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# FRIDAY AM

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All Month Oct. 4

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## MOLEHILLS

Lorne Reimer



### Forever memories

The saddest moment in the 55+ BC Games was learning that two of the athletes were in an accident on the way to the games, one of them died.

Coordinator Debbie Cannon called for moments of silence at the opening ceremonies for this table tennis competitor.

Other than that horrible tragedy, plus a few glitches like rain cancelling some of the pickleball games, it was a fabulous four days indeed. Salmon Arm and Shuswap hosts should be ever proud.

Last week's front page included a photo of 100-year-old swimming and world record holder, Betty Brussel, receiving an award. Here's another little photo of her diving.



What an inspiration for all of us as we age. ■



> A happy group of medalists wrap up the curling event at the 55+ BC Senior Games. All reports say a job well done by Salmon Arm and Shuswap hosts. More on the games pages 5, 7 and [FriAM.ca](http://FriAM.ca) bonus pages. Photo by volunteer team

## McCune still in the running

The Shuswap-Salmon Arm candidate who had been nominated to run for BC United has decided to run as an independent in the upcoming provincial election.

**Candidates, so far**  
Sylvia Lindgren, NDP  
Greg McCune, Ind  
Jed Weibe, Green  
David Williams, BC Conservative

BC Conservative platforms are not riding specific and they miss what is needed in the Shuswap," said McCune. "(Constituents) called to encourage me to get back into the race and give them that place to check the box," he

said about the Oct. 19 vote. "I was completely shocked when Falcon withdrew all party candidates from this election. I no longer had a political home," he said.

■ *More on the Bonus pages at [FriAM.ca](http://FriAM.ca)*

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Shred-a-Thon, 19th  
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 Gathering, Commemoration, Speakers, Singers, Lunch

## at the movies

**SALMAR GRAND** • [salmarthatre.com](http://salmarthatre.com) • September 20 to 26

- **Transformers One.** 1:45 Sat., Sun; 6:40 nightly. The origin story of Optimus Prime and Megatrons, now sworn enemies, but once bonded like brothers. Fully CG-animated. (PG violence)
- **Reagan.** 1:30 Sat., Sun; 6:30 nightly. Dennis Quaid stars in this biopic on the life of Reagan. (14A lang, viol)
- **Beetlejuice.** 2:00 Sat, Sun; 6:50 nightly. After an unexpected family tragedy, three generations of Deetz family return home, and the mischievous and mahem begin (14A gory scenes)
- **Speak no Evil.** 1:30 Sat.- Sun.; 6:40 nightly. What begins as a dream holiday warps into a snarled psychological nightmare. (14A frightening scenes)

### > SALMAR CLASSIC

■ **Film Society** • [shuswapfilm.net](http://shuswapfilm.net)

- **My Penguin Friend.** 7:30, Friday to Sunday and 4 pm, Sunday. Inspired by incredible true story, the enchanting adventure about a lost penguin that – after rescued from an oil spill – transforms the life and soul of the heartbroken fisherman. Co-hosted by Salmar Cinemas. (PG)
- **Tous toqués** (Can), 5:00, Sept. 28. A comedic story of a Quebec/US border town and young girl chefs competition. (PG)
- **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](http://FriAM.ca)

## live & dance

- > **Canooligans, Canoe** • Dirt Road Kings, Sept. 20
- > **SA Legion** • Karaoke Fridays / 6
- > **Copper Island Pub** • Jams with Blind Bay Blues Band, Tuesdays.
- > **The Hub,** Open Mic Sundays.
- > **Solid Urban Studio** - Standup comedy, Sept. 21 • Down the Lees, Cavernous, Ailee Zaga, Sept. 28.
- > **Nite Cafe** - Bad Decisions Comedy Tour, Oct. 9 • Sam Singer, Oct. 23
- > **Enderby Legion** • Vic's dance band, Sept. 28.
- > **Gleneden Hall dance** - Oct. 5.
- > **Salmar Classic** - tribute bands Eagle Eyes, Oct. 23; PWR/UP, 1 Nov. 8 (AC/DC)
- > **Marionette** - live music, Sept. 28

