ☑			Super Why! Arthur ☑	Squirrel Chucks			Cold Water Cowboys	Jessie ☑ Dog	Let's Make a Deal ☑	(7:02) Bar Rescue ☑	Yukon Gold ☑
8 AM	Crime Watch Daily (N)		PAW Patrol Curious	Curious Curious			CSI: Miami ☑		Morning Huntley St.		Mobles Tiger	SpongeBob			Daily Planet ☑ (DVS)	I Didn't Phineas	The Price is Right ☑	(8:04) Bar Rescue ☑	Security Security
9 AM	Hot Bench	Morning	Astroblast	Peg		The 700 Club ☑	CSI: Miami "Bombshell"	Livel Kelly and Michael	Morning Huntley St.	Sugar ☑	Super Why! Napkin	Slidekick	2015 IRB Rugby World Cup: Australia vs. Fiji. (N) (Live) ☑	Livel Kelly and Michael	How/Made	Save-Ums!	FamFeud	(9:06) Bar Rescue ☑	The Dead Files ☑
10 AM	Divorce	Sugar ☑	Boj (N) ☑	Sesame Street ☑ (EI)		The Price is Right ☑	CSI: Miami ☑	The View ☑	Sugar ☑	Rachael Ray ☑	Bookaboo Monster	Spliced ☑		The View ☑	Mayday ☑	Thomas Julius Jr.	The Chew ☑	(10:08) Movie: **** "Jaws"	Ghost Adventures ☑
11 AM	Judge	Rachael Ray ☑	Monkey Dinosaurs	Dinosaur Sit & Be Fit	Hot Bench	Young & Restless	The First 48 ☑	Paid Prog.	Rachael Ray ☑	Noon News Hour (N)	Recipes Stefano	Rated A	Golf Talk (11:45) 2015 IRB Rugby World Cup: France vs. Romania. (N)	Marilyn Denis	Fool's Gold	Lalaloopsy Wizards	General Hospital (N) ☑	(1975, Suspense) Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw. ☑	Security Security
12 PM	Millionaire	Noon News Hour (N)	PAW Patrol Kate and	Charlie Rose ☑	Lunal	News	The First 48 ☑	The Chew ☑	Noon News Hour (N)	Days of our Lives (N)	CBC News Now (N) ☑	Nerds Squirrel	CTV News Vancouver	Edge of Alaska	Wizards Good Luck	Celebrity		Beautiful Beautiful	
1 PM	Crazy Talk	Days of our Lives (N)	Ruf-Tweet Tumble	Oil Painting Sewing	Days of our Lives (N)	The Talk ☑	The First 48 ☑	General Hospital (N) ☑	Days of our Lives (N)	The Talk ☑	Heartland ☑ (DVS)	Almost Sidekick		The Social (N) ☑	Highway Thru Hell	Good Luck Jessie ☑	CityLine ☑	(1:24) Movie: **** "Jaws 2" (1978) Roy Scheider. ☑	Running Wild
2 PM	Payne	The Talk ☑	Maya Curious	Thomas Sesame St.	TMZ (N) ☑ Inside Ed.	Let's Make a Deal ☑	The First 48 ☑	The Doctors ☑	The Talk ☑	Meredith Vieira	Murdoch Mysteries ☑	Wayside Kid vs. Kat	Off Record Interruption	Dr. Phil ☑	Rockles Rockles	Jessie ☑ Phineas	CityNews at 5 (N) ☑		Ghost Adventures ☑
3 PM	Mod Fam	Meredith Vieira	Doozers PAW Patrol	Curious Cat in the Hat	Ellen DeGeneres Show	The Dr. Oz Show ☑	Duck Dynasty ☑	Rachael Ray ☑	Meredith Vieira	Young & Restless	Grand Designs (N) ☑	Sidekick Chucks	SportsCentre (N) ☑	Ellen DeGeneres Show	How/Made	Phineas Good Luck	(2:59) CityNews at 6 (N)		Eat St. ☑ Eat St. ☑
4 PM	Big Bang	Young & Restless	Maker Creative	WordGirl Wild Kratts	Jdg Judy	Dr. Phil ☑	Duck Dynasty ☑	FABLife (N) ☑	Young & Restless	Early News Global Nat.	Bondi Vet	SpongeBob Penguins	Hockey Off Record	The Dr. Oz Show ☑	Daily Planet (N)	Dog I Didn't	Mod Fam	Repo	Yukon Gold ☑
5 PM	Movie: **** "Guess Who" (2005, Comedy)	News (N) ☑	Dino Dan Wild Kratts	News Business	News NBC News	News CBS News	Duck D.	News ABC News	Early News Global Nat.	(4:59) News Hour (N)	CBC News	Parents SpongeBob	MLS Soccer: Montreal Impact at Chicago Fire. (N)	CTV News Vancouver	Yukon Men ☑	Jessie ☑ Jessie ☑	Empire ☑	Repo	Security Security
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7 PM	Seinfeld ☑	Ent	Watchers Park	Nature ☑ (DVS)	Jeopardy! Wheel	Broke Girl	Duck D.	Ent	Behind the	ET Canada	ET Canada	Coronation Bella	SportsCentre (N) ☑	etalk (N) Big Bang	Airplane Repo (N) ☑	The X Factor ☑	Broke Girl Two Men	Repo	Ghost Adventures ☑
8 PM	King	Survivor "Second Chance"	Man Made Marvels	NOVA (N) ☑ (DVS)	The Mysteries of Laura	Survivor "Second Chance"	Duck D.	The Middle Goldbergs	Survivor "Second Chance"	Survivor "Second Chance"	Dragons' Den ☑	Funnest Home Videos Wipeout ☑	SC ☑ SC Top 10	Big Bang Goldbergs	Highway Thru Hell	Jessie ☑	CityNews-Tonight (N)	Repo	Mysteries-Museum
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10 PM	Amer. Dad	Big Brother (Season Finale) (N) ☑	History of Railways	Unit ☑ (DVS)		Duck D.	Nashville ☑				Haunting	Haunting	SportsCentre (N) ☑	After the Race ☑	Fool's Gold	Warthogs!	Liquidator	(9:20) Movie: **** "Jaws" (1975) Roy Scheider. ☑	Ghost Adventures ☑
11 PM	Family Guy	CHBC News Final (N)	Park Watchers	Charlie Rose (N) ☑	News J. Fallon	News Colbert	Duck D.	KXLY 4	News Colbert	News Hour Colbert	CBC News	Just Kid	SportsCentre ☑	News-Lisa CTV News	Airplane Repo ☑	Wizards Connor	Crime Watch Daily (N)		Ghost Adventures ☑

