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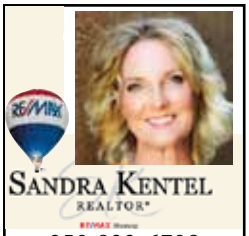
All Month: Aug. 5
SALMON ARM WEEKEND

Monashee Fest • Seussical Jr. • Runaway Moon



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Good old nights

Remember the good old nights of the 24-hour coffeeshop?

I remember well when the local Timmies were open 24/7.

One Christmas Eve, the owner misplaced his key because that was the only time of year when the door was locked.

I believe the first time the Downtown location began closing at night was after a big brawl broke out. There was Jiggers Pub on one side and Live Wire Cabaret on the other, and all the unrulies were either on the street brawling or staggering into Tim's. It was the last straw when an unbolted table flew across the room like it was some saloon in a Wild West show.

I lived a short distance from Uptown Tim Hortons, so on Wednesday production nights, I'd walk over to breathe in the cold air and sip a hot coffee to keep me awake and working another few hours.

Then the past two extraordinary years dropped its curtain on everything. First mandates modified the whole restaurant business, and now it's staff shortages.

Local insomniacs and all-night highway people need places to go for a sit down cuppa, or at least score a '*to go*' cup. ■

From Skydive Vancouver video

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Highs & Lows

> Edgar Murdoch celebrated his 87th birthday by tandem skydiving."It was a blast like nothing I've ever experienced, and I plan to do it again," he said. Contrast this high point in his life with this car that managed to dive straight down into a construction hole at the 30th St. SW light. No, that's not Homer Simpson exclaiming, "Dol!" in the background, it's the Dollararma store across the highway.

> A market runs Fridays nights at the Zest Hub near 10th St. SW corner.

Zest prepares to expand

The Zest Commercial Food Hub that offers shared facilities for local food preparations and new start-ups is preparing to expand its operations.

Salmon Arm Economic Development and Shuswap Food Action Society are applying for funding from Agriculture Canada for shared-use cold storage, a second commercial kitchen, space for two more tenants, and expanding food processing and packaging equipment options. ■

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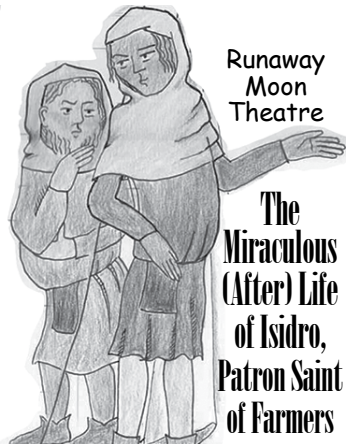

2 & 4, July 24, SA Art Gallery
2:45 & 4:15, Aug. 3, Uptown Askews (runawaymoon.org)

Musical Youth Summer Theatre, 2 & 7 pm, July 23, Shuswap Theatre • Tickets selling fast - online or at Wildcraft Mercantile $15 or kids $10

at the movies

SALMAR GRAND • *salmartheare.com* • *July 22 to 28*

- **Where the Crawdads Sing.** 1:45, 6:30, 9:10 daily. A woman who raised herself in the marshes of the deep South becomes a suspect in the murder. (PG viol, lang, sex. suggestive scenes)
- **Thor: Love and Thunder.** 2:00, 6:40, 9:15 daily. Thor enlists help to fight Gorr who intends to make the gods extinct. (PG viol, lang)
- **Minions: The Rise of Gru.** 2:30, 6:50, 8:50 daily. A 12-year-old dream to become the world's greatest supervillain.. (G)
- **Paws of Fury: The Legend of Hank.** 2:15 daily. A loveable dog dreams of becoming a samurai. (PG violence)
- **Top Gun: Maverick.** 6:20, 9:00 nightly. Pete Mitchell, played by Tom Cruise, pushes the envelope again. (PG violence, lang)

SALMAR CLASSIC • Shuswap Film Society will return September.

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- **Lightyear,** 9:00 (G) July 22 to 27.
- **Doctor Strange: Multiverse of Madness** 11:00 (PG) Second feature.

