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Another games Oct. 19

The city is buzzing with excitement as athletes from across the province compete in 20 sports.

Next week the focus may shift over to the reality of a provincial election in just five weeks on Oct. 19.

Twice-elected city councillor Sylvia Lindgren was nominated to run for the NDP in Salmon Arm-Shuswap riding.

It is uncertain whether BC Conservative David Williams will face a challenge from Greg McCune who was the BC United candidate until leader Kevin Falcon pulled the plug on the campaign.

McCune did not rule out still running in the race as other BC United candidates had announced this past week. Stay tuned.

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There are two episodes of *325 Alex* in this week's edition - #21 on page 8, and #22 in the online bonus section at FriAM.ca Other pieces in the seven-page bonus section include more on 55+ BC Games, "Map Flips", and a "We asked AI" for the hypothetical pros and cons of electing an AI city councillor. ■



> Local talent highlighted Wednesday night's opening ceremonies of the 55+ BC Games and also a special presentation to 100-year-old swimmer Betty Brussel. Her swimming began in canals in Holland, and she began as a serious competitor at age 54, once breaking three records in one day at a Masters event Earlier in the day Wednesday, she warmed up with 16 lengths in the Salmon Arm pool. There are 20 sports now to Saturday, plus outdoor live music and dancing on Alexander. / P.2



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- Alexander Street - Dances & Live music (See 'Concerts', right)
- Uptown - Swimming • Horseshoes • Lawn Bowl • Table Tennis • Curling • Bowling, Hockey (Rogers, plus Sicamous & Chase arenas)
- Little Mountain - Soccer, tennis ○ Fairgrounds - Equestrian
- South Canoe - Mountain bike racing, Archery, Pickleball
- Demilles Market - Road cycling, start/finish
- Canoe & Blackburn ball fields - Slo-pitch
- 5th Ave Centre - Cribbage ○ Legion - Darts ○ SA Golf - Golf
- Enderby arena - Carpet bowling ○ Sicamous - Triathlon

at the movies

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- **Reagan.** 1:30 Sat., Sun; 6:30 nightly. Dennis Quaid stars in this biopic on the life of Reagan. (14A lang, viol)
- **Beetlejuice.** 1:45 Sat, Sun; 6:50 nightly. After an unexpected family tragedy, three generations of Deetz family return home, and the mischievous and mahem begin (PG violence)
- **Speak no Evil.** 1:45 Sat.- Sun.; 6:40 nightly. What begins as a dream holiday warps into a snarled psychological nightmare. (14A frightening scenes)
- **Afraid.** 2:00 Sat., Sun.; 7:00 nightly. A family tests a revolutionary digital family assistant called AIA that anticipates their every needs and makes sure no one gets in her family's way. (14A frightening scenes)

> **SALMAR CLASSIC**

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

- **The Great Escaper** (UK/Fr), 5:00, Sept. 14. 90-year-old vet breaks out of nursing home to attend D-Day ceremony in Normandy. (PG)
- **Penguin Friend.** Sept. 20-22 • **Tous toques.** Sept. 28 • **Sing Sing.** Oct. 5
- **Fancy Dance.** Oct. 12 • **Ghostlight.** Oct. 19 • **Cottontail.** Oct. 26
- **FILM FESTIVAL.** Nov. 1 to 3.



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○ Friday AM acknowledges covering the Shuswap and sharing the lands on the traditional territory of the Secwepemc peoples.