## city lights

- ▶ **vernon** • [ticketseller.ca](http://ticketseller.ca)  
**Chantal Kreviazuk,** Sept. 21, 22  
**Joel Plaskett,** Sept. 23  
**Ron Sexsmith,** Sept. 24, 25  
**Brett Butt,** Oct. 17  
**Jann Arden,** Nov. 23
- ▶ **kelowna** • **Menopause: 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**

- > **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
- > **Family Pumpkin Patch Day** - 10-4, Oct. 10, Green Acres, 1050 60th St SW, Gleneden. Fundraiser for Second Harvest.

## 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.
- > **Cardiff Miller Art Warehouse** - 11-5 Fri-Sun, all August. New Ambient jukebox exhibit. Enderby, former Ashley store.
- > **Courtyard Gallery** - Enderby. September artist - George Lesniwicz. Open show in October.

## CONCERTS

- > **Jazz club** - Jordan Dick Quartet, 7 pm, Sept. 26, Nexus at First. By donation. Also featuring Colin Spence, Darrin Hertin, Gareth Seys. Also Gabriel Vizcaino Quartet, Oct.10 and Bob Rogers, Chris Startup Band, Oct. 24
- > **Sabrina Weeks** - 3-5, Sept. 20, Music by the River, Enderby. Swing and blues, "beautifully expressive and unique voice".
- >  **Cowboy Roundup** - Sept. 21, SA Legion. Live entertainment by Rob Dinwoodie and Open Range Band, Blu and Kelly Hopkins and poet and author Ken Mather. Advance tix at the Legion are \$35 or \$40 at the door. Doors open 6 pm. Fundraiser for Writers Festival.
- > **Kamloops Symphony** - Salmon Arm concert season. 3 pm, Sept. 29, Nexus at First. Featuring critically acclaimed pianist and composer Jean-Michel Blais & Dina Gilbert. Tix [Kamloopssymphony.com](http://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](http://eventbrite.ca)
- > **Coffeehouse circuit-**  
 • Enderby Sr. Centre Sept. 20 (3rd Fri) • Gleneden, Sept. 21 (3rd Sat)  
 • Grindrod, 1st Fri. • Carlin, 1st Sat • Sunnybrae, 2nd Sat • Eagle Bay, 4th Sat  
 • Shuswap Writers, 2-4, Sept. 27, First Community (4th Fri) /P.5
- > **Kim Gouchie** - Lheidi Tenneh artist, performer and cultural ambassador on eve of Truth and Reconciliation Day, Sept. 29, Song Sparrow Hall. tix at [songsparrowhall.ca](http://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](http://eventbrite.ca)
- > **Hawksley Workman** - Nov. 3, Song Sparrow Hall. Tix at [rootsandblues.ca](http://rootsandblues.ca) (SOLD OUT)
- > **Good Lovelies** - Nov. 9, Song Sparrow Hall.

## THEATRE

- > **Shuswap Theatre Open House** - 7 pm, Sept. 21. Entertainment, food and refreshments. Season's tickets deal on sale to Sept. 22. First play of season - *The Mousetrap*, Nov. 8-24. Also Directing workshop led by Liz Hobbs, Oct. 4 to 6. Shuswap Theatre AGM, 2 pm, Sept. 29
- > **Labyrinth** - Immersive audio experience, Oct. 5-25. Caravan Farm

## SPORTS

■ **Sport Spot / P.5**

- > **Silverbacks opener** - • *Away games* - Alberni, Sept. 20 tonight; Sherwood Park, Sept. 27 and Spruce Grove, Sept. 28 in Edmonton area
- *Home games* - 7 pm, Oct. 4 vs. Vernon; 6 pm, Oct. 5 vs. Okotoks.

## Jaeden leads the pack at Leeds

Salmon Arm's world class classical pianist Jaeden Izik-Dzurko is at it again. He is one of five pianists who remain from the original 364 in the prestigious Leeds International Piano Competition.

