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▲ Heritage Week

- Film Festival
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- Hot chocolate trail
- Shuswap Seed Swap
- Ladies Bonspiel
- Pink Shirt Day
- Silverbacks
- Dark Switch Trio
- Iconic Tributes
- Krystal dos Santos

Layoff notice at OC

Okanagan College has given notice to faculty and staff that significant layoffs are coming. Gillian Henderson, Associate Vice President, People Services, said the College “remains fully committed to each of our four campuses in Salmon Arm, Vernon, Kelowna and Penticton. “However, in some areas, there will be a reduction in course availability,

and/or a change to how courses are offered across campuses. These changes are aligned to where we have and are seeing reduced demand and lower enrolment.”

Today (Feb. 21) is also the deadline for expressions of interest to an Early Retirement Incentive Program that was announced in January.

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> This is how east of downtown looked in 1961 before completion of the Trans Canada a year later. Heritage Week continues with many events on Feb. 22 at Piccadilly Mall. Photo posted by Janet Hanna on the Vintage Salmon Arm FB page. / P.7, 8

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> Fatal collision in the Malakwa area
Fatalities on road & lake

The Shuswap suffered two fatal tragedies in a week. The body of an 18-year-old local teen was recovered from Shuswap lake after he fell through the ice during a walk from Raven to Sandy's Point the afternoon of Feb. 10.

The RCMP's Underwater Recovery team, Shuswap Search and Rescue, Fire Department were called to the scene. "Our thoughts are with the loved ones of the young man during this incredible difficult time," said Staff Sgt. Simon Scott.



A 19-year-old passenger of a pickup truck died at the scene of a collision with a semi truck carrying cattle on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 15 in the Malakwa area. Two 18 year-olds were critically injured in the crash, and one later died in the hospital. A third occupant, the driver, was treated for non-life threatening injuries. Alcohol and speed were ruled out by police as factors in the fatal crash. ■

Local representation lacking

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 "As we know, this is a difficult and challenging time for our whole OC community. We are committed to working together with you as individuals and with our unions and the OC Administrative Association in a way that is open and respectful, and responsive to your perspectives," she continued.

Instructors and students have expressed strong concerns about the loss of regional representation outside of Kelowna for the past few years.

Lawren Richards, a former member of the since disbanded Regional Advisory Committee of the Salmon Arm campus, sent a letter to the Minister of post secondary, about the administration in Kelowna. (full letter / P10).

"We have lost all voice at the Salmon Arm campus. We were informed by College President Neil Fassina two years ago that we would no longer have a regional dean, that all decisions would be made at the Kelowna offices, and there would be no one local on the board or administration.

"There was **no** consultation, and we

made it very clear we were unhappy with this decision and that it would not serve the community or students well. In response we were ignored then formally disbanded late last year with ad-hoc meetings offered to the business community in lieu of full representation."

Richards stressed the importance of the importance to the economies of the regional colleges to provide opportunities for smaller communities to train and retain local talent.

Students point out the difficulties of planning courses that get cancelled with little notice.

She added how Thompson Rivers University (TRU), in contrast, has responded effectively and proactively to current challenges such as new restrictions on international students.

While the recent addition of a 60-bed housing has been a boon to the Salmon Arm campus, the lack of a locally based person in charge has been a problem as well. Recent residents were informed of a 35 per cent increase in rent. See pages 3, 10. ■

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Be citizens, participate

Seeing democracies threatened around the world, and people rising up in droves, it's a good idea to take the cue and make our own voices heard on local issues.

During my years covering this community, I remember meetings where people stood outside the doors of council chambers, or meetings moved to the Recreation Centre or Prestige Inn.

As a result of these groundswells of community interest, a road did not slice through Fletcher Park to connect 5th St. to Ross, or the flood plain taken up by the Smart Centres development was scaled back dramatically. Now meetings are sparsely attended, and even councillors are often seen on Zoom screen instead.

The OCP Review is an opportune time to get involved. An OCP showcase is planned for 6-9 pm, Feb 27 and 11 to 2 Mar. 1 at Song Sparrow Hall.

In this week's *City Fixings* I called for ensuring the Tank Hill spectacular vista to be protected from encroachment by future

MOLEHILLS

Lorne Reimer



high rise development. Once that view is gone, it is gone forever.

As for other important local issues, we should let our views be known about how important the Okanagan College and local representation is to our community. Write to the OC president and the Minister. (pages 1,2)

Another issue is universal public health care. This needs to be protected for all, and at a local level. The new Shuswap Cardiac Society is holding a fundraiser on March 1 for its much needed Cardio-vascular clinic, recently opened on Alexander Street.

This is a user pay service as Interior Health said 'no' to providing coverage. However, the same clinic services are funded in Kamloops and Kelowna.

So, let's write letters to Interior Health and the Minister, and ask why. Let's be involved. ■



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• **Paddington in Peru.** 1:30, Sat. & Sun.; 6:40 nightly. Beloved, marmalade-loving bear gets lost in the jungle on exciting adventure to find his missing Aunt Lucy. (G)

• **The Unbreakable Boy.** 1:45, Sat. & Sun; 6:50 nightly. A life affirming boy with rare brittle bone condition and autism brings joy to everyone around him (PG viol)

• **Captain America: Brave New World.** 1:30 Sat. & Sun; 6:40 nightly. High flying hero Sam tackles global plot threatening world. (PG viol, lang.)

• **Dog Man.** 2:00 Sat. & Sun.; 6:30 nightly. When a faithful police dog and his human police officer are injured together, a harebrained but life-saving surgery fuses the two of them together. (G violence)

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> SALMAR CLASSIC

■ **Shuswap Film Society • shuswapfilm.net**

■ **FILM FESTIVAL,** Feb. 21-Mar. 1. See page 16 for full details.

• **Blue Rodeo: Lost Together,** 7:30, 21st (Opener) ▶▶

• **Touch,** 10:30, 22nd; 4:00, 27th

• **Bob Trevino likes it,** 1:30, 22nd; 4:00 25th

• **A Real Pain,** 7:30, 22nd; 4:00, 26th

• **There's still Tomorrow,** 4:00, 22nd; 7:30, 25th

• **The Birds who Fear Death,** 7:30, 24th; 4:00, 28th

• **Vermiglio,** 4:00, 23rd

• **Small things like these,** 1:30, 23rd; 7:30, 27th

• **Universal Language,** 7:30, 23rd

• **Singing back the Buffalo,** 7:30, 26th

• **All we imagine as light,** 10:30, 23rd; 7:30, 28th

• **Seed of the Sacred Fig,** 4:00, 24th ▶▶

• **Encore** (Audience choice), 4:00, Mar. 1

• **Hard Truths,** 7:30, Mar. 1 (Closer)

After the Festival...

• **I'm Still Here** (Brazil), 5:00, Mar. 8 (PG) Intense political story set in Rio di Janeiro. Oscar nominated for Best Picture.

• **All to Play For** (Rien à Perdre) (France), 5:00, Mar. 15. Single mom fights overbearing social system to bring her daughter back. (PG)

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• **Fidelio,** 9:55 am, Mar. 15. Woman risks everything to save husband from clutches of tyranny. Modern day parallels in Beethoven's stirring paen to freedom.

