



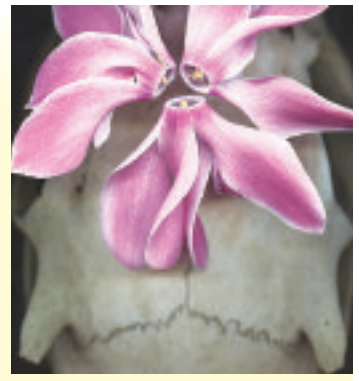
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CRIME

Police apprehend distraught driver

Officer injured, police cars damaged in bizarre incident

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A dramatic weekend standoff resulted in an injured RCMP officer, two smashed police cars and a 35-year-old Salt Spring man being taken into custody under the Mental Health Act.

"It's an abnormal event, that's for certain," said RCMP Sgt. George Jenkins. "This is more something you deal with in bigger centres."

The trail of mayhem peaked just before 1 a.m. Saturday when the driver of a stolen black Chevrolet Blazer slammed into a police roadblock in front of the Harbour House Hotel on Upper Ganges Road. RCMP say the driver narrowly missed a uniformed officer and collided head-on into a parked police car.

"It appears that he deliberately swerved at our officer and deliberately ran into the police car," Jenkins said.

Following the collision, a second police cruiser immediately pulled up behind the Blazer to box in the suspect. Videos of the incident posted online show officers using their batons to break the driver's side window and subsequently pepper spraying the driver. The suspect escaped the roadblock by reversing the truck onto the hood of a police car and driving north along Robinson Road.

In nearly five years as an RCMP officer on the island, Jenkins said, he's never seen anything like this.

A video captured by Kyle Matheson has generated more than 1.2 million views on social media sites since the 93-second clip was posted Saturday morning.

Matheson's footage shows RCMP officers screaming at the suspect to put his hands up and get out of the vehicle as late-night onlookers watch the scene unfold. The large-wheeled truck is shown moving back and forth between the cruisers before it reverses onto the hood of the sedan and maneuvers out of the roadblock and speeds northward.

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PHOTOS BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Two Salt Spring RCMP vehicles damaged in the early hours of Saturday after a 35-year-old Salt Spring man driving a stolen Chevrolet Blazer smashed his way out of a roadblock situation on Upper Ganges Road.

DEVELOPMENT

Channel Ridge lawsuit filed

Water moratorium prompts several claims

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Failure to seal a deal on the sale of Channel Ridge has prompted the project's main lender to launch a lawsuit against the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society, Islands Trust and the provincial government.

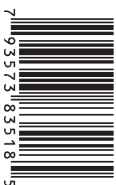
Kelowna-based Paradigm Mortgage Investment Corporation and Channel Ridge Properties Ltd., which remains in receivership with Ernst & Young Inc., are listed as co-plaintiffs in a 20-page notice of civil claim filed in the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

"It is our position that this recent turn of events gives rise to causes for action against NSSWD as well as certain other parties . . ." reads a letter from Kenneth Ihas, a lawyer who represents Paradigm.

Viewpoint Enterprises backed out of a deal to buy the 830-acre property for \$6.6 million in April upon learning that 453 of the proposed 577 units slated for the north end building site are affected by NSSWD's moratorium on new water connections.

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FIRE DISTRICT

Fire board's finance committee seeks budget savings

Saanich contract settlement brings local wage increase

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Fire Protection District's finance committee is midway through an accelerated meeting schedule as it works to complete a draft budget before the next board meeting on Sept. 21.

Line-by-line scrutiny has resulted in some suggested loss of privileges

for fire district staff, including cell-phone use and limited conference attendance, at the same time as wages for union firefighters go up.

Committee chair Norbert Schlenker reported at a meeting held Thursday that a recent settlement of the Saanich Fire Department's union contract will mean an increase on Salt Spring, where the wage is set at 102 per cent of the Saanich rate. The new contract offers a 2.5 per cent increase each year from 2012 to 2019 inclusive. Since the Saanich local had been working without a contract since 2011, there will be a 13.1 per

cent increase to catch up.

Committee members were therefore focussed on finding possible savings, such as the cellphones provided to staff members. Currently each of the full-time officers and the office administrator own an iPhone paid for by the district, with usage plans also covered.

The committee suggested transferring the cellphone used by office administrator Iris Beck to the new firefighter being hired in January. They also considered reducing the number of phones used by the firefighters by half and making the

phones shared equipment to be used on shift.

The discussion was tabled so that Schlenker could look at the current contract with Telus Mobility.

The finance committee also looked at national and provincial fire chief association convention attendance as a discretionary item, and voted to create a policy dictating that only the fire chief or deputy chief attend each annual conference on alternating years. Linda Lee, chair of the fire district board, suggested a compromise for when a conference takes place in Victoria, when both

officials can attend during daytime sessions.

Fire Chief Tom Bremner accepted the attendance ruling, although he noted it was against his wishes due to the benefits to education and leadership conference attendance provides.

The committee also agreed to slash the administration's advertising budget by half.

Further deliberations on operating and trustee expenses will take place at the finance committee meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 2 at the Ganges fire hall starting at 2 p.m.

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Watershed lands threatened by suit

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"To make it formal, Viewpoint will not close on the Channel Ridge property," wrote Brian Lovig, Viewpoint's corporate director, in an April email to Ernst & Young. "The value is up to \$5 million less than the purchase price due to the lack of water which was recently discovered so, of course, it would make no sense."

By withholding water from the project, plaintiffs allege NSSWD is in violation of a 1986 covenant linked to the development. Lawyers for Paradigm and Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. argue the covenant stipulates the donation of 270 acres of land to the Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society in exchange for development potential and access to potable water.

Though Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. lived up to its end of the deal before going bankrupt in 2012, court documents allege NSSWD was negligent and breached terms of the covenant by failing to make sure it had enough water to supply the project.

"In our view, the covenant requires that NSSWD provide sufficient water to the [Channel Ridge lands] to accommodate 577 residential units," Ihas writes.

The civil claim refers to further assurances of the water district's covenant commitment in a letter from former water district general manager Trevor Hutton in 2005.

"The anticipated consumption of this development has been built into our projections for water supply and demand calculations used to determine future projects such as upgrading the treatment facility on St. Mary Lake and for augmenting the demand on the Maxwell system," Hutton wrote.

Since Hutton wrote his letter, longer, drier summers have produced multiple years of record-setting drought conditions. Drier conditions encouraged the NSSWD to implement a moratorium on new water connections in 2014.

Though the district "may have had the capacity at the time," it's likely no longer the case, according to Ron Stepaniuk, NSSWD's general manager.

"The [1986 covenant] cannot be interpreted as requiring the district to provide service to that level of development in perpetuity, especially given the changes in demand, water availability and other factors that have occurred since that time," Stepaniuk wrote in a letter to Ernst & Young on March 5, 2015.

"This lawsuit seeks to return to a developer this community resource that protects the quality and quantity of water in St. Mary Lake."

MAXINE LEICHTER
President, Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society

Paradigm wants the NSSWD to provide water to the proposed development or offer appropriate financial compensation. The claim calls upon the Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society to "reconvey" the watershed lands if neither water nor compensation are forthcoming.

SSIWPS president Maxine Leichter said her organization has ensured

the stewardship and protection of the watershed lands for nearly 30 years.

"This lawsuit seeks to return to a developer this community resource that protects the quality and quantity of water in St. Mary Lake," she said. "We can make no further comment at this time, as this is a legal matter."

Paradigm seeks damages from the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee for approving post-1986 Salt Spring developments that required potable water from the NSSWD, thereby reducing the amount available for Channel Ridge. Plaintiffs also want damages from the Province of British Columbia, which they allege issued water licences and made post-covenant commitments that have hindered the NSSWD's ability to supply water.

Defendants have 21 days to file a response after being served with the notice of civil claim.

Neither Stepaniuk nor NSSWD chair Marshall Heinekey provided additional details about the case.

"We are awaiting instruction from our lawyers," wrote Heinekey in a Monday email.

Paradigm Mortgage Corporation is owed more than \$7.7 million for a loan it made to Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. in 2011, one year before the mortgage firm (formerly called Mission Creek) launched foreclosure proceedings against the troubled real estate development.

Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. assets have been managed by Ernst & Young since the company went into receivership in 2013, owing more than \$47 million to creditors.

Viewpoint Enterprises' \$6.6-million offer was considerably lower than the property's original \$17.5-million list price and slightly below the land's \$9-million appraised value.

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EDUCATION

Grade 9 students about to go back to fundamentals

Stephen Berry leads grammar revival

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

While school districts across the province will be grappling with the mysteries of a new BC curriculum this fall, students entering their first year at Gulf Islands Secondary School will be taking a page out of an old book by tackling the fundamentals of the English language.

"English is the universal language of the time — it's the Latin of our day. And our kids have been given a gift because it's their first language, but they're not using it or understanding it properly," said Salt Spring teacher Stephen Berry, the key instigator of a pilot program that will see Grade 9 English class focus on grammar essentials.

Re-introducing the teaching of grammar may be a radical move in the modern education environment, but Berry could be just the right person to do it. As an outspoken parent and teacher, he was an integral part of getting the district to create alternative programs, first with Phoenix Elementary School and then Phoenix High School (which later transformed into the Phoenix Place program).

After meeting with his col-

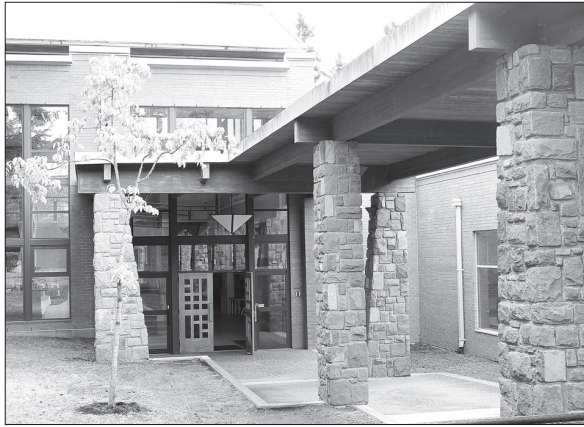


PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Gulf Islands Secondary School will welcome a new cohort of Grade 9 students on Tuesday, the first to receive dedicated English grammar instruction in several years.

leagues in the GISS English department over the course of the past school year and finding everyone agrees there is a problem, Berry offered to take on the huge challenge of teaching English to all incoming Grade 9s for 2015-16. Along with grammar, he will concentrate on building vocabulary and introducing cursive handwriting.

If the latter discipline already seems archaic to some readers, the first two are woefully close behind, having all but disap-

peared from the list of achievements a graduating student needs to demonstrate.

"Grammar no longer merits a place in the English B.C. provincial examinations," Surrey teacher Jim McMurty explained in an article for BCTF Teacher magazine in 2012.

"There was a section on grammar, but it was taken out a few years ago because 'experts' decided that it was not important knowledge. Students can now go on to university without

learning the intricacies of parts of speech, parts of the sentence, punctuation and syntax (sentence rules)."

Grammar once formed the very core of education. As far back as medieval times, it was one branch of the "trivium" of critical thinking, along with logic and rhetoric. Those three interlinked disciplines had to be mastered before students moved on to arithmetic, geometry, music and astronomy. In some areas today, elementary schools are still referred to as grammar schools because this is where the foundation to all future learning takes place.

"Getting command of language can send you anywhere, whatever field you want to go into, and it's cheap," Berry said. "It seems to me that every unit of technology that's come into schools has allowed students to use less brain power."

Universities now spend valuable time and resources bringing students up to speed on the most basic language tools, on which almost all their studies depend. But even before that, literacy and clear communication have become problematic.

"I think it's a really important issue and it's something that nobody talks about. It's become a barrier. I literally have to dumb down my language to teach the

kids," Berry said. "We want to make sure we're bringing students up to a standard level. It may be boring, but that's not the point."

He feels that learning basic ideas such as sentence components, clauses and punctuation has massive potential for improving results across the district — to the point that students could move ahead a full year in language comprehension.

Berry has gained support from GISS administration and district superintendent Lisa Halstead to pilot the program this coming school year. His hope is not only that it will continue, but that recognition of grammar's importance will spread to other grades and other districts.

As he points out, the Gulf Islands has become known as an "oddball" district where innovative and influential programs are born. If it worked for the performing arts and outdoor education, why not grammar?

"If someone doesn't do something about this inside the system, it's never going to get done," Berry said.

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NEWS BRIEFS

LTC reconvenes

Members of Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee will return to business Thursday after a prolonged August break.

The summer hiatus means audience members can anticipate a full agenda when the meeting gets underway at Lions Hall at 9:30 a.m.

The morning session includes updates on the

Ganges boardwalk, watershed management and water quality concerns in the Grantville-Fort Street neighbourhood. The afternoon session begins at noon with reports from trustees and Salt Spring's Capital Regional District director Wayne McIntyre. Trustees will consider first reading for a rezoning application for the Salt Spring Island Abattoir submitted by the Salt Spring Island Agricultural Alliance.

The Islands Trust's quar-

terly Trust Council meeting is on Bowen Island on Sept. 15, 16 and 17.

