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Getting back to normal after fire

Martha Wickett
Salmon Arm Observer

It's been a stressful, sometimes traumatic, six weeks, but Nico's Nurseryland in Salmon Arm is getting back to normal.

On July 21, managers (and siblings) Maaïke Johnson and Marty van der Pauw reopened the business's front entrance and store front following a fire on June 8.

Although van der Pauw predicts it will likely be January before things are completely back to the way they were, "it's coming along," he said on July 22.

The fire is believed to have started at the front of the store but everything inside the store, front and back, was damaged.

"Women's clothing, jewelry, home decor... right down to the lights on the ceiling, all the cabinets. The insurance company took it all and said it would hold the smoke smell for years. We thought, really?"

Van der Pauw said he decided to take a small blanket home.

"It was in my truck for a couple of days and it just reeked," he said, realizing the insurance company was definitely right.

The restoration company came in right away, he said, taking control of the clean-up and relieving the stress.

Because the fire was at the front of the store, the managers were initially hopeful the plants in the greenhouse were going to be okay. They looked all right that first day.

However, not the next.

"The day after that – the plants, their leaves were weeping or curling or just bleached. A beautiful pink flower was bleached white."

As for conducting business, the one till still working was moved into the greenhouse and customers would walk around to the back of the building and enter there, protected from the renovations.

Johnson and van der Pauw express their gratitude for all the people who supported them after the blaze.

Among them, Buckerfield's wrote a nice post and offered to bring pizza. West Coast Seeds brought a big tray of goodies and some customers brought home-baked pies.



Siblings and Nico's Nurseryland managers Maaïke Johnson and Marty van der Pauw stand in front of the newly replaced front entrance to their business which was badly damaged by fire on June 8. (Martha Wickett - Salmon Arm Observer)

Van der Pauw also speaks very highly of the fire department.

He was alerted to the fire by the tenant who lived upstairs. They heard an explosion, felt the floor shake and heard the fire alarm, he said.

Coming downstairs to grab the cats, they saw the fire in the middle of the fertilizer section. They called the fire department immediately and van der

Pauw a minute later, he said.

Despite him living nearby, the first fire truck was there before him. He said he was amazed at the speed because the firefighters had to leave their homes, get their gear on and come to the fire.

"And they beat me – that was wild."

Van der Pauw could see the flames when he arrived and he was scared with the fire so close to

the fertilizers. He said he has no doubt the whole building could have gone up had the fire department not acted so quickly.

A suspect was arrested in connection with the fire. Steven Alexander Albert, 45, is charged with arson damaging property as well as break and enter with intent to commit an offence. The case is making its way through provincial court in Salmon Arm.

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Cooling centres open during heat wave

Martha Wickett
Salmon Arm Observer

With extreme heat scheduled throughout the week in Salmon Arm and area, places where people can take a cool break are being provided.

The SAFE Society is offering a temporary cooling centre at the Human Connection Hub on Shuswap Street by extending its regular hours.

The Hub will be open daily from noon to 5 p.m. on Monday to Friday, July 25 to 29, at 259 Shuswap St. NE in Salmon Arm, just down from the brightly coloured Innovation Centre.

Anyone is invited to drop in during those hours to browse the free store or relax in the air-conditioned space. Water and staff support will be available.

City of Salmon Arm facilities that will be open to the public include: the Shaw Centre from Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and the SASCU Recreation Centre,

Monday to Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m.

The Shuswap Emergency Program (SEP) is assisting community partners in supporting vulnerable people in the area. If you, or anyone you know, needs assistance during the heat wave, call SEP at 250-832-2424.

The highs for Salmon Arm forecast by Environment Canada are: 34 C Tuesday, July 26; 36 C Wednesday; 37 C Thursday and Friday, 35 C on Saturday and 33 C Sunday, July 31. Nighttime lows hover around 17 and 18 C.

Interior Health has provided information, much of it from the BC Centre for Disease Control, on staying cool and healthy.

Preparing for and responding to hot weather:

If you have air conditioning at home, make sure it is in good working order. If you do not:

- Find somewhere you can cool off. In addition to those

listed above, consider places to spend time indoors such as libraries, movie theatres or malls. Also, as temperatures may be hotter inside than outside, consider outdoor spaces with lots of shade and running water.

- Shut windows and close blinds during the heat of the day. Open doors and windows when it is cooler outside to move that cooler air indoors.

- Ensure you have a working fan, but don't rely on fans as your primary means of cooling. Fans can be used to draw cooler late-evening, overnight and early-morning air indoors. Keep track of temperatures in your home. Sustained indoor temperatures over 31 C can be dangerous for people who are susceptible to heat.

- If your home gets very hot, consider staying with a friend or relative who has air conditioning.

- Identify people who may be at high risk for heat-related illness. Help them prepare for



At least one temporary cooling station has been opened in Salmon Arm during the heat wave forecast through the week of July 26 to 31, and Shaw Centre and the SASCU Recreation Centre are open to the public during regular hours. (File photo)

the heat. Monitor yourself, friends, neighbours and family. Consider developing a check-in system.

Ways to protect your health:

- Drink plenty of water and other liquids, even if you're not thirsty.

- Spray your body with water, wear a damp shirt, take a cool

shower or bath, or sit with part of your body in water to cool down.

- Take it easy, especially during the hottest hours.

- Stay in the shade and use sunscreen with SPF 30 or more.

- Take immediate action to cool down if you are overheating.

ing. Signs include feeling unwell, headache and dizziness. Overheating can lead to heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

- Signs of heat exhaustion include heavy sweating, severe headache, muscle cramps, extreme thirst and dark urine. If you are experiencing these symptoms, find a cooler environment, drink plenty of water, rest and use water to cool your body.

- Signs of heat stroke include loss of consciousness, disorientation, confusion, severe nausea or vomiting and very dark urine or no urine. Heat stroke is a medical emergency and you should call 911.

The public is asked to use 911 responsibly to avoid overwhelming the system.

If you have a less urgent health issue, you can call HealthLinkBC at 811 and speak with a nurse.

Online tools are also available at healthlinkbc.ca, including a 'Check Your Symptoms' tool.

Seniors 'aging in place' apartment planned

Martha Wickett
Salmon Arm Observer

An 89-unit apartment building allowing seniors to 'age in place' is proposed for 10th Avenue in Salmon Arm near the Mall at Piccadilly.

Two parcels at 1511 and 1561 10th Ave. SW, combining at 1.3 acres, will require rezoning from C3, service commercial, to C6, tourist/recreational commercial.

The two parcels are between Westgate Mall to the west and the Piccadilly mall to the east.

Agent Gary Arsenault spoke on behalf of Green Emerald Investments Inc. and partners from Edmonton, Alta., at the city's July 18 planning meeting.

Their application outlined the "Salmon Arm Three Robins Supportive Living Apartment"



Three Robins 'aging in place' apartment for seniors planned for 10th Avenue SW in Salmon Arm. (City of Salmon Arm graphic)

arsenault said is a professor in seniors accommodation with much experience in the field.

The Three Robins philosophy for aging in place includes the creation of community and the availability of optional services.

"Residents pay for the supportive services when needed, versus bundled services (housekeeping, meals, etc.) that often are not re-

quired when moving into a new senior's apartment..." reads the introduction.

"Three Robins is not restrictive by its nature and therefore, there are no mandatory services or age restrictions. Aging in place occurs organically, as the services are available when you require them..."

"Our goal is to have residents at Three Robins properties as their needs change from active

adult, supportive living, and light assisted living (medication assistance/bathing/dressing)."

Projected monthly rental suite rates in Salmon Arm are listed as: bachelor/studio, \$1,495; one bedroom \$1,895; two bedroom \$2,295; and two bedroom and den \$2,995.

Arsenault said the project may involve Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)

support, with 10 per cent of the suites deemed affordable – 50 per cent off market rental rates.

A resident volunteer program would be offered so residents can support programs and other residents as they choose, receiving discounts for their work.

Some of the units would be set up beside each other with an adjoining door so friends could choose to have their units joined to help with affordability.

All units would have kitchens and washers and dryers, he said, though a common dining room, kitchen and recreation area would be offered.