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live scene

> **Ross plaza stage** -11-1:30 Jim's Keynotes, July 23; MRC & the Supersonics, July 30; Tennyson King, Aug. 6; Mathew Carter, Aug. 13

> **Shuswap Cidery** - 6-8 pm, Tuedays: Steve Sith, July 26; Kristina Jessen, Aug. 2

> **Marionette Winery** - 5:30-8:30 Saturdays: July 23; Annie I'm a Hawk,

> **Hub**, Scotch Ck - Open Mic Sun; Rawnside of Town, July 22; Someone to Blame, July 23; Crush, Aug. 4

> **Copper Island pub** - Jam Tue, Karaoke Sat.

> **Setters Pub** - Hip Replacements, 9 pm, July 28. ◗◗

> **SA Legion** - Johnny & June Cash tribute, September 2

❒ See concerts, above right

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Festivities

> **Okanagan Military Tattoo** - 7 pm, July 23, 2 pm, 24th, Kal Tire Place, Vernon. Tix 250-549-SHOW (7469) 10 bands, including Dueling Trumpets & Canadian Scottish Regiment Pipes & Drums.

> **Car Shows -** 10-4, July 24, Braby Motors & Aug. 14, Haney Park.

> **Family Fun Day -** July 30, Sicamous Beach Park.

> **Salmon Arm Fair -** Sept. 9-11, Fairgrounds.

> **Cenotaph Centennial -** 10 am, Aug. 6. Ceremony at Cenotaph

> **Concert & Theatre festival and series**- See below.

Art

> **FireWild -** Salmon Arm Art Gallery. A visual exploration of BC's relationship with wildfires. Runs to Aug. 20. Featuring Lisa Figueroa, Kathy Atkins, Patricia L. Smith, Myrna Button, Lyn Richards; Vanessa Skotnitsky and Lucy Grainger; Maria Thomas; Carol Schlosar, Manuela Koller, Liz Toohey-Weise. Coffeebreak/ Artist Talk, 2 pm, July 21.

> **Art Festival** - 9-2, July 23, Enderby Courtyard Gallery on Belvedere.

Concerts

> **Monashee Festival -** July 22- 24, Sicamous. 54/40, Daniel Wesley, Midnight Echo, Emily Molloy, Spendo, plus • monasheemusicfestival.com 11:30 & 6 pm, Fri. & Sat. Bus shuttle from Uptown Askews

> **WOW series -** 6:45 pm, Wednesdays, Marine Peace Park. Melawmen Collective, July 27 • King of Foxes, Aug. 3 • Bobby Garcia & Cooper Country, Aug. 10 • The Best Laid Plans, Aug. 17.

> **Rest of week park concerts - Sicamous** - 6:30 Mondays - Banda Taverna, July 22 & Georgie Lyons, Aug. 1 • **Chase** - 7:00 Tuesdays • **Blind Bay** - 5:30 Thursdays - Marin Patenaude, July 28 & Dirt Road Opera, Aug. 4 • **Armstrong** - 7:00, Fridays.

> **Electric Love Music Festival,** Aug. 4-7, Shuswap Meadows RV camp. Hosted by Cel7wet First Nation. electriclovemusicfestival.com There are an incredible 150 performing acts listed on the poster.

> **Music on the Bench -** 7:30, July 28, Grandview Bench Hall.

> **Bonnie Kilroe -** 8 pm, July 29, Sicamous Legion. Performs Divas - Lady Gaga, Cher, Dolly, Madonna, Reba & Shakira, brownpapertickets.com.

> **Roots & Blues -** Aug.18-21. **rootsandblues.ca.** Tom Cochrane, Jann Arden, Ruthie Foster, Alex Cuba, Antibalas, Snotty Nose Rez Kids, Five Alarm Funk, C.J. Chenier, Best Laid Plans, McDades, Cha Wa, Mozi Bones, Shred Kelly, Salmon Armenians, Barrel Boys and many more. Special section in the August All Month, Aug. 5.

> **Joel Plaskett -** Sept. 11, Song Sparrow. Hosted by Roots & Blues

> **John Wing -** Sept. 28, Salmar Classic. A regular on CBC's *Debaters*.