Read the bonus pages at **FriAM.ca**

live & dance

- > **Marionette Winery** • Ryan McMahon, Sept. 16.
- > **Canooligans, Canoe** • Dirt Road Kings, Sept. 20
- > **SA Legion** • Rock 'n Horse, Sept. 14 • Karaoke Fridays / **P8**
- > **Copper Island Pub** • Jams with Blind Bay Blues Band, Tuesdays.
- > **The Hub**, Scotch Creek. Open Mic with Meggs, Sundays.
- > **Solid Urban Studio** - Devils Sons, Sept. 14 • Standup comedy, Sept. 21 • Down the Lees, Cavernous, Ailee Zaga, Sept. 28.
- > **Nite Cafe** - Bad Decisions Comedy Tour, Oct. 9 • Sam Singer, Oct. 23
- > **Gleneden Hall dance** - Oct. 5.
- > **Salmar Classic** - Eagle Eyes, Oct. 23. PWR/UP, Nov. 8

city lights

- ▶ **vernon** • **ticket seller.ca**
Chantal Kreviazuk, Sept. 21, 22
Joel Plaskett, Sept. 23
Ron Sexsmith, Sept. 24, 25
Brett Butt, Oct. 17
- ▶ **kelowna** • **Rock the Lake**,
Menopause: The Musical, Oct. 3
Evanscence, Oct. 15
- ▶ **Penticton**
Come from Away, Sept. 24, 25 •
Paula Abdul, Sept. 28 Cancelled
- ▶ **Vancouver** -
Taylor Swift, Dec. 6- 8
Bruce Springsteen, Nov. 22

FESTIVITIES

■ **BC Election - Saturday, Oct. 19**

- > **55 + BC Games** - Now to Sept. 14, See on left & below
- > **Terry Fox Run** - 10 am, Sept. 15, Blackburn Park. Reg. 9-10 am.
- > **Enderbeer & Wine fest** - 6 pm, Sept. 21, Lions Gazebo.
- > **Rivers Day** - Sept. 22 / **P.3**
- > **Family Expo** - 10-4, Sept. 28, SA Fairgrounds / **P.3**
- > **Truth & Reconciliation Day** - Sept. 30. See 'Kim Gouchie' below

ART

■ See 'You're Invited' for more / **P.3**

- > **Fantastic Fungi** - Sept. 13 to Nov. 9, Opens 7-9, Sept. 12, SA Art Gallery. 11 artists and a collaborative project on everything fungi. Talk by fungi expert Mitch Milgram, 6 pm, Oct. 8 and Artist talk, 2 pm, Oct. 17.
- > **The Art of Water** - Liquid Artistry by Lynn Stevens of Outdoor Gallery, Sept. 14, 15, 100 Harbourfront Dr. Artist talk at 4 pm.
- > **Cardiff Miller Art Warehouse** - 11-5 Fri-Sun, all August. New Ambient jukebox exhibit. Enderby, former Ashley store.
- > **Courtyard Gallery** - Enderby. Open Show in October.

CONCERTS

- > **BC 55+Plus Games live music** - On Alexander Street
Thursday: Blu & Kelly, 4 pm; Community Dance with The Shades, 6 pm and Sherman Doucette with Salmon Armenians, 7 pm
Friday: Just for Kicks, 1:30; Blind Bay Blues Band, 2:30; Music Lab, 3:30; Dixie North, 4:30; Cannery Row 7-9 (Passing of Flag at 8 pm)
Saturday: SA Community Band, 12:45; Green Room, 2 pm; Turtle Valley Band, 3 pm; Deadbeats, 4 pm; Serious Dogs, 5 pm; Cat Wells, 7 pm
- > **Jazz club** - Sandy Cameron, Dan Smith, Stephanie Clifford and Jake Verburg, 7 pm, Sept. 12, Nexus at First. By donation.
- > **Sabrina Weeks** - 3-5, Sept. 20, Music by the River, Enderby
- > **Cowboy Roundup** - Sept. 21, SA Legion. / **P.5**
- > **Kamloops Symphony** - Salmon Arm concert season. 3 pm, Sept. 29, Nexus at First. Featuring critically acclaimed pianist and composer Jean-Michelle Blais & Dina Gilbert. Tix Kamloopssymphony.com or 250-372-5000.
- > **La Forestera Flamenco** - 7:30, Sept. 30, Shuswap Theatre. Flamenco music and dance. acclaimed flamenco dancer and choreographer Lia Grainger (with Salmon Arm roots) accompanied by live guitar, singing, percussion. Tix at eventbrite.ca
- > **Coffeehouse circuit-**
• Enderby Sr. C, Sept. 20 (3rd Fri) • Gleneden, Sept. 21 (3rd Sat)
• Carlin, Oct. 5 (1st Sat) • Sunnybrae, Oct. 12 (2nd Sat)
• Shuswap Writers, 2-4, Sept. 27, First Community (4th Fri) / **P.5**
- > **Kim Gouchie** - Lheidi T'enneh artist, performer and cultural ambassador on eve of Truth and Reconciliation Day, Sept. 29, Song Sparrow Hall. tix at songsparrowhall.ca
- > **Yee Haw** - Scott Woods Band, 7 pm, Oct. 19, First Community. Old time country and fiddle Music.
- > **Music of the Night** - Concert tour celebrating the music and musicals of Andrew Lloyd Webber, Oct. 29, Song Sparrow Hall. Tickets at eventbrite.ca
- > **Hawksley Workman** - Nov. 3, Song Sparrow Hall. Tix at root-sandblues.ca (SOLD OUT)
- > **Good Lovelies** - Nov. 9, Song Sparrow Hall.