■ **CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL,** Mar. 20 to 22. Hosted by Children's Association

live & dance

> **Canooligans • Dirt Road Kings,** Mar. 1

> **Copper Island Pub • Jams** with Blind Bay Blues Band, Tuesdays.

> **Sicamous Legion - Dale Trenholm,** 3-6 pm, Sundays.

> **Marionette Winery - Ryan McMahon,** Mar. 4.

> **SA Legion • Open Mic** with The Purples, Mar. 14 • The Fugitives old time dance band, 1-4, Feb. 26

> **Gleneden Hall dance • 7 pm,** Saturday, Mar. 7

> **Enderby Legion dances • Vic's Band,** Feb. 22 • Deep Trouble, Mar. 1 • Kelly Belanger, Mar. 1

> **SUS Underground,** Rancho. Reggie Reynolds, comedian, Mar. 8

> **Song Sparrow,** Krystal Dos Santos, Mar. 8. Motown Dance.

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• **Ophelia Chooses,** Feb. 19-Mar. 1, Powerhouse. Playwright tries to right the wrong suffered by Hamlet's Ophelia.

• **Remi Bolduc Jazz Ensemble,** Feb. 23 (P)

• **Michael Jackson trib,** Feb. 28.

• **Three Musketeers,** Mar. 1

• **Kenny Blues Boss Wayne & Russell Jackson,** Mar. 2

• **I am Woman hear me Laf,** Mar. 8

• **Kelowna**

• **Mother Mother,** Feb. 21

• **Our Lady Peace,** Feb. 22

• **Jesse Cook,** April 5

• **Nitty Gritty Dirt Band farewell tour,** May 8

• **Penticton**

• **BTO, April Wine, Head Pins,** April 4



FESTIVITIES

> **Hot Chocolate Trail** - All February. Vote by Feb. 28 on nine downtown locations. #SAHotChocolateTrail

> **Heritage Week** - Feb. 17-25 at Piccadilly Mall. / P.7

> **Film Festival** - Feb. 21-Mar. 1. See 'Movies' below & P.16

> **Coldest Night of Year** - Feb. 22. cnoy.org / P.5

> **Pink Shirt Day** - Feb. 26. Awareness against bullying.

> **Shuswap Seed Swap** - 10-3, Mar. 1. Splantsin Centre. / P.5

> **SD83 Spring Break** - Mar. 15-30 > **St. Patrick's** - Mar. 17

> **Music Festival** - April 7 to May 2. ShuswapFestival.com

ART

> **Overflow** - Curated by Grade 10 art Jackson students on fears and phobias, and how art to express emotion. Runs to Mar. 15, SA Art Gallery.

> **Cardiff Miller Art Warehouse** - 11-5, Sat & Sun, Enderby.

> **Gallery Atelier** - Shuswap Artist Collective, February, 321 Hudson.

CONCERTS

> **SA Jazz club** - Shows at 7 pm, by donation at Nexus at First.

• **Dark Switch Trio** with Blair Schier, Dan Smith & Liam Nadurak, Feb. 27.

• **Craig Thomson Quartet,** Mar. 13 • Keith Gray, Mar. 27.

• **ShuHorns - Big Band Swing Dance,** April 17 (Song Sparrow Hall)

• **Jazz at Lakeside Manor,** 6:30, 3rd Tuesdays with Sandy & Friends

> **Coffeehouse circuit** - Oct. to May. All 7 pm except Sunnybrae.

• Celistas & Grindrod 1st Fri • Carlin, 1st Sat • SA Legion, 2nd Fri.

• Sunnybrae, 2nd Sat • Enderby Srs. Centre, 3rd Fri.

• Gleneden, 3rd Sat. • SA Elks Hall, 4th Fri.

• Silver Creek & Eagle Bay, 4th Sat

• Shuswap Writers, 2-4 pm, 4th Fri., First Community. (Mar. 28)

> **Krystle Dos Santos** - 'Motown get Down' show & dance, Mar. 8, Song Sparrow Hall. Tickets at celebrateshuswap.ca.

> **Iconic Tributes** - Freddy Mercury, Neil Diamond, Rod Stewart, 6:30, Mar. 8, Shuswap Lake Estates. Fundraiser for S. Shuswap Health Services

> **Jaeden Izik-Dzurko recital** - 8:30, Mar. 20, 21, Rotary Centre, Kelowna. Tix 250.469.8940

> **Sue Foley** - Mar. 11, Song Sparrow Hall. A blues rock powerhouse. rootsandblues.ca. sold out

> **Blue Marquee** - April 3, Song Sparrow Hall.

> **Shuswap String Orchestra** - 2 pm, April 13, Presbyterian Church

> **Shuswap Music Festival** - April 7-May 2. shuswapfestival.com

> **Bad Moon Rising** - 7:30, April 11, Salmar Classic. CCR tribute

> **Colin Linden** - May 24, Song Sparrow Hall. Nashville blues artist. rootsandblues.ca

> **Roots & Blues** - July 25 to 27. Early bird tix rootsandblues.ca

> **Creed - Summer of 99** - Aug. 16, Rogers Rink.

THEATRE

> **Halfway There** - Feb. 21 to March 9, Shuswap Theatre.

A doctor wanders into a Nova Scotia small town to start a new life.

Tix at shuswaptheatre.com or at Choose Refill shop.

> **Play Reading** - 'Book of Esther', 7 pm, Feb. 26, Shuswap Theatre.

SPORTS

■ See *SPORT SPOT* on page 13

> **Silverbacks**

HOME: 7 pm, Feb. 21 vs. Penticton • 7 pm, Feb. 28 vs. West Kelowna
4 pm, Mar. 2 vs. Prince George

AWAY: West Kelowna, Feb. 7; Trail, Feb. 15; Cranbrook, Feb. 22 & Mar. 7

> **Curling** - Ladies Open, Feb. 21-23 • Mixed Bonspiel, Mar. 7-9.

> **X-Country Skiing** - 24 Hour Ultra Race, Mar. 8, Larch Hills.



MOTOWN, GET DOWN

Krystle Dos Santos and her Motown Get Down show will perform the March dance at Song Sparrow Hall.

Her extraordinary rich and powerful voice has been called “simultaneously elegant, bold and sensual”. Her latest album, BLOOM/BURN, won the 2020 WCMA R&B Artist of the Year award.

From singing with Stevie Wonder and Michel Bubl  to theatre performances throughout North America, Dos Santos brings her vocal prowess to every performance. Her musical, *Hey Viola!* was a hit in 14 cities, including the Stratford Festival and Western Canada Theatre.

Tickets for the March 8 “Celebrate Shuswap” show are expected to sell quickly and available at celebrateshuswap.ca.