Sewer grant denied

Failure to land grant funding for upgrades to aging Ganges sewer infrastructure means ratepayers are on the hook to pay for the entire \$3.9-million project.

Commissioners had hoped to receive up to \$2.2 million through the federal and pro-

vincial governments' New Building Canada Fund - Small Communities Fund, only to learn of their application's rejection late last month.

"It was a significant portion," said Keith Wahlstrom, engineering manager at Salt Spring's Capital Regional District office.

Landowners within the sewer district's 417-parcel service area approved a referendum to borrow up to \$3.9 million in July. Loss of the grant means the average resi-

dential user charge will rise by approximately \$179 per year for 20 years, as understood before sewer area residents voted in favour of the borrowing. Receipt of the grant would have reduced that annual amount.

A letter sent to the CRD and volunteer sewer commissioners said the project was denied, despite careful consideration, due to "significantly more applications than programs that could be funded."

The program considered applications based on the potential for economic growth, a clean environment and stronger communities.

Wahlstrom said commissioners will host a public meeting to discuss the way forward within two weeks.

"Right now the program is as presented earlier," he said. "We'll just be looking at the timing."

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BC FERRIES

Galiano residents share ferry dismay

Direct sailings, inter-island connections at risk

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Galiano residents have joined the chorus of island communities outside Salt Spring who feel they have a lot more to lose than to gain from the new schedules proposed by BC Ferries.

Brian Hollingshead, chair of the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee, reported another record turn-out with at least 120 islanders in attendance at the Galiano consultation session held Thursday night. The meeting was moved from its original location at the community hall to the Galiano school gym, the island's largest public venue.

"It was a full house as it was for Saturna and Pender," Hollingshead said, noting the residents' overwhelming reaction was similar to those on the other two islands.

"When you have hundreds of people showing up on the small islands here, I think the message is strong," Hollingshead said.

"[BC Ferries] thought they had a wonderful new scheme and it's not what anyone wanted."

Particular concerns on Galiano include the loss of direct mid-morning sailings from Swartz Bay to Galiano on weekdays. People travelling for appointments in Sidney

would now have to wait until the afternoon to go back home, and would face a stop at Saturna, a stop or a transfer at Mayne, or a combination of the two.

Jennifer Margison, a Galiano resident who attended the meeting, asks in a letter to Dave Hendry, the company's vice president of strategic communications, why BC Ferries staff were unable to address this concern.

"This is an immense loss for Galiano, adding significant costs and inconvenience for island residents and businesses, but no one seemed able to respond to this specific complaint," she wrote. "Surely it would be possible to have among the large group of BC Ferries staff present at least one person who is familiar enough with the proposed schedule, as opposed to the current schedule for each island, that they could respond to obvious questions likely to be raised at such meetings."

"This is an immense loss for Galiano."

JENNIFER MARGISON
Galiano Island resident

"Frankly, it makes one wonder if human eyes at BC Ferries have reviewed the proposed 'algorithm' generated schedules, since no rationales were provided at the meeting."

The loss of inter-island connections has

also been decried, with potential repercussions for medical services shared between islands, tradespeople and contractors and school field trips.

Points made at the meeting as collected by Hollingshead and the Galiano branch of the Southern Gulf Islands FAC include: the need to consider the impact on small businesses and the local economy; the impact of late night arrivals on restaurants and accommodation providers mid-week in peak season; the importance of the health centre's lab; the need for travel by specialist teachers; the ability of trucking, construction, services and transportation to maintain cost-effective and efficient service; and the need for islanders to have a short turnaround between Victoria and Galiano.

"Islanders did thank BC Ferries for increasing service on Friday and Sunday in peak times," the Galiano Ferries Facebook page notes. "The remainder of the schedules had more concerns than questions. Hopefully they will listen."

Consultation sessions have now been completed on each of the Gulf Islands, with one last chance to contribute at the River Rock Casino Resort in Richmond on Wednesday, Sept. 9 from 7 to 9 p.m.

BC Ferries was set to gather more information through an online survey, which is no longer being offered. Revised schedules and a related survey are expected to be released this fall.

ENERGY

Proposed LNG pipeline passes Salt Spring

IGC Connector must satisfy regulators

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The company behind a proposal to build a floating natural gas terminal in Saanich Inlet announced plans Tuesday to work with an American company on a 75-kilometre LNG pipeline between Washington and Vancouver Island.

An image of the proposed pipeline route shows the subsea Island Gas Connector Project travelling south of Saturna, South Pender,

North Pender and Salt Spring islands.

"Williams [the company that owns Northwest Pipeline] and Steelhead LNG have signed a pre-construction agreement to design and pursue regulatory approvals of a proposed natural gas pipeline to Steelhead LNG's proposed Malahat LNG facility," reads part of yesterday's announcement.

As an international pipeline, the IGC project requires the approval of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in the United States and the National Energy Board in Canada. Various local, state and provincial, and federal permits will also be required.

HEALTH CARE

Mental health team hired

Ganges clinic to open this winter

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The transfer of mental health care provision on Salt Spring from Salt Spring Community Services to direct delivery by Island Health is closer to being realized, with hiring for the new mental health team nearly complete.

Island Health has reported the mental health and substance use (MHSU) services team will consist of nine individuals headed by team lead Jon Schwabach. It will include a nurse practitioner, registered nurse case managers, two social program officers, and two adult short-term treatment and assessment counsellors. After-hours emergency services and access to psychiatry services are part of the program.

Schwabach and two others hired so far worked in mental health with Community Services. The nurse practitioner and an administrative assistant have yet to be hired.

Island Health also reports a new MHSU services centre will be located in the Creekside complex at 152 Fulford-Ganges Rd.

"This service centre will have a reception area, offices, exam room and access and supports for those with mobility challenges," a press release states. "A lease agreement is underway, with anticipated opening of the new service centre in early winter 2015."

Outreach services to the outer Gulf Islands will begin this month.

The decision to change from contracted service to direct delivery was made earlier this year, following a comprehensive community review in 2014 and a subse-

quent recommendation by a committee made up of representatives from the Salt Spring Island Chapter of the Rural and Remote Division of Family Practice, local psychiatrists and Island Health.

MHSU intake services will continue to take place at Lady Minto Hospital until the new centre opens. Intake services include screening, assessment and triage of new referrals, one-on-one assessment and counselling, and assistance for those who require ongoing counselling services.

Anyone having a mental health or substance-related emergency should call 9-1-1.

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CONTEST

Lack of vote total details clouds Project Play results

Contest organizers stay mum on numbers

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Repeated requests for Kraft Project Play organizers to release vote tallies from last month's competition to win \$250,000 have left many Salt Spring residents with more questions than answers.

"I don't know why they won't release the breakdown of the voting numbers," said Erica Ross, lead organizer of Salt Spring's Kraft Project Play bid and a former president of the Salt Spring Tennis Association. "Everyone wants to see the results they worked so hard for."

"Why not, is there something to hide?"
It wasn't very long after organiz-

ers' Aug. 21 announcement that North Sydney, N.S. had won the grand prize that many campaign supporters began to question the results. Failure to provide a vote breakdown since the announcement has only seeded further uncertainty.

A panel of judges selected the Salt Spring entry to rebuild the tennis courts at Portlock Park from among more than 700 nom-

inations submitted from across Canada. Supporters were asked to vote online for their favourite finalist on Aug. 17 and 18. The campaign sparked a community wide effort to encourage voters to get clicking for a winner.

Stephanie Aerts, a field manager for Mosaic marketing agency, which oversaw the campaign, said people cast 1.1 million votes for the top four communities.

"While we understand that knowing the number of votes for each community is exciting, the efforts of each community were even more exciting and are a true testament to what the Kraft Project Play program is all about," Aerts wrote in an email response to a request for the vote tally. "Each community's commitment to building better places to play is what we want to recognize."

Suspect under medical supervision

RCMP

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"Where does he think he's going?" says a male witness near the end of the video.

MaryLynn Hetherington said the sound of the truck alerted her that something unusual was going on outside her home at the nearby Bayside complex.

"I'll never forget the sound of the engine revving," she said.

An officer in a third police car discovered the overturned Blazer in a ditch along Robinson Road south of the "Big Dip." The suspect stayed seated on the ceiling of the upside-down vehicle, holding off police officers with an axe as he tried to set the car on fire with a lighter, according to police.

Under police direction, fire personnel deployed a hose strategically into the vehicle to force the suspect to exit into the waiting hands of police and care of paramedics.

RCMP say the suspect wasn't injured in the incident but is receiving medical attention in Victoria under provisions of the province's Mental Health Act.

"Charges remain under review at this time, though we

anticipate they will reflect his alleged attempts to cause serious injury to our officers, as well as the alleged possession of the stolen vehicle and flight from police," said Cpl. Darren Lagan, an RCMP media relations officer for Vancouver Island, on Monday. "Until charges are laid, we cannot identify him publicly," he added.

Police do not believe drugs or alcohol played a role. Hetherington, a retired nurse, said the incident reveals a need for greater mental health services on the island.

"We need way more help for mental patients and a better understanding of mental patient issues," she said.

Jenkins said the police officer seated in the parked cruiser received minor injuries in the collision. The eight-year veteran officer has been released from hospital but is off duty for an unspecified period.

Additional police cars have been brought over from Sidney and the RCMP's Outer Gulf Islands detachment on Pender Island.

"We're just recovering, and we'll soldier on," Jenkins added. Police ask anyone who saw the incident or has video footage of the altercation that could assist the investigation to call Salt Spring RCMP at 250-537-5555.

FEDERAL ELECTION

Election Act changes prompt action

Seniors groups promote voter education

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Lineups at the polls are nothing new on election day, but Salt Spring Seniors Services vice-president Jean Elder worries changes to the Elections Act may see many people waiting in vain come Oct. 19.

Federal government legislation enacted in 2014 requires all voters to provide an approved source of identification. Those familiar voter identification cards that appear in mailboxes a few weeks before election day will no longer suffice.

"The issue is that voters will bring the voting card, get to the top of the queue and find that they cannot vote," Elder said.

The new voter identification requirement is just one of many changes introduced by Bill C-23, commonly referred to as the Fair Elections Act. The Conservative government introduced the legislation to reduce election fraud. Other changes include preventing the country's chief electoral officer from promoting public participation in elections or investigating allegations of voter fraud. Voters can no longer vouch for other voters at polling stations, and election officials will now get nominated by political parties.

"In my opinion, every Cana-

dian should be concerned about the bill because of the weakening of Elections Canada," Elder said.

Seniors Services plans to spread word about the new requirements through the group's newsletter and word of mouth between now and election day. The sooner people can learn about the changes, the sooner they can adapt to make sure everything runs smoothly when voters head to the polls next month.

"As a person starts to age their world becomes smaller a little bit, but one of the things that's still open is an ability to vote."

SUSAN ENG
Vice-president of advocacy at CARP

Susan Eng, vice-president of advocacy at CARP, said many of her organization's 300,000 members across Canada are also working to avoid any confusion on Oct. 19. By participating in the Get Out The Vote campaign, CARP members will try to encourage at least three family members or friends to cast a

ballot. Members are circulating Elections Canada materials to spread news about new registration and voting requirements.

"Voter suppression is a pretty big concern," Eng said. "For older voters, any further suppression is going to be a problem. It's already a problem."

Eng said people who live in seniors residences, assisted living and long-term care facilities should pay special attention to ensure they have the documents they need on election day. Seniors who no longer have a driver's licence or have utility bills in their name are especially vulnerable.

Elimination of the vouching system means voters without sufficient documents will require a letter of attestation penned by the administrator of their housing complex to prove their eligibility.

"As a person starts to age their world becomes smaller a little bit, but one of the things that's still open is an ability to vote," Eng said. "This system won't help."

Full details about the changes, including a full list of acceptable identification and a sample letter of attestation, are available at elections.ca. Further information about local and national efforts to support voter turnout is available from www.carp.ca or the Salt Spring Seniors Services Society at 250-537-4604, or 379 Lower Ganges Rd.

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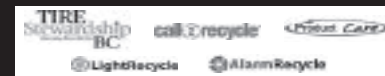
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EDITORIAL

THE END OF SUMMER

More tolerance

Salt Spring resident and Conservative party supporter Robin Williams has caused quite a stir through his partisan letters in the Driftwood.

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THE ISSUE:
Election rhetoric

WE SAY:
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VIEWPOINT by John Macpherson

Let's have balance and fairness

I read with interest letters from former fire district trustees Ron Chamney and Mary Gillies in last week's Driftwood. I was at the same meeting and I support professional development, but I feel the criticisms directed at chair Linda Lee and the board are both lopsided and misleading.

Chair Lee questioned Chief Tom Bremner in some detail about conferences both in general and, in particular, about one in Victoria and another targeted to corporate administrators attending with chiefs, but not to chiefs alone.

Chief Bremner had registered for the latter conference on his own initiative and it appeared to me the board was just then getting details. Given that the four newest trustees were elected in part on a value-for-money platform, it doesn't surprise me that the microscope is near at hand and that hard questions will be asked.