THEATRE

- > **Labyrinth** - Immersive audio experience, Oct. 5-25. Caravan Farm
- > **Shuswap Theatre season** *The Mousetrap*, Nov. 8-24

SPORTS

■ **Sport Spot / P.5**

- > **55+ BC Games** - ON NOW! 55plusbcgames.org/salmonarm
- > **Silverbacks exhibition - Home games** - took place 8th & 10th
Away games: 3:00, Sept. 14, Penticton & 2:30, Sept. 15, West Kelowna.

Art of Water

Lynn Stevens has found an home in this lake city as a visual artist specializing in abstract water photography. "I believe that the emotional connectivity between my art, water, and mental wellness, has the power to bring a similar level of calm and healing to its viewers as it has for me in creating it.



> Lynn Stevens presents her outdoor gallery "Art of Water", Saturday and Sunday at 100 Harbourfront Drive. Talk at 4 pm.

you're invited

- > SA council, 2:30, Sept. 9 • CSRD, 9:30, Sept. 19 • SD83, 6:00, Sept. 17.
- > Canadian Society of Questers conference, Sept 20 to 22, Riverside Hall, Ashton Creek, in person and on zoom. questers.ca / P2
- > BC Rivers Day, 1 pm, Sept. 22 for tree planting at Tsutsweww Provincial Park. salmonarm@naturekidsbc.ca
- > Puppy Yoga, 6 pm, Sept. 15 at Pet Valu, Centenoka. All proceeds to Shuswap Paws Rescue. Tix \$25.
- > Grandmothers to Grandmothers Sale, Sept. 13, 14, Piccadilly.
- > Shuswap Garden Club, 7 pm, 4th Tuesdays, 5th Ave. Centre.
- > Drawing for kids (ages 5-8), led by artist Peter Joch, 4:30 Thursdays, Oct. 3 to 24, SA Art Centre. \$25 drop-in or \$80 total, supplies included. Register by Sept. 15 peter.joch@gmail.com
- > Peace Builders Gathering, Sept. 21, Splatsin Centre, featuring Cowboy Smithx, indigenous film maker and artist. Register at peacebuilders.world.
- > Peace n' Pizza, 5:30, Sept. 20, First Community. (3rd Fridays, by donation). Building Humanity through story-telling and listening. This month's fireside speaker TBA.
- > Sicamous Fungi Festival, Sept 20 to 22. See fungifestival.com
- > Co-op Fuel Good Day, Sept. 17 at Salmon Arm's two Co-op gas bars. 10 cents of every litre going to SAFE Society.
- > Acquiring Virtues: from a Baha'i Perspective, 1-2, Sept 14, Piccadilly board room. Info 250-804-8657. All welcome.
- > Shuswap Family Expo, 10- 4, Sept 28, SA Fair Grounds. In partnership with Shuswap Family Centre. Exhibits, bouncy castles and other activities for kids, three key speakers include former NHL player, food trucks. See shuswapfamilyexpo.ca
- > Artisan Market at Shuswap Family Centre, 11-4, Saturdays.
- > Notch Hill Fall Harvest Market, 10-3, Oct. 5, Notch Hill.
- > Free Lunches, 11 to 1, Wednesdays, First Community.
- > Free BBQ, 4-7 pm, Sept. 14, Cornerstone Church (near RCMP).
- > Gambler 500, Sept 27 to 29. GPS coordinate challenge to travel 500 km. backcountry route picking up trash. Gambler 500 BC Facebook
- > Enderby Strummers, 1 pm, Wednesdays, Enderby Arts Centre.