■ The Artelier Gallery on Hudson above the Book Nook opens a new exhibition by the Shuswap Artist Collective. Curator Ian McTavish, shown on left, invited the public to watch more special events including artist talks, workshops and exciting explorations.



you're invited

- > **Coldest Night of the Year**, Feb. 22. Salmon Arm has 123 walkers and 35 teams registered with a goal to raise \$80,000. Hosted by Shuswap Food Action Society. See cnoy.org
- > **Peace n' Pizza**, 5:30, Feb. 21. First Community (United Church). (3rd Fridays, by donation). Woinshet Bayssie, originally from Ethiopia, will be the guest at the fireside chat. The monthly event is meant to build humanity through story-telling and listening, and includes a delicious dinner of pizza and veggies. See peacebuilders.world.
- > **Health-Care Auxiliary**, 1:30, 3rd Tuesdays at the hospital's board room.
- > **Fly at Night**, 6-8 pm, Tues & Wed., Children's association. fly@shuswapchildrens.ca
- > **SA council**, 2:30, Feb. 24, Mar. 10, 24.
- > **CSR**, 9:30, Mar. 20. > **SD83**, 6 pm, Mar. 11
- > **Downtown Winter Market**, Saturday mornings
- > **Free Lunches**, 11 to 1, Wednesdays, First Community on Okanagan Ave.
- > **Pancake Breakfast**, 8-11:30, Mar. 9, 5th Ave. 55Plus Centre. \$12 ages 5+ to 105.
- > **Garden Club**, 7 pm, 4th Tues, Fifth Ave.
- > **SA Toastmasters**, 7 pm, Thursdays, 5th Ave Centre. Lorraine 514-898-1776.
- > **Sled Sicamous Dinner & Auction**, 5:30, Feb. 22. Tix at sledsicamous.com.
- > **Shuswap Seed Swap**, 10-3, Mar. 1, Splatsin

- Centre, Enderby. Seed vendors, garden crafts & products, educational presentations, kids activities, silent auction, food court, Film *In my Backyard* (documentary about growing food in urban environments) By donation.
 - > **Shuswap Cardiac Society Red Gala**, 6-9 pm, Mar. 1. Chances to raise funds for new cardio vascular clinic on Alexander.
 - > **Shake your Shamrock** with the Kamloops Fiddlers Family Dance, 7:30, Mar. 1, West Highlands Community Centre, Kamloops. \$10 for non-members.. 250-376-2330
 - > **Chess drop-in**, 6 pm, Wednesdays, Okanagan College. salmonarmchess@gmail.com
 - > **Theatre on Edge**, June 13-15. Apply by March 30 to totefestival.com
 - > **Male actor**, around age 40, still needed for Shuswap Theatre's next show, *Virgin Trial*. See shuswaptheatre.com for details.
 - > **WOW concert series**, application deadline March 1 to salmonarmartscentre.ca
 - > **Meditation Midweek Downtown** - 7-8 pm, Thursdays, 450 Okanagan, (off 4th St. SE).
 - > **Team Spelling Bee**, 7 am, May 7, Song Sparrow Hall. shuswapliteracy.ca
 - > **Home Show**, April 26-27, Rogers Rink.
 - > **South Shuswap Chamber AGM**, Feb. 24, Cedar Hts. Hall
- Email You're invited to FriAM.ca

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CURB THE SHARPIE

Gas prices are creeping up again. The companies have been quite restrained during 2024, I'm sure the talking heads have very good reasons, but cannot help wondering if the prices were held politically to help lower inflation.

Now we - at least in BC - have halved the 2023 (6.9 per cent) rate to last year's (2.6 per cent). They feel they are able to boost profits again. Were they ordered to do this, and by whom?

If my guess is correct, it is a shame that the same power is not wielded over the grocery chains. Using my unique grocer hatred scale a 2023 three dollar pizza is now six dollars. That is not a doubling over two years as it would appear, but in 13 months. Unsurprisingly, these multinational companies have posted successive record profits during the same period.

The prime duty of government is to protect the people. In the first instance they might argue they did help us, even if the mechanism is a bit dodgy. As for grocers, calling a few CEO's to a meeting with no heads rolling is negligible.

Luckily for Canada, there are two layers of government, (it's not all that lucky when you think we pay for both!) Federal and Provincial.

You might expect this double blanket to protect us better than a single as surely the holes won't line up, but if you are a multinational company your fully paid lobbying army has extremely sharp scissors.

Let's hope that if the 51st State threat becomes real Ottawa and Victoria will show some spine.

I'm writing this on Valentines Day, and things change at the speed of a dashing Sharpie, so bear with me if I'm out of date now. It seems reasonable that Canada should pay its fair share of defence and it should properly police the borders and get a kick in the butt if it does not. Tariffs on Canadian goods sold in the US will soon attract the ire of Americans, counter tariffs applied here on US goods just muddy the waters. Surely it is better to let someone score an own goal than tackle them before they do?

Public opinion is what elects politicians. If it was not for the corrupt process of lobbying, public opinion might also guide our elected. By boycotting US products we can send a clear message directly to our representatives.

After Mexico we are the biggest consumer of US goods and services. If we could put a dent in that statistic we might curb the Sharpie. ■

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Billy Reader helped build Salmon Arm

William (Billy) Reader, builder of the trio of historic public buildings at Hudson & Shuswap will be recognized for two of the early houses he built in Salmon Arm.

The Heritage Commission will present awards for three heritage houses at the Feb. 24 council meeting - the R.J. Haney House, a centrepiece at Haney Heritage Park and Museum, and two Reader-built homes - the W.K. Smith house at 681 Okanagan (Merton Hill) and the Reader house at Shuswap & 1st Ave. SE. The latter was a personal home of the Reader family and was later home to legendary town doctor, Eve Gulliford.

In recent years, former councillor Chad Eliason oversaw major restorations of the Reader house. Another Reader House on the Heritage Registry is located on 1st St. at Okanagan.

W.K. Smith was on council 15 years as both alderman and mayor in the 40s and 50s, and a tireless promoter. He was known to often place welcome cards on visitors windshields.

Billy Reader also built the old Courthouse, the Post office, now arts centre (library in between), and the former Municipal hall across the street on Hudson. All three of those public buildings are on the Heritage registry.

The restored Reader House was built in 1922 and the W.K. house in 1938, both notable for craftsmanship and roof gables.

The stately R.J. Haney House was built in 1908 and replaced in 1910 after destroyed in a fire. There are still remnants of the Old Enderby roadbase next to the house that a group of farmers built from the Haney property to Gardom Lake (near Rancho) to transport their grain to the flour mill in Enderby.

Eight relocated buildings at Haney Heritage Park, as well as the starting spot of Old Enderby Road, are being added to Salmon Arm's heritage registry. These include Broadview School (now Children's Museum); Chinese Cook House (used as back stage for the amphitheatre); J. Pearson Shaw log cabin; Pidhirney House; Laitinen log house; Peterson barn, Queest lookout tower; and Valley Methodist Church (now a popular venue for wedding ceremonies). ■

Heritage Week events continue

The 29th annual Heritage Week continues Friday and Saturday, Feb. 21 and 22, at the Mall at Piccadilly.

The week, co-hosted by Haney Heritage Park and Salmon Arm Museum, features displays and demonstrations all week, plus three online contests - On this Spot photo contest; Scavenger Hunt; and Colouring Contest. Go to salmonarmmuseum.org for details.

The Online Auction runs all week, closing at 3 pm Feb. 22. Visit bidding owl for details.

Family fun day Saturday, Feb. 22 includes kids heritage craft, gold panning, and, of course, the Best of the Shuswap Pie Baking contest. Details on right.



> On left is R.J. Haney House. (Museum rendering) Below from left is W.K. Smith house on Okanagan and Reader House on Shuswap St.



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Our McGuire Lake

By June Stewart

Nestled on the edge of downtown and bordered by the highway is a perfect gem. McGuire Lake graces the community with her peace. What prettier setting for a hospital and the patients within?

Watching high schoolers walk the path to downtown at lunch-time, I reflect that I was once a teen on that same trip although there was only one fast-food choice back then.

