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Chance
of more
showers

SALMON

Sept. 26
Beat

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> Witches meet 12:30 today at Sica-mous Beach with your paddle boards.

To-do's

○ **Silverbacks home**
5-1 loss to Vernon Fri.
In Prince George Sat.

○ **Salmar Grand**

- *Practical Magic*
- *Resident Evil*
- *Heart of the Beast*
- *Forgotten Island*
- *Blue Heron*, 4pm, Sat. (film society)

○ **Where in the world are we?**, Art Gallery.

○ **Witches Paddle**, 1 pm, Sat., Sica-mous

○ **Kamloops Sym-phony**, 3 pm, Sun., Nexus at First

○ **BC River Day**, 1-4, Sun Tsutswecw Park. Family activities.

○ **Farm & Food Festival**, 10-3, Sun, Fieldstone Organics,

○ **Reconciliation Day**, Sept. 30.

○ **Repair Cafe**, 10-3, Oct. 3, 320 Shuswap

○ **Dress the Town Pink**, Oct. 1-15

○ **Punk rock/Emo**, Oct. 3, Nothing Fancy on Hudson

> **Ride don't Hide**, Oct. 4, Larch Hills

> **Coffeehouses - Grindrod**, Oct. 2, Carlin Oct. 3

○ **TWO ELECTIONS Municipal**, Oct. 17

Open house, Oct. 6
Recreation Centre
Provincial, Oct. 24



> The old Salmar Classic is closed now, but it will live on for rest of time and rest of the world to see. This is thanks to the production of the 18-minute film of a supernatural love story that was shot in all parts of the theatre including the roof and surrounding Alexander Street. "Halation" was screened late Friday night at the Salmar Grand. A large contingent from the packed audience were among the cast and crew. They were introduced on stage by Director Shawn McLaughlin who said the next screening will take place in Vancouver. A behind the scenes film was also shown at the event.



> Local Royal Purple Lodge members Dee Forde, Karen Scott and Corinne Kunka run a flower fundraiser at Piccadilly Mall. New members are always welcome. 250.833.6520



> The finishing touch to the new roundabout at Broadview and 11th St. is the landscaping in the centre. Motorists have quickly caught on to the flow, and if some go around it twice, it's mostly just for fun.



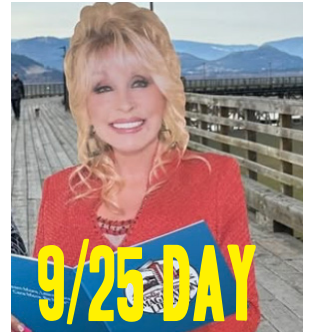
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Periods
of rain

SALMON ARM

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POLITICAL OVERLOAD

Civic election, Oct. 17
AB referendum, Oct. 19
BC election, Oct. 24
Night of disguises, Oct. 31
US election, Nov. 3



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Salmon Arm guy next BC Premier?

If the snap election is as much of a miscalculation as early polls indicate, the next premier could be a guy raised in Salmon Arm.

Lorne Doerksen, the interim leader of the BC Conservatives, and expected to be named leader, moved to Salmon Arm at age 13, and worked at The Observer in his younger adult years.

He is current Cariboo MLA.



> Lorne Doerksen of Williams Lake.

MOLEHILLS

Lorne Reimer



First Christmas Eve in Salmon Arm

I confess as a semi-retired journalist that voting Conservative was never in my DNA, however, I must say from experience that Lorne Doerksen is a good man.

My family arrived in Salmon Arm on Dec. 1, 1994, a month after starting my job at *The Observer*.

Naturally, it was an enormous adjustment for all of us. Doerksen worked in sales, I worked in news - the entire team inside one big office.

Doerksen was warm and outgoing, so it was no surprise that he enjoyed playing Santa at the staff Christmas party and also offered to visit staff homes with children on Christmas Eve.

So this Salmon Arm raised guy who came to our house and chimney on Christmas Eve, 1994, could possibly become the next BC Premier before Christmas 2026.



photo on D-Dutchmen Dairy Facebook page

Nightmare at D-Dutchmen

About 40 calves, 6 months and under, perished in a fire that spread through three structures at D-Dutchmen Dairy in Sicamous on Wednesday.

"In the words of my mom "my babies are gone. They are all gone", said daughter Bianca about the devastating fire. "Our animals are not just a number, they are loved, they all have names. My son has hugged, kissed and pet them all."

The cow barn remains and the family was able to start milking in the morning.

Sicamous, Malakwa and Solsqua Fire Departments were able to stop the fire's spread to other areas of the farm.