The finals will be live-streamed on YouTube from 11 am to 2 on Sept. 20 and S21. Jaeden will be the final contestant to perform on Saturday. Search "leedspiano".

Read more on competition at leedspiano.com



Le Devoir photo

## you're invited

- > **Canadian Society of Questers conference**, Sept 20 to 22, Riverside Hall, Ashton Creek, in person and on zoom. questers.ca / P.2
- > **BC Rivers Day**, 1 pm, Sept. 22 for tree planting at Tsutsweew Provincial Park. salmonarm@naturekidsbc.ca
- > **Shuswap Climate Action - March & Rally**, 1- 3 pm, Sept. 27, Ross plaza • **Film night**, 7 pm, Oct. 1, Fifth Ave. Activity Centre. Presentation of 'Common Ground', follow-up to 'Kiss the Ground', with guest Dr. Warren Bell. By donation. (15th straight month of record high global temperatures.)
- > **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**, 9-4, Sept. 21, Splatsin Centre, featuring Cowboy Smithx, indigenous film maker and artist. Includes lunch. Co-hosts Rotary and Ba'hai. 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
- > **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
- > **Kym Gouchie** and band concert, Sept. 29 at Song Sparrow Hall, will raise funds for Rise Up Indigenous Wellness that addresses gaps in services for Indigenous children, youth and families. Tickets for concert at songsparrowhall.ca/events
- > **Notch Hill Fall Harvest Market**, 10-3, Oct. 5, Notch Hill.
- > **Free Lunches**, 11 to 1, Wednesdays, First Community.
- > **Enderby Strummers**, 1 pm, Wednesdays, Enderby Arts Centre.

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 > **Gravel Ride at Larch Hills**, Oct. 6. 10 & 20 km rides, plus 40 km. timed ride & 5 km walk option. See [ridedonthide.com](http://ridedonthide.com)  
 > **Learn Curling Clinics**, Sept. 22, 23, curling rink.  
 > **Fall Fun Guides** - in print or at [salmonarmrecreation.ca](http://salmonarmrecreation.ca)  
 > **Lawn Bowl**, 1:30, Mon, Fri. > **Horseshoes**, 6 pm, Tues/Thur



55+ Plus Games photo

| Medal Standings              | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|------------------------------|------|--------|--------|-------|
| (Z8) South Central           | 118  | 79     | 60     | 257   |
| (Z5) Okanagan-Similkameen    | 113  | 57     | 53     | 223   |
| (Z3) Fraser Valley           | 71   | 81     | 41     | 193   |
| (Z4) Lower Mainland          | 60   | 29     | 26     | 115   |
| (Z1) Vancouver Island South  | 39   | 25     | 33     | 97    |
| (Z2) Vancouver Island North  | 41   | 29     | 20     | 90    |
| (Z9) North Central           | 29   | 24     | 14     | 67    |
| (Z6) West Kootenay Boundary  | 29   | 22     | 14     | 65    |
| (Z10) North West             | 18   | 21     | 10     | 49    |
| (Z7) East Kootenay           | 8    | 13     | 4      | 25    |
| (Z12) Peace River-Liard      | 3    | 6      | 3      | 12    |
| Bulkley Valley-Lakes-Nechako | 1    | 1      | 2      | 4     |

## WEATHER SYNOPSIS



> Mix of sun and clouds Fri. and Sun. Sunny Saturday. High 20.  
**Normal: +18 C to +6 C**  
**Sunrise 6:38 • Sunset 7:02**  
*Nick's notes:*  
 Lake down 6'8" from summer high, but 22" higher than last years at this time.