> See also **live scene,** below left ▼

Theatre

> **That's not Shakespeare -** Haney Village's dinner theatre is back for 12th season, and opened this week. It runs Wed., Fri. and Sunday evenings until August 25. Tix at 250.832-5243

> **Seussical Jr. -** 2 & 7 pm, July 23, Shuswap Theatre. by Musical Youth Summer Theatre. Conglomeration of the stories of Seuss

> **The Miraculous (After) Life of Isidro, Patron Saint of Farmers -** Puppet show by Runaway Moon, 2 & 4 pm, July 24, Salmon Arm Arts Centre... plus outside Uptown Askew's, 2:45 & 4:15, Aug. 3. More info at runawaymoon.org

> **Caravan Farm Theatre** Summer show - a horse opera called - *Blackhorse*. Opens July 15. caravanfarmtheatre.com or 1-866-546-8533

Sports

> See page 5 •

> **Prov. Team Tennis Championship -** Aug. 4-7, SA Tennis Club.

Trilogy is complete

Pat Wilson self-published *I am Amazing!* 17 years ago. It sold 14,000 copies around the world and she recently heard from a 20 year-old who had it read to her by her mom many as a little girl.

Now Wilson and illustrator Tanya Harrington, both school counsellors - Wilson now retired - have completed the third book in the trilogy - each one optimistic and empowering and gently teaching that life - with all its ups and downs - is a gift to be treasured.

Wilson is also author of two other empowering children's books, *My Magical Night Mare* and *When Gramma Giggled*.

> Illustrator Tanya Harrington and writer Pat Wilson hold all three copies of their trilogy - *I am Amazing!, We are Amazing!* and *Life is Amazing!* The little books are are sold at local bookstores as singles $10 are all three. $25.
■ www.amazingbooks.ca

You're invited

> **Carwash fundraiser -** by Curb Appeal Detailing, 9-3, July 24, Sal. Army Lighthouse. Taco truck, explore new community garden, lemonade stand, plus get your car washed.
> **Climate change discussion** - 1-3 pm, July 23, Marine Park Gazebo. Hosted by Shuswap Climate Action Society.
> **Reedman Gallery Art & Gifts Show,** now to Aug. 21, Blind Bay Hall, Unique art by local artists and artisans.
> **SA council,** 2:30 July 25.
> **Learn to Fish -** free family event, 9- 2, July 27, Kingfisher Int. Centre, Mabel Lake. Kids 15 & under / families.
> **Farmer's Market,** Sat am, Ross & Hudson.
> **Organic Farmer's Market,** Wednesday afternoons, Askews Uptown
> **Serendipity Market**, 5:30 to 8:30, WOW nights, Family Resource centre
> **Zest Food Hub Night Market**, 5-8 pm, Fridays, Hwy & 10th St. SW
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Heat wave. Up to 34 over the next week. Low 16. No rain.

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Extremes since 1991:

+38.3: 1994 • 9.3: 2018

Sunrise 5:07 • Sunset 8:59

A red rainbow on a brilliant red sky appeared during the lightning storm Monday night.

Past Temps, July 13 to 19

By weatherman Nick Parsons

SW Gleneden, 458 m (119 m above lake):

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP.
July 13	+27	+19	
July 14	+28	+10	
July 15	+30	+12	
July 16	+29	+14	
July 17	+27	+13	1/8" rn
July 18	+27	+12	
July 19	+28	+14	

Zero rain in town this week. As yet, only two 30C highs this summer.

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- David John Kruger
  July 7, 2022, at age 78
- Lorne Melvin Lien
  July 6, 2022, at age 89
- Larry Dietrick Lutjen
  July 15, 2022, at age 82
- Ernest George Schan
  July 8, 2022, at age 83
- *Charlie McCarthy (Oct. 2020)*
  1 pm, July 22, Fischer's
- *Douglas 'Doug' Kieth Piggott*
  1-4, Aug. 6, Chase Creekside