18°/ 12°
Cloudy
Maybe
showers
tonight

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Sept. 24
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PAST TEMPS • Sept. 13 to 19

by weather reporter Nick Parsons

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP.
Sept. 13	20	9	
Sept. 14	19	8	
Sept. 15	19	12	
Sept. 16	20	9	
Sept. 17	21	7	
Sept. 18	22	8	
Sept. 19	24	9	



Lake has fallen 8' 6"
since peaking June 4

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ELECTION FRENZY!

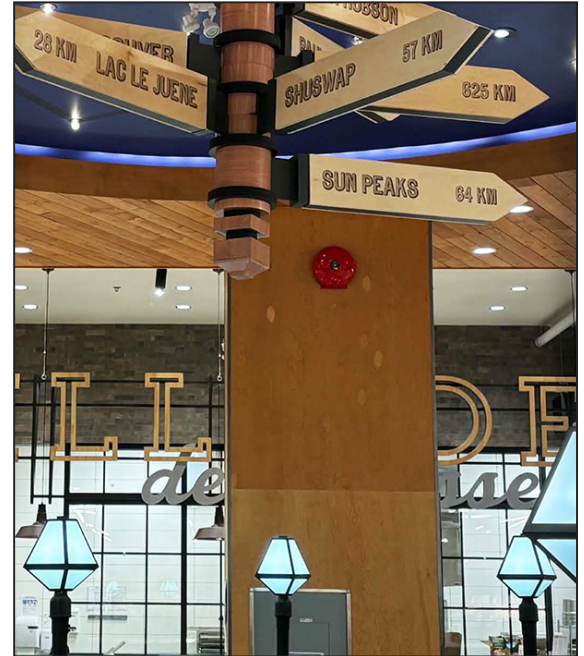
There are now two simultaneous election campaigns happening in the province. The snap BC election Oct. 24, a week after the municipal vote, is now busy playing catch up.

The BC Conservative Party that became leaderless last week after several defections and a merging new party now appears to be reassembling to create a centre-right coalition.

Greg McCune who ran as an Independent in 2024 after BC United folded and now running for Enderby council, said there's a meeting Thursday (today), but "there may not be time for anyone to challenge (MLA David Williams). "Keep your seatbelt buckled up," he quipped.



A free Indigenous theme Film Festival is taking place from 5:30 pm, Thursday night at Song Sparrow Hall. The event, hosted by Rise Up Indigenous Wellness features two films, *Rez Ball* about a native American basketball team and *The Pretendians* about faking Indigenous identity. A free shirt for every attendee. ■



> The Fresh St. Market at Aberdeen Mall in Kamloops pays much attention to food presentation. The store also tells you how far it is to drive back home to the Shuswap.

Help wanted : 2 young people with experience stacking a cord of wood. Must have experience. \$20/hr. duncanmorris@shaw.ca

> *Halation*, a short film of a supernatural story at the Salmar Classic, shot during the theatre's final days, will be screened 9:30, Friday night the Salmar Grand. A Q&A with the director will follow. On right, the iconic film reel at the rear of the old theatre is now gone as part of the renovations and repurposing of the building.



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> Director Shawn McLaughlin felt compelled to create a film about the Salmar Classic in its final days. There's some irony in that the beloved theatre honoured in this film about a supernatural story will not be able to screen the film itself. *Halation* will be screened 9:30, Friday at the Salmar Grand. Q&A to follow.

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- *Resident Evil*
- *Shaun the Sheep*

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○ **Election, Oct. 17 Open House**, 5:30, Oct. 6, Rec. Centre

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> A gala event celebrated Shuswap Theatre's 50th season Sept. 18th. On right, Julia Body, Daniel Hall and Amanda Maygard, are the directors of this year's three main-stage plays.

Shuswap Theatre and KSO both celebrate 50th seasons

Kamloops Symphony is opening its 50th anniversary season with a special concert featuring JUNO award winning composer and Inuk soprano Deantha Edmunds.

Salmon Arm is privileged to experience this concert titled "Inspired by Here" as the first of this season's three "Salmon Arm Sundays" series, 3 pm, Sept. 27 at Nexus at First.

Edmunds' debut with the KSO will be followed by *Sibelius Symphony No. 1*, a work that moves from brooding and restless to genuinely triumphant.

In 2025 Deantha Edmunds was the first indigenous person to win the JUNO Award for Classical Composition of the Year. The KSO will perform her award-winning song cycle alongside others of her works.

BC-born, and rising young conductor,



Karl Hirzer will lead the orchestra for this celebration concert. His musical path has taken him to major stages in Europe and back to conduct this concert.

This past summer he performed at one of the most storied events in classical music, at the Bayreuth Festival in Germany, the festival Wagner created, and the theatre he built, for his own operas in 1876.