**Past Temps, Sept. 11 to 17**  
 By weather reporter Nick Parsons  
 Sept. 11 +17 +9 Trace rn.  
 Sept. 12 +21 +11  
 Sept. 13 +20 +8 1/4" rn.  
 Sept. 14 +10 +12 3/16" rn  
 Sept. 15 +21 +9  
 Sept. 16 +21 +6  
 Sept. 17 +21 +7

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- ❖ Lois Catherine Agar  
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- ❖ Ilse Elfrieda Aust  
September 7, 2024, at age 87
- ❖ Barry Thomas Foster  
July 16, 2024, at age 71
- ❖ Dianne Marie Head  
September 13, 2024, at age 76
- ❖ Grace'Lorraine' Henderson  
September 9, 2024, at age 69  
2 pm, Sept. 21, Fischer's
- ❖ Sylvia Delores Stewart  
August 24, 2024, at age 89

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- ❖ Melvin Willey  
August 25, 2024, at age 71
- ❖ Gary Weippert  
September 8, 2024, at age 76
- ❖❖
- ❖ Tommy Cash, 84, singer and brother to Johnny Cash
- ❖ Tito Jackson, 70, Jackson 5
- ❖ JD Souther, 78, wrote Eagles hits



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## '325 Alex': Episode 23

Serial Story by Shawn L. Bird  
 Recap from Episode 22: While taking in the movie at the Starlight Drive-in, Marcus finally shares with Chris what he witnessed in #402 ... The cage... The dark stains...  
 Recent past episodes can be read at [FriAM.ca](http://FriAM.ca)



Henry was about to knock on Susanne's door, when the elevator opened behind him..

"Hey," said Chris with a furtive look down the hall. "How's it going?"

"It's going fine," said Henry. "What are you doing up here?"

There was a rattle that shook the building and made Chris yelp.

"It's just the train," said Henry, but then that horrible laughter started again.

Chris put his hands over his ears. "I learned something" Henry nodded and knocked firmly on #401. "We should tell Susanne."

When she opened the door, Henry pushed Chris through. "We need to hear what he knows about #402." In the hall, the noise was unbearable.

"Is it about that laughing?" said Susanne, squinting slightly. Susanne shut the door behind them as Chris and Henry flopped on the couch, leaving Susanne to pull up a kitchen chair. "Okay. What?"

Chris told them what Marcus had said about the cage and the stains. "Does that fit with your memories of what happened five years ago, Susanne?"

She shrugged. "Maybe?"  
 "I think we need to get in there and have a look for ourselves," said Henry. "You game, Chris?"

Chris shuddered. "No way. That's break and enter. I'm not having any of that."

Henry looked over to Susanne. "How about you?"

She shook her head. "I don't think we have to resort to illegal actions."

Henry threw his arms in the air and gave an exasperated sigh. "Come on!"

"No, really," said Susanne. "I think we just need to look in the right place."

"You've been in the building longest," said Chris. "Don't you know the most?"

"The night the ambulance came, my parents saw it on the news. I was only nineteen, and they wanted to protect me. They hustled me home to them in Kelowna and kept the news off. I didn't want to know the details, so I didn't look. When I came back a few weeks later, it was old news. No one talked about it. There were only ridiculous rumours. But the police had to have investigated. We just need to read those reports."

"Huh," said Henry. "That's actually a good idea."

"Yes," said Susanne, rolling her eyes. "I get quite a lot of them." ■

□ Episode 24 and 25 in the October All Month issue, Oct. 4

□ Shawn Bird is a retired local teacher and local author of several mystery and young person novels

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**the games**



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# Ear to the GROUND

## Low tech spoon

As I prepare for a change from weekly to biweekly publication in October, it is ironic that I find myself needing to buy a new computer.

The old gal has done her job, I'm not done mine yet. It is equally ironic that I began my journalism career in 1981 writing with a typewriter, and now use a typewriter and soup spoon to keep my computer screen from flopping down.

It was a bit more challenging back in the day composing with a typewriter. You don't have the advantage of inserting, backing up, copying and pasting.

One needed a more organized mind to produce clean copy. I doubt if I could write with a typewriter now. But it sure does a good job holding up my old Mac screen. ■



## New look

> Work is nearly complete on revitalization of Cenotaph Park. Along with new landscaping, the key component is transforming the road east of the monument into a parking area accessed from Okanagan Ave. The new configuration solves the confusion from two roads merging on the 2nd Ave. and Alexander corner.



# City FIXINGS

> A short sidewalk is needed on the west side of 10th St. NE to connect McGuire Lake Park to the hospital emergency area and crosswalk.