The ground floor would include commercial space as well as amenities for residents.

Arsenault said the developers would like to get the proj-

ect going as soon as possible but he's not certain if the site will require preloading.

City councillors expressed support for the rezoning application and the concept. Suggestions were made about the

need to prepare for increasing traffic as the 10th Avenue corridor and the intersection of 10th and 10th get busier.

Arsenault said the plan includes reverting the units to market apartments after

40 years as needs in the community change.

Council agreed unanimously to forward the application to the next meeting of council. A public hearing is expected for Aug. 8.

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News

Campfire ban expected soon for Kamloops Fire Centre

Martha Wickett
Salmon Arm Observer

As the temperatures climb upwards, thoughts of campfire bans increase.

On Monday, July 25, Salmon Arm fire chief Brad Shirley said he is expecting the region could be seeing a campfire ban later this week or early next week.

He noted while the City of Salmon Arm can declare a campfire ban, it causes less confusion if the city remains consistent with B.C. wildfire bans. "We haven't heard officially yet, but probably before the long weekend," he said.

Shirley also warns people to be vigilant with fires of any types and when disposing of cigarettes. "Certainly any careless fire right now can turn

catastrophic," he stressed.

He said last year firefighters dealt with cases of people throwing cigarette butts out of moving vehicles.

"They could cause a devastating fire," he said.

Until a campfire ban is declared, residents can have small fires within city limits, but only with a permit and by following required safety measures.



A bush fire beside Highway 1 between Canoe and Salmon Arm, believed to be caused by a discarded cigarette butt, was extinguished by three passersby on July 24, 2021, before it ignited nearby trees. (Contributed)

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RCMP locate, arrest man wanted on several charges

Lachlan Labere
Salmon Arm Observer

A Shuswap man wanted by police on several charges has been arrested.

Salmon Arm RCMP announced Wednesday afternoon, July 20, that Jason Ross Cameron of Blind Bay had been arrested. Staff Sgt. Scott West said police took the 44-year-old into

custody in the 3000 block of Sunnybrae-Canoe Point Road.

"The Salmon Arm RCMP would like to thank the general public who were on the lookout for Jason Cameron and provided tips over the past 12 days, which allowed us to eventually locate and arrest Cameron without incident or injury," said West.

On July 7, Salmon Arm RCMP issued a media release stating police were attempting to locate Cameron, who was wanted on the following charges: possession of property, both over \$5,000 and under \$5,000, obtained by crime; break and enter; dangerous operation of a motor vehicle; and mischief.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of Salmon Arm will hold a Public Hearing virtually and in the **Council Chambers at City Hall, 500 - 2 Avenue NE, Salmon Arm, British Columbia, on Monday, August 8 at 7:00 p.m.**

1) Proposed Amendment to Zoning Bylaw No 2303:

Rezoning Lot 3, Section 15, Township 20, Range 10, W6M, KDYD, Plan 4309 and Lot 1, Section 15, Township 20, Range 10, W6M, KDYD, Plan 10420 from C-3 (Service Commercial Zone) to C-6 (Tourist/Recreation Commercial Zone)

Civic Address: 1511 & 1561 - 10 Avenue SW
Location: Southeast of Trans Canada HWY on the North side of 10 Avenue SW
Present Use: Vacant Land
Proposed Use: Potential future commercial use - Supportive Living Apartment
Owner: Green Emerald Investments Inc.
Reference: ZON-1240/Bylaw No. 4527



The staff report for the proposal is available for viewing on the City of Salmon Arm website at <https://www.salmonarm.ca/431/Public-Hearing-Notices> from July 27 to August 8, 2022 inclusive. Those who deem their interest affected by the proposed bylaws are urged to review the online file, contact the undersigned or phone the Development Services Department at 250.803.4000 to obtain the facts of the proposal prior to the hearing.

Meetings are being held in person and virtually. In person attendance will be on a first come first serve basis. If you wish to attend electronically email cityhall@salmonarm.ca.

City Council encourages the continued use of the city's website to stay informed on current Development applications and Council Agendas.

Sue Wood, Director of Corporate Services

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Treble clef receives piano accompaniment

Lachlan Labere
Salmon Arm Observer

A Salmon Arm business has been receiving applause for its harmonious addition to downtown's iconic giant treble clef.

On Friday, July 22, Spectrum Signworks installed portions of a new awning it designed and constructed for Shuswap Park Mall, home to several businesses including Askew's Foods along with the treble clef.

Positioned behind the giant orange sculpture are sections of the new awning that, when assembled, look like an equally immense glossy piano keyboard. So far, positive feedback on the addition has been music to Jamie Walters' ears.

"The response was overwhelmingly in favour," said Walters, general manager and co-owner of Spectrum.

Walters explained Spectrum was hired

over a year ago by Shuswap Park Mall owner Bill Laird to come up with an idea to replace the awnings around the mall.

It was proposed aluminum be used to replace the fabric awnings, which suffered from wear and tear.

"We proposed an idea to him of multiple different colours, and then we threw out the idea of 'Hey, why don't we make some piano keys behind the treble clef...,'" said Walters.

Walters said Laird sought feedback on the proposal and then the project was put on hold for a while.

"Then he decided, 'You know what, let's just go for it,'" said Walters, adding Laird was adamant the piano keys be to scale.

"So there's the exact amount of white keys and black keys as a normal piano would have."

As of Monday,

July 25, the awnings were still a work in progress. Green aluminum awnings were to go up around the Askew's end of the mall, and burgundy awnings to the right of the piano keys.

Walters said the gaps between the sections will be filled as well, creating a seamless awning across the front of the building.

"The hardest part about the job was doing the piano key ones – that's why those ones are up first," said Walters.

He added the aluminum had to be custom ordered which took 10 months to arrive.

"We've done a lot of signs and letters and, you know, pole signs and stuff like that, but nothing with this amount of scale," said Walters.

"It's 23 awnings totalling about 1,500 feet that we have to cover."

After the treble clef's unveiling in 2019, Laird told the

Observer the idea for it came from designer Warren Welter, and that it's intended to be a "happy symbol at the end of a street that we

close periodically for events..."

"The goal is to have visitors come to Salmon Arm and enjoy our downtown and our communi-

ty."

"Mr. Laird stopped by Friday afternoon just after we had them up, and asked me how it was going," said Walters.

"I said, 'You know what Bill, there's been so many people stopping, taking pictures.' He said, 'What's the word?' I said the word is ev-

eryone is impressed, they love it, they think it's a fantastic idea. His comment was, 'Well, I'm glad. I'm glad I went in the right direction.'"



Salmon Arm's Spectrum Signworks began installing a new metal awning at Shuswap Park Mall on Lakeshore Drive last Friday, July 22. A portion of the awning behind the giant treble clef sculpture was designed to look like a piano keyboard. (Spectrum Signworks photo)



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Tax cuts won't fix rising gas prices

The cost of driving is no picnic.

This year, fuel prices have escalated across Canada and most if not all motorists in the country are paying more than \$2 a litre. The rapid rise in gas prices is noticeable and motorists are feeling the effects every time they fill up.

Rising fuel prices are also affecting the cost of transporting goods. These costs are then passed on to the consumers. Some have suggested reducing or eliminating taxes on fuel as a way to provide some relief from the escalating fuel costs.

At first glance, this seems like a good solution. Fuel in Canada is taxed heavily and reducing the tax burden would result in a much-needed price break for drivers.

Motorists in British Columbia pay between 35.55 and 48.05 cents a litre in gasoline taxes, not including the GST. These taxes include a federal tax of 10 cents a litre, a provincial tax of 14.5 to 27 cents a litre depending on one's location and 11.05 cents a litre as a carbon tax. (The rates are not the same for diesel-powered vehicles.) In addition, the five per cent Goods and Services Tax is applied to fuel purchases.

Any fuel tax reduction would have an effect on motorists at the pumps. However, before advocating this form of tax relief, consider its potential effects.

Cutting taxes on fuel would mean governments at the federal and provincial levels would need to increase tax rates in other areas to make up the shortfall. Alternately, some services now provided by governments could be cut or eliminated.