□ For more information visit kamloopsymphony.com then go to Explore / Regional and Salmon Arm concerts. The next "Classical Vibe" column by Gabrielle Klein will be posted in the online All Month at FriAM.ca to come out Oct. 2. If you would like to join the "Classical Vibe" (Operas, KSO concerts) mailing list send a note with subject "Classical Vibe", to gklein@telus.net



The night before Friday's screening of *Halation* (top right) and Truth and Reconciliation Day next week will be an Indigenous Film Festival, 5:30, Thursday night at Song Sparrow Hall. The free event features two films, *Rez Ball* about a native American basketball team and *The Pretendians* about faking Indigenous identity. ■



24°/ 7°
Sunny
with a few
clouds

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POLICE PAGE

A female driver and male passenger were arrested under the Excise Act for illicit drugs observed during a police stop. A further search of vehicle found two scales, assorted illicit drugs totalling 90 grams, \$2175 cash, and a scoresheet. The man was also then arrested for possession for the purpose of trafficking, possession of proceeds of crime, and possession of unstamped tobacco.

To-do's

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Shaun the Sheep
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Election, Oct. 17
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> This VW Jetta was clocked at 138 km/h westbound on Highway 1. An eastbound cruiser turned around in pursuit and found the vehicle crashed into a traffic light pole at the 30th St. NE intersection. An 18-year-old female class 7N driver was assisted out of the vehicle in fear it may catch fire. Multiple empty alcohol containers were observed. The drive blew two "fail" readings.



Low speed bicycle chase continues on foot

A 46-year-old male escaped on his bicycle when police attempted to arrest him at Ross Plaza for outstanding warrants. After RCMP caught up with him and knocked him off his bike, the suspect ran down an alleyway for about 200 metres until he was intercepted by another officer. The suspect was charged with resisting arrest as well as related to his arrest warrant.

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A stop for not wearing a helmet while riding an electric scooter led to drug related charges against a 74-year-old man.

Police previously observed the scooter senior make numerous short stops at known problem residences. While opening his man-purse to show his ID, police noticed a large sum of cash, and on further search, a digital scale, silver spoon and nearly 40 grams of suspected cocaine. The man was issued a violation ticket for no helmet with charge recommendations forthcoming to BC Prosecution.

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A man reported being locked out of his house by his ex-girlfriend who was inside smashing items and throwing chairs out of the second floor deck. Once police arrived

around midnight August 31, the man showed a video of the 22-year-old slashing the man's tires with a kitchen knife and smashing the windshield. The woman was released the next morning, once sober, on conditions, and with a future court date for multiple charges.

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A black Chevrolet Silverado that was impounded after 49-year-old woman blew a "fail" was later matched to a truck reported stolen from Malakwa. The owner of the truck claimed the woman was unknown to him. RCMP are forwarding charges for approval against the woman for possession of property obtained by crime.

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A suspect caught on video stealing pepperoni from a store on Hudson was located near the hospital with the pepperoni in her possession. The complainant claimed the female has stolen multiple times from the store and was now wanted charges.

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A witness reported seeing a man smash the window of a liquor store, steal two cases of beer and walk away. The witness followed the suspect and pointed him out to police in a nearby field.



23°/ 8°
Mainly
sunny

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Signs
are
up,
the
race
is
on

To-do's

○ Jennie Ogilvie -
medium and comed-
ian, 7 pm, Sun, Legion

○ Terry Fox Run
10am, Sun, Blackburn.

○ Fungi Festival to
Sunday, Sicamous

○ Silverbacks win!
SA 4-1 vs Vernon
SA 4-2 vs Cranbrook
Silverbacks play Ver-
non again this Friday

○ Salmar Grand

- Practical Magic
- Coyote vs. Acme
- Resident Evil
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○ Nearly Neil, 8pm,
Sept. 25, SA Legion

○ Celebrate
Shuswap Dance with
Harpoonist Trio, Sept.
25, Song Sparrow

○ Witches Paddle, 1
pm, Sept. 26, Sicamous

○ Kamloops Sym-
phony, 3 pm, Sept. 27,
Nexus at First

○ BC River Day,
Sept. 27 Adams River

○ Election, Oct. 17
Open House, 5:30,
Oct. 6, Recreation Ct.

Please send question to
fridayam@shaw.ca
that you would like
answered by candidates
for the election edition.

*"Blackburn Park on two sunny days
People come out to support and play*

.. Live our lives..

*Coming together is how a city thrives**"

*Sing to tune of McCartney's 'Blackbird'

SHUSWAP FAMILY EXPO Saturday



> Many booths, music, speak-
ers and fun activities like a
raffle scavenger hunt, below.



TERRY FOX RUN Sunday



> Anna was recognized for par-
ticipating in every Terry Fox Run,
and her daughter Ella is well on
the way to doing the same. Hun-
dreds took part in this big event.