# Bravos & BOOS

Contributed by Mary Pakka:  
> **BRAVO TO** my family and friends who supported and cheered for me at the 55+ BC Game. Thanks also to the organizers and volunteers. Mary was among the torch bearers who lit the cauldron. The others were bearers Don Hurst, Mary Pakka, Gerry Thomas, Lois Angle and Ralph Owens.



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> "Believe in truth. To abandon facts is to abandon freedom. If nothing is true, then no one can criticize power, because there is no basis upon which to do so. If nothing is true, then all is spectacle. The biggest wallet pays for the most blinding lights." ~ Timothy Snyder  
 > "The happiest people don't have the best of everything, they just make the best of everything."  
 > "I need someone to explain to me why it's always 'if you can't pay the rent, buy fewer lattes and avocado toasts', AND NOT 'if you can't pay your employees a living wage, buy fewer yachts, rockets and spacecrafts.'"  
 > "To put your hands in a river is to feel the chords that behind the Earth together." ~ Barry Lopez.

# FUNNY BONE

> Once there was a time when Keith Richard was young, *not* a rolling stone and bridled by his mom.  
 > If you take a social media sabbatical, don't announce it. Just make your last post something fun like "I wonder if there's a bear in this cave."  
 > Main purpose of a bedroom chair: to hold clothes too dirty for the closet but too clean for the laundry.  
 > Pickleball is my life now. Dill with it.  
 > Actual directional sign: "Secret Nuclear Bunker"



Keith & Doris

# POP QUIZ

> What is the cause of salinity in river mouths?  
 > What are the five longest rivers in North America?  
 7. Red River (Texas); 8. Columbia, 2,000 kms  
 4. Rio Grande; 5. Arkansas; 6. Colorado;  
 < 1. Missouri, 3,761 kms; 2. Mississippi; 3. Yukon;  
 This creates the brackish conditions of an estuary.  
 incoming tides begins to mix with freshwater flowing downstream.  
 < As rivers near the ocean, they reach a point at which saltwater from

# PICTURE THIS

> Point Nemo, the spot farthest away from any land in the world where you're closer to astronauts on the ISS than humanity.  
 > Colourful art painted on the walk leading up to SAS Sullivan secondary, right.



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Your gold, silver, coins and paper money are analyzed while you watch, with the process explained in detail. Coins with numismatic value are graded and set aside from those with a 'melt' value. Silver items such as jewellery and flatware are analyzed for hallmark identification. Items thought to contain gold will also be analyzed for hallmarks, and then confirmed using precise testing that is done while you watch. Then a cash offer is presented and you decide to sell or not.

"If you decide to sell after hearing the quote, great, but it is also about information. A lot of times people just need to know a ballpark of what things are worth; we don't pressure anyone into selling".

Dick took out his first gold claim when he turned 16 in the 1970's and has been involved with precious metals ever since.

An ardent gold panner, he was a regular at the world championship gold panning competition with a personal best of 3rd place in 1984.

"Nearly half of the world's annual gold harvest comes from recycled gold.

Energy costs are about \$500 to mine a new ounce of gold where recycled gold is about \$10 per ounce. That prevents a lot of diesel from being burned." Gold and silver purchased at the show and later melted goes back into the market without incurring that environmental cost.

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FROM FACEBOOK DAILY POSTINGS



> I love both cats and dogs, having had both in my life. But would a cat run back into a burning house to save a dog pal?

The Deadbeats played late afternoon on the Alexander stage. Who knew this local group, led by a singer with a Tina Turner vibe, has been around 15 years? I stood next to Larry Keats and asked him who the lead singer was. “She looks familiar”, I said. Larry said she’s Marianne VanBuskirk from the school district. Oh my gosh! Marianne on the Board of the SD83! Anyway, they were so good. Marianne and a shirtless old fellow with a shopping cart



tried their best to get everyone on their feet to dance, but you can tell everyone loved the performance. Members also include Alan Bates, Debbie Joan Phillips, Shannon Seed, Scott McKee, Bruce Runciman, Keith Limber, Ross McDonald, and occasional backing supporter, Greg Davidson. If someone were to ask me this past week where all the live music is happening in town, I’d say “325 Alex”

## Social/nature experiment:

(This is NOT intended to offer comfort to litterers.)