Neither of these options would be welcomed.

In addition, it should be remembered that the dramatic rise in fuel costs this year has not been caused by significant tax increases or new taxes. Rather, international events, especially the conflict in Ukraine, have affected fuel prices around the world. As this conflict continues, it is possible that crude oil prices and gas prices for motorists will continue to increase.

Gas tax relief provides a break for motorists, but it does nothing to address the root causes of the increasing fuel prices.

HISTORY IN PICTURES



The late Earl Tomyn donated this negative in 1985. Who are the people? What's the horse's name? The only thing we know is that the image is dated circa 1920. Contact the archives at R.J. Haney Heritage Village & Museum if you can help, 250-832-5289 or archives@salmonarmmuseum.org.

Diving into water challenges, not drowning in denial

I've heard on more than one occasion someone "dad joke" about denial not just being a river in Egypt.

Online you'll find this quote attributed, without further detail, to Mark Twain. However, the earliest evidence of its use, according to Quote Investigator, was in a 1933 U.S. newspaper – 23 years after Twain died. It's interesting, though not surprising, how the unverified attribution presented as fact is clearly more prevalent on the Internet.

However, I find the Nile itself more concerning. Considered the longest river in the world, for thousands of years humans have relied on it as a source of drinking water and irrigation, and for transportation.

However, with soaring human population and climate change, tensions are increasing around current water demand and future water scarcity.

An article in Nature.com notes, "Sea level rise and saltwater intrusion

are already a threat to freshwater resources in the Nile Delta and will further affect the potability of water for agricultural and municipal purposes," and "increased temperatures will affect both agricultural productivity and crop suitability, and also increase rates of evaporation from surface water and the field."

The authors stress "optimizing ecological suitability and irrigation systems is crucial to adapting to future change."

Concerns around water bodies at risk are on the rise, including in North America. In the Colorado River basin, lakes Mead and Powell, both used as reservoirs, are in decline. The basin has suffered a 22-year drought which,

according to reports, is the worst stretch in 1,200 years.

In addition to a proliferation of microplastics now being found in the Great Lakes, runoff pollution and increasing temperatures have spurred conditions favourable to toxic Cyanobacteria algal blooms in Lake Erie – a source of water for about 11 million people. At its peak, last year's bloom covered more than 1,300 square kilometres. Phosphorus is considered the primary nutrient behind the increase in algal blooms which – according

to a Canada-Ontario Lake Erie action plan – have resulted in "significant economic, social and ecological impacts." Among the sources identified: drainage from agricultural

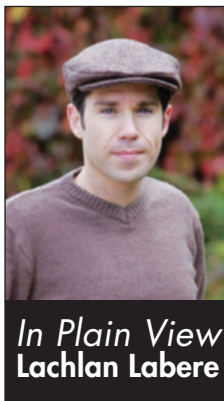
lands, malfunctioning septic systems, stormwater runoff from residential properties, golf courses, and commercial and industrial properties. The plan sets out goals to reduce phosphorus loading.

We have similar concerns and goals for Shuswap Lake, where a large algal bloom occurred in 2020.

The Shuswap Watershed Council is devising its own Phosphorus Action Plan, and has provided grants to assist local farms and land owners with projects to help prevent nutrients from washing into nearby creeks and rivers and into our lakes. Why?

Because the problem is real and will only be exacerbated by the longer periods of extreme heat that appear to be becoming the norm.

It may be more fun to share dad jokes, but water is something we can't take for granted. We cannot expect to protect it with a mix of denial and delusional optimism.



In Plain View
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Letter: Leaders urged to take action on climate crisis

More than 100 persons in Salmon Arm recently signed an Open Letter to Prime Minister Trudeau and another to B.C. Premier John Horgan calling for urgent ambitious action on the climate crisis.

The letters appointed to the inconsistency of the federal and B.C. governments, who acknowledge the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while at the same time they continue to subsidize and promote expansion of the fossil fuel industry.

The April 4 Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) makes it clear: The only way forward is an immediate phase-out of fossil fuel consumption and production; there can be absolutely no new fossil fuel infrastructure or projects.

The letters noted that the window of opportunity to avert catastrophic climate change is rapidly closing, and called on the federal and B.C. governments to end subsidies to the fossil fuel industry, ban new fossil fuel development and begin phasing out fossil fuels.

People welcomed the opportunity to demand urgent ambitious action by the federal and B.C. governments. They are right to be concerned.

The United Nations Secretary-General recently told ministers from 40 countries meeting to discuss the climate crisis that humanity is facing collective suicide. "We have a choice," he said: "Collective action or collective suicide. It is in our hands."

The letters were circulated for signatures by the Shuswap Climate Action Society and KAIROS Salmon Arm, and they have been sent to Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Horgan, respectively, with a request for a reply.

Anne Morris

Residents step up for 'newcomers' from Ukraine

Barb Brouwer
Contributor

Shuswap residents are again opening their hearts and doors to people fleeing war.

Thanks to the efforts of more than 60 volunteers from Sicamous to Chase, three Ukrainian families will be welcomed over the next two months – two families in August and the third, about a month later.

Additional host families, funding, volunteers and household and clothing items are required.

The group, Shuswap Support to Ukrainians, is headed up by Jean-Luc Desgroseilliers, chief instructor at Shorei-Kai Canada Karate Shuswap Dojo. No stranger to logistics, Degroseilliers served with the Canadian Armed Forces for 32 years.

Transferred from Ottawa to Bagnetville, Que., as chief of logistics in 1996 on the eve of the disastrous flooding in Saguenay-Lac St. Jean, Desgroseilliers was immediately put in charge of relief efforts.

"I quickly learned how to adapt," he said. "This is similar, but now I have more time to adapt."

Volunteers are assigned, according to their interests, skill sets and available time to one of 12 teams designed to make the transition to life in Canada as easy as possible for the newcomers: education, employment, financial, fundraising, general support, health, housing, in-kind donations, orientation, social and recreation, transportation and welcoming.

One of the key areas is to provide help to the newcomers in filling the appropriate forms so they can secure federal and provincial funding and register with the BC Medical Services Plan.

The families are coming to Canada under the auspices of the Cana-



Volunteers with Shuswap Support to Ukrainians are raising funds and making arrangements to support residents of Ukraine, (clockwise from left) the Sviridovich, Balabak and Zasielkina families, when they come to the region through the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) program. (Contributed)

da-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) program, announced by the Department of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship in March.

"They are leaving the countries as refugees but they are not arriving here as refugees," Desgroseilliers said, pointing out CUAET has a different set of rules, which allows Ukrainians and their immediate family members of any nationality to stay in Canada as temporary residents for up to three years. "It's a streamlined program; they've cut a lot of red tape and using the word newcomer is more welcoming."

The group has set up a Shuswap Support to Ukrainians GoFundMe page, which is accessible at www.shoreikankarateshuswap.ca/ukraine.

Would-be volunteers to one or more of the support areas can complete an online form on the website, where Desgroseilliers provides weekly updates.

A fundraising Ukrainian Dinner will be held at the Salmon Arm Legion on Saturday, Aug. 27, and will include a silent auction. Tickets will be available in the near future and will be posted on the website.

"We have up to now seven children coming and some of them will need car seats and booster seats," he said.

"It's all stuff we take for granted, but these people need to start from scratch."

Desgroseilliers joined the Air Force at the age of 17 and served in

many countries. He was first posted to Europe in 1989, just before the Berlin Wall came down. He visited many Eastern Bloc countries and saw conditions improve over the years.

In February, the Blind Bay resident fell asleep while watching a war movie and woke to see news coverage of the War in Ukraine.

"It was heartbreaking," he said. "It was almost 20 years of progress gone in a moment and I needed to channel my anger into something positive."

For more information, email Desgroseilliers at jldegroseilliers@gmail.com or call 250-833-2911 or go to www.shoreikankarateshuswap.ca/ukraine.

HEALTH CARE SOLUTIONS NEEDED NOW

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MLA FOR SHUSWAP

By Greg Kylo

Our healthcare system has been driven to the point of crisis and must be urgently addressed, both for the sake of patients and for the incredible professionals who continue to provide the best care possible to our communities.