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Mean average high: 27 C
Mean average low: 14 C

Past Temps, Sept. 4 to 10
By weather reporter Nick Parsons

Sept. 4	+27	+12
Sept. 5	+28	+11
Sept. 6	+30	+12
Sept. 7	+30	+12
Sept. 8	+24	+13
Sept. 9	+22	+13
Sept. 10	+21	+7

PASSAGES

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- ❖ Victor Allan Babcock
September 6, 2024, at age 87
- ❖ James 'Jim' Clifton Rowe
August 28, 2024, at age 88
- ❖ Geraldine Bernice Stewart
September 2, 2024, at age 67
- ❖ John Andrew Shewchuk
August 6, 2024, at age 71

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- ❖ Lauren Michelle Cote
August 19, 2024, at age 35
- ❖ Barbara 'Lorraine' Faherty
September 4, 2024, at age 83

- ❖ John 'Dick' Hume
1 pm, Sept. 14, Elks Hall
- ❖ Edward 'Danny' Johnston
August 21, 2024, at age 85
- ❖❖
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SPORT SPOT

- > **55 Plus Summer Games**, Sept. 10 to 14, Salmon Arm. See Page 2.
<https://55plusbcgames.org/salmonarm/>
- > **Silverback final exhibition games**, 4 pm, Sept. 8 and 7 pm, Sept. 10
- > **Lawn Bowling**, 1:30, Mon, Fri. > **SA Horseshoes**, 6 pm, Tue/Thur.
- > **Gravel Ride at Larch Hills**, Oct. 6. 10 & 20 km rides, plus 40 km. timed ride & 5 km walk option. See ridedonthide.com
- > **Gravel Ride at Larch Hills**, Oct. 6.
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Back on track

Construction will continue throughout Fall on the rail trail between Sicamous and Armstrong. Work had been focussed north of Sicamous and the southern end of Armstrong this past Summer.

Some sections will be raised up nearly a metre over the next several weeks. The southern section is a one-kilometre pathway next to the active CN/CP railway spur and highway 97A from Lansdowne to Pleasant Valley Road.

Funding for these two project sections is from the BC Active Transportation grant program, with contributions from CSRD and RDNO rail trail reserves, and contributions from the District of Sicamous and CSRD Electoral Area E Economic Opportunities Fund.

The project work will include flood erosion repairs along Mara Lake and the Shuswap River, aggregate surfacing of the trail, pedestrian-friendly modifications to rail bridges, road crossings, signage installation, and improved trailhead access.

Final approvals from the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) are pending after the rail trail partner owners agreed this spring to offer crossing easements for agricultural landowners who prefer them. Targeted completion date for the 42.6 km section is fall 2025, with a contingency plan extending into 2026.

Fantastical ocean adventure

Kim Cloutier wrote her first at book age five, and has now released her second novel, *Beneath Crimson Sails* at Bookingham from 11 to 3 this Saturday.

The SAS graduate Kim has created a fantastical world n still loves to write about fantastical world in the second in her series with the protagonist, Emery, who is on a mission to both find her missing parents and a cure for the "withering."