Characterizations such as "challenge his motivation," "berate," "shocking" and "demeaning" seem needlessly personalizing and unhelpful. I also feel such judgements mask the heart of the matter, namely the need to bring focus to a fire district judged to be sadly lacking in policies, strategic planning, transparency, fiduciary duty and fiscal accountability in general. The last election was a turning point.

I find it ironic that the legacy of disarray owes in part to the very critics who wrote in last week's Driftwood, critics who as trustees also tried to sell taxpayers an unpopular \$6.25-million emergency services centre. There is no sign in past minutes of any board member at any time saying about any costs "hold on there!" — and

there is every evidence that past boards stonewalled on disclosing important financial particulars to the public, including wages.

Whether or not the fire chief gets quizzed about expenses is small potatoes. He's an adult and it's not personal. I feel what's important is that the new board, in keeping with election promises to establish a new culture, is acting on the need for zero-based budgeting (i.e. reasoned from the ground up), the need for policies to govern such things as conferences and the need for fiscal accountability and value-for-money in general. Against all this, there is of course the need to aim for harmony, but in the end I feel the fire department we should have is the one the community is willing to pay for.

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A change of the guard is bound to irritate some, but the old way of doing business simply alienated a majority of ratepayers, and many issues still beg resolution. To this end and in keeping with election promises to provide transparency and better communications, I ask the board to publish particulars of the 2016 budget vs. 2015 and to provide regular business updates in the Driftwood. These updates should be both retrospective and prospective, giving the reasons for any needed changes.

I trust this board's intentions and I thank all current trustees for stepping up to the challenge. They are all working overtime to bring things into balance. I say give 'em thanks and two thumbs up.

The writer chaired the 2013 Governance Study Committee.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

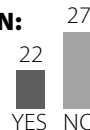
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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Are you happy with draft ferry schedules for SSI?



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Getting command of language can send you anywhere, whatever field you want to go into, and it's cheap."

STEPHEN BERRY, GISS GRAMMAR TEACHER

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: Are you happy to return to school?



KYLIE LALONDE FAWCETT
Yes, because I'm going into middle school.



KEIRAN MAY
I just like going back to school.



SOPHIE BOOKBINDER
Yes. I'm going to a new school and going to see my friends.



JOURNEY PAGE
Yes, because I'm going into Grade 2.



WILLIAM RITHALER
Kind of, but only because I can do geometry and wrestling.

Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication. Send your letters to news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com

Where are the parties at?

Thanks to Andy Carr for his fine Aug. 26 letter, "Every vote counts," which encourages us to "consider each party platform to find one that can express your needs as Canadians."

I agree, and here's a simple and trustworthy way to do this. Take a look at the ICanParty.ca website. It was created by a team of young Canadians from Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto and Montreal to make it easy for everyone to see where each of the four major national parties stands on the mul-

tiples issues facing Canadian citizens. It is meticulously non-partisan.

If you believe, as I do, that an informed electorate is essential to the preservation of our democracy, this is a good link to check out and pass along.

DOROTHY CUTTING,
PRICE ROAD

Incorporation and coffee

Harry Burton says, "Salt Spring Islanders, please wake up and smell the coffee" in his Aug. 19 "Say no to incorporation" letter.

Harry, it's too late. Maybe incorporation would have

helped keep Salt Spring Coffee and its jobs on the island.

HANK DOERKSEN,
VANCOUVER

Better cell tower spot

I see the cellphone situation is up for debate again ("Cellphone coverage void frustrates in emergencies," Aug. 26 Driftwood).

Maybe the fire hall was not an ideal spot for a cellphone tower. Somewhere up in the mountains would be better.

But the discussion about the proposed fire hall tower was a result of a more or less

fanatic fear mongering. And the result was very counter-productive.

The real health problem with cellphones is not the base station, at least not when it is placed away from where people live and work. The main concern is the phone itself. And I think that most people who voted down the base station use their phones today. With this bad coverage the phone has to transmit at its highest effect to reach the base (which is worse for the user). And still that effect is often not enough.

The best thing for us would be if one of the net operators applied for a per-

mit to build a base station to place on the top of one of our mountains. That would greatly improve the safety here on the island.

But maybe we eccentric islanders have muted the motivation of the operators too much.

ERNIE WESTLUND,
SALT SPRING

Williams should resign

The following was sent to CRD director Wayne McIntyre and filed with the Driftwood for publication.

In the 30-plus years of raising a family here, serving on committees and reading the

Driftwood letter exchanges of opinion, I have never read a personal attack on a serving member of Parliament, certainly not against Gary Lunn or Reform MP Jack Frazier.

Not only is Robin Williams demonstrating a disgraceful lack of respect to our MP but as a member of a community committee appointed by yourself and chosen as chair by the group he has the responsibility to serve with apolitical diplomacy. He has disgraced your committee and must resign.

RICK AND JULIETTE LAING,
WILKIE WAY

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Ecosystem health expertise lacking on SSIWPA

The following was submitted to SSIWPA and forwarded to the Driftwood for publication.

BY DAVID RAPPORT

While I full-heartedly congratulate George Grams for his vision in forming the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority, and in so doing gaining the participation (at least on paper) of the relevant island and provincial agencies that should have a vested interest in restoring the health of the lakes of Salt Spring and while I extend my congratulations to the authors of the St. Mary Lake Integrated Watershed Plan (July 2015) for pulling together an attractive and detailed document that states clear goals and objectives and offers a systematic program to achieve them, I find that the plan is woefully lacking in even the recognition of the integrative sciences that are needed to understand the nature of the problem, let alone bring about the necessary actions. When the steering committee, the technical advisory group and the public participation group appear unaware that the condition of St. Mary Lake is the result of decades, and perhaps even centuries (since colonization) of cumulative stress from human activities, now being compounded by rapid climate change, there is little chance that their proposed interventions will have much effect.

The very first step in figuring out how St. Mary Lake got to where it is today (in my view, in "critical condition") is to understand in depth the history of the lake, from the perspective of ecosystem science: "the study of inter-relationships among the living organisms, physi-

cal features, bio-chemical processes, natural phenomena and human activities in ecological communities. Within any given area, living and nonliving interact with each other" (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association).

But for all the expertise being brought to bear on St. Mary (in the technical advisory committee, as well as in SSIWPA), there is the complete absence of an ecological perspective, that is, a holistic vision of the interactions between human activities and the environment that identifies the suite of anthropogenic stresses that have over time impacted the St. Mary Watershed and their impacts on the lake's ecosystem dynamic and critical functions. Lacking that understanding, SSIWPA is simply "flying blind" — offering a multitude of scatter-shot suggestions with no understanding of the underlying complex ecocultural system they would like to bring back to health.

What we are left with — despite all the trappings of a "management plan" — is an ill-informed, fragmented perspective of the issue at hand. The irony of all this shows best in the portrayal of the issue in the cartoon on p. 79, which, undoubtedly involuntarily, suggests that the best that can be done now is to "wish St. Mary Lake well" — that is, that all is left is a hope and a prayer.

A freshwater lake is not just a "water body" or a "drinking water reservoir." It is much more than that: it is complex interactive systems of biotic and abiotic elements — in this case within a mosaic of ecosystems that comprise

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the watershed (farmlands, forest, streams, creeks) embedded in an airshed and a rapidly changing climatic regime. Pressures and stresses from human activities, ongoing and cumulative, have over decades greatly transformed the lake, robbing it of its natural organization (biodiversity), vitality (productivity) and resilience (capacity to recover from natural perturbations such as the current drought).

Yet the plan shows no recognition of the fact that St. Mary Lake has a long history of human settlement (before and after colonization) and that this history has molded the condition (and health) of the ecosystem today. The history of human activities within the watershed, coupled with the history of ecosystem transformation, is the essential starting point for a proper diagnosis of the afflictions that now plague the lake, and the essential starting point before one is in a position to identify the full range of options that might lead to the recovery (to the extent now possible) of some lake's vital functions.

The approach taken in the plan treats the lake as a source of drinking water, ignoring the fact that both the quantity and quality of drinking water available are critically determined by the health of the lake, and the health of the lake is in turn dominated by the degree of stress (pressures) in the watershed.

I would strongly urge SSIWPA to undertake an external review of what has been done so far, and in the review, address the question of the adequacy of the existing advisory groups and the SSIWPA coordinator. As far as I can see (from a cursory glance) there is no competency

in ecology, ecosystem science and ecosystem health — the three core fields essential to guide a program of restoration of health to this watershed.

A great deal of resources (human and financial) have been expended on this program, one that lacks an understanding of the core issues, that has devolved into a search for technological "fixes" that ultimately will fail, as the aerator debacle clearly shows (the likelihood of which I had warned previous trustees about, unfortunately to no effect). We can't afford, as an island community vitally dependent on the health of St. Mary Lake, further bangles and a woefully misguided SSIWPA authority.

Bitter as this pill may be to swallow, I hope that the SSIWPA initiative will take to heart these suggestions and begin with a much-needed "arms-length" external review of their process and membership — commissioned by an off-island group that specializes in the evaluation of the health of aquatic ecosystems from a holistic ecosystem science-based perspective. In this process, the terms of reference should be established outside of SSIWPA, as too should the selection of the external reviewers. Otherwise you run the risk of a flawed process — seeking self-justification and gaining an "outside view" that only reaffirms a flagrantly faulty approach.

The writer is a Salt-Spring-based scientist who works internationally on the health of ecocultural systems. See the online version of this piece at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com for a list of David Rapport's credentials.

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Current study: What will we learn?

SSI INCORPORATION STUDY COMMITTEE

The first article in this series (printed in the Aug. 12 Driftwood) presented the conclusions of the 2013 Salt Spring Island Governance Study. But what about the focus, scope and limitations of the current incorporation study? That is made clear in the official, provincially issued, "Terms of Reference of the Incorporation Study," a document released on April 30, 2015.

The full text of that document can be found online at ssiincorporationstudy.com. However, the following extracts make quite clear both what the final report will cover and what falls outside the scope of the study.

"The study should provide a thorough, objective and technical examination of the current situation and focus on the implications of the changes that would come with incorporation, modelling the authorities, operation and finances of a Salt Spring Island municipality. The primary purpose of the incorporation study — both in providing research and analysis and disseminating this through public engagement and consultation — is to provide local citizens with complete and accurate information to make an informed decision on island incorporation."

"The comparative analysis component of the study will include:

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a) a description of the potential municipal boundary and current rural governance arrangements, including: community demographics, economics, profiles of services (broadly defined, including infrastructure) and a review of community issues;

b) a comparison of the characteristics of Salt Spring Island (e.g. boundary area, population, number and level of services, etc.) with existing municipalities;

c) a summary of the financial, social, administrative, political and service delivery implications of a Salt Spring Island municipality, including average property tax implications for residences and businesses, contrasted against the current situation;

d) a description of the transfer of current levels of services from the province, regional district, improvement districts and the Islands Trust to a municipality upon incorporation;

e) an overview of the offer of restructuring assistance from the Province; and a multi-year operating budget projection for

a proposed island municipality, including a budget beyond the payment schedule [i.e., timeframe] for restructuring assistance provided by the province."

"The incorporation study committee and consultant are not responsible for First Nations consultation since this is a duty of the provincial government. Similarly, the committee is not responsible for assessing the impact that municipal incorporation of Salt Spring Island would have on the Islands Trust." A provincially funded Islands Trust Impact Analysis report was prepared to assist in this regard.

"The decision to fund an incorporation study for Salt Spring Island limits the scope of the study only to municipal incorporation. The purpose of the study is to provide the Salt Spring Island community with appropriate information to make an informed decision about whether or not to incorporate should the Minister [of Community, Sport and Cultural Development] order an incorporation referendum. This means the study content will compare the existing rural governance arrangement currently in place on Salt Spring Island to a municipal model as authorized under existing legislation. The study is not a governance options study, nor a study of changes to the legislative framework."

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Make sure you are registered

One question that some voters may have is: "Am I registered to vote in this riding?" This important question deserves attention well ahead of the election to ensure that you are ready to cast your ballot on Monday, Oct. 19.

Voters can check online to see if they are registered at electionscanada.ca. Click on "Voter Registration" and follow the prompts.

Another option for checking is to drop into the Green party office in the Country Grocer mall. Volunteers can help voters determine their registration status using the Elections Canada online system. Voters can also call Elections Canada in Saanich at 1-866-546-7620.

In the event that a voter is not registered, several options are available. If you have voted previously, you can register online at electionscanada.ca by providing your driver's licence number. Another option is to register in person at Elections Canada's Saanich/Gulf Islands office at Unit 102, 1851 Keating Cross Rd. (Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) Or, registration can be done at the advance polls on Oct. 9, 10, 11, 12 (at yet to be announced locations), or on election day, Monday, Oct. 19.

First-time voters must register in person using their driver's licence. Those without a driver's licence must provide two pieces of identification — one with name and address and one with your name. A list

of acceptable ID is available online at the voter registration site and at our local Green Party office.

Students may face special challenges and are advised to check online or call Elections Canada for information on how to vote.