Last week, my wife and I visited our five-month-old grandson Noah at BC Children's Hospital in Vancouver after his transfer from Shuswap Lake General Hospital (SLGH). Baby Noah is recovering well thanks to the amazing response from

the nursing staff and emergency doctor at SLGH, as well as the prompt care and compassion of BC Children's Hospital staff. We're so thankful he was able to receive treatment in a timely manner.

Unfortunately, too many British Columbians are facing long waits for immediate, quality care as they face an overwhelmed and understaffed healthcare system.

I recently heard from an acquaintance in Merritt, whose 10-month-old granddaughter suffered a severe illness that required immediate medical attention. After multiple calls to clinics in town, she found no doctors available to help. She resorted to taking her granddaughter to the emergency room

at Nicola Valley Hospital only to find it had temporarily closed due to staff shortages — an unfortunate 'new normal' for hospitals in rural B.C.

With no alternatives, she drove nearly an hour to Royal Inland Hospital in Kamloops, with an infant who was violently throwing up and choking in the backseat. Imagine how helpless and scared this grandmother felt as she desperately sought to find someone — anyone — to provide care to her granddaughter. It's unconscionable.

Following that harrowing journey, she reports the staff at Royal Inland Hospital provided excellent care for her granddaughter who is thankfully doing well.

This new reality in B.C. healthcare is not okay. Government cannot continue to accept this as normal — our communities deserve better.

While the NDP takes no tangible action and instead blames the federal government, our BC Liberal Caucus is calling on government to implement a 30-day action plan to solve the primary care crisis.

One in five British Columbians without a family doctor is bad enough. The inability to access urgent help during an emergency is incredibly dangerous and unacceptable. We need action from government, and we need it now.

News

Search for new shelter underway

Martha Wickett
Salmon Arm Observer

When the Salvation Army's Lighthouse Shelter in Salmon Arm closed its beds for good on May 31, little information was available regarding what would be offered to people without homes come November.

While the complete answer to that question remains unknown, some information has been provided by BC Housing.

In an email to the Observer, BC Housing said the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) has been selected as a new shelter operator.

"We are still searching for a new appropriate shelter location, as the old shelter is being used for other purposes. We never want to see people sleeping on the streets, which is why we are working closely with the City of Salmon Arm and stakeholders to find a permanent location for a new shelter that will operate year round to avoid further relocations."

The email said the community will be updated once a new location is secured.

Dawn Dunlop, executive director of CMHA Shuswap Revelstoke, said her organization knows the importance of collaboration to meet housing needs and has been having conversations with Salvation Army leaders in Salmon Arm for several years.



The Canadian Mental Health Association, Shuswap Revelstoke, will be the new operator of a shelter in Salmon Arm once a location is found and all the preparation required is complete. Some people can currently be seen living in tents around town, such as this tent set up July 21 near Centenoka Park Mall. (Martha Wickett photo)

She said it's known the community needs year-round accommodation with support services such as a warming station in winter and a cooling station in summer.

"We are interested in providing this," she said, but space and land are needed.

The intention is to be up and operational as soon as possible, but there is much to be done such as finding land, contract negotiations, staffing, budgets and more.

Dunlop said it's great to have engaged partners like BC Housing and the City of Salmon Arm,

and CMHA will also be collaborating with other partners and with people who have experienced homelessness to finalize services needed. She said the new shelter will be based in Salmon Arm but will serve the Shuswap.

Speaking with the Observer in May, Lieut. Joel Torrens said the Salvation Army building will continue to provide food and programming.

Torrens said once 24-hour accommodation was provided at the McGuire Lake building during Covid, the intention was to not open the overnight Lighthouse dormitories again. However, when the

McGuire Lake building was no longer available, the beds were temporarily reopened.

BC Housing commented on Cedar Place in Salmon Arm and its commitment to Salmon Arm.

"We know that shelters are not a long-term housing solution, which is why we worked with our partners to open 38 supportive homes for people experiencing, or at-risk of, homelessness in Salmon Arm in November 2021. We will continue to work with the City and non-profit partners to build new supportive and affordable housing options for people in the community."



KIDS DON'T FLOAT—but lifejackets do!

No Life Jacket? You can borrow one for a child free-of-charge from a Kids Don't Float PFD loaner station, provided by the Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue, Station 106 Shuswap.

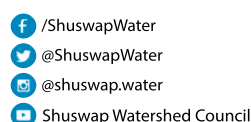
19 PFD loaner stations located around the Shuswap!

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- 2 Old Town Bay Boat Launch.....Sicamous
- 3 Canoe Beach Park.....Canoe
- 4 Downtown Salmon Arm Boat Launch.....Salmon Arm
- 5 Sunnybrae Community Park.....Sunnybrae
- 6 Herald Provincial Park.....Sunnybrae
- 7 Harbour Road Boat Launch.....Blind Bay
- 8 Sandy Beach Community Park.....Blind Bay
- 9 Markwart Road Boat Launch.....Sorrento
- 10 Shuswap Lake Provincial Park.....Scotch Creek
- 11 Magna Bay Wharf Road Park.....Magna Bay
- 12 Memorial Park Boat Launch.....Chase
- 13 Oxford Road Lake Access.....Swansea Point
- 14 Beswick Road Community Park.....Seymour Arm
- 15 Bristow Road Boat Launch.....Celista
- 16 Belvidere Park.....Enderby
- 17 Tuey Park.....Enderby
- 18 Shannon Beach.....Eagle Bay
- 19 White Lake Community Park.....White Lake



8 TIPS for Having Fun and Staying Safe in the Shuswap

- 1 Whether boating, floating, paddling, or SUPing always wear a lifejacket.
- 2 Have a sober skipper! Never boat under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- 3 Be prepared. Check your pre-departure checklist.
- 4 Be extra safe in cold water—it can disable you from resurfacing.
- 5 Always use a spotter for tow sports.
- 6 Watch for floating and partially submerged debris.
- 7 Watch—don't just listen—for trouble in the water. Don't be distracted while supervising children.
- 8 Always swim with a friend—it's safer than swimming alone.



Have a safe and fun summer in the Shuswap!

Around Town

Salmon Arm Observer Calendar of Events: submit events to newsroom@saobserver.net.

ONGOING

Downtown Salmon Arm Farmer's Market – summer market Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Ross Street Plaza.

All Organic Farmer's Market – Wednesdays, 2 to 5 p.m., Askew's Uptown.

Carving group – meets Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m., at the 5th Avenue Seniors' Activity Centre.

Bingo – Canoe Seniors Center, 7330 49th St. NE, Mondays doors open at 9 a.m., bingo starts at noon.

Chess Club – meets Wednesdays, 6 to 9 p.m., at Okanagan College student lounge. All ages welcome, instruction and learning resources available for those new to chess. For information, contact Craig at 250-803-8495 or chmcbacon@gmail.com, or Neil at 250-803-2161 or njcaves@gmail.com.

Shuswap Community Teaching Garden – 5921 30th St. NE, harvest food for Second Harvest, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., and work bees from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays. For info, email Melanie at projects@shuswapfood.ca.

Probus Club of Salmon Arm – Retirees social/friendship club, meets 10:30 a.m. 1st Tuesday of the month at 5th Avenue Seniors' Activity Centre. For info, contact Gerry Little at gerrylittle561@hotmail.com.

Salmon Arm library: Genealogy Meet-up – drop-in every second and fourth Monday, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Odd Socks Knitting – every Friday, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Family Story Time – 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursdays and 3:30 p.m. Saturdays.

Firewild - exhibition at Salmon Arm Arts Gallery until Aug. 20, artists spark a conversation about B.C.'s historic relationship with wildfires. Topics include specific devastating fires, the science of wildfires, climate change, impacts on communities, ecosystems and industries, as well as re-growth and renewal.

Zest Night Market – Fridays, 5 to 8 p.m. at Zest Commercial Food Hub, 1140 4th Ave. SW. Local vendors, food trucks, music and more.

Serendipity Market – 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, June 15 to Aug. 13 at the Shuswap Family Resource Centre, 681 Marine Park Drive.