Bowers Funeral Service
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- Cheryl Doiron
  July 13, 2022, at age 66
- George Gregg
  July 3, 2022, at age 64 July 1
- Cornelia 'Lia' Roeters
  July 10, 2022, at age 63
- *Sheila Elaine Bibby*
  1-3, July 23, Elks Hall
- Terence John Henderson
  July 2, 2022, at age 80
  11 am, July 23, Bowers
- Nellie Cwikula
  July 2, 2022, at age 93
- Jackie Cannon
  11 am, Aug. 6, United Church
- Jeremy 'Ben' Harrison
  11 am, July 30, Bowers

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- *Ivana Trump, 73, Trump's first*
- *Mickey Rooney, Jr, 77, actor*

> COVID-19 UPDATE

CANADA #32 rank
4,012,359 cases
43,583 deaths
3,695,850 recovered
272,926 active cases

USA #1 rank
91,535,165 cases
1,049,702 deaths
86,867,254 recovered

WORLD
570,207,946 cases
6,392,630 deaths
541,353,460 recovered

BC
376,329 total cases
3,823 confirmed deaths
22 new deaths
34 current critical care
426 curent hospitalized
973 new cases
12,118,797 doses admin.

***Cases** July 3 to 9*
5 Salmon Arm
0 Enderby; 2 Armstrong
10 Vernon; 13 Kamloops
22 Central Okanagan

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Numbers likely more due to many unreported home tests.

> OVERDOSE CALLS, 2021

Armstrong 8; Chase 9, Colstream 20; Enderby 27; Penticton 748; Kelowna 1068; Kelowna 1,588; Revelstoke 11; **Salmon Arm (& area) 96;** Vernon 457; Vancouver 9,993

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> **Football registrations -** shuswapfootball.ca

> **Tennis Club -** book court at clubspark.ca

> **BC 55+ Games -** Sept. 13-17, Victoria. Salmon Arm is applying for '24.

> **Horseshoe Club -** Ben 250-832-8467

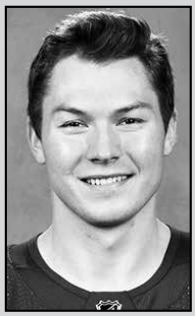
> **Lawn Bowling -** Mon/Fri. 1:30; Cards 1 pm; Tues/Thur. 7 pm.

> **Open Golf Tournament -** Aug. 27, Shuswap Lake Course. Fundraiser for Hospital Foundation. shuswaphospitalfoundation.org

> **Billets for Silverbacks -** rbilleting@sasilverbacks.com

> **Minor Hockey -** Register by July 31 to salmonarmminorhockey.com

> **Swimming & recreation schedule -** salmonarmrecreation.ca for summer programs.



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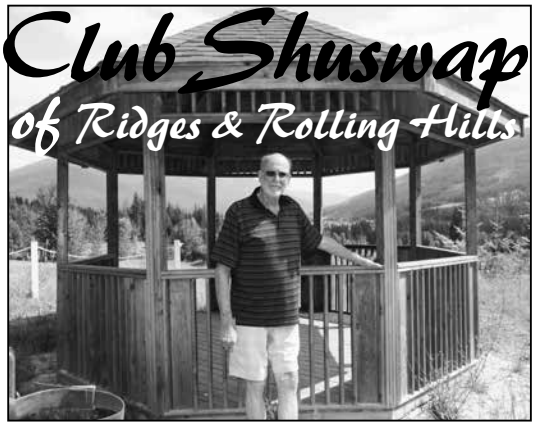

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> Top: owner Tony Barnard at a lookout over hills and lake.
> Above: a family enjoys a day of golf.
> Left: Former MP Darrel Stinson with wife Cicely come out once a year with Vernon area friends on Putters Paradise
> Right: Thomas on the Driving range.

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Remarkable contribution

By Ken Jamieson

One of the worst things in politics is a single-issue politician - one who has an axe to grind or a pet project held higher than all other considerations.

But just as bad is a single-issue voter. People who vote for a candidate because of their views on one issue or project, or are unhappy with a decision or behavior of a politician, miss the big picture.

Municipal governance is about getting things done. It's about making decisions that require careful thought and sometimes courage. That brings me to our retiring city councilor, Chad Eliason.

Councillor Eliason could never be accused of being a single-issue politician. In my years on council, I would say that his understanding and grasp of local goings-on was remarkable.