Anyone needing an absentee ballot (also called a special ballot) must first fill out an application form, available online or at our Green party office. This application, plus a photocopy of your driver's licence, may be faxed or mailed to Elections Canada in Saanich. Doing this early is essential as enough time to receive and return the ballot by postal service is needed for the vote to be counted.

SUE SHEANE,
GREEN PARTY VOLUNTEER,
SALT SPRING

Life jackets for lakes, too

Frequently, we see people in boats and especially in canoes on Cusheon Lake not wearing a life jacket. This occurs all year-round no matter what the temperature of the water or weather conditions.

Last Tuesday, we saw a canoe flip over while taking our twice-weekly water monitoring readings for the Cusheon Lake Stewardship Committee.

We pulled the anchor and rushed over to the sinking canoe. We could not see the person or get a response to our call. We found a very stressed person not wearing a life jacket in the water trying to hold onto an extremely expensive camera and the side of the canoe.

This person could not get back into the canoe by himself.

The canoe was upright but full of water and he had no bailing bucket. Fortunately we had an extra lifejacket in the boat. After he handed us his camera, he was able to put it on. He was stressed and tired after diving for his camera. It was a struggle for the two of us to lift the canoe and dump most of the water. The rest of the water was bailed out. Fortunately, he did not panic and we were able to help him get back into the canoe. We towed him back to shore where he had launched the canoe, as he was too tired to paddle.

We would like to remind everyone to wear a life jacket while on the water and to carry a bailing bucket. This incident could have had a very different ending.

WAYNE HEWITT,
CUSHEON LAKE

Space study not needed

Does the Capital Regional District need to spend \$20,000 for a feasibility study to explore the Shared Space Salt Spring concept? ("CRD board approves feasibility study on services hub," Aug. 19.)

Shared Space has already spent \$12,350, including \$7,809 on consultant fees, since it became a society in 2011-2012.

In 2008 on the CRD website there was the result of another feasibility study complete with architectural plans for this very idea on Rainbow Road. Take out the library and the plan was awesome! It includes CRD offices, rec space, the whole chunk of land planned for parking/green space, a playground and even the whisper of a dream about the possibility of a rink some day.

In 2009 the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan was produced, which cost some \$40,000.

Two Salt Spring Island Foundation needs assessments have been completed in the meantime and the results are that groups are still waiting for space and support.

PARC just completed another needs assessment/survey in June for \$5,000.

Multiple agencies have completed space and services surveys and made lists/webpages/booklets: The Foundation, Salt Spring Arts Council, Community Services, PARC.

Any link you click on the CRD website has some kind of consultant getting paid to reiterate what has already been studied and been reported with all the appropriate facts and figures in full glossy detail, and is stored in the CRD document library.

Just do it already! The Brinkworthy land has been offered up to the community. Take it, build a hub that fulfills our collective needs — a fire hall, Trust and CRD space, space for a medical clinic, a recreation space, a big co-op office for all the not-for-profits, a commercial kitchen, gardens all around, seed storage. Make it green and totally off the grid for use in emergencies!

Spending another \$20,000 of our community money? We deserve more for our tax dollars. We have homeless and hungry people on this island. We don't need to pay a consultant to figure out what this community needs. Call for committee volunteers and make this Shared Space Salt Spring concept happen already!

SHELLEY MAHONEY,
SALT SPRING



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

SQUAWKER: A seagull has a rant or a rose of its own to express from a spot at the Vesuvius Bay ferry terminal.

RANTS and Roses

Roses

The Salt Spring Island Pickle Ball Association sends a kaleidoscope of roses and a dozen over-flowing jars of the finest sweet pickles to Country Grocer for their donation to help us celebrate our 1st Annual Pickle Ball Picnic, and their ongoing support through the Save-a-Tape program. We are very grateful for their contributions to our island community.

I'd like to send out a very special thanks to "David" who works in the plumbing and hardware department in Moutat's. A lively older fellow who not only had all the right answers for me during a very difficult kitchen sink reno but also went way beyond my expectations when he offered to loan me his own personal, and expensive, jigsaw. He said with a smile, "This is Salt Spring" . . . he didn't even ask me for ID. Keep up the great service, Dave, you were a pleasure to do business with. Ken Mauro, Marysville, B.C.

A wheelbarrow full of poppies to Bon Acres Farm for donating all the corn to the Legion for our summer BBQ dinner. The corn was delicious and much enjoyed and appreciated! Thank you from the Legion Branch 92, Salt Spring Island.

Roses to those folks who clean up after the careless devotees of the insidious Lady Nicotine, who mindlessly toss their cigarette butts (with non-biodegradable filters) here and there — wherever — along the roads and trails, around town, and even on the parking lot

and sidewalk of the Eagle Ridge Medical Clinic. (Note that I didn't even mention the discarded coffee cups, and beer and juice bottles.) R. Miller

The Salt Spring SPCA wishes to thank our coordinators, donors, volunteers and community for supporting our yard sale on Aug. 22-23. Bushels of gorgeous, fragrant roses to Joanne Witt and Theresa Bruce for organizing and keeping it real! To Suzanne, Heidi, Linda, Lorna, Robert, Kate and Dawna, thank you for helping people and ensuring sales happened smoothly and generously. Without stuff to sell, we wouldn't have had our success. Thank you to our donors Jo, Theresa, Sean, David, Donna, Karen H, Jan, Henry & Carol, Michelle, Karen G, Rosemary, Jane, Brook, Dave and Gail, Ann Marie and Tom, Chris, Bill, Wendy and Anya. There were a few others whose names we missed but give thanks to! Special gratitude to Barry at Farmers' Institute for the tables and to the Rougers for lending a tent and tables. Overall we all contributed our time and efforts to raise \$1,600 for our local animals. Way to go everyone! High paws!

Silver roses to Terry Warbey for his very kind gift. What a thoughtful gesture and much appreciated. In fact, I was stunned. KD

A bouquet of roses to Kylie, Brett (guest house) and the SPCA for their efforts in trying to find Bailey. (I'm not giving up). Thank you. Pat

MORE LETTERS

Keep later departure time

The following has been sent to the BC Ferries Southern Gulf Islands Scheduling Project committee. A response from that committee follows.

One of the changes that BC Ferries is proposing for our Tsawwassen to Long Harbour ferry schedule is changing the last ferry departure time of 7:40 p.m. to a new departure time of 6:45 p.m.

Leaving one hour earlier is only going to increase the hardship of getting home in the evening. And if you have a reservation on this ferry, they will want you there at 6 p.m. If you go by way of Swartz Bay (taking the 7 p.m. departure), you always risk not making the 9 p.m. Fulford connection and being stranded in Sidney for the night.

Salt Spring Island has three residents on the BC Ferries schedule determination committee: Bob Jones, Ellie Thorburn and Harold Swierenga. I hope you will join in asking them to maintain the current 7:40 p.m. departure.

CURT FIRESTONE,
SALT SPRING

Sailing clarifications

The Salt Spring Island members of the Southern Gulf Islands Scheduling Project would like to thank the residents and ferry users who attended the open house at the Harbour House Hotel last Monday.

We would like to, however, clarify some proposed departure times for the evening sailings from Tsawwassen to Long Harbour. The current schedule in the off-peak season (early September to late June) has a departure time from Tsawwassen on Mondays through Fridays at 7:20 p.m., arriving at Long Harbour at 10:20 p.m. The proposed draft schedule would have the ferry leave Tsawwassen 35 minutes earlier at 6:45 p.m., arriving at Long Harbour at 9:43 p.m. Weekend off-peak departures from Tsawwassen are somewhat later with the Saturday departure at 8:45 and the Sunday departure at 9:35 p.m.

The draft proposals would change the Saturday departure by 25 minutes to 8:20 p.m. and the Sunday departure would stay the same. There would also be some adjustments during the "shoulder" spring season weekend departure times.

During the critical peak summer season, weekday departure times from Tsawwassen will, in fact, be later under the proposed draft schedule. Currently, the ferry departs Tsawwassen at 7:40 p.m., but this would move to 7:57 p.m. Friday departure times from Tsawwassen would remain essentially the same, but Saturday times would change to 8:42 from 9:30 p.m. and Sunday departure times to 10:08 from 10:45 p.m.

Travel times of a number of the sailings in both directions would be shorter in the draft schedules, with more direct and one-stop sailings than in the current schedules.

HAROLD SWIERENGA,
FOR SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS SCHEDULING PROJECT
SALT SPRING ISLAND MEMBERS

Music's a positive force

I'm writing to defend Valdy's recent letter on the Driftwood's Aug. 12 choice of cover story, for which he was criticized last week ("Out of control" letter, Aug. 26).

Valdy was pointing out that a photo of the previous weekend's music festival would have been more upbeat, and more characteristic of Salt Spring Island. I totally agree. Music is one of the intangible resources that makes this island so special and well known.

And we are reminded this week of how music, and musicians, were such a strong and positive force in New Orleans after the devastation of Katrina.

CAROL KELLY RUDD,
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Afghan girls supported by Hames art auction

Three paintings up for bid

A renowned Canadian artist who used to live on Salt Spring and is still represented locally by Steffich Fine Art has donated three of his paintings for a worthy cause.

Painter Michael Hames now lives in Nova Scotia, but is helping to support two Afghan sisters attending Vancouver Island University through the donation of his artwork.

The paintings are being put up for e-auction by the Wilt-

shire Education Society, a small group of Nanaimo citizens who have pledged to support the girls as international students in the business degree program at VIU.

One of the three paintings, Woman of Mangar 2, can be seen at Steffich Fine Art in

Grace Point Square.

Instructions for placing bids as well as bid tracking are all on the society's website at www.WESociety.org.

"The two Afghan women arrived in Nanaimo on Christmas Day in 2013 and WES has fully sup-

ported the girls during their first two years here through donations and various fundraising events," explains a press release from the group.

"Today, the girls are thriving in their new environment, excelling in their studies

and are only three semesters away from earning their degrees. WES and the girls are very pleased to have an artist of Michael's calibre supporting them and to be able to also partner with the Steffich Fine Art gallery in our fundraising efforts."



Woman from Mangar 2

ART REVIEW

PhotoSynthesis artists push medium

Soft surfaces and painterly vibe mark annual show

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members and guest artists of Salt Spring's PhotoSynthesis group come to the table with a certain level of experience and skill; they have mastered the basics of photography and are now busy exploring new aspects of the art or pushing a personal interest to its creative limits.

That's good news for viewers, who will find plenty to enjoy and ponder at the latest exhibition, which opened at the ArtSpring Gallery on Aug. 26 and continues to Sept 8. Whether it's perfectly crisp shots of nature, manipulated images that emphasize pattern and texture or something in between, the show is packed full of examples showcasing the vast possibilities of the medium.

Janet Dwyer has been using a scanner to capture nature in incredible detail for many years now, but somehow she continues to wow with the artful compositions she assembles on the scanner bed. This year's selections have added luminosity due to a varnished finish, which makes the items depicted look both tangible and slightly unreal. Totem - Feather is an incredible collection, with a bouquet of talons and a tiny bird's skull resting among a backdrop of feathers from different birds. Russet tones bring warmth to black, white and beige with an Old Masters' glow.

Dwyer's Touch is at once a simpler image and a more symbolic looking one, its three pink flower heads arranged over a seamed skull like a mask. The light picks out the petals in luscious detail while the skull is left more nuanced in behind.

Amy Melious makes use of a beeswax surface treatment to create images that are simultaneously tactile and at a remove. Two panels of 16 images each pattern sky blue with cream, with shots of dreamy clouds, birds in flight, branches and rippled water. The resulting collection is a lovely ode to the photographer's home environment and shows her strong eye for composition in every vignette.

Guest artist Will Datené had a commercial career that included supplying stock images, but his contributions to the exhibition reveal a more creative side. A shot of elk on the move has a folk tale appeal, with a moon overhead against an impossibly starry purple sky. The animals' impressive antlers echo the forms of the bare trees behind.



Janet Dwyer's image called Touch, part of the PhotoSynthesis exhibit. Dwyer also opens her Fairway Crescent studio to visitors this long weekend.

Grace Sevy, another PhotoSynthesis guest, creates an unusual viewing experience that refuses to accept the limitations of the straight line by layering multiple images at angles that extend over and into the matted area. This relays a sense of the energy and movement witnessed in the San Francisco street scene Gay Marriages, with its tableau of clashing protesters. Sevy wisely employs the device more subtly in View From a Window, letting a busy Havana alleyway come to life by adding just one diagonal photo to the base.

Jen Holmes lets the spirit of art and authenticity emerge in Duende, a nicely large print in black and white in which a woman's ghostly form is superimposed over a country kitchen scene of sink, windows and geraniums. The composition is well balanced, and gentle in its sense of mutually influencing but passing moments and planes.

Larry Melious' treatment gives his landscapes an atmospheric and painterly feeling that glimmers of a past century, such as

the moody orange sky and dark weather-capped island in Morrow Bay and a primordial approach to Walker's Hook that emphasizes a thicket of green firs.