Eagle Valley Brush and Palette Club – meet at the Red Barn Art Centre, 1226 Riverside Ave., Sicamous. Every Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Those interested in visiting or joining in for a creation of art are always welcome, children welcome with an adult. Come and explore your hidden talent. Drop-in fee \$5.

Salmon Valley Seniors Hall – Quilting at 9:30 a.m. on Mondays; Coffee Hour, 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays; Crib, 1 p.m. and Knitting, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursdays; Quilting, 9 a.m. and Canasta, 6:30 p.m. Fridays; 3056 Hornsberger Rd. Silver Creek.

Art and gifts – July 7 to Aug. 21 in Reedman Gallery at Blind Bay Memorial Hall, 2510 Blind Bay Road. Unique work by local artists and artisans. Paintings, pottery, handmade purses, sculpture, fibre art, jewelry. Open 2 to 7 p.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday to Sunday.

Villains and Vittles Dinner Theatre – That's Not Shakespeare at R.J. Haney Heritage Village, runs until Aug. 29, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Matinee show on Thursday, Aug. 25. Call for tickets and reservations, 250-832-5243.

Summer concert series

Wednesday on the Wharf – by donation, family friendly concert series, 6:45 p.m. at Marine Peace Park, Salmon Arm. July 27, The Melawmen Collective; Aug. 3, King of Foxes; Aug. 10, Bobby Garcia and the Cooper Country Band; Aug. 17, The Best Laid Plans; Aug. 24, The Spiritual Warriors; Aug. 31, Mozi Bones and Halibut.

Concerts on Ross Street stage, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., hosted by Downtown Salmon Arm: July 30, MRC and the Supersonics; Aug.

6, Tennyson King; Aug. 13, Mathew Carter; Aug. 15-20, Daily performances at 11:45 am; Aug. 27, Jaz and Matt; Sept. 3, JMP and The Rolling Deep; Sept. 10, Steve Smith.

Music in the Bay – and Market by the Bay, Thursdays, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Centennial Field in Blind Bay: July 28, Martin Patenaude; Aug. 4, Dirt Road Opera; Aug. 11, Jennie Thai; Aug. 18, Holly Hyatt Band; Aug. 25 Kenny Blues Boss Wayne; Sept. 1, The News.

Music in the Park – Mondays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Sicamous Beach Park: Aug. 1, Georgie Lyons; Aug. 8, Maritime Kitchen Party; Aug. 15, May Davis; Aug. 22, Sister Speak.

Music on the Lake – Tuesdays, 7 p.m. at Chase Memorial Park: Aug. 2, Kind of Foxes; Aug. 9, The Liz Blair Project; Aug. 16, Tanner Dawson and Shattered Blue; Aug. 23, The Spiritual Warriors; Aug. 30, The Daytime Highs.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

Wednesday on the Wharf, by donation, family-friendly outdoor

Soiree evening at Haney – Ticket holders will be treated to a very special feast prepared by our guest chef, Spencer Moores, paired with local wines and ales. The Soiree supports the extraordinary projects, restorations, and operations of the Heritage Village. This event has sold out every year for the past 10 years. To reserve your tickets, please call the Village at 250-832-5243.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

Cenotaph turns 100 – anniversary ceremony to be held at Salmon Arm cenotaph, 10 a.m. to noon.

The Big Gay BBQ Party – 3 to 9 p.m. at Sorrento Centre, hosted by Essie's Place, tickets available on eventbrite.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

Wednesday on the Wharf, by donation, family-friendly outdoor concert starting at 6:45 p.m. at Marine Peace Park. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and enjoy Edmonton Indie Band King of Foxes.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

Salmon Arm Community Outdoor Movie Night - the movie Babe, presented by Armstrong Regional Co-op as part of its 100th anniversary celebrations, at Marine Peace Park – 750 Marine Park Drive. Bring blankets and chairs. Food trucks will be on site.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

Family BBQ – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Marine Peace Park food by donation, games, prizes, for more info, visit www.shuswappride.ca.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

Concert – Willy Nile Band and special guests, 7:30 p.m. at Song Sparrow Hall. For info and tickets, visit songsparrowhall.ca.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

ROOTS&BLUES - Aug. 18 to 21, 30th anniversary of the festival, at Salmon Arm Fairgrounds, a destination for fans of music ranging from blues to bluegrass, Celtic to Cuban, and Americana to Afro-beat. The festival is presented by the Salmon Arm Folk Music Society – a non-profit charitable organization. Go to www.rootsandblues.ca.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

Art on the Green – returns to Cedar Heights Golf Course in Blind Bay, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Food and beverages available. Artists wishing to take part in the show can email artongreendon@outlook.com.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Tennis tourney – SASCU Open Tennis Tournament at the Salmon Arm Tennis Club, Sept. 2-5, registration by email to Wpwinston2@gmail.com, info at clubspark.ca. Entry deadline noon, Aug. 28.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Salmon Arm Fair – Sept. 9 to 11 at the Salmon Arm Fairgrounds. Annual event returns with 4-H competition, home and garden judging and displays, horse shows, live music, midway rides, entertainers, marketplace, food vendors and more.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Concert – Joel Plaskett Emergency with Mo Kenney. A JUNO Award-winner, Plaskett brings his inspiring story and iconic folk-rock tunes to Salmon Arm's Song Sparrow Hall. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at songsparrowhall.ca.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Comedy – Comedian John Wing, a regular on The Debaters on CBC radio and comedy festival veteran, performs at the Salmar Classic. Tickets available at www.trainwreckcomedy.com.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Concert – The Legendary Lake Monsters dance party, 7 p.m. at Song Sparrow Hall. Presented by Celebrate Shuswap Society. For tickets and info (to come) visit songsparrowhall.ca.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

Concert – Whitehorse performs at Song Sparrow Hall, presented by Salmon Arm Folk Music Society. Tickets to this licensed, all-ages show are \$35+tax, and go on sale at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 28. For more information, visit rootsandblues.ca or phone 250-833-4096 from Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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concert starting at 6:45 p.m. at Marine Peace Park. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and enjoy Indigenous Roots Beatbox Fusion The Melawmen Collective.

FRIDAY, JULY 29

Concert – Divas, Bonnie Kilroe's celebrity imposters show featuring 20 iconic singers, actresses and entertainers including Cher, Dolly Parton, Madonna, Reba McEntire, Tina Turner, Lady Gaga and Shakira among others, at the Sicamous legion, 8 to 11 p.m. Tickets at brownpapertickets.com.

SATURDAY, JULY 30

Family Fun Day – Sicamous, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Beach Park. Sandcastle building competition, cardboard boat races, kids talent show, Geocache tour display and contest, Mitch Zorn and Dawson Gray, community BBQ by donation. Stop by the Visitor Centre for more information on building a cardboard boat, sign up for the talent show, or save your spot for the sandcastle contest. Fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

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Arts & Events

ROOTSandBLUES: Downtown concerts announced

**Barb Brouwer
Contributor**

It's almost here! Hot music will add sizzle to summer in the Shuswap as the 30th Anniversary ROOTSandBLUES Festival gets underway in just three weeks.

Headliners include Tom Cochrane, Jann Arden, Antibalas, Ruthie Foster, Snotty Nose Rez Kids and Five Alarm Funk.

From deep Delta blues to the Red Hot Louisiana Band's Bayou beats, Oral Fuentes Reggae Band's unique blend of reggae with Afro/Latin fusion, to the up-tempo sounds of the Shuswap's own Salmon Armenians, the eclectic music will induce toe tapping and dancing at the first live ROOTSandBLUES in two years.

"Final details are coming together," said artistic director Kevin Tobin. "There's a pent-up energy in the office to be doing what we're doing as we welcome people back."

Tobin, who was the artistic director of the internationally recognized Saskatchewan Jazz Festival from 2005 to 2021, is looking forward to going live on the Salmon Arm Fairgrounds on Aug. 19.

He is also excited and enthusiastic to be introducing the new Tuned Up Series in the week leading up to the festival.

Free entertainment will be provided at the Ross Street Plaza at 11:45 a.m. every week-day except Wednesday.