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# News Leader Sudoku

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Previous solution - Very Hard

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## Monday Movies

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Michael Ealy. When the women in their lives buy a book by Steve Harvey and take its advice to heart, four men conspire to use the book's insider information to turn the tables on the ladies and teach them a lesson.

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MONDAY AFTERNOON

5:00 pm WTBS ch.3 "Think Like a Man" (2012, Romance-Comedy)

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7 AM	Law Order: CI		Dinosaur	Odd Squad	Today (N)	CBS This Morning (N)	Dog the Bounty Hunter	Good Morning America (N)			Super Why!	Squirrel	SportsCenter		Fool's Gold	Jessie	Let's Make a Deal	Cops	Yukon Gold (DVS)
8 AM	Crime Watch Daily (N)		Wild Kratts	Wild Kratts			CSI: Miami			Morning	Moblees	SpongeBob	SportsCenter		Fool's Gold	Dog		Jail	
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While for some this move may have signalled a huge impact on the Chamber of Commerce, it actually has proven to be the start of something new and exciting for the organization. \*

# Saving Downtown Princeton...

...An Ongoing Series by George Elliott

I've got to be honest with you, I like the direction the Chamber of Commerce is heading.

I used to be a member years ago when I was employed by the radio station that used to be based in downtown Princeton. A few years ago I tried to join as the owner of this newspaper and my application was rejected. Clearly I was viewed at the time as some kind of terrorist.

I suspect if I tried to join again (this time as a private citizen - of

which there is a membership category) I'll be welcomed with open arms.

The Chamber of Commerce has gone through a number of changes since the days when I was Chair of the Business Enhancement Association in the 1990s. Back in those days the Chamber functioned primarily as a tourism outlet. It did well in that role but I think when the BEA was formed some members and executive of the CoC saw the BEA as a

threat.

I remember going to a CoC meeting where my main intention was to discuss a merge of sorts as I could see both the CoC and BEA working together. I thought the best way to effectively demonstrate a working relationship was to be elected to the CoC board of directors. A decade prior to this I was in fact the Chamber President.

Well, it didn't take me long to see that my plan was not welcomed and I was attacked long and loud at that meeting. The BEA eventually fizzled and the CoC has never really gained much strength until the past couple of years.