Now I'm walking that same path for a lap or two of fresh air in my retirement. McGuire Lake has been a fixture for the many years in between.

It was where I sat on the old wooden wharf by the long-demolished motel and watched hundreds of goldfish and later pointed out those same goldfish to my babies - those walks with their stroller when one lap was too far for chubby toddler legs.

Later, it would be wobbly bike laps, counting turtles sunning themselves on logs, feeding the ducks, pushing an ailing family member in a wheelchair on a welcome reprieve from hospital walls, sitting on a park bench while loved ones received care and treatment, graduation pictures and wedding celebrations.

I reflect on the memorial benches honouring those who have passed; the Japanese friendship gate with our twin city; the floating paper lanterns; the high school outdoor education class for canoe lessons; the short-lived experiment as a family fishing lake; concerns when it appeared the park may become a tent encampment; the charity walks; the celebration when they put in public washrooms and frustration when same closed down too early in the season.

I recall those long-held rumours that the lake is bottomless and the April Fool's prank by a local reporter convincing people that the lake was going to be drained so the turtles

could be scrubbed.

Then there's the lake's centerpiece, the iconic fountain - the old fountain with the multicoloured lights, then no fountain, then new fountain, the white lights, and now the return of coloured lights.

I remember the swans that used to grace our wonderful little lake. They were rounded up every fall, taken to Ruth Pond to overwinter, and then returned to McGuire Lake in the spring to hatch their cygnets. That was until bureaucrats decided the swans with clipped wings were not safe in this little "zoo" without fences. Goodbye, swans.

How many times has your name been misspelled? McGuire Lake, Maguire Lake,

Little Lake, The Pond, Hospital Lake. Even Google gets it wrong. Thankfully, the plaque paying homage to the original donor, Agnes McGuire has it right.

She deserves to have it remembered correctly, and it is important to her family members who are still in the area.

A sure sign of spring are the turtles climbing on the floating logs; first sighting of ducklings and goslings; the dog walkers; people pushing walkers; hospital employees determined to model a healthy lifestyle of exercise and weight loss by getting in a quick circuit on their breaks; the great blue heron, hiding unseen in the cattails and frightening walkers when he takes flight with a prehistoric "rawwwk!!".

You know it's winter on a chilly day when the lake fully ices over. Footprints in the snow show that some daring teens bypass the "Thin Ice" signs to use the frozen lake as a shortcut. Brave souls skate on the ice once it is strong enough to clear the snow for a rink.

And as the ice melts out of the lake we watch once more for the first turtles and ducklings. The seasons circle around again.... just like the path endlessly looping the lake. ■



Salmon Arm Legion POPPY CONTEST

Salmon Arm Legion Br. 62 presented cash awards and certificates to winners of its annual Poppy Poster/Essay Contest. Making presentations are Legion president Lance Ewan and Sgt. at Arms Walter Webster.



- **South Broadview:** 1st Kiya ACS (b&w poster); Rylie Englot (colour poster) 2nd Madison Payne (colour poster primary); 3rd Adalyn Peck (b&w poster primary); Charles O'Connor (colour poster junior)
- **South Canoe:** 3rd Havana Christjansen (colour poster primary)
- **Shuswap Adventist:** 1st Celistia Drury (essay & poem Intermediate) 1st Jasmine Trayer (essay junior); 3rd Dominique Du Precz (colour poster); Anya Pavlova (essay intermediate)
- **King's Christian:** 1st Emily Tulak (colour poster junior); 2nd Kelsey Jelier (b&w poster intermediate); 3rd Nathaniel Froese (b&w poster Jr.)
- **Shuswap Middle:** 1st Alberta Konotop (colour poster intermediate); Molly MacLean (poem junior); 2nd Luc Jeques (b&w poster junior); Kayleigh Torrens (colour poster junior); Taryn Kraft (poem intermediate);



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Ear to the GROUND

Tip of the cap to Pat

Here is one more reason why I love this town. It saddened me when I lost my beloved flat cap a month ago. Silly me, I happened to mention losing it on my facebook page, and a number of folks offered me sympathy like I lost a dear friend.

Well, June Stewart really did lose the dearest of friends in Pat Archibald, a man who contributed much throughout his life in community work and coaching from Vancouver to Salmon Arm and even Northern Manitoba.

It turns out he also loved his flat cap, plus had a penchant for writing. You can see him wearing his flat cap on page 13. June texted me and said she thought it was a good idea that I should have his cap to replace the one I lost.

She texted how he was a writer and, from one writer to another, "it seemed fitting for his cap to go to someone else immersed in writing and our community."

Anyway, I was delighted by her gesture and the honour to wear something belonging to such a fine gentleman as Pat. There's a photo of June presenting the cap in the bonus pages at FriAm.ca



Crown n' Anchor pub is under new ownership and management with Jakob Isaak, in association with Canooligans. Karaoke will continue Thursday nights.

Return local representation

Open letter to Anne Kang, Minister of Post Secondary Education & future skills

I am writing as a member of the former Regional Advisory Committee of Okanagan College in Salmon Arm, a parent, an alumna and community member.

Parents, students and other stakeholders—have lost all voice at the Salmon Arm campus. We were informed by College President Neil Fassina two years ago that we would no longer have a regional dean, that all decisions would be made at the Kelowna offices, and there would be no one local on the board or administration (other than office staff). There was **no** consultation, and we made it very clear we were unhappy with this decision and that it would not serve the community or students well. In response we were ignored then formally disbanded late last year with ad-hoc meetings offered to the business community in lieu of full representation.

I have received complaints from parent, students, faculty and community members about housing, classes being canceled too early to know whether they would have had sizeable registration, problems with the website, program requirements no longer available, and more. I was told complainants should speak to Neil, or fill out a form on the web. Neither of these are appropriate for broad input.

I realize post-secondary education is undergoing severe financial restrictions, but these issues arose *before* the restrictions on international students. Neil was hired during Covid; as I remember, shortly after in-person meetings were allowed again he bounced into a RAC meeting announcing that when he was unable to meet with staff he developed—by himself—a one-page strategy for College direction to attract "worldwide" online students. I was disturbed that someone in his position would think this lack of stakeholder inclusion was acceptable (or that particular strategy appropriate for a community college); in implementation this strategy looks much like moving OC in the direction of Athabasca University (where Mr. Fassina was previously), and pushing outlying campus enrolment to the floor in order to justify its eventual closing.

One of the mandates of the government is to grow the economy - not just the economies of major cities but also smaller communities. Okanagan College provides opportunities for the local communities to train and retain local talent, as well as providing a route for higher education to students who otherwise might not attempt it due to costs, fears about moving, community ties, and other constraints. Many of these constraints affect segments of the population who have been historically neglected and sidelined. Increasing the productivity of this latter group has lifetime impacts that include but go far beyond immediate economic productivity.

It is reasonable to expect to see a feasible strategy implemented by a president governed by a representative board. Some possible solutions are: require formal, structured input from outlying communities which have OC campuses; appoint board members who provide representation for outlying communities, and consider allowing outlying communities to request that other educational institutions (e.g. TRU) take over campus programming etc.