• Aug. 15: Buffalo, NY born Willie Nile has been called "one

of the most gifted singer-songwriters to emerge from the New York scene in years" and Uncut Magazine called him "A one-man Clash." Nile has toured the U.S. with The Who and has sung with Bruce Springsteen and The E Street Band. As the induction program from the Buffalo Music Hall of Fame says: "His live performances are legendary."

• Aug. 16: The Salmon Armenians have been rocking the house since their 1996 Roots and Blues Festival Debut. Voted Okanagan Music Awards Best Blues band for 2007, the band has racked up an impressive musical resume that includes 24 sellout shows with the Vernon Jazz Society and six appearances at the



ROOTSandBLUES artistic director Kevin Tobin has lined up a week of free live music for downtown Salmon Arm leading up to this year's festival. (Lachlan Labere - Salmon Arm Observer)

Salmon Arm Roots and Blues Festival.

• Aug. 18: Based in the B.C. Interior, Mozi Bones is an emerging trio pushing the boundaries of modern music, blending genres that range from Afrobeat to jazz, and psychedelic rock to Latin.

• Aug. 19: Oral Fuentes Reggae Band brings a mixture of reggae with Afro/Latin Fusion. Band members hail from Belize, St. Lucia, Ghana,

Nigeria, Philippines, Fiji, Seattle U.S. and Canada.

• Aug. 20: The time shifts to 10:30 a.m. with Meg n' Mike. Shortly after graduating from Selkirk College in 2020, Shuswap vocalist and writer Megan Abel connected with Michael Vaughan, a Yukon and B.C.-based artist and guitarist. Meg n' Mike create unique acoustic-indie music that is rhythmically intricate, with thought-provok-

ing themes and mesmerizing melodies.

Another popular and free tradition will play out on Aug. 17 when Wednesday on the Wharf welcomes Roots and Blues artists onto the Marine Peace Park stage.

At 6:45 p.m., singer-songwriter Nick La Riviere and his band, Best Laid Plans, will energize the park with their piano-centric pop and funk grooves, flavoured with New Orleans style horns and

an energy injection of wild trombone solos. The band's original music is influenced by artists like Trombone Shorty, Galactic, The Preservation Hall Band, and Allen Toussaint.

And there's more! Alexander Street to Lakeshore will be closed to traffic and Best Laid Plans will be back downtown at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18, to launch a free Kick-off Concert for Shred Kelly.

A five-piece, alternative folk rock band, Shred Kelly's striking and energy-packed sound is a progressive pairing of acoustic instrumentation with electric counterparts, harmonies and driving rhythms.

Tobin calls the kick-off concert another great way to celebrate the festival's 30th anniversary and introduce the community to a taste of ROOTSandBLUES. Restaurant patios will be open and the family-friendly event will include face-painting for the

younger set.

"We're aiming at helping to make the downtown area a vibrant place to work and play," he said, noting the Tuned Up Series could provide a foundation for future programming, including the return of the crawl, and gives organizers an opportunity to expand community engagement. "We're not profit driven, we want to be a good business partner as well as being part of the arts and culture community here in Salmon Arm."

Tobin said the intention is to make sure local businesses benefit from the festival.

He said organizers are grateful to the support provided by all levels of government and, as stewards of the festival, want to make sure programming is reflective of diversity and meets the needs of the community.

For more information, or to buy tickets which increase in price on Aug. 1, visit www.rootsandblues.ca.

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Eclectic, international menu coming to festival

**Barb Brouwer
Contributor**

Soaring temperatures, cool vibes and food that plays second fiddle to nothing.

From perk-powered morning coffee to comforting late-night snacks, foodies will find their preferred flavours at the 2022 ROOTSandBLUES Festival.

Located near the west gate, more than a dozen food vendors will serve from an eclectic, international menu.

Salmon Arm Folk Music Society office manager Cindy Diotte says 70

per cent of the 22 food vendors have been to the festival before, with the rest making their ROOTSandBLUES debut this year.

"Most of them were happy to be called back," she said, noting some vendors that have attended the festival in the past lost their businesses during COVID.

On an international note, It's All Greek to Me and Opah Greek Foods will be returning and Simply Siam will serve Asian specialties such as pad Thai, curry, Thai noodle salad

and more.

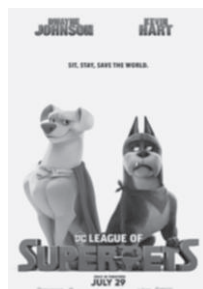
The Samosa Lady features traditional samosas, butter chicken, pakoras, Indian tea and more.

Look for traditional Secwepemc fare such as bannock, flatbread and tacos at the Kekuli Café, or try smash burgers, chicken burgers and poutine at The Yukon Smash.

Comfort food in the form of grilled cheese fare will be available, including Killa-B's Grilla Cheese, Ogo-pogo Mac & Cheese and The Local Pressed Bite,

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A wide variety of dining options will be available at the 2022 Salmon Arm ROOTS and BLUES Festival, Aug. 18-21. (File photo)

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which will also offer homemade chilli and soups. Located in the beer garden, Smoking Hot Donairs will have several different donairs that will pair well with beer.

Barn Stage fans will have easy access to food from It's All Greek to Me and Smoothies. The Barn Stage Pub will be host to Lakeside Concessions, with their mini doughnuts and Big GZ with hamburgers, smokies, burgers, vegan hamburgers, deep-fried pickles and onion rings. Children are welcome to dine at both Barn Stage food vendors.

Fans of barbecue will be able to satisfy their taste buds at Salt Lick BBQ and Tasty Tacos and Taters will serve a wide variety of tacos, tortillas, seasoned chicken strips and nachos.

Festival-goers will have a number of thirst quenching options beginning with a variety of hot and cold specialty coffees at The Perking Spot. Lemon Heaven and Biderman's Lemonade will fill the bill for lemonade lovers of all ages.

Always popular D Dutchman Dairy will have several flavours of their rich, tasty ice cream on hand and Ogopogo Mini Donuts promises it will be love at first bite with their maple bacon and apple pie doughnuts.

Also on the sweet treat trail, Beaver Tails offers piping-hot, hand-stretched, wholewheat pastries in endless flavour options.

Diotte said staff begins reaching out to possible food vendors and artisans in December.

She is equally proud of the calibre of vendors in the Artisan Market as she is of the quality of food available to festival-goers.

Many of the specialty items in the market located to the left of the main gate involve recycled materials and are not available in department stores. Influenced by African heritage, local Tangerine Green offers handcrafted jewelry and accessories made with reclaimed and up cycled materials.

Unique garments are available from Whistler's House of Commune, Vancouver-based The Hawks Project, LoveMaking Designs from Revelstoke, Vernon's Cosmic Flair, Vancouver's Schu Clothing/DYEPRO and Untamed, a Fernie vendor that offers fun clothing.

Artist Bench Guitars designs, builds and air-brushes three-string "box and shovel" guitars.

Vendors offering a variety of items made from leather include Dropping Form Designs out of Kamloops, Salmon Arm's Earth Horse Art, LG Creations from Enderby and Tappen's Revive Leatherworks.

The Fable Book Mobile is an Indie bookstore on wheels that will cater to readers with a curated selection of new and used books featuring Canadian authors and artists.