This year's PhotoSynthesis show also features those skilled at capturing the perfect shot in scenes that need to be slowed down to a single moment to be truly appreciated. Birgit Freybe Bateman is always good at this and has several fine examples of landscape in the show. Her Tail Light on Ferry, shot perhaps through a windshield rippled with rain drops, is an even more impressive combination of pattern, texture and colour. Nirmal Dryden's Weathered has similar strengths in a different form, with flaking red paint on a close-up wall of cedar shingles providing wonderful colours, shadows and texture.

Visitors will also find Bobby Crichton's amazing safari shots, student artist Katya Flercke's keen eye for plants and animals, and many more items of interest from participating photographers. The show is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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POETRY

LGBTQ voices heard at poetry evening

Participants invited to join creative process

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A different kind of poetry reading is being offered at the Salt Spring Public Library when local poet Julian Paquette leads an interactive evening with a slate of guest authors on Wednesday, Sept. 9.

LGBTQ Voices, which kicks off at 7:30 p.m. and acts as an unofficial opener to Salt Spring Pride events happening that week, will feature Paquette and Anna Wårje and other guest poets from the LGBTQ spectrum, as well as a writing opportunity for all who wish to participate.

"LGBTQ people often face challenges of varying degrees to be themselves," Paquette explained about the wish to make those voices heard. "Creative modes of expression, like poetry, can function as important mediums to communicate, empower and even transform the writer and their experiences."

Paquette, a transgendered writer, earned a Master of Arts degree in English and Creative Writing at Concordia University. His work has appeared in magazines and journals across Canada and the U.S., and he published two poetry chapbooks before taking a long break from writing that lasted around four years.

Recently he has been getting back into practice, taking the summer off from his job with the Salt Spring Forum (although still working his other job at ArtSpring) to spend



JULIAN PAQUETTE



ANNA WÅRJE

his free time on composition.

"It feels great getting back," he said. "With art forms of any kind, it's a great way to get in touch with yourself."

Wednesday's event comes during an interesting moment historically, when transgender people have reached mainstream attention and yet have failed to achieve specific human rights protection. Paquette is living this history, but his readings will not necessarily tackle the accompanying issues directly.

"I just feel like part of my work as a human, and because I happen to be trans, is to educate people by default, just by living my life and doing my thing," Paquette said. "It's not a declaration but a way of destigmatizing."

Opening the doors to creative expression can provide a much-needed service. Paquette noted depression, substance abuse and addiction can be a problem for LGBTQ people.

"I feel that creativity can counter some of that. It's important that we have positive outlets and coping mechanisms for the pressures we face," Paquette said.

"Connection is a vital component to

survival and well-being. It can also serve to etch marginalized communities, like people, into a greater cultural narrative. It says, 'We exist, we have always existed. Here are our stories, musings, poems — in our own words.'"

Wårje is a writer and performer whose work has appeared in numerous literary magazines, including Room, Event, Contemporary Verse 2, and Descant as well as Rocksalt: An Anthology of Contemporary BC Poetry. She holds an MA from UBC's Institute for Gender, Race, Sexuality and Social Justice and has worked as an anti-oppression educator and facilitator with many Vancouver organizations, including Check Your Head, Qmunity and the YWCA. She recently moved to Salt Spring with her partner.

Other guest readers identify with various points along the LGBTQ spectrum, including as allies. Readings will be short to allow a varied program.

The evening is sponsored by the Salt Spring Arts Council and the Salt Spring Public Library. Paquette said he was thrilled to find such strong community support, and especially to receive a community project grant from the arts council.

"It's a small amount but symbolically it feels really big to me," he said. "It means a lot to be in a community that feels like your stuff is worth being produced — it's a very nourishing feeling."

Participants are invited to bring a pen and paper for a fun and interactive writing component after the readings, which Paquette promises won't be intimidating.



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

CAPTURED COLOUR: Ceramic art by Helen Ormiston Smith (foreground) and paintings by Nicola Wheston, on the wall, are part of the current Duthie Gallery exhibition, along with beautiful pieces by Susan Benson.

ART EXHIBIT

Meredith displays 'pouring' technique

Watercolour artist provides September lobby exhibit

Jacqueline Meredith is known for her beautiful watercolours depicting the islands in British Columbia.

During the month of September in the ArtSpring lobby spaces, Meredith exhibits her most recent collection of watercolours, and features her Peaceful Anchorage series.

As Meredith explains in a press release, for most of the paintings in this series she uses a technique called

"pouring," where the liquid paint is poured onto wet paper, and the colours are blended without a brush. A small amount of detail is added with brush and art knife after the initial wash has dried.

"The late Jack Avison mentored Meredith in this technique and the paintings are quite unique in the art world. Pouring allows the colours to blend in ways that brush work cannot, and gives an intensity that is rarely seen in watercolour paintings.

"The paintings show the islands with deep reflections, indicating still waters and evoking serenity. Many of

them show sailboats at anchor, which led to the Peaceful Anchorage title. Most of these paintings do not represent specific locations, but contain the feeling of the Gulf Islands, and the idea of a safe haven."

In addition to the Peaceful Anchorage series, the show contains many of Meredith's popular Salt Spring scenes, such as Ganges Harbour, Channel Ridge and St. Mary Lake. She also includes some of her mysterious misty shore watercolours.

The paintings can be seen from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, Sept. 2 through 29,



Waiting for the Sun to Rise, by Jacqueline Meredith, is part of ArtSpring's September lobby spaces exhibit.

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Tree House Cafe evening

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an electric quotient; not unlike the arc that many of Young's most famous albums have followed.

Any performers interested in playing may contact Jacquest at 250-653-9172 or send him a note on Facebook.

People should be sure to come down early as space and table seating is limited.

JONATHAN BYRD

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| <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Music & Munch. Harry Warner and friends present a musical tour of Ireland. All Saints By-the-Sea. 12:10 p.m.</p> <p>Tequila Mockingbird Orchestra. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.</p> | <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Glen Chatam. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m. Open Mic with Ross & Dave. Every Thursday at Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.</p> | <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Friday WineDown TGIF at Salt Spring Vineyards. Wind down the week with wine and live music. Salt Spring Vineyards. 4 to 6 p.m.</p> <p>Jazz Cafe at Fernwood Road Cafe. With Lloyd English and Myles English, every Friday. Fernwood Road Cafe. 6 to 8 p.m.</p> <p>Murray Kyle, Hanna Leigh and Sadie Ranen Concert. Dance Temple presents a special collaboration night of sacred prayer and music from far and wide. At Neptune Farm beginning at 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Carmanah. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.</p> <p>Sam Weber. Indie rock music at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.</p> | <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>The Costners. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.</p> <p>Soul Shakedown. Live band at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.</p> | <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Sunday Afternoon Music in the Vines at SS Vineyards. Live music with Simone and Mike Lamers. Salt Spring Vineyards. 2 to 4 p.m.</p> <p>Neil Young Harvest. Fifth annual open stage tribute night of Neil Young music at Tree House Cafe, hosted by David Jaquest. 6 to 10 p.m.</p> | <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Open Stage. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. Hosted by David Jaquest. 7 to 10 p.m.</p> | <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Elvira Clare and Alan Martin. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.</p> |
| <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Computer Help Drop-in. Get free help with your phone, tablet or computer challenges every Wednesday at Salt Spring Literacy. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.</p> <p>Bill Brownridge Author Reading. A reading and art talk by Bill Brownridge, author of four Canadian classic children's books, including <i>The Moccasin Goalie</i> and <i>Tracking the Iron Horse</i>. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 5 p.m.</p> <p>SS Fire Protection District Finance Committee Meeting. Public welcome to attend committee meeting at Ganges fire hall. 2 p.m.</p> <p>Poker Night at the Local. Hosted by Albert every Wednesday at The Local. Sign up by 6:30 p.m., start at 7 p.m.</p> <p>SongJam. A pub-style singalong to the soundtrack of our lives. Hit songs with lyrics handed out. Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.</p> | <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Salt Spring Local Trust Committee Meeting. Regular business meeting at Lions Hall. 9:30 a.m., with town hall session beginning at 12 noon.</p> <p>Willow Sky MacDonald Photography Exhibit Opening. Opening night for Willow Sky MacDonald photography show at the Harbour House Hotel, Restaurant and Organic Farm. 6 to 9 p.m.</p> <p>Poetry Open Mic. With featured poet Kevin Spent, author of <i>Jabbering</i> with Bing Bong, a coming-of-age narrative of growing up "post-Mennonite" in Surrey. Salt Spring Library Program Room. Reader sign-up at 6:45. Readings at 7.</p> <p>Viva Chorale! Choir. Registration and first rehearsal. New singers welcome. SSI Baptist Church. Registration at 6:15 and rehearsal from 7 to 9 p.m.</p> | <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Tech Cafe: Computer Security. Join Shaun Luttin for a talk on securing your computer and cloud services and avoiding computer-related telephone and email scams. Salt Spring Public Library. 5 p.m.</p> <p>Meat Draw. Every Friday and Saturday at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92. 6 p.m.</p> <p>Paper-Collage Exhibition Opening. Opening of the paper-collage exhibition of recent work by Bly Kaye's students at KizMit Galeria and Cafe. 6 to 8 p.m.</p> | <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Saturday Market. Famous market event with all items made, baked or grown by Salt Spring residents. Centennial Park. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p>Tech Tutoring with John. All topics, including Macs. Sign-up required. Salt Spring Public Library. Sessions start on the hour every hour (except 1 p.m.) beginning at 10 a.m. Sign up at the library.</p> <p>Meat Draw. Every Friday and Saturday at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92. 6 p.m.</p> <p>Janet Dwyer Open Studio. Award-winning photographer Janet Dwyer opens her studio at 234 Fairway Crescent. Noon to 5 p.m.</p> | <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Saturday Market on Sunday. Special long weekend market in Centennial Park. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.</p> <p>Unitarian Fellowship. Amanda Tarling speaks on What is it to be a Community of Promise? SS Seniors Centre. 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Janet Dwyer Open Studio. See Saturday's listing.</p> <p>JONEZI's Art Party. At 117 Sandpiper Place. 3 p.m. to midnight. Info: jonesi1@hotmail.com; 250-538-8605.</p> | <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Tuesday Farmers' Market. Every Tuesday through October at Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.</p> | <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>LGBTQ Voices: An Interactive Poetry Reading. Poets Julian Paquette and Anna Wårje plus guest readers from the local LGBTQ community offer an evening of poetry and writing. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Computer Help Drop-in. See last Wednesday's listing.</p> <p>Poker Night at the Local. See last Wednesday's listing.</p> <p>SongJam. See last Wednesday's listing.</p> |

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Mon. Sept 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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ACTIVITIES

Janet Dwyer Open Studio.
See Saturday's listing.

CINEMA

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EXHIBITIONS

- The 15th annual PhotoSynthesis** show of work by 20 photographers runs at **ArtSpring** daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Sept. 8.
- Photographer **Janet Dwyer** opens her studio at 234 Fairway Crescent on Saturday-Monday, Sept. 4-6 from noon to 5 p.m.
- JONEZI** holds an art party at 117 Sandpiper Place on Sunday, Sept. 6 from 3 p.m. to midnight.
- Paper collage works by students of **Bly Kaye** are shown in an exhibition at **KizMit Galeria and Cafe** opening with a reception on Friday, Sept. 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. Show continues until Sept. 27.
- Willow Sky MacDonald** holds a photography show at the **Harbour House Hotel**, beginning with a reception on Thursday, Sept. 3 from 6 to 9 p.m. See the

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photographs then or at any time in the month of September.

- Jacqueline Meredith** exhibits her most recent collection of watercolour paintings and features her Peaceful Anchorage series in the lobby spaces of **ArtSpring** through September.
- Duthie Gallery** presents an exhibit of work by **Nicola Wheston, Helen Ormiston Smith** and **Susan Benson**. The gallery is open Thursdays through Mondays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Also at Duthie Gallery, the Summer Lights illuminated sculpture garden is open nightly from dusk to midnight through mid-September.
- ArtCraft's final Showcase** of the summer features paintings by **Sharon Simonds Chia** and fine ceramics by **Kasumi Lampitoc**. It runs daily — along with the Salt Spring Arts Council's ArtCraft show and sale — at Mahon Hall until Sept. 20.
- A show of new work by painter **Patricia Murphy MacDonald** runs daily at **Pod Contemporary Gallery** through September.
- Kids** — a photography show by **Avril Kirby** — runs at **Fernwood Road Cafe** daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Sept. 19.
- When Art Rocked**, an exhibit of psychedelic poster art, runs at **Steffich Fine Art** in Grace Point Square. See also a Michael Hames painting being auctioned to benefit girls from Afghanistan earning business degrees at VIU.
- Beulah Gordon** shows mixed-media and glass work at **Island Savings**.
- Landart@ArtCraft** — three outdoor installations — can be seen around **Mahon Hall** in Ganges, along with an online component at www.ssiwayfindingproject.com.

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TENNIS

Islander inducted into tennis hall of fame

Moffat honoured at Rogers Cup ceremony

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Bob Moffat is among the latest of Canadian tennis icons to be recognized as a Canadian Tennis Hall of Fame member.

Moffat received the honour during a centre-court ceremony in front of nearly 10,000 people at a semifinal match at the Rogers Cup competition in Toronto on Aug. 15.