What has pushed the Chamber into a stand-alone position has been the removal of the huge tourism component they built their purpose around. I've said it before and I will continue to say that when the Town of Princeton 'removed' the delivery of tourism

promotion from the Chamber of Commerce and set up a downtown Visitors Centre it became a win/win for all parties involved.

Let's face it, the Chamber could have done the same thing but money would have been the main hurdle. The Town 'recycled' municipal property they already owned and spun it into a nifty downtown service.

The Chamber is now in the process of re-inventing itself.

This is a very good thing.

A hand delivered notice received in our office last week outlined plans by the CoC. There is nothing but hints at positive vibes coming from that notice. From the bright orange paper it was printed on to statements including, "These are times of change and opportunity!" you can't help but want to encourage them to do something great.

The Chamber says that move-

ment in the past two years have given them the incentive to change and, "refocus and exert energy solely toward the support of business and commerce in Princeton and the surrounding area."

The new goals of the CoC are: to preserve the wealth of the Chamber and, to find or create a facility that can accommodate the Chamber today and for the future. These are achievable goals and steps in the right direction as the CoC begins to re-invent itself.

You can be part of the change as they are hosting an Open House at the former InfoCentre site at 115 Highway 3 between 4:30 and 6:00 PM on Thursday, September 24th. I plan to take my request for membership because I truly believe the 'new' Chamber will be an amazing group to be a part of, as they become a strong force within our community.

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Ever remembered and sadly missed by  
wife Betty, son Ryan (Cynthia), daughters  
Michelle Jaster (Steve), Diane Schuller (John)  
and Dena Gallant,  
8 Grandchildren and  
2 great grandchildren.

We regret to announce the sudden passing of Robert Clarke Pelly - "Archie" - on September 22, 2015 at the age of 61. Friends and family are invited to share in honouring his memory on Saturday, September 26th at 100 Deerview Crescent from 2:00 - 5:00 PM.

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Music coordinator and solo performer Jeff Lakey highlighted music from his new CD during Similkameen Sizzle, September 19th. Photo: Marty Menzies

## Overcast skies did not hurt Sizzle

The 14th annual pepper festival held in Keremeos known as Similkameen Sizzle went without a hitch Saturday, September 19th in Memorial Park.

Live entertainment, vendors and children's activities filled the park between a pancake breakfast and lunch menus. Skies were cloudy most of the day with reports of rain in the Okanagan being shared throughout the day by those who had travelled through it. The sun did peek out in the afternoon - briefly.

The Chili Cook Off saw a disappointing total of three entries, but with 142 ballots cast for the People's Choice style prize selection, clearly the three chili entries were busy and enjoyed by many.

The top prize went to the Grist

Mill with Emmy's Bake Shop taking second and Canadianna Spicery third. Canadianna Spicery also took the Best Decorated Booth prize.

The Hot Sauce Contest saw a total of twelve jellies and sauces entered. Judges Paulo Araujo, George Elliott and Angelique Wood tasted all and agreement was quick on the winners.

The top Red Jelly was Dragon's Breath Blazin Blackberry Jelly entered by Canadianna Spicery. The top Green Jelly was Habanero Mint Jelly submitted by Barbra Daly of Saanich.

In the Hot Sauce category the top red was My Mouth Is On Fire (Grame Uhlmann, Penticton), top green Hot Green (Greg Fuchs, Keremeos) and Overall Habanero Mint (Barbra Daly).

The Sear Factor Hot Pepper Eating contest saw a total of 19 entries sign up, but not all were present to participate.

The winner was Ian Snarski who

ate three jalapenos in 37.23-seconds. Second went to Tony Klinkera of Keremeos (39.08) and third was John 'Step Daddy J' Jugovic of Vancouver (42.30).

Judging the event was Dan Albas with help from Timers Brenda Engel and Arlene Arlow, assistant Jason Weibe and MC George Elliott.

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Hot Sauce Contest Judges Angelique Wood and Paulo Araujo taste entries during Similkameen Sizzle. \*

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Sisters Judy Egli and Kathy Harker take a break from their vendors booth in Keremeos Memorial Park September 19th during Similkameen Sizzle. Photo: Marty Menzies

## No National Park - The 2% Myth

Featured Commentary

By Arlene Nora Arlow, Volunteer Reporter for the Similkameen News Leader

- Final - Part 5 -

Not only does CPAWS suggest, "Build A Park And They Will Come," they are adamant that international tourists will visit the proposed national park, too. They fail to mention that most of Canada's National Parks have few amenities, and because of that, tour buses don't go there. In keeping with that, CPAWS has stated there will be no amenities in the proposed national park. Without motels, hotels, restaurants, souvenir shops, gas stations, marked walking trails, ski lifts, canoeing, and campgrounds, few international tourists would visit tourist traps Whistler, Jasper, Banff, Radium Hot Springs, West Edmonton Mall, the beach, white-water rafting, wine tours, Starbucks, their tablet... How is it, then, that the proposed National Park will be so radically different, such a draw, such a big deal?