"There is a lot of recycled stuff, which I like," said Diotte, noting a vintage trailer photo booth will give attendees the opportunity to get a special festival memento. "The vendors come from all over B.C. and they don't usually go to markets, just festivals, so it's often a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Activity

ACROSS

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- 4 Bastille Day season
- 7 Con
- 11 Geisha's accessory
- 12 Admit
- 13 Horse color
- 14 Fox rival
- 15 — qua non
- 16 Eager, plus
- 17 Highland tongue
- 19 Mutiny
- 21 Qty.
- 22 Wire measures
- 23 Sony rival
- 26 Turquoise relative
- 28 Bravo!
- 29 Electrical unit
- 31 Salamander
- 35 Essence
- 37 Hamper contents
- 39 Went ahead
- 40 Friendly

DOWN

- 1 — Kong
- 2 "Mamma Mia" group
- 3 Mickey and Minnie
- 4 Turn out
- 5 2,000 pounds
- 6 Aquarius' tote
- 7 Graceful steed
- 8 Long fictional work
- 9 Heads opposite
- 10 Gary's st.
- 12 Famed sci-fi writer
- 18 Put down
- 20 Down Under bird
- 23 Wet thoroughly
- 24 — Baba
- 25 After expenses
- 26 Shepard or Greenspan
- 27 Liq. measures
- 30 Have debts
- 32 Forest grazer
- 33 Tiny
- 34 QB objectives
- 36 Nylons
- 38 Doglike scavengers
- 41 Winner's take
- 43 Fiber-rich grain
- 44 Snake River locale
- 45 Flu symptom
- 46 Speech difficulties
- 48 Loud cry
- 50 Seaweed extract
- 51 Pine product
- 52 Playthings
- 53 Digital watch readout
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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HOW TO PLAY: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

Horoscope

BY EUGENIA LAST

Be open about how you feel and what you intend to do this year. The dialogue you choose will help set the tone for how you live and the goals you create. Choose your words wisely, and you'll find a way to convince others to tag along. Your discipline and determination will set the stage for what's to come.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You'll be able to get on with your life and follow your heart once you share your feelings. Arguments can evolve only if you choose to engage in them. Look at the big picture.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You may crave something new, but before you initiate change, consider the outcome. Don't bite off more than you can chew. Test the waters, do your research and take one step at a time to ensure safety.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Reach out to people you can count on for support, good advice and hands-on help. Listen to your body and incorporate a health regimen that helps you lower your risk of disease.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
You'll need plenty of stamina and discipline to deal with unexpected

or last-minute changes. Welcome a challenge, and apply unique techniques and plans to overcome any obstacle.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Put your plans in motion. Limit spending and invest wisely. Handle situations at home carefully. Don't give others jurisdiction over your lifestyle. Satisfy your needs first.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Change begins with you. Size up your situation and rethink the way you want to live. Don't limit what you can do because of cost. Size down or adjust your overhead to fit your plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
Stop worrying about what others do; concentrate on what you want. Discipline and hard work will help you reach your goals and eliminate what's no longer working for you. Keep the peace.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Things won't go according to plan when dealing with pending financial, legal or health issues. Have a backup plan to ensure you come out ahead. A social event will give you a valuable platform.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Don't overdo it or put your emotions on display. Use intelligence to figure out how to do your best and get the most in return. Distance yourself from those who want to argue.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Confusion will occur if someone says one thing and does another.

Listen carefully and discover how to use the information you receive in a fashion that helps you without hurting someone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Use your connections to get ahead. Don't limit what you can do because you are afraid of rejection. Step up and rearrange your schedule to ensure you can take advantage of

whatever comes your way.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Take advantage of an opportunity someone brings to your attention. Find out all you can, then up your game in preparation. Added skills and experience will help you outmaneuver competitors.

THE NEA BRIDGE

by Phillip Alder

LOTS OF CHOICES, ONE CERTAINTY
This is the sort of deal in which the bidding could take several routes. However, there is no doubt about the right line of play by South in a diamond contract after West leads a club. What should declarer do? Secondly, what do you think of the auction, given that North's double was Snapdragon, promising spade length and diamond tolerance, typically honor-doubleton?

North was too cautious. He had much better diamond support than partner was expecting, with two aces and a near-maximum pass. A jump to five diamonds would have been reasonable, and South probably would have boosted it to

six. If North was thinking three no-trump because it was matchpoints, he might have cue-bid three hearts. South would have bid three no-trump, and they would have scored plus 660 -- better than 620 in five diamonds, but not as good as 1370 for anyone who reached six diamonds and played it correctly. (At 16 Bridge Base Online tables, no one got to three no-trump or six diamonds!)

Given the winning heart finesse, South has 11 top tricks. To get a 12th, he must establish dummy's fifth spade as a winner. This requires ruffing three spades in hand and, therefore, four dummy entries. South should put his diamond deuce in his pocket -- or give it to partner for safe keeping!

The play goes: club ace, spade to the ace, spade ruff, diamond to the

queen, spade ruff high, diamond to the ace and spade ruff. Retrieving the diamond deuce, declarer overtakes it with dummy's three and discards a club on the spade six. Then the heart finesse sees 12 tricks home.

North				07-28-22			
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		♦ K 10 8 7 6 5 2					
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3♦		Pass		Pass		Pass	
Opening lead: ♠ J							

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Repair Cafe planned for Salmon Arm

Lachlan Labere
Salmon Arm Observer

Just because something has stopped working doesn't mean it is beyond repair.

The Mall at Piccadilly and the Shuswap Makerspace have partnered to bring a new Repair Cafe series to Salmon Arm. The first will take place at the mall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 27.

The cafe will bring together skilled volunteers and people with items that are broken and in need of repair.

Makerspace coordinator Maria Otting said the concept began in Amsterdam in 2009. According to the Repair Café Foundation, Repair Cafes were founded by Dutch environmentalist Martine Postma "to help produce less waste in the communities, fixing up and giving new life to used or non-working objects."

The initiative was so successful that in 2011 Postma launched the foundation, a non-profit organization focused on providing

professional support to local groups in the Netherlands and other countries wishing to start their own Repair Cafe.

The cafes aren't just about reducing waste. Otting said those who bring in items can take part in the repair process and learn how it's done.

"It's about teaching and transferring knowledge, promoting social inclusion and getting people out," said Otting, who wants to run one cafe a month for six months.

To do this, she is looking for volunteers skilled in or capable of repairing the following: woodwork/turning, laser cutter, 3D printing, metal lathe, robotics, electronics, CNC router, sound studio, small electrical appliances, textiles, bicycles, knife/scissor sharpening, toys, vacuums, clocks and more. Support staff are also needed.

To volunteer or for more information, email NHSP@saeds.ca.

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Driver unharmed when fire destroys vehicle

Martha Wickett
Salmon Arm Observer

Fire consumed a small vehicle last Saturday night in Salmon Arm.

Fire chief Brad Shirley said the driver was driving in the area of 20th Street NE and 1st Avenue – near Okanagan – on the evening of July 23 when they discovered the fire.



Salmon Arm firefighters extinguish a car on fire near 20th Street NE and 1st Avenue NE in the early evening of Saturday, July 23. (Ken Nowicki photo)

The driver got out safely but the car was soon engulfed in flames.

Shirley said the cause was undetermined but a mechanical issue is suspected.

Manufactured home business celebrates 50 years

Barb Brouwer
Contributor

Fifty years ago, Frank Camille Ambler and his wife, Mary, used their savings and construction savvy to build a family business that continues to thrive.

In 1972, the couple partnered with Frank's brother Robert and his wife Marlene and bought Countryside Mobile Home Park near the Salmon Arm Golf Club.

The mobile homes they originally installed there were purchased from a manufacturing company in Lake Country and Frank Sr. and his son Frank Jr. prepped the sites.

"Dad was a member of the Operators and Engineers Union and was pretty good at construction," said Frank Jr. "He could operate heavy equipment, but back in those days, just about everyone could run farm equipment, it was just a fact of life."

Frank said there were some 150 mobile home sites in the park, which took 10 years to fill.

"It was a great way for people to start with home ownership and gain equi-

ty," he said. "It was also good for retirees, who could sell their homes and end up with enough cash in their jeans to live happily."

After Frank Sr. passed away in 2005, Frank started Countryside Manufactured Homes, a dealership he located on the current site on Hwy. 97 B in 2007.

The mobiles of the 1970's were affordable at less than \$10,000 and were fully furnished. But, he says the quality of manufactured homes has improved immensely since his dad went into the business.

"There weren't even building codes for homes back then," he said, noting that those codes became more complex in 1992, requiring 2X6 studs, better insulation in roofs, walls and floors, and energy efficient windows. "Anything built in 1992 and newer has great resale value, but anything older, we tear it apart and recycle, which costs us money."

Frank said the homes that are still built in Lake Country are perfectly accurate, square, level and without imperfections.



