

Thanks for prompt action

Dear editor,

I would like to extend a deep and heartfelt thank you to Price's Alarms and the Courtenay Volunteer Fire Department.

Recently I experienced firsthand how much both parties care about this Valley and each person in it.

To begin let me just say that I was having a very bad week, I found out that I need a biopsy, as a cancer I have may have come back, and an old simmering family dispute came up as it does every time around this season.

So, it was my own forgetfulness that left a pot on my stove and I went out to do some shopping.

Thanks to the prompt action from

Price's Alarms that alerted the Courtenay Fire Department, all we suffered was some smoke damage.

Washing walls to get rid of the odour is easy, realizing that one has a wall to wash is much more of a humbling experience, knowing it could have been so much worse.

Either way, the emotional toll it takes is incredible, just the strain of knowing what could have happened, and knowing it was caused by simply forgetting to check. It is frightening.

If I could, I would personally thank everyone at Price's Alarms and every volunteer at the Courtenay Fire Department. As I cannot, this will have to do.

Thank you all for helping not just in averting a far more devastating event but helping me realize that I need to take care of my emotional stress with some outside help as clearly I am not on top of that as much as I believed.

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