In contrast to the 365-day-a-year spinoff from ranching, tourism in the BC Southern Interior contributes to the economy chiefly in June, July and August. Tourism does indeed inject millions of dollars into the Southern Interior economy every year, but it doesn't do much of that outside of the peak

summer season. Businesses that cannot survive through the slow season simply cease altogether. It happens all the time.

What, then, of other National Parks like Jasper and Banff? Don't they matter? Yes, of course they matter. They are international attractions that offer up nature, convention centres, arts, exotic spas, hot springs, skiing, golf and a slew of other things to do. But Parks Canada is already trying to sell off the hot springs that many of us have fond childhood memories of.

The truth needs to be considered. Jasper and Banff were created by reserving hundreds of square miles of wilderness. Prime Minister John A. MacDonald set aside the first 10 square-mile parcel in 1885. The parcel surrounded a natural hot springs. Acts of Parliament succeeded in reserving the rest of what was for a time called "Rocky Mountains' Park." Between 1890 and 1920, the Stoney (Assiniboin) Indians were unceremoniously removed from what would become Banff National Park. There was little "cost" and most certainly, no currency changed hands. And the premise of protecting that 10 square-mile parcel back in 1885 was to keep the hot springs out of the hands of profiteers who realized that rich folks don't mind bonding with the great outdoors as long as they can do it in style!

The proposed South Okanagan

Similkameen National Park would be made up of non-contiguous chunks of land, and many of those chunks would be surrounded by private land. Filling in the blanks will literally take millions of dollars and generations.

Parks Canada will need to buy up private land if and when property owners decide to sell to Parks Canada. There is no law enacted that says once a national park is established adjacent property owners must first consider selling their property to Parks Canada if and when they are ready to sell. Whereas Jasper and Banff were created with the stroke of a pen and some creative negotiations with First Nations, the proposed national park could well take generations and millions of Canadian tax dollars to take shape.

Parks Canada is not willing to disclose exactly "who" wants to sell their land to form the proposed park. I tried that. I had to send Parks Canada a personal cheque for \$5. to get them to pen a letter denying my request. The letter stated Parks Canada cannot disclose that information.

They are only saying that "some" adjacent property owners want to sell their land to Parks Canada. It begs the question: are there people in the South Okanagan and South Similkameen who are currently vocal in supporting the national park because they want to sell their land

to Parks Canada? If so, that would be deemed to be a legal "Conflict Of Interest."

In 2012, 2013 and 2014, Parks Canada suffered unexpected budget hits. Apparently things haven't improved much, because as of late, the Canadian Government isn't budging much on its parks budget.

Dare I ask whether Parks Canada has or will have the money to buy all the desired private properties for the proposed national park? Canadians want national parks but they may not want to pay millions of tax dollars to create them. The park proponents and Parks Canada have not been forthcoming with projections of the actual "cost" of creating the proposed national park. Oh ya, I almost forgot: Parks Canada doesn't have a policy paper on how to establish a national park.

Being that domestic animals and domestic livestock are not permitted in a National Park, who will pay the cost of fencing literally thousands of linear miles of park so that the park area is kept apart from the private land - or so that the private land is kept apart from the park area? Who will pay to maintain those fences?

If we put up fences, wouldn't we be trapping migrating wildlife like prisoners? Wild animals are territorial, and those territories can be a couple of square miles to 20 or 30 square miles. Much like cattle either wander down or are brought down from the uplands and timberland in

the Fall, many wild animals come out of the hills in the Fall, too, in search of food. Fencing small parcels of national parkland will prevent those that can't go over or under the fences from migrating. They will simply starve. When wildfires erupt, they will perish at the fenceline. I have personally seen the remains of a moose that perished while entangled in a barbed wire fence. It was a slow and frightful death for the moose.

Here's one for you: Did I mention that Jasper Park was never ratified by First Nations?

Apparently Parks Canada has had huge infrastructure deficits for many years. The debt load of its Hot Springs Enterprise Unit simply rolls over from one budget to the next. Parks Canada's \$15-billion in assets are in a poor state of repair.