Few people in Salmon Arm, including many current and past politicians, know more about this town and how it functions better than Councillor Eliason. And few have an eye to the future in the same way as Chad.

Remember, he was elected at age 27. Over the last decade and a half, Councillor Eliason has been more than just a part of Salmon Arm's decision-making. He has spearheaded many initiatives and championed many ideas, and Salmon Arm is a better town because of his work.

Chad's support of everything from outside restaurant seating to the new underpass, to his advocacy of our recycling/composting service and airport improvements have been strong and consistent.

And we cannot forget his lifelong interest and support for hiking trails, increasing opportunities for bikers, plus every year he speaks up for Roots & Blues.

There is more to list but I hope readers get my point. He has done a terrific job.

His views were often insightful and thought provoking. He was also fun to work and always supported others who had ideas worthy of consideration.

Chad also has a cheeky side, one that makes him human, and a serious side that demonstrates that he can get things done.

I wish for Chad a satisfying retirement from local politics. Imagine retiring at 44 from a 17-year career as a municipal politician! He has done a remarkable job and we should all thank him for it.

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Ear to the GROUND

A different location

Last week's reporting gave the impression that the aggression came from rally goers. The letter on the right describes a different scenario and members feel unfairly targeted by the community. One woman told me of the peaceful nature of rally goers and how they've shared food with park goers in the past.

Taking this group at their word, the fact still persists that the rally in question drew 150 by their own admission. Even the friendliest group at that number is too many next to the playground.

A different location is needed.

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VIEW FROM OTHER SIDE

Letters

If you had bothered to ask questions, you would have easily discovered what really happened on Sunday, July 10.

It was not the 'Freedom' group that was abusive and argumentive. They offered to relocate. How is it that the term 'Freedom', one of the foundational principles of our country, has become derogatory?

This group is not political. We are concerned about the blatant disrespect, abuse and dismantling of our basic rights and freedoms, as should everyone else who cares about our children and the country they will have to grow up in.

We have as much right to use Blackburn Park or any other public space as anyone else.

If people are offended by the sound of our national anthem, the waving of Canadian flags, or even the expression of political viewpoints, perhaps they would be better living in North Korea, China, Iran, etc.

Both *Friday AM* and *The Observer*, by following and supporting the mainstream media narrative, are fomenting the division and outright hate we are seeing in all aspects of our society. As Trudeau so eloquently put it, 'how long shall we tolerate these people?'

You can view a short one and a half minute video of our Bill of Rights at https://freedom-passport.ca/#whatisit

This may also help to broaden your perspective as to what is really happening in this world, behind all the censorship, intimidation and misinformation.

As Archbishop Vigano puts it in this excerpt from an interview, "Even a child could understand that we are held hostage by a group of technocrats who are ideologically deviant and morally corrupt. The peoples of the world need to reclaim their sovereignty, which has been unsurped by the globalist elite."

On issues as important and vital as these, I hope you will take the time to look at this and verify or disprove, for yourself, all or any of this. It is very disheartening to see such one sided and biased reporting, even in our own little town.

Sincerely, **Rick Charleston**

City FIXINGS

> More logs are needed for the McGuire Lake turtles to hang out and sun on.

Bravos&BOOS

> ***BRAVO TO*** Shuswap Rowing and Paddling Club team, bound for Summer Games this weekend in Prince George. Members are Aida Mills, Julia Reed, Moly Tuan and Kristen Ely

> *Templates makes it easier for one person to layout a paper week after week, but it does get this editor in trouble occasionally when I forget to change Bravo to Boo. Sorry about last week. Here's another boo.*

> ***BOO TO*** the person who broke into a back deck fridge in Canoe, stealing two cases of beer leftover from a memorial service; champagne bottle for a housewarming gift, food for a child's birthday party, dumping food inside the fridge and all over deck, and took food out of the freezer and left to thaw...

Web SITINGS

> Go to youtube.com Search: The Mystery of 536 AD

How to be a doormat for bullies

The quote that begins: "Ten things likeable people don't do" is fool's gold *(Hidden Gems, July 15)* It is a meta-message which reads like it's from a handbook for bullies.