> K.J. Cloutier with her two fantasy novels



Local author Diane Johnson has crafted a new book best enjoyed by readers transitioning from picture books to longer books given its balance of text and pictures.

She added that the message in *The Bad Manor Girls Save Picturia* can be enjoyed by readers of any age.

While at UVic in the early 1970s, she shared a character house in Oak Bay with four other students. That experience, combined with a growing awareness of Eastern spirituality and the emerging environmental movement, provided her with much of her inspiration. Johnson's book (AKA Amethyst) is available at local bookstores.

City FIXINGS



> New temporary highway stretches opened in the Tappen Co-op and Esso station areas for the Tappen highway project. The first new bridge span is expected to open before November. To widen the highway east of the new bridge, the base has to be raised 11 metres, much of it from aggregate extracted from the Kault Hill blasting. Check out the flyer animatoin on the web: > www2.gov.bc.ca/content/transportation-projects/highway1-kamloops-alberta/bchwy1-ford-tappen

Bravos & BOOS

> **BRAVO TO** the She Shoes Swaps on Saturday for raising \$21,021 in proceeds for three local charities from 500 sales.

Contributed by Tom Rice:

> **BRAVO TO** to the persons who assisted and called an ambulance after a serious fall near Dr. Chu dental clinic.

Paintings from around the world

For over 30 years local artist George Lesniewicz has traveled and painted in many different countries. The Courtyard Gallery is pleased to exhibit some of these works for the first time all September.

Til September 28

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- > "I've watched people who aged gracefully, and they all did some kind of exercise." ~ Jeff Lasater
- > "We do not stop exercising because we grow old - we grow old because we stop exercising."
- > "Aging is just another word for living."
- > "Aging has a wonderful beauty, and we should have respect for that." ~ Eartha Kitt
- > "My marriage to my wife, Gwen, is the most important thing in my life. I love her deeply. Why would I stop anybody else from marrying the person they love? That makes no sense." ~ Tim Walz

FUNNY BONE

- > I'm not saying I'm old, but when I was in Shops class at school we made our parents ashtrays for Christmas.
 - > Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 pm is the new midnight.
 - > When I say, "the other day", I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
 - > I remember being able to get up without sound effects.
 - > I finally got eight hours sleep. It took three days, but whatever.
 - > I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.
 - > My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.
 - > When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?
- Most of the above gems by John Cleese*

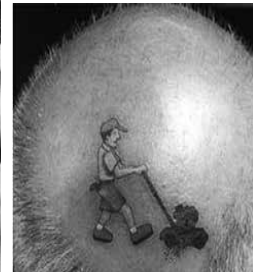
POP QUIZ

- > What year and what city was the first BC Senior Games?
- > What year was name of games changed to 55+ BC Games?
- > *Editor's note:* In a recent pop quiz it should have read Keith Morrison is the step father the late Matthew Perry.


< Vernon, 1988, 36 years ago < Name changed in 2015

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> Funny head tattoos:
 Where's Waldo .. He's behind her ear!
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'325 Alex': Episode 21

Serial Story by Shawn L. Bird

From the top perch on her cat tree, Artemis the tuxedo cat, looked out the fourth floor window and studied the street below. It seemed to her that there were far more grey headed humans than usual strolling along Alex Street.



They seemed clustered in small, laughing groups in matching jackets, looking in store windows, and filling café patios with animated chatter, oblivious to the drama unfolding at 325 Alex.

On the middle perch of the cat tree curled tiny Cougar, who'd arrived inside the apartment a couple of hours ago with her rodent breath and entitled air. Artemis didn't know how Cougar got into the suite, and didn't really care. They'd had a good race around, dumping books and plates, and it'd been great fun. Now Cougar was asleep and Artemis was watching the street.

She saw Lorne and his dog Lexi with their stack of papers. Not far behind him walked the lady from #202, Cougar's human. She camouflaged among all the other grey-haired people, so Lorne didn't notice her. He was handing people copies of his paper and grinning broadly. Lexi looked back suspiciously, but Lexi didn't talk.