"It was a pretty marvellous celebration," he said.

Retired tennis champ Justine Henin presented Moffat with a commemorative plaque to mark the addition of his name to the list of 72 other Canadian tennis greats.

Moffat headed Tennis Canada for 16 years. As the group's CEO, Moffat oversaw construction and renovation of the world-class stadiums that host Rogers Cup events



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Retired tennis great Justine Henin inducts Salt Spring's Bob Moffat into the Canadian Tennis Hall of Fame.

in Toronto and Montreal. Moffat also played a vital role to secure event sponsorship after federal legislation banned tobacco sponsorship of sporting events.

Moffat, who was born on Texada Island and grew up in Victoria, has been visiting Salt Spring since the 1970s.

"We know the island very well," he said.

He has lived on the island full time for three years.

"The first thing I did was get involved in tennis," he said.

Moffat said engaging new players of all ages with the game he's loved for so much of his life is

among his priorities.

"Tennis is a lifelong sport," he added.

The construction of the island's indoor tennis facility at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club and several rising Canadian tennis stars on the international stage have inspired a new generation of players to pick up a racquet.

Fernando dos Santos, communications director for the Salt Spring Tennis Association, called Moffat a "tremendous supporter" and "super-good guy."

Moffat is the second SSTA member to be inducted into the Canadian Tennis Hall of Fame.

He joins Marjorie Blackwood, a Wimbledon doubles quarterfinalist in 1981 and 1982, French Open doubles quarterfinalist in 1980, and a top-50 Women's Tennis Association player.

"We are surrounded by amazing people," dos Santos said. "They enrich the club and everybody around them."

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AGILITY TRAINING

Salt Spring dogs and handlers place top 5



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Salty Dogs trainer Diane Alton-Kaighin, left, and Elfie stand on the podium for their second-place finish at the Canadian National Dog Agility Championships. Salt Spring's Lesley Colgan and Crumpet also earned top marks with a fifth-place finish overall.

Canadian championships in Burnaby

Two Salt Spring teams made their mark at the Canadian National Dog Agility Championships held in Burnaby in August.

Salty Dogs trainer Diane Alton-Kaighin and Elfie placed third, fourth (three times) and fifth in their six runs, winning second overall. Elfie is 12 years old and runs as a veteran dog and has many championship titles. Elfie also won a trophy and basket of treats and toys for earning the highest aggregate score for a veteran rescue dog. The prize included a cash donation to the rescue association where Elfie came from, which is Animal Welfare Shelter in North Vancouver.

Lesley Colgan and Crumpet competed in their first national competition and placed second (twice), third, fourth, (twice) and eighth in

their six runs, winning fifth overall. Competition was very stiff with a large group of competitors from Ontario, Alberta and Quebec.

"The series of different obstacle courses rely on teamwork and effective communication between dog and handler," explained Colgan. "It is a race for time and accuracy that tests a person's skill as a trainer and handler, and provides an abundance of fun for the dog."

"The courses are made up of various jumps, tunnels, hoops and contact equipment such as a teeter, A-frame and dog-walk. The dog's job is to take the obstacles indicated by the handler. The handler's job is to successfully navigate the dog through the different courses and games. The jump heights are adjusted to provide an even playing field for all sizes and ages of dogs."

Each team competes in six events over three days. All courses are different and contain different combinations of agility equipment. Each run is worth a certain amount of points and points are deducted for faults.

Salty Dogs Agility Club will start the next series of classes in mid-September. See www.saltydogs.ca for more information. An agility demonstration will also take place at the Salt Spring Fall Fair on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 1:30 p.m.

FALL EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY
ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

ART TALK Wednesday, September 2, 5 p.m.
A reading by Bill Brownridge, painter and author of four Canadian classic children's books.

POETRY OPEN MIC Thursday, September 3, 7 p.m.
Join featured poet Kevin Spent. Reader sign-up at 6:45. One poem per reader.

TECH CAFE Tuesday, September 8, 5 p.m.
Tech Cafe: Computer Security. Pre-register.

POETRY EVENT Wednesday, September 9, 7:30 p.m.
LGBTQ Voices: An Interactive Poetry Reading.

Friday, September 11, 4 p.m.
Local author W. James Dickinson will read from his newly released book *Raptor Night*.

Thursday, September 17, 7 p.m.
Local author John Mills launches his seventh book, *Still No Word from Nancy*.

LECTURE Tuesday, September 22, 7 p.m.
Social Change: New Economy with educator Ellie Langford Parks M.Ed. Pre-register.

POETRY OPEN MIC Thursday, October 1, 7 p.m.
Join featured poet Elizabeth Ross. Reader sign-up at 6:45. One poem per reader.

ART TALK Wednesday, October 7, 6 p.m.
GISS students working and experimenting with a variety of mediums and themes.

TECH CAFE Tuesday, October 13, 5 p.m.
Tech Cafe: Introduction to the Cloud.

Wednesday, October 21, 5 p.m.
Local author Patrick Taylor reads from *An Irish Doctor in Love and at Sea: An Irish Country Novel*.

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WEDNESDAY

SALT SPRING GENEALOGY GROUP meets on the last Wednesday of each month, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Mormon church.
SALT SPRING PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Harbour House Crofton Room.
SOUTH SALT SPRING SENIORS meet on the last Wednesday of each month at Fulford Hall at 2 p.m.
STITCH DIMENSION QUILT GUILD meets on Sept. 9 and 23, and then on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from October through June from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Salt Spring Island Baptist Church, around the back.

every WEDNESDAY

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP for people caring for individuals with Alzheimers and others. Every Wednesday at Salt Spring Seniors (379 Lower Ganges Rd.) at 11 a.m. Info: Margaret Monro, 250-537-5004.
CHAIR YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
COMPUTER DROP-IN HELP — Free help with computer, tablet, smartphone problems at Salt Spring Literacy. Drop in at 126 Hereford Ave. between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
CRYSTAL BOWLS & VOCAL VIBRATIONS with Adam Huber at Ganges Yoga Studio. 7:30 to 9 p.m.
DUPLICATE BRIDGE group meets at Salt Spring Seniors. 12:45 p.m.
HOT HATHA YOGA at the Nest hot yoga. 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and Moksha-inspired Level 1 hot yoga from 12 to 1 p.m. and 6 to 7:15 p.m. Info: theneshotyoga@gmail.com
MEDITATION GROUP suitable for beginners meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Everyone welcome. Info: Deb Stevenson, 250-930-5333
MEDITATION MEETINGS and teachings with the Salt Spring Vipassana Society. The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. Teachings offered by donation with Insight Meditation teacher Heather Martin. 7 to 8:30 p.m.
MEN'S BRIDGE at Salt Spring Seniors at 7 p.m.
PILATES CLASS with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd. 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Info/register: anna@bonesforever.com Pilates is a body conditioning system that builds flexibility and long, lean muscles, strength and endurance.
SSI ROTARY CLUB meets each Wednesday for a deliciously prepared lunch with community focused speakers and presentations at the Harbour House Hotel from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.
STANDUP PADDLEBOARD workshops run at 5:30 and 7 p.m., and SUP yoga classes 7:30 and 8:45 p.m. at Salt Spring Adventure Co. Through to Sept. 16.
SWING DANCE at SS Elementary School gym. East-Coast, West-Coast, and Lindy Hop. Everyone welcome. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call Larry Nelson or Wendy Hartnett at 250-537-4118.
TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.
YOGA LEVEL 1 with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio. 9 to 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
YOGA with Dorothy Price. At The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. 9 to 10:30 a.m. CLASSES TAUGHT BY MARIANNE OR HANSA IN SEPTEMBER.
ZEN MEDITATION at 210 Cedar Lane at 7 p.m. Call 250-653-2411 for details. Newcomers always welcome.

THURSDAY

BOOK CLUB meets on the second Thursday at Salt Spring Seniors in the lounge at 1:30 p.m.
BRIDGE runs at Salt Spring Seniors on the first and third Thursdays at 12:45 p.m.
LIBRARY BOOK CLUB open to all meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at the library. 1 to 3 p.m.
TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION — Group meditations for all who have learned TM. Last Thursday of each month 7:30 p.m. Call 778-353-3014 for address and more information. Free introductory lectures by appointment.

every THURSDAY

AL-ANON for friends and families of alcoholics meets at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church rear annex. 12 noon.
BELLYFIT class with Trina Aspinall at Ganges Yoga Studio. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
CHAKRA TONING with Deborah Stevenson at Still Point Yoga Studio. 3:30 to 5 p.m.
DANCE TEMPLE at Beaver Point Hall from 7 to 9 p.m.
EVERYBODY MOVE — a morning aerobics fitness class with Catherine Bennett at Ganges Yoga Studio. 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT® CLASS with Alice Friedman at The Gatehouse, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Info: Alice Friedman, 250-653-4332, alice@saltspring.com.
HATHA YOGA with Shanti Levesque at Ganges Yoga Studio. 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
NIA at Fulford Hall Annex returns Sept. 17, 10 to 11 a.m. See Tuesday NIA description. Call Donna at 250-653-9985 for fee info.
VINYASA YOGA at the Nest hot yoga. 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. PLUS Hot Hatha from 10 to 11 a.m. and from 5 to 6 p.m. Info: theneshotyoga@gmail.com
SALTY WHEELS SQUARE DANCE CLUB meets at 734 Upper Ganges Road. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Info: Marilynne, 250-537-5356.
SENIORS LUNCH runs at Salt Spring Seniors at 12 noon. RESUMES IN OCTOBER.
STAY AND PLAY DROP-IN for parents and caregivers and their children aged 0-6. Family Place. 12:30 to 3 p.m.
SUNRISE KUNDALINI YOGA with Jasleen MacKeigan at Ganges Yoga Studio. 7 to 8 a.m.
TAOIST TAI CHI for beginners at All Saints By-the-Sea. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with beginners until now. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.
TENNIS — LADIES DOUBLES public drop-in at Portlock Park. 8 to 11 a.m. Everyone welcome.
YANG LING YOGA at the Nest hot yoga. 7 to 8:15 p.m. Info: theneshotyoga@gmail.com
YIN YOGA with Robert Prince at Ganges Yoga Studio. 6:45 to 8 p.m.
YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at SS Centre of Yoga from 4:30 to 6 p.m. CLASSES TAUGHT BY MARIANNE OR HANSA IN SEPTEMBER.

every FRIDAY

BRIDGE GAMES run at Salt Spring Seniors at 10 a.m.
COFFEE TIME for seniors is at Salt Spring Seniors at 10 a.m.
CONJURING CLUB — Join magician Shaun Luttin for 90-minute lessons in conjuring and sleight-of-hand. SS Library. 3:30 p.m. Register at shaun@bigfont.ca.
EVERYBODY STRETCH — Everyday stretches for the everyday body to classical music with Catherine Bennett. Ganges Yoga Studio. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

every FRIDAY

FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT® CLASS with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd., 10 to 11 a.m. Move with less pain and stress by learning how to make any activity more effective and more enjoyable. Info/register: anna@bonesforever.com.
GAMES NIGHT at the Salt Spring library. An evening of board games and other interactive games facilitated by Brian Dubien. 6 to 9 p.m.
MAH JONGG players gather at Salt Spring Seniors at 12:15 p.m.
MEAT DRAW at the Legion. 5 p.m.
MIXED LEVELS YOGA with Celeste at Ganges Yoga Studio. 9 to 10:30 a.m.
NOON FLOW YOGA at Ganges Yoga Studio. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
STAY AND PLAY DROP-IN for parents and caregivers and their children aged 0-6. Family Place. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
STORYTIME — ideal for kids aged 3 to 6 and their families. SS Library. 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. RESUMES ON SEPT. 25.
SUNSET FLOW YOGA at Ganges Yoga Studio. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
TENNIS - MIXED DOUBLES public drop-in at Portlock Park. 8 to 11 a.m. Everyone welcome.
TRIVIA NIGHT at the Legion. 8 p.m.

every SATURDAY

DAD 'N' ME PANCAKE BREAKFAST at Family Place. For dads and kids aged 0 to 6. 8:30 to 10 a.m.
MEAT DRAW at the Legion. 5 p.m.
MIXED LEVELS YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio. 9 to 10:30 a.m.
TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Open practice. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.
TECH TUTORING WITH JOHN at the Salt Spring library on Saturdays on the hour from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. All topics, including Macs. Please sign up at the library for the appropriate date and time, complete with contact information and tutoring topic.
TODDLERTIME at the library for children under four and their families. 10:30 a.m.
VINYASA Yoga at The Nest hot yoga. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Info: theneshotyoga@gmail.com

SUNDAY

REIKI/ENERGY SHARE GROUP is on the last Sunday of each month at Ganges Yoga Studio. 6:30 to 9 p.m.
UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP meets on the first three Sundays of every month at Salt Spring Seniors. For weekly program, visit www.saltspringunitarians.com for info.

every SUNDAY

KUNDALINI YOGA with Jaya Levesque at Ganges Yoga Studio. 9:30 to 11 a.m.
POKER at the Legion. 1 p.m.
TAI CHI CLASSES — For ongoing students, beginners and visitors with Osman Phillips at Cedar Lane Studio. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info: 250-537-5667

MONDAY

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC on the last Monday of each month at SS Seniors. 10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
SSI FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT trustees hold their business meetings on the third Monday of each month at the SSI United Church, lower hall. 7 p.m. Public welcome.
SSI PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION usually meets on the third Monday of each month at the SS Library Program Room. 4 to 6 p.m. Public welcome. Confirm meeting date at 250-537-4448.