### a) Methodology

I had a little french fry lying on the floor of my car. After making sure there was no bird in sight, I decided to see how long it would take for a bird to claim it after setting it down on the parking lot.

b) Result: 40 seconds.

### c) Conclusion:

We are constantly being watched by our neighbourly critter friends.





> 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.



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**2020 BC election**

**Greg Kylo, BC Liberal**  
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**Sylvia Lindgren, NDP**  
34.04%

**Owen Madden, Green**  
14.61%

# McCune to run as Independent

**T**he Shuswap-Salmon Arm candidate who had been nominated to run for BC United has decided to run as an independent in the upcoming provincial election.

“After Kevin Falcon’s decision to pull the candidates for the B.C. United out of the election there was confusion for many in the riding what they would be able to vote for,” said Greg McCune. He added how he has received calls from many concerned constituents.

“People in general felt like the strong centre right vote in the Shuswap had been taken away”.

The former mayor of Enderby said there are considerable difference between BC United and the BC Conservatives, the party that leader Falcon threw the Party’s support behind. “The conservative platforms are not riding specific and they miss what is needed in the Shuswap,” said McCune. “(That Party) will have to be more active in the community if they expect to impress the voters of the Shuswap.

“(Constituents) called to encourage me to get back into the race and give them that place to check the box,” he said about the Oct. 19 vote.

“When I won the nomination for the BC Liberals/BC United I knew that I was following the centre-right footsteps of George Abbott



and Greg Kylo,” said McCune. “That is why I was completely shocked when Falcon withdrew all party candidates from this election. I no longer had a political home. The thought that there would no longer be a centre-right voice in Victoria was upsetting.

McCune said the campaign that he was working on sought to tackle economic, health care and housing issues facing the province.

“People are sick and tired of polarizing politics that are distracting from these issues. I believe people are sick and tired of ‘strategic voting’ or going to a polling booth without having a capable candidate that represents their views.

David Williams is the candidate running for the BC Conservatives in the Shuswap-Salmon Arm Riding. Twice elected Salmon Arm councillor and candidate in the 2020 election, Sylvia Lindgren is running for the NDP and Jeb Weibe is running for the Green Party. ■

# SPIRES ASPIRE TO BE HIGHER AND HIGHER

> *Western  
Canada four  
biggest  
metros*



> Calgary: compact clutter



> Edmonton: proposed 80-storey Aldritt tower to become Western Canada's tallest. Why?



> Since I left my home city of Winnipeg 40 years ago, only one tower was built that exceeded the tallest tower since 1979. It was completed two years ago. The six towers that do congregate around Portage & Main generate wind tunnels. I appreciate dramatic skylines, but there's something to be said about the liveability and human scale of lower rise cityscapes.



> Vancouver: gravity defying mountain blockers among nearly 700 highrises in metro Vancouver

> **Populations** (2024 estimates)

**Vancouver:** Proper 681,420\*  
Metro 2,683,000

**Calgary:** Proper 1,349,078  
Metro 1,665,000

**Edmonton:** Proper 1,060,667  
Metro 1,568,000

**Winnipeg:** Proper 777,607  
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\* Surrey at 518,467 is expected to exceed City of Vancouver's population in five years  
Largest BC populations outside Lower Mainland (Metro) - Victoria 393,812;  
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Chilliwack: 113,767; Prince George: 89,490; Vernon: 67,086; Courtenay: 63,300;  
Penticton: 47,380; Duncan: 45,047; Campbell River: 35,519; Williams Lake: 29,504  
Salmon Arm is 20th on the list of largest cities outside Lower Mainland at 20,000

# Castles are NOT built in a day

> Rome wasn't built in a day. It took 122 years to build Taj Mahal. Barcelona's Sagrada Familia Basilica completion date is now set for 2026, 144 years after the first stone was laid. So with all that in mind, South Downtown's castle construction is coming along just fine. Here is a photo taken today of recent etching work on the turret.