Next door, in #402 there were interesting noises: thumping, scraping, and the hums and buzzes of various machines at work. Cougar would know what was happening, Cougar saw everything and recorded it all with the button-sized camera mounted on her collar.

Artemis wondered where Susanne was. She'd spent the night alternately weeping on her bed or muttering curses and stomping back and forth.

Henry from the third floor had knocked on the door four times. The first time he'd asked her to join him for dinner. Susanne had called through the door, "Go away, Henry."

The second time he'd offered to take her to a concert where she could "show that jerk he didn't mean a thing." Susanne had thanked him for the thought, but asked him to please leave.

The third time, he said he knew a guy who would ensure Nic never broke anyone's heart again. Susanne had laughed, told him no, it was fine. Henry should just go.

The fourth time, he said he had take-out with him. Would she just open the door and take it? She needed to eat. The aromas coming through the door made Artemis's mouth water.

Susanne opened the door and invited Henry in.

Now Susanne was gone and the noises coming from #402 were louder. Artemis looked for Cougar, but she'd vanished. ■

□ Episode 22 in the online bonus pages of this edition at FriAM.ca
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Regardless, he'd agreed to meet Chris halfway. They decided to watch the final double-feature of the season at the drive-in in Enderby. Chris got a ride from a friend, and Marcus drove his new car, purchased with his first apprentice wages. It was an old rust bucket, but it was better than walking.

As they drove through Enderby, Chris thought it felt pleasantly peaceful, as if a lot of concentrated positivity had settled there. "Nice," he thought. "I wonder what caused that?"

Chris met up with Marcus at the concession. They stocked up on popcorn, nachos, and candy and made their way back to Marcus's car.

"Well?" asked Chris as they settled into the passenger seat. "What was so horrible that it made you leave that unceremoniously?"

Marcus wanted to mention the uncomfortable couch and obnoxious musicians, but held his tongue. Chris had been kind to offer him place to crash while he did his course, even if it hadn't been comfortable.

"Look," said Marcus. "I don't want to scar you for life. I still get nightmares about what I saw in #402."

"I can take it," said Chris.

"Okay," said Marcus. "Don't say I didn't warn you." Outside the car, the opening credits of the movie started on the big screen.

Marcus told Chris about what he'd seen in #402: The cage. The dark stains. He shuddered.

Chris sat with his mouth agape looking from the movie to Marcus. "No way."

"Yes, way."

"What was the stain?"

Marcus stared ahead as the characters on the screen entered the haunted house. "Pretty obvious what it had to be, don't you think?"

Ahead of them, the screen turned red. ■

☐ Episode 21 on page 8 of the print portion of this edition.

☐ Episode 22 in the September 20 issue.



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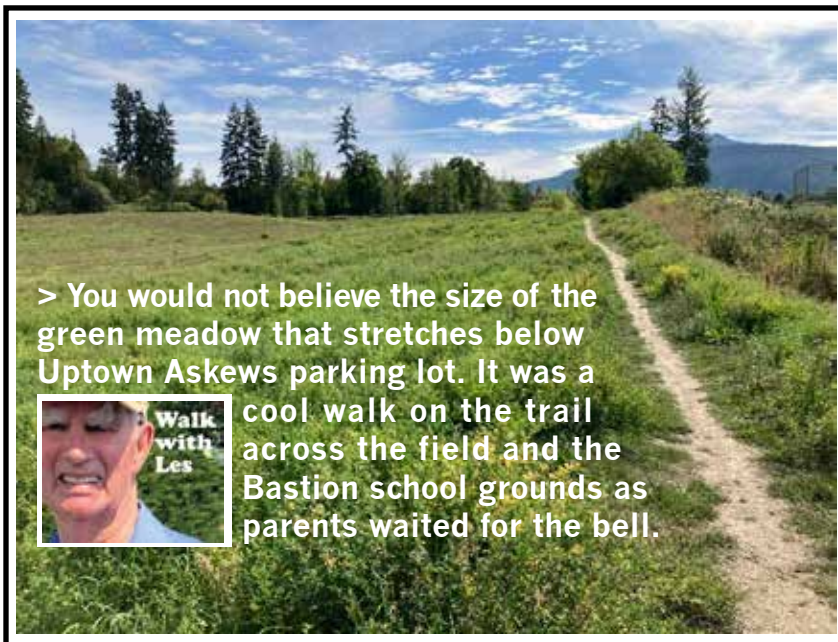


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They're here & we're ready!