Countryside Manufactured Homes team members, including Frank Ambler Jr. (right), look over floor plan options available to customers. (Contributed)

The Countryside Manufactured Homes dealership has four show homes, featuring two double-wides and two single-wides, with sales advisors and home specialists on hand to help customers build the homes of their dreams.

There is a wide selection of flooring, tiles and cabinets and an in-house warranty program. While several set floor plans are available, Frank said few people choose them.

"Everybody pretty much designs their own, it really is custom design," he said, pointing out customers tell staff their needs. "We have a lot of options and we offer a fixed selling price so when you leave, you'll know how much your house is going to cost."

Ambler said Countryside Manufactured homes can be placed pretty much anywhere now – on city lots, in rural areas, on basements

or on crawl spaces. The company uses a lot of local parts in building the homes, which supports industry in the community and all trades are local.

"You need to treat people the way you want to be treated," he said, noting he is most proud that his company is consistently number-one in customer service in B.C. "Facilitation of all warranties has to go through somebody and it happens to come through us. Customers need to know they are being looked after."

Frank is in charge of sales and service and his brother, Dwayne, looks after lot preparation, subdivision development and construction.

Daughters Britney and Brooke work for him and will take over the business someday, he hopes.

In the meantime, Countryside hosted a 50th anniversary open house on Friday, July 22.

PODCAST



Michael Yellowlees

This week's PODCAST guest on Today in BC is Michael Yellowlees, The Kilted Scotsman who is retracing his 2021 walk across Canada Fundraiser for "Trees for Life". Listen in!



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Boxer and coach to represent Team Canada

Lachlan Labere
Salmon Arm Observer

"It's real when you get the uniform," explained Peggy Maerz.

The Salmon Arm boxing coach recently suffered the heat and humidity of Montreal for a photograph capturing a personal professional milestone: getting an opportunity to coach for Team Canada.

"I was so proud to finally get it because I worked so hard for it," said Maerz, referring to her new Team Canada jacket. "We had to take pictures in the heat, outside of the INS (Institut du National du Sport du Quebec), with me in my jacket. I was dying."

Maerz and Salmon Arm boxer Jordyn Konrad were in Montreal for a week-long female elite national development camp. Konrad said it's been an exciting time for them both. Ranked number one in Canada for the 57-kg Elite Female category, Konrad too is now representing Team Canada, and said she and Maerz have many opportunities

ahead to do the maple leaf proud.

"I recently just competed in the Netherlands, representing Canada, and will be off to Bulgaria too, probably in the fall," said Konrad. "As well, I'll be doing training camps on my own. I'm heading to Ireland in August and then we're (she and Maerz) going to a tournament in Texas and hopefully in Portugal. Some are with Team Canada, some are not."

Konrad's goal is to box in the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. With Maerz having been asked to be a part of the coaching staff for a Team Canada training camp, the two are on the same trajectory.

"It's pinch yourself moments right now because we're actually living our dreams which is super cool," said Maerz. "I wrote this on my vision board six or seven years ago and here we are, we're living it."

Maerz explained instead of having to apply, she was invited to coach during the development camp in Montreal. At the end of the event she was asked

to participate in coaching an upcoming national junior team camp in Mexico.

"It's my understanding that the intention is to mentor me into a position, a coaching position with Boxing Canada, so this is the start and I'm super excited about that," said Maerz, explaining this is a door opening to one of her own goals: being in Konrad's corner in 2024.

"That's our overall plan – to ensure that I gain the knowledge and credentials to walk alongside the athletes and coach them ringside at Paris 2024," said Maerz.

Maerz said she was selected for her involvement as a coach in organizing international fights and tournaments.

"And being female definitely for once is in my advantage," said Maerz. "I mean, it's an old sport and...this is an evolution that's been happening in all sports and we're seeing it in ours and we're seeing them put their money where their mouth is which is super exciting."

Maerz credited Boxing BC for always supporting its coaches and "making sure that my name doesn't get lost in the mix because I'm female."

"They promote me like they promote their male coaches, and we're seeing that shift in Boxing Canada. It's been a slow shift but it's a shift and it's an exciting shift. I'm happy to be part of this."

Though they're going to be very busy in the days, weeks and months leading up to the Games, Maerz said she will continue to make time for her Salmon Arm Bulldogs Boxing athletes.

"The members of my gym come first," said Maerz.

As for Konrad, Maerz said she's ready for the work ahead.

"She's a busy girl but she's good for it," said Maerz. "She's centred her life around this for the next couple of years. She's disciplined. She's got this. It's super exciting to be part of it with her. She's the genuine deal and I'm just grateful I get to walk alongside her."



Katie Thielman from Salmon Arm and her horse Rose took part in the 2022 BC Games in Prince George, July 21 to 24, bringing home four gold medals and a bronze for show jumping. (Contributed)

Shuswap athletes excel in 2022 BC Summer Games

Martha Wickett
Salmon Arm Observer

The Shuswap brought home a variety of medals from the 2022 BC Summer Games in Prince George, including golds in the equestrian events.

More than 20 Shuswap athletes competed in sports from July 21 to 24 ranging from basketball and soccer to box lacrosse and wrestling, with athletes coming from Salmon Arm, Canoe, Tappen, Blind Bay, Enderby, Grindrod and Sicamous.

Katie Thielman and her horse Rose came home with four gold medals and one

bronze, all from her great performances in show jumping.

Katie won gold in two individual competitions and bronze in another, as well as golds for overall top show jumper and overall in Zone 2.

On Day 3, her gold came after jumping two clear rounds (no faults) on a demanding course.

Shuswap athletes also earned medals in soccer. The Thompson-Okanagan Zone 2 girls' soccer team claimed silver while the boys' soccer team took bronze. The girls' team included Sara Worton from Salmon Arm, while Max

Calkins from Salmon Arm was on the boys squad.

In other results, the Thompson-Okanagan Zone 2 boys' 5-on-5 basketball team claimed bronze medals. Members of the team included Michael Cloutier and Dayne Mueller from Salmon Arm, with head coach Carter Martens from Canoe.

Medals were earned in rowing as well.

In the 1000-metre U17 girls' rowing competition, the Zone 2 team of Heidi Miede from Tappen and Hannah Breugem from Salmon Arm claimed bronze.

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Sports

Skydiving Boogie to celebrate the sport

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A Skydiving Boogie is coming to Salmon Arm, with city council's approval.

Rick Scott with DZO, Skydive Salmon Arm and NOVA wrote to city council to request use of the Shuswap Regional Airport from Sept. 2-5, 2022.

Scott noted that NOVA (North Okanagan Vertical Adventures Ltd.) has been providing skydiving services in the Shuswap and Okanagan for 20 years. Salmon Arm's airport has been its primary base of operations for the past 10 years.

He provided a map of the airport for the event, with six areas designated as primary and back-up landing areas, viewer area with tarps and shade, tent and vehicle camping, and overflow

parking.

A skydiving boogie is described as an event where skydivers get together to enjoy the sport, get in as many jumps as possible and aren't competing.

Scott said weather is very important and, if the weather is clear, loads of skydivers will go up from 9 a.m. until sunset each day with about two loads per hour.

The aircraft to be used is a major contractor to the Department of National Defence for search and rescue training and for the Canadian Forces Skyhawks formation skydive demonstration team.

"Through coordination with NOMAD AIR, the operators of the aircraft, I was able to establish a working arrangement so they can base their aircraft at Salmon Arm for a few months this summer.

This will allow NOVA to have more access to it over the summer months in preparation for our Boogie. This as well will be more fuel purchases and be a larger return to the city over a longer stay here in our backyard. If this goes well this summer they may base it here more often therefore buying even more fuel regularly," Scott wrote to council in a June 18 email.

He also pointed out all skydivers attending the boogie will be national association members, so each will have \$2 million third-party liability coverage.

Coun. Chad Eliason, council's rep on the airport committee, said the committee recommends that council support the event. He noted fire season or medevac requirements would take priority. City staff also said they have no concerns.



A Skydiving Boogie is planned for the Shuswap Regional Airport in Salmon Arm from Sept. 2-5, 2022. (Pixabay photo)

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