MONDAY

SSI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION meets on the fourth Monday of each month at the SS Library Program Room. 4 to 6 p.m. Public welcome.
ZUMBA DANCE FITNESS with Lee Sigmund at Ganges Yoga Studio. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

every MONDAY

BEGINNERS/LEVEL 1 YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio. 11 a.m. to 12 noon and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
CHESS GROUP meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
DUPLICATE BRIDGE meets every Monday at 6:45 p.m. at Salt Spring Seniors Services. Info: George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or pastoral@shaw.ca.
EVERYBODY STRETCH — Everyday stretches for the everyday body to classical music with Catherine Bennett. Ganges Yoga Studio. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT® CLASS with Alice Friedman at The Gatehouse, 190 Reynolds Rd., 9 to 10 a.m. Info: Alice Friedman, 250-653-4332, alice@saltspring.com.
KUNDALINI YOGA FOR BEGINNERS and others at North End Fitness. 1 to 2:10 p.m.
LIFE DRAWING every Monday at the Core Inn (third floor). 1 to 3 p.m. Info: Jose Campbell, 250-537-1121. Drop-ins welcome.
MOKSHA-INSPIRED FLOW HOT YOGA at The Nest hot yoga. 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and Level 1 from noon to 1 p.m. (silently led practice) and from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Info: theneshotyoga@gmail.com
READERS' THEATRE meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
TAI CHI CLASSES — Push hands, applications and partner work with Osman Phillips at Cedar Lane Studio. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Info: 250-537-5667
TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. With beginners until 8 p.m. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.
TECH TUTORING WITH CONRAD at the Salt Spring library. iPad, Tablet and eReader Tutoring with Conrad Koke. Sign-up sheets are found in the Info Desk Programs binder. Sessions are available every Monday at 12 and 1 p.m.
TOASTMASTERS public speaking group meets Mondays at the Catholic Church, lower room, 135 Drake Rd. 7 p.m. sharp.
THE CLINIC by OPT: Options for Sexual Health is open every Monday at the Core Inn 2nd floor. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 250-537-8786.
VIPASSANA MEDITATION with Nicola Bishop at Ganges Yoga Studio. 7 to 8:15 p.m.
YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 4:30 to 6 p.m.
CLASSES TAUGHT BY MARIANNE OR HANSA IN SEPTEMBER.
YOGA FOR HIPS AND SHOULDERS with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio. 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
YOGA ON THE WALL with Celeste or Jayne Lloyd-Jones at Ganges Yoga Studio. 4 to 5 p.m.

TUESDAY

PROBUS group for retired professionals/business people meets on the second Tuesday of each month at Meaden Hall at 10 a.m. with special guest speakers each time. Info: probus.ssi@gmail.com

every TUESDAY

ART GROUP meets at Salt Spring Seniors at 1 p.m.
BELLYFIT class with Trina Aspinall at Ganges Yoga Studio. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
CHAIR YOGA WITH CATE at the Fulford Hall Seniors Room. 2 to 3:15 p.m. c.mewen@shaw.ca, 250-653-9148
CHESS GROUP plays games at Salt Spring Seniors. 6:30 p.m.
IYENGAR YOGA with Jayne Lloyd-Jones at her Yoga In Salt Spring Studio, 238 Park Drive. 4:30 to 6 p.m.
KUNDALINI MOVING MEDITATION from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and **ECKHART TOLLE PRACTISING PRESENCE** from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Info: Amrita, 250-537-2799.
LOST CHORDS seniors choir practices at Salt Spring Seniors beginning on Sept. 15. 10:30 a.m.
MOKSHA-INSPIRED FLOW HOT YOGA at the Nest hot yoga. 5:30 to 7 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Info: theneshotyoga@gmail.com
NIA at Salt Spring United Church hall returns Sept. 15, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. The joy of Dance, the power of Martial Arts, the flexibility and mindfulness of Yoga and more. Blissful, sweetly fun that will completely change how you feel about your body and exercise.
NIA at the Core Inn returns Sept. 15, 5:45 to 7 p.m. Info/register: Arleen, 250-653-9235.
SS SEARCH & RESCUE — Learn ground survival, search and rescue techniques at the SAR Hall. 7 to 9 p.m. Or phone Chuck Hamilton, 250-537-6601.
SMARTSOMATICS classes with Nelly Kosteljik at North End Fitness from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Info: 250-537-2056 or http://smartsomatics.shawwebpace.ca/.

STAY AND PLAY DROP-IN for parents and caregivers and their children aged 0-6. Family Place. 12:30 to 3 p.m.
SUNRISE FLOW YOGA with Thea Wood at Ganges Yoga Studio. 7 to 8 a.m.
TAI CHI CLASSES — Yang Style with Osman Phillips at Cedar Lane Studio. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Info: 250-537-5667
TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.
TECH TUTORING with John at the SS Library. Register for sessions between 2 and 5 p.m.
TENNIS - MEN'S DOUBLES public drop-in at Portlock Park. 8 to 11 a.m. Everyone welcome.
UBUNTU sacred chants with Barb Slater. Ganges Yoga Studio. 1 to 2:30 p.m.
VINYASA FLOW at the Nest hot yoga. 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Info: theneshotyoga@gmail.com
YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE — Yin Style and Restorative. SS Centre of Yoga. 5 to 6 p.m.
CLASSES TAUGHT BY MARIANNE OR HANSA IN SEPTEMBER.
ZUMBA TONING with Lee Sigmund at Ganges Yoga Studio. 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

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FALL FAIR

Winner shares best-kept secret of Salt Spring Fall Fair

Entering Vegetable Collection category well worth the effort

BY JACQUELINE THOMAS
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Over the last 30 years we have grown an extensive vegetable garden and entered our vegetables in many of the categories at the Farmers' Institute's fall fair, winning our share of blue and other coloured ribbons.

But we slowly came to realize that to win the Vegetable Collection prize was the aim of the real gardeners for what we assumed was mere honour. In our first attempts we made some of the usual mistakes, putting in both a zucchini and a winter squash or putting in three beautiful but mismatched peppers. We also realized that it took too much out of our garden as we harvested more and more to get the required number of perfectly matching specimens for six categories so we carried on entering in single vegetable classes and my husband Ian entered his wonderful jellies and jams.

The break came in 2005 when I decided at the last minute to register an entry in the Vegetable Collection. Ian was not particularly interested so I filled out the form and unthinkingly put my name on it.

I wandered around the garden all week, thinking about which would be the six best to enter and when Friday came around there was the usual panic of vegetables not looking as uniform when picked as they did in the ground, but we made none of the old mistakes and in the evening took a nice selection to the Farmers' Institute and arranged them carefully on the 24" X 30" green mat provided. (There were only four or five others.)

The next morning we returned with great anticipation to find the large blue rosette attached to our entry! There was also a note telling us that we had

won a trophy, to which we didn't pay much attention at the time.

However, the real surprise came at the end of the fair, on the Sunday. While Ian packed up our entries I went around the back and up the stairs to a little room at the top to pick up the trophy, and on handing in my slip, I was asked, "Do you know which trophy you have won?"

Of course I did not and was completely overwhelmed by its size and magnificence. As I walked back with it someone called out to me, "What do you have to do to win that?"

How was it that this magnificent cup, obviously from a different era, was so little known? It was indeed the best kept secret of the fall fair.

The silver cup, along with its solid wooden base, stands 15" high. Etched on the front it reads:

*Perpetual Challenge Cup presented by
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For The Best Collection of Farm Produce displayed by a member of the Islands Agricultural and Fruit Growers Association

And on the back are etched the year and name of each of the earlier recipients, the first one being, in 1925, Thomas Akerman. Eventually, winners' names were inscribed on small silver squares attached to the base with the most recent: 2005 J. Thomas.

Ian was green with envy and entered and won the following year, 2006, and again in 2010. Last year I decided to have one last try and with very little competition, I think four entries, won it once more.

We are not entering again but want everyone to know about the promise of this category, #545, Vegetable Collection, and hope that in the future there will be a lot more green mats laid out for many entrants to place their six distinct vegetables, in quantities as described in the entry catalogue available at Foxglove and the Driftwood office.



PHOTOS BY JACQUELINE THOMAS

Above, Jacqueline Thomas' trophy-winning vegetable collection in 2014. Below, the Perpetual Challenge Cup for Best Collection of Farm Produce.



HOSPICE

Hospice 101 features program info and new staff member

On Sept. 10 at the library

BY ROB LOWRIE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Next week's Hospice 101 event will be the community's first opportunity to meet Salt Spring Hospice's newest staff member, Christy Linder.

Hired in to the role of executive director, Linder comes to the organization with 20 years experience in hospice and palliative care as a program/volunteer coordinator and hospice educator. She is also an alumni member of the Metta Institute's End-of-Life Practitioner Program.

In joining the Salt Spring Hospice team, Linder says, "Working with the volunteers and everyone involved with Salt Spring Hospice is like being in the company of good friends. We have walked similar journeys over the years, bearing witness to both the fragility and resiliency of life, as we've journeyed with those in our communities experiencing illness, death and loss. I am walking in good company."



CHRISTY LINDER

a difference in our hospice and our community. Her experience and her approach to this work are very impressive. We are fortunate to have such a fine individual join our team."

In its 31st year, Salt Spring Hospice continues to grow as our population ages and the need for services increases. Last year Hospice collaborated with the Seniors Wellness Program by moving into shared office space at 129 Hereford Ave. with office hours now being offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday. It's become a "go-to" place for many seniors looking for information and resources.

Hospice is looking forward to adding to its dedicated core of 40 volunteers this fall by offering a 30-hour hospice

Stephen Roberts, Salt Spring Hospice board chair, is enthusiastic.

"Christy will make

volunteer training program, which will begin later this month and extend into early December. Linder, along with a number of current volunteers, will be facilitating this standardized provincial training program. Applicant interviews are currently underway with applications being accepted until Sept. 21.

Linder and several hospice volunteers will present Hospice 101 on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 1:30 p.m. at the library, a co-sponsor of the event. They will offer a comprehensive glimpse into Salt Spring Hospice's programs, including grief support, advance care planning, hospice's lending library and the fall volunteer training program.

Many other topics can arise at this information meeting and there will be lots of opportunity to ask questions.

The growing profile of hospice in the community continues with plans to have its first information tent at this year's fall fair. Everyone is invited to drop by and meet Linder and some of the volunteers.



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www.saltspringislandfoundation.org -> Grants

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DEATHS

Robert A. Wood
 Feb. 3, 1926 - Aug. 27, 2015

Wood, Robert Arthur Oliver passed away peacefully on August 27, 2015 on Salt Spring Island.

Bob was survived by his children Robert (Eileen), Victoria (Dale), Debra, Lori (William); 11 grandchildren, Jillian, Laura (Chris), Nicola, Michael, David, Erica, Carmen, Emily, Rebecca (Ek), Stephanie, Joseph; 6 great grand children, Maddison, Emily, Moses, Maisie, Charlotte, Kingston.

Bob was a kind and generous and thoughtful man who loved and respected family and friends.

Born and raised on Salt Spring Island. Bob will forever be remembered as an incredible father and grandfather who loved nothing more than cracking jokes with his family and playing with his great grandchildren.

A family gathering will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated to the Community Gospel Church on Bob's behalf.

DEATHS

Oliver Gabriel Clapham

Oliver Gabriel Clapham died on August 26th, 2015 at the age of 43. Lately of Salt Spring Island, he was the beloved son of Anne and Roger Clapham and elder brother of Sam. Oliver has had a long struggle with Lyme disease and more recently a re-occurring tumour on his brain stem.

He was a courageous man and was an inspiration to us all on how to fully engage in life. Full of integrity... he had a deep sense of justice and responsibility. He fought the good fight" and he is now resting in peace.

Please joint us in a celebration of his life at All Saints by the Sea Anglican Church, Ganges, Salt Spring Island on Thursday the 3rd of September at 2pm. This will be followed by a reception at Anne and Roger's home on 104 Lee Road.

We sincerely thank the doctors and nursing staff at Lady Minto Hospital for all their loving care.

Hayward's Funeral Services are handling arrangements. Oliver's page can be seen by clicking onto haywardsfuneral.com ...as of Monday, August 31, 2015.

NEWS UPDATES

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DEATHS

Bryan (Joe) Clark

It is with great sadness that we advise that Joe passed away peacefully in his home. Joe was a proud resident of Salt Spring Island who enjoyed visiting his friends and acquaintances in local pubs and coffee shops. He will now be reunited with his lifelong love Judy who passed away in November.

A small celebration of life will be held at the family residence Saturday, September 5th from 2 - 4 pm.