> Participants arrive for the 55+ Plus BC Games Tuesday afternoon at Rogers Rink. Above right, workers set up the darts venue outside the Legion Hall. Opening ceremonies take place 7 pm Wednesday at Rogers Rink.



> You would not believe the size of the green meadow that stretches below Uptown Askews parking lot. It was a cool walk on the trail across the field and the Bastion school grounds as parents waited for the bell.



> The Rocky Mountaineer seems to be getting longer and longer as it passes through town around 10 am. I'm sure many passengers would love to have a second look here on the ground.

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Swift and Kelce got married? Of course not - it would be all over the news. But simply ask AI, and there are photos

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WE ASKED AI: *What are pros & cons of electing AI to serve on city council*

PROS

- **Data-Driven Decisions:** AI can analyze vast amounts of data quickly and provide insights that could help in making informed decisions about city planning, budgeting, resource allocation, and more.
- **Impartiality:** AI lacks personal biases and can make decisions based solely on data and facts, potentially leading to fairer and more balanced outcomes.
- **Efficiency:** AI can process information and propose solutions faster than humans, making it ideal for handling routine tasks, managing city services, and optimizing operational processes.
- **Public Engagement:** AI could assist in enhancing public engagement by analyzing feedback from citizens, identifying trends, and recommending solutions that align with public sentiment.
- **Predictive Analytics:** AI can forecast future challenges, such as traffic congestion, crime patterns, or resource shortages, enabling proactive planning and intervention.

CONCLUSION

- While AI could assist a human city councilor by providing data-driven insights and improving efficiency, a fully AI city councilor would face significant challenges in areas requiring empathy, ethical judgment, and accountability. A hybrid model, where AI supports human decision-makers, might be the most effective approach.

CONS

- **Lack of Human Empathy:** AI lacks emotional intelligence, empathy, and the ability to understand complex human emotions and social dynamics. This could lead to decisions that are technically sound but lack consideration for human nuances.
- **Accountability Issues:** Determining accountability can be challenging if AI makes a mistake or if there is a bias in the data it uses. Who would be held responsible?
- **Limited Understanding of Context:** While AI can process data, it may struggle with understanding cultural, historical, and social contexts that are often crucial in policy-making.
- **Public Trust and Acceptance:** Many people may be uncomfortable with an AI making decisions that affect their daily lives, particularly if they feel it lacks transparency or doesn't represent their values.
- **Potential for Bias:** AI is only as good as the data it is trained on. If the data is biased, the AI's decisions could inadvertently perpetuate or even exacerbate existing inequalities.

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Driving around Shuswap

Sicamous, Enderby Salmon Arm Blind Bay, Sorrento, Scotch Creek

> Getting to check out the Shuswap on the first Friday of each month is a highlight for me. Pictured above is the curving frame of the new health centre in Sicamous and, on the right is one of two temporary highway near Tappen Co-op. The first of two new bridge spans could open before November.