## GUESS THE PLACES

> These two photos were taken today in very public places in Salm-on Arm. See if you can guess where exactly. Yes, that is a big spider over Mt Bastion



ANSWERS: > Painted on the sidewalk in front of SAS Sullivan.

> Window next to the elevator on the 2nd floor of Uptown SASCU

## Something is wrong with this cult leader

I think this is a strong case of a person lacking self awareness. Trump went on social media today with an over the top defence of his debate performance.

He wrote in part: "ABC FAKE NEWS has been completely discredited and is now under investigation. Did they give Comrade Kamala the questions? It was 3 on 1, but they were mentally challenged people, against one person of extraordinary genius. It wasn't even close, as is now reflected in the polls. I WON THE DEBATE!"

Words have consequences when millions believe lies said by a former president on a national stage. The city of Springfield had to close its facilities including schools due to bomb threats, and residents from the Haitian community in that city are being bullied and threatened.

The woman who began that rumour with a facebook post that went mega viral, has apologized profusely, and the woman who lost her cat late found it in her basement and apologized to her neighbour.

Trump and Vance continue to insist immigrants in Springfield, Ohio eat their neighbours' pets days after its thorough debunking.



> Imagine downtown coming alive like this every Friday night. All the restaurants open, Alexander closed off with dancing and live music, just a fun place to get together. Thanks for the t-shirt, Simone. Thanks for all the dedicated volunteers!

## EDITOR'S MORNING NOTEBOOK

• 9:30 am and back at my home office ... Here are a few morning thoughts while driving around town delivering Friday AM.

■ 1. The town is buzzing with excitement and friendly faces with the games on third day. Too bad that sewagey smell had to pick today to rear its ugly head.

■ 2. I dropped by at the credit union for a deposit and small withdrawal, and as often occurs, was asked to provide I.D. It really doesn't bother me at all as I know there are new staff, and it does offer a level of security. However, I know for a fact it does sometimes bother folks who have lived here 50 years and were members all those years. I don't know what the answer is. One way is for 85-year-old

members to suck it up. Another way to avoid some of this awkwardness is maybe for veteran employees to take a moment and introduce longtime members to new staff when there's opportunity. Small city, a little idea.

■ 3. Loved the interview with Bob McDonald of Quirks & Quarks on CBC radio. I've never heard a person before so good at taking a complex explanation and immediately summarize it in a way anyone can understand. He discussed some horrible obstacles in his early life, and concluded the interview with three things to do when presented an opportunity. First say "yes", Second, step your way through, and third, Finish what you start. This guy is both interesting and an inspiration.



# GRANDPA'S CORNER

## "I can brag if I want to.."



> So adorable when middle sister grows up to become big sister.  
> I may be the worst clothes shopper, but do believe I picked a winner of a matching outfit from Winners for Aubrey's first birthday. Hello Kitty!



> Fresh haircuts for school picture day for 'Whole-head-higher' Logan and brilliant brother Declan



> .. And May-  
cee turns 12  
on October  
2nd! She can  
still cheer the  
Silverbacks  
because they  
play in Spruce  
Grove and  
Sherwood  
Park now!

This is so interesting. It's a webcam with relaxing music of a San Francisco parking lot for driverless cars. Check it out in the evenings and you'll often see the cars honking, lighting up and dancing around to amuse themselves. Really. It's also a clock showing current Pacific Time



LoFi Robotaxi Hip Hop Radio 🚗 Waymo Depot Shenanigans To Relax/Study To  
Them Waymos be wildin sometimes. Waymo if you see this I'd love some lifetime free rides ...

# AWESOME WEDDING PHOTO BOMBERS



> Top left to right: Paul McCartney riding a bike passed a wedding in Winnipeg; Godzilla doing his thing; Justin Trudeau at Vancouver beach  
> Bottom left to right: nude dude at the beach; passing pedestrians; best man showing off