Other institutions have managed to pivot and focus on local enrolment during this financial crisis; I want OC to have the leadership to do the same. **Lawren Richards, Salmon Arm**

LETTERS

City FIXINGS

> City planning is considering proposals for an apartment complex east of Service BC that could go rise as high as six storeys. Travellers and locals alike marvel at the spectacular bay and mountain view and one drives Tank Hill both east and west. We need to ensure this beautiful vista is protected from encroachments, or else our city will look like any other city. There needs to be a height limit or it will be lost forever. "Has to have a la vista!"

Bravos & BOOS

> **BRAVO TO** organizers and participants of the annual Coldest Night of the Year walk, happening this Saturday evening, supporting the unhomed and food security. See cnoy.org



> **BRAVO TO** Cpt. Jessica Ellenor awarded the King Charles Medal for training Rocky Mountain Rangers Cadets in Salmon Arm, Sicamous and Revelstoke, for years. The young people voted for her, for her "Contribution to the Community."

Web SITINGS

> <https://courthouses.co/canada-courthouses/british-columbia/salmon-arm/>
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The real works begins

Hope everyone enjoyed Christmas with loved ones and brought in 2025 with optimism...we need it now more than ever.

It's been a very busy time with a steep learning curve since I was given the privilege to represent the hard-working residents of this riding. As I campaigned on, I plan on being transparent and accountable and will provide minimum quarterly updates to keep residents up-to-date on issues that matter.



We certainly have our share of concerns which affect our everyday lives.

First off, we are in the process of relocating the constituency office to an easily accessible storefront location for residents and stakeholders alike which will be near Piccadilly Mall. A satellite office in Armstrong is also planned for the near future. Our staff is dedicated to addressing every enquiry and concern with purpose. In addition, I plan to hold future town hall forums in each community within the riding during the year to allow local input. My priority is to ensure voices from all communities are heard, and local businesses succeed.

The past few months I have spoken with many local officials and stakeholders, and intend to meet with all local governments within the upcoming weeks to stay current to ongoing plans and issues.

The legislature should have had a Fall session given the many pressing issues before the province. However, after the throne speech on February 18, the real work begins.

As your MLA I will support policies that address affordability, rural housing initiatives, healthcare shortfalls, infrastructure projects including highway improvements and maintenance in addition to any legislation that minimizes taxes for families and small businesses.

On a provincial level we need to ensure forestry, agriculture, tourism, mining, and advanced manufacturing remain viable by eliminating red tape and over regulation without sacrificing the concerns for the environment ensuring we preserve the beautiful place we live. I will hold government to task on justice reform, toxic drugs and the accompanying crime associated with it, as well as push for an education system that focuses on fundamentals that prepares our children and grandchildren for success in a competitive world.

In addition, I have been given the opposition critic role for B.C. Hydro and electric self-sufficiency which is a portfolio that effects every person and business in the province. My goal is to ensure there is a long-term strategy to provide reliable energy at an affordable rate. We want to guarantee the taxpayer is getting fair value for investments in infrastructure, administration, and delivery. Improvement and expansion of the electrical grid is essential to economic growth. There needs to be well thought out planning for future infrastructure projects and the goal must be 100 per cent self-sufficiency with all power generation options considered on merit.

In closing, I encourage everyone to support local businesses, volunteer with local organizations, and participate in local events. Strong communities are built by engaged residents, and I look forward to meeting with you in the coming weeks and months. ■

☐ MLA David Williams can be reached at David.Williams.MLA@leg.bc.ca or 778-724-2407



> Roland Pelletier (grey jersey) tested the ice on McGuire well above the safe level, to provide hours of skating for many on Family Day weekend.

> Pictured below is the 'Out of the Darkness' lantern parade in Enderby, hosted by Runaway Moon Family Day.



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Past Temps, Feb. 5 to 18
By weather reporter Nick Parsons
SW Gleneden, 458 m (119 m above lake):

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP.
Feb. 5	-9	-17	
Feb. 6	-9	-16	

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP.
Feb. 7	-7	-16	
Feb. 8	-5	-12	1/2" snow
Feb. 9	-6	-16	
Feb. 10	-5	-15	
Feb. 11	-7	-15	
Feb. 12	-6	-15	
Feb. 13	-4	-15	
Feb. 14	-1	-10	
Feb. 15	-1	-10	
Feb. 16	0	-4	4" snow
Feb. 17	+2	-4	1" snow
Feb. 18	+2	-9	

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- ❖ Bryan Corbett Bateman
January 17, 2025, at age 85
- ❖ Eleanor Ann Caminiti
January 9, 2025, at age 94
1 pm, Feb. 22, Fischer's
- ❖ Jessie Meaghan Chambers
February 5, 2025, at age 35
11 am, Mar. 1, Fischer's
- ❖ Douglas Smith Frederickson
February 15, 2025, at age 91
- ❖ Evelyn Mary 'Bernice' Hyam
February 10, 2025, at age 92
- ❖ Bernhard Franz Kramer
February 5, 2025, at age 67
- ❖ Janet Eleanor Jackett
January 29, 2025, at age 82
- ❖ Donna Louise Lessard
February 4, 2025, at age 77
- ❖ Maxine Levely
January 31, 2025, at age 80
- ❖ Spencer Joseph 'Joe' Turley
February 10, 2025, at age 88
- ❖ Carolyn Lee MacDonald
February 1, 2025, at age 70
- ❖ Conrad Metrunec
February 13, 2025, at age 73
- ❖ Audrey Quaife
January 29, 2025, at age 89
- ❖ Kelly Ann Widmark
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- ❖ George Goodwin
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- ❖ Patricia 'Nonna' Larson
February 13, 2025, at age 79
- ❖ Phyllis Mae Meyer
February 7, 2025, at age 94
- ❖ Antonio 'Tony' Morabito
January 28, 2025, at age 77
- ❖ Jack Woolridge
February 5, 2025, at age 96
- ❖ Brian Safruiik
January 31, 2025, at age 50
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- ❖ Pat Archibald
February 19, 2025, at age 74
- ❖ Anne Mulders
February 6, 2025, at age 87
- ❖ Betty Joan Ross
February 5, 2025
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- ❖ Antonine Maillet, 95, Acadian
novelist and playwright
- ❖ Tom Robbins, 92, American
novelist. Books include "Even
Cowgirls get the Blues"
- ❖ Jerry Eisenberg, 87, Hanna-
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SPORT SPOT



> The champion UBC Thunderettes of 1969 -70 included two Salmon Arm girls who both went on to play on the national team - Betty Ross, top second from left and Joanne Sargent, bottom second from right

Remembering Betty Ross

Betty Ross embraced her life with a passion for women's basketball and later for teaching.

As a member of the champion UBC Thunderettes and the Women's National basketball team, she was inducted into the BC Basketball Hall of Fame and BC Sports Hall of Fame.

She passed away earlier this month in Edmonton.

Betty is adored by many hundreds of Salmon Arm students from her years as a teacher at South Broadview Elementary.

The Shuswap also lost two other active participants in

both the sports world and major contributors to community life.

Pat Archibald coached baseball for many years, and loved golf and basketball as well. His son Casey went on to be a basketball star.

Bruce Halverson is remembered as a director of the Arena society with a passion for soccer, softball and scuba diving.



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> **SILVERBACKS:** 22 W, 13 L, 6 OTL, 52 pts.

(Int. East: Penticton 68, Trail 64 • Brooks 62, Sherwood 53, SA 52)
• **Recent scores:** Feb. 17: SA 6, Vernon 3 • Feb. 15: SA 2, Trail 0
• Feb. 8: Sherwood Park 6, SA 3 • Feb. 7: SA 4, West Kelowna 0.