All on the list that one must follow to be acceptable are part of normal discussion and debate. They can be used in an abusive manner meant to shame and degrade another person, or used in a positive manner to correct, inform or oppose negative ideas or behavior.

Meta-messages are harmful destructive ideas hidden under seemingly innocuous words delivered as good advice or some sort of wisdom.

The underlying message of these ten commandments is "don't think. don't oppose. Keep your mouth Shut."

This chunk of fool's gold is control freak propaganda, certainly NOT healthy food for thought. It has been used by tyrants to silence anyone who questions and opposes dystopian social commands. It brings to mind George Orwell's book 1984 and pre-war Germany.

Using meta-messages to deliver destructive harmful ideas is a common technique of brain washing.

Of course being "likeable" is desirable for most people but being a mindless doormat for bullies is not the way to go. A healthier way to social acceptance is to express yourself and your opinions in a respectful open-minded and honest manner.

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HIDDEN GEMS

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> "You don't know the meaning of hard work until you spend a summer baling hay."

> "Be careful who you let on your ship because some people will sink the whole ship just because they cannot be captain."

> "Before you pass judgement on one who is self destructing, remember they usually aren't trying to destroy themselves. They're trying to destroy something inside that doesn't belong." *JmStorm*

FUNNYBONE

> I cannot afford an Ancestory DNA kit to learn about my relatives. So instead I posted online that I won the lottery.
At least it's not snowing. Imagine shoveling snow in this heat.

> How about a reality TV show where billionaires and CEOs have to live off their lowest paid employee salary for one month?

> Luposlipaphobia - Fear of being pursued by timber wolves around a kitchen table while wearing socks on a freshly waxed floor.

POP QUIZ

> Why did George Boldt, owner of New York's Waldorf Astoria Hotel, suddenly layoff 300 men working on his castle on the Thousand Islands in 1907 after seven years of construction? Work resumed 73 years later and there's still one floor unfinished.

> George Boldt's beloved wife died suddenly, and the multi-millionaire could not imagine spending summers at the castle without her. One floor remains unfinished in tribute to Boldt's wife.

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PICTURE THIS

> Work is progressing on the exterior of Salmon Arm's 2nd & 2nd SE castle. Castles take time. Construction on the Boldt Castle near Kingston began in 1900 and they're still working on it. The Boldt castle has connections to the Waldorf Astoria and Thousand Islands salad dressing. Lance Mihalick, builder of the 2nd & 2nd Castle, is also the artist behind the Piccadilly mall murals and the lighthouse in front of Sorrento's grocery store.

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Salmon Arm's support for Syrian refugees recognized

This article that recently appeared in the national newsleter of Canadian Lutheran World Relief, acknowledges our region's extraordinary response to assist Syrian refugees:

Salmon Arm churches, community groups and individuals have now sponsored a total of 70 Syrian refugees to Canada.

It all began with a meeting at Deo Lutheran Church in 2016 where 40 people showed up and the Salmon Arm Refugee Coalition was born. "We knew we were on to something after that," said Pastor Erik Bjorgan

Other local churches—Baptist, United, Free Methodist, Catholic, Christian Reformed, and independent congregations—along with community groups like the Rotary Club, businesses, and individuals, all joined in to bring refugees to this interior BC city of 20,000 people.

"The community really stepped up. It was very humbling to be a part of it," said Bjorgan.

Adds George Zorn, a member of Deo Lutheran and involved in the refugee sponsorship work. "So many people wanted to do something, it's the most ecumenical thing I've ever done."

For community member Sandrina Harwood, the experience was gratifying. "We had a common purpose, so it was easy to work together."

> "This community is richer for these new Canadians being here."

Different groups and individuals brought their gifts to the table. Helen Stoddart who used to own an antique store, coordinated an effort to find furniture, often going to garage sales to buy items. "When people heard what it was for, they often reduced the price or gave it to me for free," she said. One local business provided free warehouse space.

The United Church provided space for Muslim worship, while Deo Lutheran let the Syrian refugees use its space for special religious celebrations. They also hosted community fundraising suppers in 2016 and 2019 to raise money for English language instruction and to reunite family members of the refugees.

"If there was a need, someone stepped up to say, 'we can do that,'" said Zorn. "There was lots of kindness and goodwill."