> Read the September All Month In print or online at FriAM.ca

Walk with Les:

Turner Creek Trail from the College to West of 20th St. SE



> This week's walk with Les was along a portion of Turner Creek trail on an unseasonably hot September afternoon. Starting at the College, the gurgling creek followed us downhill. When the slope got a little too challenging for two old guys, we walked through the Turner Creek neighbourhood west of 20th St. where we admired sights that gave the newer houses character. Who's taller - the sunflower standing straight up or Les, at a slight angle? ■



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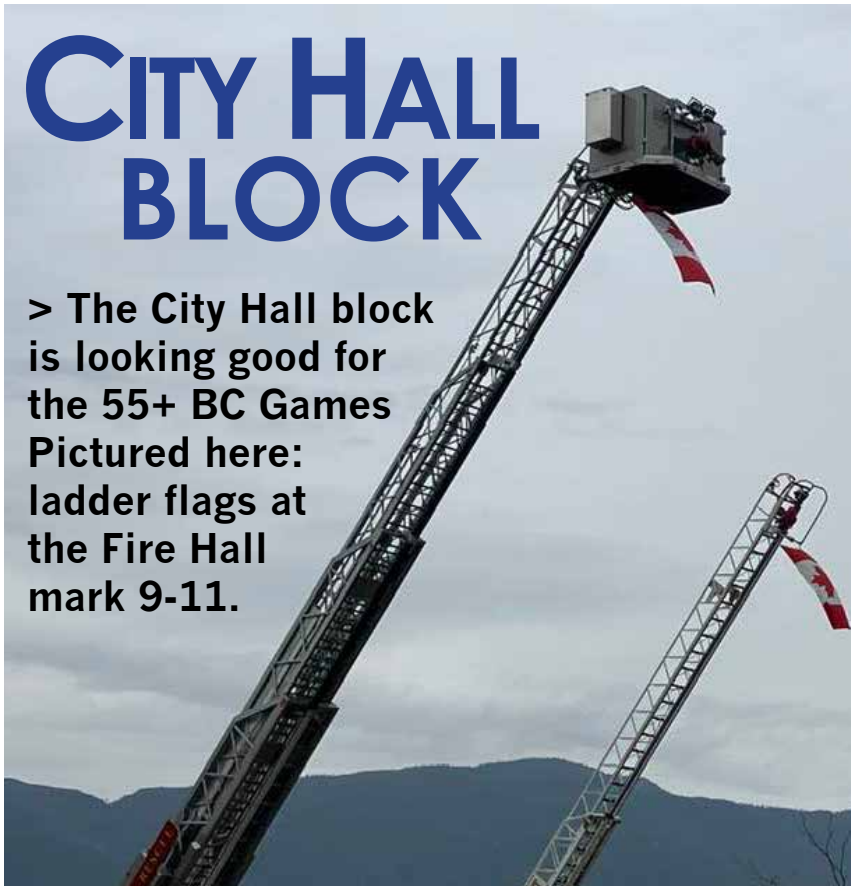
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CITY HALL BLOCK

> The City Hall block is looking good for the 55+ BC Games
Pictured here: ladder flags at the Fire Hall mark 9-11.



> Only two things they missed out. The old McGuire House across the street, long ago torn down instead of preserved, and the British Columbia logo in need of TLC



> Above: Flowers and the 2010 Olympic statue. A remedy for 'confusion corner' at Cenotaph Park.



> City Hall Square Fountain and the weirdest flag pole in town/



> The opening ceremonies was a joyous event. Among highlights, Centenarian Betty Brussel, above, is honoured for her inspiration. Her swimming began in the canals in Holland, and she began as a serious competitor at age 54, once breaking three records in one day at a Masters event Earlier in the day Wednesday, she warmed up with 16 lengths in the Salmon Arm pool.



MAP FLIPS

These two maps paint a very different depiction of North America. The map on the right show pre-European colonization when present-day British Columbia was inhabited for millennia by many First Nations.

The map on the left shows colonial North America in 1830. Notice the land of British Columbia was not part of British North America.

The territory was in limbo prior to the resolution of the Oregon boundary dispute between the US and UK in 1846.

That is when the colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia were established; the former in 1849 and the latter in 1858. The two colonies were merged to form a single colony in 1866, which later joined the Canadian Confederation on July 20, 1871.

Also notice how much of Mexico occupied the present day US.

NORTH AMERICA 1830