• **Next games:** Feb. 7 in West Kelowna
• 2 pm, Feb. 17 vs. Vernon in SA • 7 pm, Feb. 21 vs. Penticton in SA • 6 pm, Feb. 22 vs. Cranbrook in SA • 7 pm, Feb. 28, vs. West Kelowna in SA • 4 pm, Mar. 2 vs. Prince George in SA • 7 pm, Mar. 7, in Cranbrook • 7 pm, Mar. 8 in Okotoks

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- > **Sicamous Eagles home** - Feb. 21
- > **Curling** - Ladies Bonspiel, Feb. 21-23.
- > **Mixed Bonspiel** Mar. 7-9 • Firemen's Bonspiel, Mar. 14-16.
- > **Minor Hockey** - U7, U7 F, Feb. 1 • U11 Fem Rec, U13 Fem. Rec, U15 Fem Rec, U18 Fem Rec, Feb. 14-17
- > **Tennis**, book indoor court at clubsparks.ca
- > **Hard Day's Night**, 24 Hour Ultra Race, Mar. 8. skilarchhills.ca
- > **Minor baseball**, Volunteers needed for 2025 spring season. Email to president@salmonarmbaseball.com

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As soon as the car door shut, you would go right to the new release section and, with great anticipation, hope that behind the movie cover, there's a copy of a VHS (later DVD, followed by Blue-Ray) case with the newest release.

If you were lucky to snag what you came in for, it almost felt like your weekend was kicking off with a lottery win. Yet, even if you didn't find the latest and greatest Hollywood hit, for a fraction of the cost, there was still the option of taking out a movie that you had watched a hundred times before but could never get enough of. As we made our way to the checkout, there was one final stop to make, and that was, of course, to load up on popcorn, pop and candy.

To this day, many of us reminisce about the nights sitting on the couch, sharing popcorn and laughing with our families as we connected through tears and the movies that touched our hearts. This was family bonding at its best.

Research shows that spending time with family has many significant benefits. Shared experiences help to create stronger emotional bonds, better communication, and help promote problem solving and conflict resolution skills. Some studies even suggest that family

time and laughter can improve cardiovascular health and cognitive function.

Whether it is a walk around the block, playing a board game, or sitting down to enjoy something together on a streaming service, these connections play an important role in our emotional, social and physical well-being. In a world that is often so busy, we need a

reminder to slow down and take in the small moments.

To celebrate and promote the importance of family and community, this spring break, Shuswap Children's Association will be hosting our 6th Annual Children's Film Festival at Salmar Grand. We hope you that you will join us between March 20 to 22, when we will be showing six different movies over three days.

We hope this event will create life-long memories for children, parents and families. While weekend trips to the video store are only memories, one day, parents and children will look back on the times they spent together with the same smile that we have when we fondly reminisce about the time we spent in the company of the people we love most. ■

□ For more about Shuswap Children's Association email info@shuswapchildrens.ca, visit shuswapchildrens.ca or call 250-833-0164 ext 0. Referrals can be made through our website or at 551 Trans-Canada NE, next to Royal Lepage.

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Note: Vancouver island is the 43rd largest island on the planet. Sweden (267,570), Norway and Finland contain the most islands.

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> “Everything that needs to be said has already been said. But since no one was listening, everything must be said again.”

~ *Andre Gide*

> salm-on-arm - sa-mən-ärm - A city nestled in a picturesque setting of mountain, forest and lake, populated by people of many views, birds and animals of diverse furs and feathers and where a nation’s economy rolls through by rail and road 24 hours a day.

> “(A nation’s) greatest strength lies always in the protection of our smallest minorities. *Charles Schulz, creator of Peanuts*

> My tribe: “A shoutout to all the introverted, empathic, socially awkward souls who are pushing past their comfort zone to share their gifts with the world.”

> *Five best friends:* “One of us will see all the funerals, one of us will see none, and one will have none of us at theirs.”

FUNNY BONE

> The five stages of waking up: Denial, Bargaining, Anger, Coffee, Acceptance.

> My grandfather told me that he saw the Titanic, and that from the very beginning he warned all the people that the ship would sink, but nobody listened to him. He was a brave man. He did not give up. He warned everyone again and again on several occasions until the movie usher finally kicked him out of the theatre.

> A co-worker said to me, “You should never eat donuts for breakfast.” I replied back, “well, my grandmother lived to a hundred.” She asked, “did your grandmother eat donuts for breakfast?” “No,” I replied, “she minded her own business.”

POP QUIZ

- > What little known island nation straddles all four hemispheres?
- > What three singers have four of the top 20 selling albums of all time. Who are they? What is the number one top selling album of all time?
- > *Celine Dion (2 albums), Shania Twain, Aiyaans Morissette.*
- > *Kiritati on the Pacific ocean is the only country in the world to straddle all four hemispheres. Its islands’ total land area is only 811 sq. kms.*

PICTURE THIS

Winston Lee-Hai photo



> A Timmy’s break for the local RCMP night patrol. Don’t get any ideas, folks. There’s no set time. In this Facebook photo from Wisconsin, it might help if the patrolter had a snow brush, or maybe he got the Elon pink slip.



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50th Great Season!

Shuswap International 35th Feb. 21-Mar.1 Film Festival

ALL films will be shown at the Salmar Classic for this Festival.

■ **Blue Rodeo: Lost Together** (Canada) • 7:30, Feb. 21 • An unfiltered, humorous and moving account of band's four-decade journey from humble beginnings (PG) ▶▶

■ **Touch** (Iceland/ UK) • 10:30 am, Feb. 22 • ^ 4:00, Feb. 27 • An aging Icelandic widower starts a search for his lost first love. (PG)

■ **Bob Trevino Likes it** (US) • 1:30, Feb. 22 • ^ 4:00, Feb. 25 • Woman sends FB friend request to man with same name and he becomes a father figure to her. (PG)

■ **There's Still Tomorrow** (Italy) • ^4:00, Feb. 22 • 7:30, Feb. 25. B&W

neorealist-inspired melodrama. Rome at end of the war. (PG)

■ **A Real Pain** (US/ Poland) • 7:30, Feb. 22 • ^4:00, Feb. 26 • Mismatched cousins reunite for tour through Poland to honour their beloved grandmother. (14A)

■ **All we Imagine as Light** (India) • 10:30 am, Feb. 23; 7:30, Feb. 28 • 2024 Cannes grand prize. Story of three nurses in modern-day Mumbai and a coastal village. (PG)

■ **Small Things Like These** (Ireland) • 1:30, Feb. 23; 7:30, Feb. 27 • A man is torn between the social risks of intervening and his moral compass after discovering disturbing secrets at a local convent. (PG)

■ **Vermiglio** (Italy) • ^4:00, Feb. 23. A remote Italian village is a world away from the war consuming rest of Europe. Arrival of a soldier from Sicily disrupts a large family, setting in motion a string of devastating consequences. (PG)

■ **The Seed of the Sacred Fig** (Germany/ Iran) • ^4:00, Feb. 24 • Oscar nominated. An Iranian lawyer promoted to state investigator finds himself at odds with his own family. (14A)

■ **Universal Language** (Canada/ Iran) • 7:30, Feb. 23 • Surreal, playful exploration of language and identity. Set in a bilingual part of Canada speaking Persian and French instead of English. (G)

■ **The Birds who Fear Death** (Canada) • 7:30, Feb. 24; 4:00 Feb. 28 • Greedy brothers awaiting death of their father to claim inheritance, are shocked to learn that estate was left to an Indigenous community. (PG)

■ **Singing' back the Buffalo** (Canada) • 7:30, Feb. 26 • Story of humanity's connections to buffalo and how their return to the Great Plains can usher a new era of sustainability and balance. (G)

■ **Encore Presentation**, 4:00, March 1. Chosen by audience.