As a result of the April 29, 2015 federal budget, Parks Canada forecasts expenses of about \$737.3 million in 2015-16. In 2014-15 Parks Canada expenses were \$736 million. A decade ago in the 2005-06 season, Parks Canada spent \$525 million.

Parks Canada continues to establish more parks each year. Rouge National Urban Park near Toronto is slated to cost \$14. million a year until 2022.

Parks Canada publishes its financial statements. What it can't pay for, our Federal Government picks .....continued on Page 20



The hot pepper eating contest - called Sear Factor - which closes the annual Similkameen Sizzle was another successful event September 19th. From left, Sear Factor Organizer George Elliott, professional food eater John 'Step Daddy J' Jugovic (3rd place finisher), Ian Snarski (Winner), Tony Klinkera (2nd place finisher) and 'Spew Zone' Judge Dan Albas. Photo: Brenda Engel

# No National Park - The 2% Myth

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 up the tab: In 2014-15 expenses are expected to exceed revenues by \$614 million. In 2013-14 expenses exceeded revenues by \$547 million. In 2012-13 expenses exceeded revenues by \$540 million. In 2011-12 expenses exceeded revenues by \$611 million. You get the idea.  
 I'll bet that neither Parks Canada, CPAWS, CPWC nor OSPS did the math for you. There will be broken promises.  
 I could throw myself into my work, or choose to watch TV, or go camping (currently allowed in

the proposed National Park area), or go 4-wheeling (currently allowed in the proposed National Park area), or go hunting (currently allowed in some of the proposed National Park area), or go horseback riding (currently allowed in the proposed National Park area), or watch wildlife (currently allowed in the proposed National Park area), or stargaze (Mt Kobau is one of the best stargazing mountains in Canada), or work to protect the environment (there are many protected areas in the proposed National Park area), or otherwise not speak

up. I think you get the picture.  
 I am not afraid of those who support the national park. But I am afraid of destroying the ranching industry and sporting pursuits (yes, international sportsmen spend money here); I am afraid of lies because once a lie perpetuates, it just keeps getting bigger; I am afraid of people's egos, because most honest folks won't want to admit that they've been duped; I am afraid of Parks Canada not being up to the task because they don't have proper policies in place and they don't have the money; and I am afraid of betting tourists will bring millions of dollars to the local economy when there won't be any paved roads up the mountain to draw them away from Whistler, Jasper, Banff, Radium Hot Springs, West Edmonton Mall, the beach, whitewater rafting, wine tours, Starbucks, their tablet...

I am a bookkeeper by trade and I am not in favour of biting off my hand to spite my arm.  
 You owe it to yourself. If you buy the "Gateway To The National

Park" shtick of Senator Ross Fitzpatrick and Chloe O'Loughlin of CPAWS; if you believe that there hasn't been a darned good effort at protecting the uplands; if you believe there is more biodiversity in the uplands than the valleys; if you believe the bad guy is the business owner or the rancher; and if you don't believe we all have an ulterior motive, you are guilty of being a sheep.  
 Speaking of sheep, here's one for you: Domestic sheep and wild sheep must not make contact with each other. The former carries pneumonia and diseases that kill wild sheep. That's just another "truth" to give you pause when it comes to pacifying your sense of guilt.  
 My comments are my own and are not sanctioned or otherwise endorsed by anyone else. I have offered this information to you because my ulterior motive is the truth. It's very liberating. Thousands of years ago, somebody said, "Truth Will Set You Free."

Deception and one-sided propa-

ganda prevail because our egos attach to them. For those who want to give voice using truth and research, I tip my hat, whatever "side" they might be on. To throw insults to your detractors touting a half-baked, spin-doctored phone survey that takes double-double, whopper, "Super Size Me" leaps of faith, you're barking up the wrong tree.  
 If you want to do your own research, drop me a line [replace "(at)" with the "@" symbol here and send me an email]: aarlow(at)telus.net and I'll send you a list of resources to get you started.

Or you could throw yourself into your work, or choose to watch TV, or go camping (currently allowed in the proposed National Park area), or go 4-wheeling (currently allowed in the proposed National Park area), or go hunting (currently allowed in some of the proposed National Park area), or go horseback riding (currently allowed in the proposed National Park area), or watch wildlife (currently allowed in the proposed National Park area), or stargaze (Mt Kobau is one of the best stargazing mountains in Canada), or work to protect the environment (there are many protected areas in the proposed National Park area), or otherwise not speak up.

You have until October 12, 2015 to respond to the BC Government's "Policy Intention Paper" <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/planning/protected-areas-framework-s-okanagan.html>.

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