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Big Broadcast raising funds for new station

Trevor Evans lending lifetime of experience in radio and TV

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Sometimes a life well lived comes full circle.

Trevor Evans, as a child of the 1940s, grew up with his ear to the radio, and fondly recalls the magic of distant broadcasts and star-studded programs.

As an adult, Evans made a half-century career of directing and producing some of the greatest names in television comedy. For the past six months, Evans has been working on a stage review tribute to the "golden years of radio" of his youth.

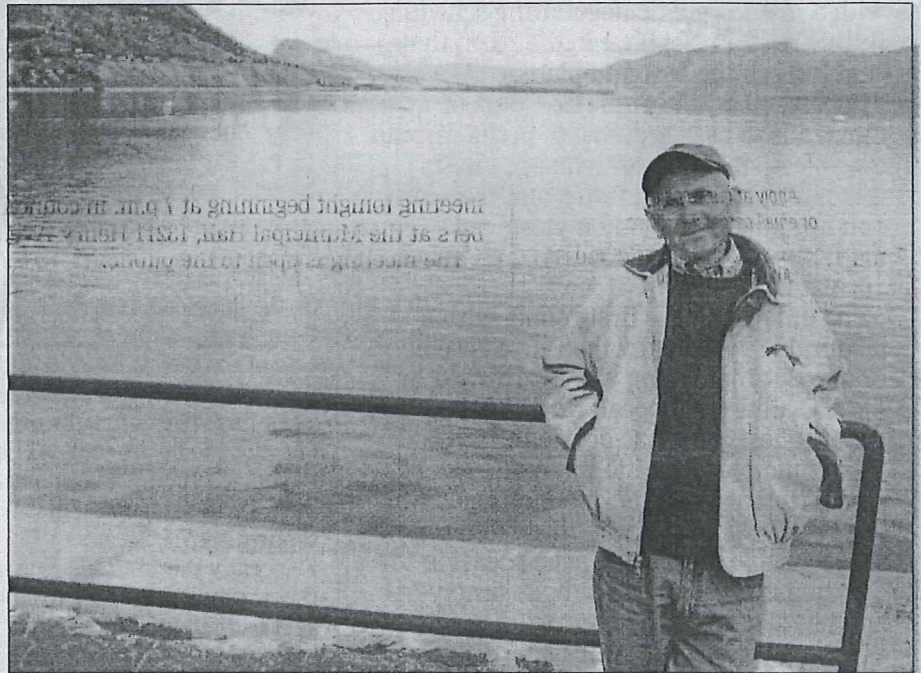
Evans is the director and chief writer of the Big Broadcast of 2016, a sequel to a fundraising event staged at the Shatford Centre auditorium two years ago.

In conjunction with Peach City Community Radio, the show includes a cast of 20 local actors, announcers and musicians that will recreate the radio shows and sounds of the mid-1940s and early-1950s.

"I'm promising 100 minutes of family fun," Evans said from his production office in the Shatford Centre.

"Through the creative help of a half-dozen writers, we'll present a laugh-filled show of sound effects, song, vintage commercials and plenty of local history bits."

Evans' impressive resumé includes productions with Red Skelton, Carol Burnett, Dan Aykroyd and John Candy, to name just a few. He directed more than 50 television



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programs for comedy legends Wayne and Shuster; brought the Royal Canadian Air Farce troupe from radio to television; directed specials for impressionist Rich Little, including a Christmas show that won an International Emmy.

These days, Evans works part-time as an usher during concerts and Vees games at the South Okanagan Events Centre.

As an energetic 79-year-old, Evans is full of stories of all the celebrities most of us grew up being entertained by.

The Big Broadcast of 2016 is a fundraiser

for CFUZ, Penticton's newest radio entity. The non-profit community station will sign on at 92.9 on the FM dial later this year.

The show plays at The Shatford stage on April 15 and 16 at 7 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee on April 17. Tickets for the show are available at the Shatford Centre office, and at Saint-Germain Café-Gallery on Main Street and Dragon's Den on Front Street.

For more information, go online to peachcityradio.org.

Alarm box

Emergency fire crews with the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen responded to the following 911 calls for fire service.

Wednesday

2 a.m., Sutherland Road, medical assist
6:13 a.m., Carmi Drive, medical assist

Tuesday

12:11 a.m., Airport Road, minor fire

1:47 a.m., Skaha Lake Road, medical assist
6:16 a.m., Calgary Ave., medical assist
11:22 a.m., 115th Street, Osoyoos, smoke
1:39 p.m., Wilson Street, assist other agency
1:41 p.m., Main Street, medical assist
2:03 p.m., Main Street, medical assist
2:24 p.m., Woodlands Place, medical assist
6:46 p.m., Okanagan Ave. E., cardiac
6:52 p.m., Skaha Lake Road, cardiac

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