■ **Hard Truths** (UK), 7:30, March 1. *Closing night film.* A fierce, compassionate, and often darkly humorous study of family and the thorny ties that bind us. (PG)

Also featuring..

■ ^ **Afternoon matinees**, 4 pm, Mon. to Sat.

■ **Trivia Quiz**, Enter to win gold pass to next year's Festival.

■ **'Cans' Fest**, Drop off cans for Second Harvest Food Bank.

■ **Meal deal coupons offered.**

Regular season continues..

• **I'm Still Here** (Brazil), 5:00, Mar. 8 (PG) Intense political story set in Rio di Janeiro. Oscar nominated for Best Picture.

• **All to Play For** (Rien à Perdre) (France), 5:00, Mar. 15. Single mom fights overbearing social system to bring her daughter back. (PG)

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Friendly reminder guy

> For over 30 years, Jerry Emmel has been a fixture in the 10th St. SW area, walking and jogging with his "Maximum 50 km/h" t-shirt, and often, a smile and wave to passersby. An RCMP for 21 years, and real estate agent another 21 years before retiring, Emmel says his shirt acts as a friendly reminder to motorists to stay the speed limit. The street from highway to Foothill is often used as speedway.

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TRAIL CONNECTOR

We live at in Heronview, Salmon Arm and are fortunate to live on the foreshore and very much enjoy the unobstructed view of the very large and populated bird and wild-life sanctuary.

We observe mother nature at her best showing migratory bird patterns thru the seasons. Several pheasant families live here year round as do numerous nocturnal species.

We have observed coyotes hunting and diving in to the snow to catch the rodents they hear or sense beneath. Meanwhile the hawks and eagles are always on the watch for dinner- all helping to keep the wonderful balance of nature intact. Thousands of geese, ducks, greebes, swallows, large numbers of great blue herons feed here for long durations.

We have watched bears amble through the deep grasses and feed on succulent tops of different plant life.

We have watched a young mother deer no less than one hundred fifty meters from our window give birth to another generation of her kind. Evidence has shown these female deer will often return to their place of birth and once again bring new life and the continuation of her species.

This wonderful floodplain and delta is obviously a historic pathway to the countless species we are so blessed to still have. Because of the extreme fluctuations of lake levels, authorities with great forethought, have designated the entire area as a protected riparian area, which in short terms say that no disruption to the waters or surrounding land should be done. To disrupt this tranquility for the only purpose of gaining a few tourist dollars is a travesty. Respectfully submitted, **Bill and Shirley Barker**

Salmon Arm lost three 18 year-old men in two accidents this past week. Their names were confirmed after presstime, as follows:

❖ **Olly Willmot** fell through the ice on Shuswap Lake, Feb. 8

❖ **Carter Kosik** ❖ **Carter Lawrence** in a two vehicle collision in the Malakwa area, Feb 15



> Retired farmer and Friday AM's weather reporter Nick Parsons is doing his part to take a stand that Canada is definitely not for sale or up for grabs as a 51st State.

A boycott of American businesses based in Canada is set for the end of the month Feb. 28



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FAMILY
DAY
LONG
WEEKEND

> Fulton,
Jessie &
Sebastian



> Several adults and kids took advantage of the safe conditions on McGuire Lake on Saturday. Roland Pelletier, above right, who tested the ice well above the safe zone, shovelled three different rinks. He recalls the joys of skating on McGuire Lake as a boy.

> Crown n' Anchor pub is under new ownership and management with Jakob Isaak, in association with Canooligans. Karaoke will continue Thursday nights.



advertising tip #4
When selling your used car, it's a good idea to brush the snow off when posting photos. (From Marketplace)

A TIP OF THE CAP TO PAT ARCHIBALD

It saddened me when I lost my beloved flat cap a month ago, and after mentioning it on Facebook, people offered sympathy like I lost a dear friend. June Stewart really did lose a dear friend in Pat Archibald on February 9, and he too loved his flat caps. June texted me the other day and said she felt it was a good idea for me to have a pair of his caps.

She wrote that he was an aficionado of flat caps and “was very appreciative of and talented with the written word as well.

“I’ve been cleaning out his belongings and have set aside his two flat caps if you would like them. It seems only fitting they go to someone immersed in writing and our community.”

I was delighted by this and felt it is a wonderful honour to wear something belonging to such a fine person as Pat.

So Les and I started this week’s walk by meeting up with June at Hucul Printing. She shed a few tears as she presented me the caps. My thinking caps - thinking of the man who wore them. ■



8th Ave.. the loveliest street

Eighth Avenue by McGuire Lake is one of the loveliest of neighbourhoods with the friendliest of neighbours. We met up with Alice and Winston on their dog walk, and when we complimented Kari on her colourful porch pole, she said that friends painted it as a prank, and they ended up loving it. Below is the neighbourhood how it looked in 1961.



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TRAGEDY ON THE LAKE

The search continues for an 18 year-old youth who fell through the ice Saturday afternoon while crossing Shuswap Lake. Salmon Arm Search and Rescue, Fire Department, BC Emergency Health Services and RCMP Underwater Recovery team were dispatched. “At this time we are asking the public to stay off local lakes as the conditions are currently unsafe despite the cold temperatures,” said RCMP Staff Sergeant Simon Scott. ■



> Above: When our city is black and white with a dash of colour.
>Below: a vehicle flipped over west of Salmon Arm.



> An art show by the Shuswap Women’s Collective opens at the Atelier Gallery.



A Ukrainian student is selling these amazing chocolate dipped strawberry creations to raise funds for an expensive medical exam to proceed with her immigration status. These will be available at the uptown Askews on Feb 13 and 14. Olga is hosted by Julia Griswold-Armstrong.



Happy Heavenly 104th birthday, to my Dad. Happy 55th birthday, Todd.



OUTSIDE THE BOX

Sicamous is on a roll for out of the box thinking at least where it comes to two community building projects.

The Sekemaws (Sicamous) Health Centre, now under construction, is a remarkable work of architecture. And the earthy brown cladding is a perfect choice of colours. The community concepts that are planned for

this building also show innovative thinking, and are certain will be watched closely by the rest of the nation.

I stepped inside the newly renovated SASCU branch in Sicamous, and it is nothing like anything I've seen in a bank or credit union. It has a welcoming coffeeshop vibe, and there in plain sight is a meeting room available to community groups. Well done, Sicamous. ■



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> This has to be the most un-scientific illustration ever. I piled up six Les Ellenors on top of each other to visualize what it might look like with a six storey building where Les is standing.. Can someone, anyone, who knows the first thing about perspective do better?

This afternoon's walk with Les involved a little sleuthing around the area east of Service BC where an apartment block as high as six storeys is proposed.