In the end, "it was like a snowball rolling down a hill," said Bjorgan. "The appetite to help was there."

The lesson for church congregations is when faced with a huge need, "We don't have to do it alone,"

"It brought the churches and the community close together. It revealed what we could do together when a community is at its best."

Thinking of the refugees who came to Salmon Arm, Zorn said "The community as a whole is richer for these new Canadians being here. They are a gift to us." ■

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FROM FACEBOOK DAILY POSTINGS

Too much for one community to bear

> A wide-scale fire broke out across the river from Lytton last week. The town after last July's devastating fire. Edgar Murdoch photos

■ Sureus Pipeline assembly in Salmon Arm
■ Right & Left ■ Horse Black, Caravan Back
■ Repair Cafe at Piccadilly & Makerspace
■ More Cat Chronicles ■ Kind of Kind

CAT LANGUAGE

Tired of me prattling on and on about cats. Sorry, I can't help myself:

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> There's plenty of jobs and work happening at the Sureus Pipeline mobile assembly plant now set up in Salmon Arm's Industrial Park

POTHOLES

Right & Left

Lorne Reimer

Who knows what the world would be like if we didn't have ying and yang, up and down, good and bad, happy and sad, and right and left?

We do not need the extremes of right and left politics, but we can always benefit from two views of things engaged civilly.

I ran into two guys on my deliveries this morning - Barry Siebenga who is more from the right perspective, and Tom Crowley, from the left.

Barry founded Big Steel in Salmon Arm, a company that made shipping containers synonymous like Big Mac to hamburgers. Now that it's sold, he's more than happy seen gardening on the grounds of the satellite operation in Canoe that was once head office. He recalls speaking at a contentious hearing in Salmon Arm, and Dr. Henderson from the opposite postition, shaking his hands after for a good presentation.

Tom Crowley used to write letters to the editor on environmental issues. There used to be letters of rebuttals between Tom and another local man. If one wrote that trees get old, fall down and can hurt somebody, Tom would write back that people might fall down too and hurt somebody.

Anyway, after the other letter writer passed away, Tom heard from the daughter of that man and she thanked Tom for his letters because they always kept her dad fired up and going.

Engagement is good. That just keeps our views sensible and expressed civilly. ■

HORSE BLACK, CARAVAN BACK

It was opening night, the premiere of another Linz Kenyon musical, and it was a reunion night for Caravan Farm Theatre.

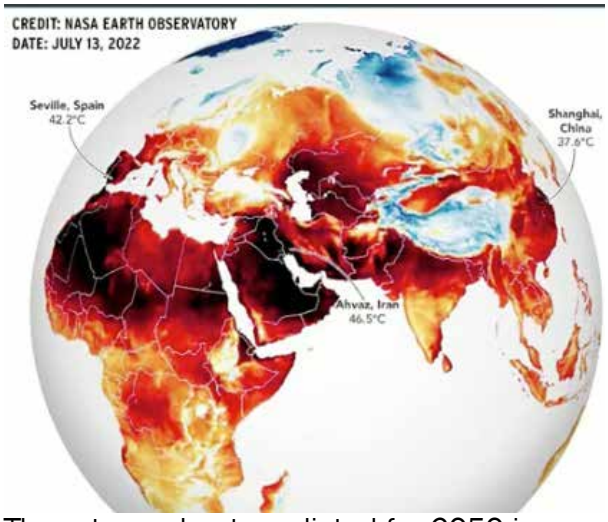
The Thursday night event was breathtaking and enjoyable. The six mighty horses played a highly symbolic part in the story of *Blackhorse*. They were ever present - strolling to centre stage through the forest from the distant hills, hauling in the sets, dancing with dancers, and standing there with dignity amid the power of the drama - supporting the cast.

It was a contemporary story of a family separated by Oil Patch jobs. There was much to take in and identify with. Kenyon's original songs were great. One song with words like, "I wish I could unhear what I heard" could well turn into a country music charttopper.

A show like no other; I would recommend.