I saw an election sign which ap-
peared like many others in its
vicinity. However, it was differ-
ent in one way. It appeared that the
candidate was a member of a political
party. In my 54 years in Salmon Arm
that is the first of its kind that I can re-

member. I am curious if this person has
started a new Salmon Arm political party
(is it legal?), or if this person is supported
by a Provincial or Federal party having
the same name? or if this person is just
suggesting this is a personal ideology?

Al Christie, Salmon Arm



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Sunny
next four
days

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To-do's

○ **50th Season gala**, 7pm, Sat, Shuswap Theatre. Preview of the season, celebration of the years.

○ **Family Expo**, 10-4, Sat, Blackburn Park. Speakers, information booths, live music, demos, raffles, storytime & activities

○ **She Shoe Swaps** 9-3:30, Sat, Rec. Cntr. Annual charity sale

○ **Salmar Grand**

• *Practical Magic*

• *Coyote vs. Acme*

• *Resident Evil*

• *Shaun the Sheep*

• *I Swear, 4 pm, Sat. (Turette's story)*

• *20 years of the Met in the Cinemas*, 9:55 am, Sat.

○ **Silverbacks Friday home opener - 4-1**

win against Vernon 6 pm, Sat vs Cranbrook at home

○ **Where in world are we?**, Art Gallery.

○ **Terry Fox Run**,

Sun. Blackburn Park

○ **Death: the Musical**, 7pm, Sat, Ender-

by Srs. Centre. (don)

○ **Total Gadjos**, Sat, Ross St. Market

○ **Community BBQ**, 4-7 pm, Sat, Free event at Cornerstone Church by Comfort Inn

○ **Election**, Oct. 17

Heart of the Shuswap Night

"Every community needs a Ted," said the nominator for one of the two recipients of the Community Foundation's first volunteer awards. Ted Danyluk was recognized for multiple volunteer contributions to the North Shuswap, including recovery from the 2023 disastrous fire, Lions Club work and the Sockeye Salmon Society.

Melissa Neil won the youth volunteer award for her involvement at the hospital and other youth initiatives.

The hundreds attending Friday's annual gala also learned that renovations will now begin on the new offices and public park at the century old original municipal offices.



> Volunteer award recipients presented to Ted Danyluk, adult, and Melissa Neil, youth. (Sponsored by Bannister GM).

QUICK FACTS

○ Shuswap Community Foundation manages 230 endowment funds with a market value that now exceeds \$20 million. Started with \$200 in 1995

○ \$1,157,435 past year to 97 organizations. community grants, scholarships and bursaries, municipal grants

○ \$315,000 donated/pledged for the \$1.45 million Heritage offices project

○ Recent capital grant to purchase a van for Shuswap Paws animal rescue

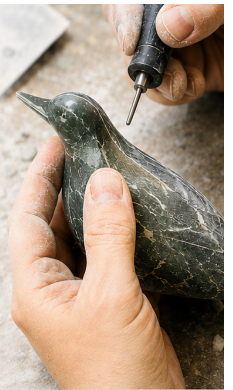
○ Other volunteer nominees: Howard DeLong, Angela & Sophia Inskip, Darryl Bennett, Deb Heap, Dean Wallace, Meagan Zaickowsky, Ellen Unger, Sue Moore, Janet McKendry

■ shuswapfoundation.ca

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■ **NDP ...47** /David Eby
■ **Conservative ..28** /Kerry-Lynne Findlay
■ **Green .. 2** / Emily Lowan
■ **Independent ..14**
□ **Vacant 2** ■ **TOTAL 93** •
■ 9 other registered parties
■ **PLUS** emerging party by disaffected
Conservative MLAs led by Peter Milobar

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Theatre. Preview Nt.

○ **Terry Fox Run,**
Sun. Blackburn Park

○ **Heart of the**
Shuswap, Fri, Prestige
Community Founda-
tion presentations

○ **Friday night bands:**
Blow at High Dough,
Legion (Tragically Hip)
Barn Boys, Setters Pub
Corin Raymond, NFS
351 Hudson NE

○ **Death: the Musi-**
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BILLIONS INVESTED IN VIA

The big news about big dol-
lars for the long neglected
VIA Rail renew hope for the
return of regular passenger service
from Calgary to Vancouver.

Salmon Arm's position halfway
between renews hope for its role
as a transportation hub.

My fancy is to see CPKC amal-
gamate its maintenance yards to
Tappen and free up the station as a
rail/ intercity bus, city transit and
cafe. Am I dreaming again? ■

Investment announcement

- \$1.6 billion for 45 new locomotives
- \$357 million now assembly and maintenance facility in Montreal
- \$4.7 billion, acquire and main-
tain 313 passenger rail cars to
provide modern amenities, accessi-
bility and reliability, providing eight
long distance, regional and remote
routes across eight provinces.



> This image of Harbourfront buildings, looking north, was taken
from the exact spot of the locomotive and Rail Station, shown above.