We both agreed the view from the highway above this lot is spectacular and a sight to remember for any traveller fortunate enough to pass through our highly picturesque city.

Nice view you have here... sure wouldn't want anything to happen to it, said the gangster as he flicks his moustache and squints his beady eyes.

I'm not sure a building would look that high in the photo illustration where I stacked six Les'es more or less on top of each other, but do worry we could lose some of this view with six-storeys.

I would not want to see any building approved that does not ensure that this vista is protected. I wonder what height should be the limit.

walk with Les

Frank Woodward: A life well lived

This obituary on the Fischer's website for 88 year-old Frank Woodward, brother to John, Paul and George, is a must read. The final paragraph about his unique musical repertoire is likely a first since the invention of obits.

My Dad, Frank, was born in Wolverhampton, England. He is predeceased by his mom, Lydia; his dad, George Frederick; my Mam, Elizabeth Connolly Woodward; and his three brothers, John, Paul, and George. We used to joke that he was the fourth Beatle, Ringo.

Dad leaves behind me (Myhrr), his son-in-law of 45 years, Dave, granddaughter Laura (Rob), granddaughters Coco and Brookie, and grandson Kelly, as well as his best friend, Lionel Smith, whom I call Uncle Lionel.

Dad and Uncle Lionel were joined at the hip, two peas in a pod, and they got into all sorts of trouble together. Both were born during the war and did what they had to do to help their parents survive. They were the terrors of Minehead and Stanley Roads (or so Dad told me). They were Wolverhampton's version of Zoot Suit Guys, Teddy Boys, and pre-Beatle bad boys.

Dad told me that when he was little, he and Lionel would go along the railroad tracks to pick up coal that fell off the coal trains. They would take some home to their families and sell the rest, giving the money to their moms to help out.

He started working in England at age eight. Anyone from the UK will know Roger the Dodger—well, that was my dad and Lionel. Like the “Bash Street” kids, Dad, Lionel, and their other friends Mike Badger and Geoff Palmer used to hang around together, wreaking havoc in a good way. When Dad was nine, he saved his money and bought a crystal radio set, and there began his lifelong love of everything electronic. Dad was an electronics engineer. He took electronics at W'ton Polytech and worked for Phillips in W'ton. We moved to Canada in 1967.

Dad worked at Clairtone Electronics in Toronto and Winnipeg. In 1968, he developed a tiny transistor radio, and sold the rights to Clairtone for \$500, a vast sum for those days. Clairtone made millions from my dad's invention. I was blessed enough to have the prototype for many years, until it burned in a house fire in 1986.

Dad was really ahead of his time. I remember in Winnipeg he took me out of school for the day, and we went to a local electronics convention put on by Clairtone. He told me that day, that one day there would be a computer in everyone's home, that we'd carry phones in our pockets, and we'd be able to order groceries from our fridges. He was a genius when it came to computing. He taught himself calculus and was a pre BASIC coder. He could do anything on a computer, even if it took him hours to learn, he'd code at home in his study at night, and call me in to watch what he did. It took him six hours one night to

code something that that made a bell ring. Through hard work and determination, he rose up from the slums. His family was very poor, they had no money, were almost homeless at times, and he started working at eight years old to help his mom and dad make ends meet. Dad knew the value of the spoken word. He could sell anything to anyone. He'd make a person believe that his product was the best, and the person couldn't live without it. He had a great gift of the gab. In 1969, we moved to Coquitlam from Winnipeg. Dad worked as a welding rod salesman because he couldn't find another job, and he made the biggest sales in Arctec Weldings' history. He told me and my Mam that he was going to Squamish for the day to make a sale. He made a sale alright, he sold over \$2,000 in welding rods to MacMillan Bloedel in one day, and in one month made over \$30,000 in sales to other outfits and sawmills. When he left Arctec, he was able to pay cash for his first house and put lots of money in the bank. In 1970, he became a teacher at Northwest Community College in Terrace, where he taught Electronics with Al Naherny. There, he and Mam made lifelong friends, Harry and Sheila Jackson, Bob and Audrey Smythe, and all his friends at the college. We moved back to Vancouver in 1973, and he worked at RCA as a development specialist.

We moved back to Terrace in 1976, and Dad taught at the college from then until 1984. He retired from teaching and worked as a development specialist at Alcan in Kemano. Dad loved working at Alcan. He met his other lifelong friend, Bob Schwarzfirm. In 1979, he welcomed my hubby Dave into the family, and in 1982, he welcomed our daughter Laura into the family. Both Laura and his great granddaughters, Coco and Brookie inherited his love of computers. Dad said that he'd never seen kids that could work on computers like Coco and Brooke.

When I told him that the kids were learning to code and make their own games from scratch, Dad said of course they are, they take after me, don't they. In 1985, Dad married Johanna, and they were married until 2014. My stepsister Cindy had a son in April 1990, named Kelly, whom dad considered a grandson. My dad had a beautiful voice, he played guitar, and the trump trombone. Dad could fart better than anyone I knew. He had an amazing farting repertoire and could play God save the King/Queen, Oh Canada, We'll Meet Again, Twist and Shout. He was the toot of the town in his youth, and his nickname was Flamin' A** Frank. He was W'ton's own Le Petomane and could have rivaled Mr Methane had he pursued a career as a flatulist. He could imitate the sounds of a tommy gun, a rocket launcher and other instruments of power. My dad had a wonderful sense of humor and was a born comedian. You will be missed.



THE TWO PAULS

Here are the two Pauls, chatting together after both performing at the SNL 50th anniversary show. These two same age geniuses, 165 years between them, are easily among the top ten singer/ songwriters of the last 100 years. Paul McCartney just finished a world tour, and Paul Simon who suffers major hearing loss, announced an upcoming tour. Here is what he said after earlier announcing he would stop performing.. “I’ve often wondered what it would feel like to reach the point where bringing my performing career to a natural end. Now I know: it feels a little unsettling, a touch exhilarating and something of a relief.” Well, he changed his mind - still performing after all these years. Well done, two Pauls.

> *Thankfully no fatalities when a Delta flight arriving in Toronto from Minneapolis, crashed, flipped and burned. 18 were reportedly injured. A strong reminder to keep your seatbelts on until the plane fully lands. Sadly, the worst injured is an infant in arms (mother holds baby, no child seat).*



ONE LAST JOB

My dad would have turned 104 this week, so between that and my sad thoughts about the world, I had another of my weirdly intense dreams. I dreamt the old man came out of retirement as the fine carpenter he was for so many years.

He loaded up his old truck with all his tools and said he got a call for an important job. Ten days went by and no sign of him. My family was so worried. I drove out to Winnipeg to join them there.

Then late one afternoon, his old truck, looking battered and all mud splattered, pulls up on my mom’s driveway. Appearing weary and worn out, we were afraid to ask him where the heck he went, but he told us anyway. This guy who I don’t believe ever saw a professional play in his entire life said he drove to Broadway, Manhattan for a job.

Apparently, this most important play was to be staged there that could finally break a nation out of the spell it was under. Apparently, my dad was told that the theatre was badly vandalized and his skills were needed to come out and fix it in time for opening night.

Okay, this was really it. Time for family huddle. Intervention time. I forget a few details that followed in this dream but at some point, a newspaper appeared. The family read the headline banner across the front page.. “Canadian carpenter saves Broadway”. Then I awoke.