Don't forget about the other local theatre - *That's no Shakespeare* dinner theatre Haney; *Theatre on the Edge* opening tonight; *Seussical Jr.*, July 23 at Shuswap Theatre; and *Runaway Moon* at SA Art Gallery July 24. ■

My kind of people.. Kind



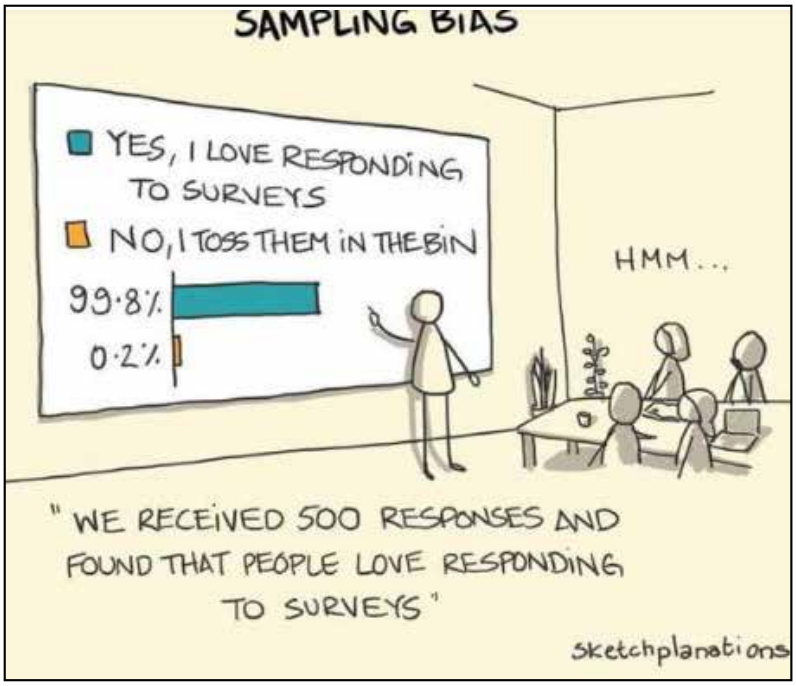
> The extreme heat predicted for 2050 is now.

The United Kingdom crushed its record for highest temperature Tuesday as a scorching heat wave broiled much of mainland Europe, leading to hundreds of heat-related deaths and fierce wildfires.

Flames racing toward a French beach and Britons sweltering – even at the seaside – drove home concerns about climate change.

The Meteorological Office, U.K.'s weather office, announced that a temperature of 40.3 Celsius (104.5 degrees Fahrenheit) was provisionally recorded Tuesday at Coningsby in eastern England.

"At least 29 observation sites across England have provisionally broken the previous all-time maximum U.K. record of 38.7 degrees C this afternoon," the Met Office reported.



REPAIR CAFE

> Class instructors and volunteers are needed at the Shuswap Makerspace and the new 'Repair Cafe' series hosted at the Shuswap Makerspace & Piccadilly Mall. Skills needed include Woodworking/turning, laser cutter, 3D printing, metal lathe, robotics, electronics, CNC, sound studio, small electrical appliances, lamps, seamstress/textiles, bicycles, knife/scissor sharpening, toys, vacuums, clocks, support staff and more.Email Maria at NHSP@Saeds.ca and join the fun!

MORE CAT CHRONICLES

> Above: Saturday night's all right with a paperback in one hand and paw on the other. Above right: Tessa trying her best to get my attention

What the heck is she trying to say?

Last night's post about Tessa and I reading together on a quiet Saturday night may have given the impression that all is rosy and candy floss.

Well, to be perfectly honest, there are a few times Tessa tests my patience, and I probably do the same with her. The photo above is a good example.

When I spend a little too much time in front of the computer screen, Tessa really asserts herself and gets right in front of the problem.

As for Tessa testing my patience, sometimes I'd be walking across the room, and she'd be saying things to me and I'd have no idea what she's talking about.

She never says meow like other cats. It's more like "Urrray yee". I don't interpret it like anything too important like, "Lorne, remember the AJAX contract, the work order says it needs to be out in two hours."

No, nothing like that. My interpretation, is, she is saying, "follow me". So that's what I do, I follow her. I follow her across the room, and all she does is crawl under a couch. Right. Now how the heck am I supposed to follow her there? ■