DEATHS

Deirdre Hellicar
 June 10, 1932 - August 12, 2015

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of our mother, Deirdre Hellicar on August 12, 2015. "Dee" as everyone called her, wishes you to know her work is done here and she is now finally at rest, she has joined her beloved husband and our father, Barry John Hellicar, who preceded her death July 2nd, 1993.

Dee was born in Piddinghoe, West Sussex England to Albert Edwin and Louisa Luke, on June 10th, 1935. Dee attended the High School for Girls in Worthing and then went on to work as a secretary for Roberts and Son, the Worthing Wine Merchants, and then as a legal secretary for the R.W.H. Green Sons solicitor firm in London, England before she moved to Edmonton in 1958. Dee then moved to Yellowknife in 1960 and worked as a secretary at the Giant Yellowknife Gold Mines where she met and "wrangled a proposal" (in her words) from our Dad, Barry John Hellicar, who was a geologist-surveyor for the same mine. After they married in September 1960, Dee and Barry moved to Comox, BC where they raised a family. Dee was also preceded in death by her sister and long-time companion Jean Louise Brown, who ran the Wysteria Guest House Bed & Breakfast with, for over 20 years. Dee & Jean, the two "Wysteria Sisters" were joined at the hip for many years traveling and enjoying life together. Jean sadly passed away in December 2012 after returning to England in 2010 to be with her family there. Dee worked hard all her life and was an amazing mother, friend and nana. She loved to sew, garden renovate houses with her husband, meet new people & travel. Dee loved to tell stories of her life with Barry and her children and had a great sense of humour and memory for detail. She was a woman of extraordinary beauty, was amazingly smart and talented in so many things, she was an extremely hard worker and had a fierce passion and love of life. Dee died peacefully in her sleep at Lady Minto Extended Care where she lived for the past several years. Dee's children wish to thank all the staff at Lady Minto ECU for the passion they showed when taking care of their mother, we will forever be grateful for your compassion and kindness towards her in making sure she lived comfortably until her passing.

Dee is preceded in death by her parents, Edwin and Louisa, her brothers George and Albert Luke, her sister Jean Louise Brown and her son-in-law Steven Leigh Stevenson. Dee is survived by her three children - Deborah Hellicar-Stevenson, Catherine Luedtke & Adam Hellicar and her grandson Luke Barry Hellicar-Stevenson. Her son Adam and his partner Paulina Astorquiza Ortiz, are going to give Dee a granddaughter this October, Dee sadly will never meet her. As they say God Giveth and God Taketh, a new precious life replacing the lost one. Dee will be greatly missed by all that knew her.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, contributions may be made to The Lady Minto Extended Care Foundation - <http://ladymintofoundation.com/how-you-can-help/make-a-donation/>

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IN MEMORIAM

RON WATSON
 Nov. 11, 1928 - Jan. 22, 2015

Please join the family of Ron Watson at a celebration of his life on Sunday, Sept. 6th at the Harbour House Hotel in the Crofton Room.

Drop in between 1pm and 3pm to share laughter and memories of our Dad, Granddad, and Great Granddad. Barry Cooke will share a tribute to his legacy. Refreshments will be provided.

IN MEMORIAM GIFTS

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COMING EVENTS

Hospice 101

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- Advance Care Planning
- Grief Support
- One-to-One
- Self Care
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Thursday Sept. 10th 1:30-2:30pm
 Salt Spring Library's Program Room

for more info contact Salt Spring Hospice 250-537-2770 or office@saltspringhospice.org

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COMING EVENTS

Viva Chorale!
Society Salt Spring Island
Annual General Meeting
 Thursday, Sept. 17th at 8:30 pm at the Salt Spring Island Baptist Church, 520 Lower Ganges Road

COMING EVENTS

S.W.O.V.A
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 Wednesday, 16 September, 2015 5:00 p.m. at the SWOVA office 344 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island
 * All are welcome *
 For more information, contact: 250-537-1336 or info@swova.org

COMING EVENTS

Salt Spring Concert Band
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COMING EVENTS

JONEZI'S ART Party
 Open House - When: Sunday, September 6, 3pm - Midnight
 Where: 117 Sandpiper Pl. Channel Ridge. I will be showcasing my large Terminal City Rust murals as well as my 'Ceilings of Petra' paintings and photographs, Wreck Beach images... Free Camping available on 1/2 acre property. A great opportunity to invest in my new and older 'Lens Based' art works I hope to see you and your friends there! Cheers Jonezi Multi-media artist jonesi1@hotmail.com 250-538-8605 Salt Spring Island/Vancouver, BC

COMING EVENTS

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Date: Monday, September 14, 2015
Time: 10:00 am to 12 pm
Place: Public Library Program Room
129 McPhillips Ave, Salt Spring Island, BC

For information please contact the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area office at 250.537.4448.

Capital Regional District 

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Salt Spring Island
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129 McPhillips Ave, Salt Spring Island, BC

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 **artcraft** SHOWCASE GALLERY

CALL FOR EXHIBITION PROPOSALS

The Salt Spring Arts Council announces an open call to Artists and Craft people working in a variety of media, to submit exhibition proposals for the 2016 season of ArtCraft's Showcase Gallery.

Entry is open only to artists living in School District #64 Gulf Islands. The Showcase Gallery exhibits, on the stage at Mahon Hall, are approximately four weeks long and run during the ArtCraft season-June to September.

- Artists are welcome to submit work individually or as part of a group
- Work must be recent - created within the past 2 years- and must not have been exhibited locally or at ArtCraft either on the main floor or at a previous showcase exhibit.
- Exhibitions are chosen to reflect innovation, quality and professionalism
- The Artcraft commission rate is 35%.
- All items entered must be for sale.
- Application Forms can be downloaded on the website www.ssartscouncil.com
- Or, picked up at Mahon Hall, 114 Rainbow Road at rear office.

Proposals must be received by OCTOBER 30th, 2015

 **artcraft** Land Art Installation

CALL FOR EXHIBITION PROPOSALS

The Salt Spring Arts Council announces an open call to artists and craft people to submit exhibition proposals for the 2016 season of ArtCraft's Land Art Installation at Mahon Hall.

The Council seeks proposals for experimental and innovative landscape art installations that stimulate interest and community engagement in our natural environment, and broaden our perspective to include outdoor spaces in our concept of gallery.

Entry is open only to artists living in School District #64 Gulf Islands. The Land Art Installations run during the ArtCraft 2016 season - June to September.

- Artists are welcome to submit work individually or as part of a group
- Work must be created to be site specific
- Installations are chosen to reflect innovation, quality and professionalism. -Thought should be given to the environmental interaction and impact of the installation materials. These materials need to be completely secured in the work.
- The installations will have no negative impact on the site, during installation, exhibition or removal. All materials will be removed from the site.
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Notice of Annual General Meeting
Salt Spring Island Water & Sewer Local Service Commissions Highland Fernwood, Highland, Fernwood, Maliview

Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2015
Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Place: Public Library Program Room
129 McPhillips Ave, Salt Spring Island, BC


For information please contact the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area office at 250.537.4448.

Capital Regional District 

Notice of Annual General Meeting
Salt Spring Island
Ganges Sewer Local Service Commission

Date: Thursday, September 10, 2015
Time: 10:00 am to 12 pm
Place: Public Library Program Room
129 McPhillips Ave, Salt Spring Island, BC

For information please contact the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area office at 250.537.4448.

Capital Regional District 

Notice of Annual General Meeting
Cedar Lane
Water Service Commission

Date: Friday, September 11, 2015
Time: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Place: Public Library Program Room
129 McPhillips Ave, Salt Spring Island, BC

For information please contact the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area office at 250.537.4448.

 **wintercraft**

Annual Christmas Art and Craft Sale
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RFP No. SSI 2015-008

The Capital Regional District ("CRD") invites detailed proposals from consultants (the "Proponents") in strict accordance with these Proposal Documents (CRD, RFP No. SSI 2015-008). The proposals will be evaluated for the selection of a consultant (or consultants) with the intent to enter into a contract (the "Contract") to provide the services described in Appendix "A".

To engage a consultant to facilitate and document a detailed study for a new community hub that locates non-profit organizations, local government agencies to one location and building for economic benefits, entrepreneurial innovation, collaboration potential, operational efficiencies, reducing environmental impacts, and consolidating services.

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To provide the CRD with qualified proponents capable of carrying out the work herein defined.

A Contract will not necessarily result from this Request for Proposal ("RFP").

The CRD will accept one electronic copy of the proposal to each of the following individuals, in accordance with the instructions contained herein:

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Salt Spring Island Electoral Area
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Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 1K3
Telephone: (250) 537-4448
Fax: (250) 537-4456
Email: kcampbell@crd.bc.ca

Attention: Duncan Hepburn
Shared Space Salt Spring Island Society
Address: 182 Beaver Point Road
Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 1Y8
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This Week's
Horoscope

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TIP OF THE WEEK:

This stands to be a September to remember. The Master Number 11 and September remain firmly fixed in many people's mind. That date combination certainly reveals a pivotal day in time and in many ways launched the millennium almost as much as did the stroke of midnight 2000. All on its own 9 is about endings and completions and graduations and turning points too. There is much talk, speculation and invariably hype surrounding predictions made for September 2015. Autumn Equinox this year occurs on September 23rd this year and that date is sure echoing in many people's minds and on the internet. Many are anticipating some sort of false flag event, a notion that has gained a lot of attention over the last 14 years or so. That it will likely prove to be a false flag about false flags remains a good bet. However, there certainly are plenty of hints about this date woven into movie scripts and even reaches back decades. Rumors about the "military exercise" in the U.S. called Jade Helm, adds to the intrigue. Some prophesy economic collapse, others refer to a meteor strikes linked to Zachariah Sitchen's theory about a "12th planet", Nibiru, or what some speculate is a Brown Dwarf star and the list goes on. Some of the virtual hysteria is fueled by the fact that on September 27 - 28, depending on which time zone you live in, the 4th Total Lunar Eclipse in a row and this one a "Super Moon" appearing 19% larger than usual, will hover ominously for all to see. The entire event will last for about 3.5 hours and the exact period of totality will be 1 hour, 11 minutes and 55 seconds, impressive numbers indeed. Interestingly, September 23, 2015 also coincides with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement and on that day Pope Benedict will make history by meeting with Barack Obama in the U.S. Whitehouse on will address the U.S. Congress on the 24th. Meanwhile, Venus

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Breathing new life into your usual routine is underway. Inspirations to raise your overall health and fitness levels are ideal and likely. At worst, you feel beset by worries and what may be deemed a challenge to feel faithful and inspired; what may be defined as depressed. This would make sense as you are in the final stages of a major and probably challenging process of change.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21) A passionate mood prevails. Inspirations to dig in deep are moving you and this attitude is evident for significant others to see and feel. Romantic urges and notions are featured. This trend will continue until equinox anyway. This is your invitation to bring summer to a close with a real bang... or two... and in a variety of important departments of your life.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21) Home is where your heart is, literally, and good thing too because opportunities to embark on an adventure are indicated now. Your energy levels should be running quite high now and you likely feel sporting and playful. You may well also feel increasingly confident as a long cycle of closure and perhaps of healing too draws near to its completion.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22) Many thoughts, ideas and perhaps visions of the future are occupying your thoughts. Balancing the process of paying attention to the details as you cast your sights to the bigger picture over the long-term is featured. Your ambitions are high and are matched only by your passions to succeed. A learning curve is implied and is fast approaching.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23) You are in the mood to increase your lot, as if suddenly. This will activate your sense of values and priorities. Is it more possession you want, or maybe you are interested to learn more about making key investments, or perhaps you would like guidelines to become healthier somehow? In any case, the time has come to make some key investments guided by careful consideration of what you truly need.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22) You are in the mood to go big. Circumstances are leading you to dig deep to access reserves of courage and of compassion for yourself and others. Already you have come through some pretty sharp turns and lofty and steep ascents combined. Now another set of technical turns are fast approaching and some of these could trigger some of your deeper fears. Travel light to travel free.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22) Your sense of individuality has begun to grow and rapidly. The flip side is that this growth is breaking through prior self-concepts, attitudes, interpretations and lifestyle patterns. At worst, you are left feeling a little insecure about it all and must make extra efforts to access reserves of faith. At best, you are breaking through limitations and are beginning to see a new horizon of fresh possibilities.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21) Some sudden turns and new initiatives in your usual rhythm should be increasingly evident now. Circumstances are requiring that you access new skills, tools and strategies. Increasing your network of friends and key contacts is highlighted. Yet you should get ready to also invest more time, energy and money to realize your goals.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21) In some respects you may feel as though you are on top of the world. While in others you remain busy clearing out the old, or perhaps the basement, to make way for the new. To this end, concentrate your focus and pick up the pace. If you are really in-tune now and on time you will arrive at mid-month with at least a strong momentum and, at best, in the clear to forge ahead.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19) You have begun to see the world with new eyes. Your focus is clearer and you see farther than ever. Yet, what you might also be noticing is certain involvements and approaches altogether are rapidly arriving at an important juncture. No longer willing or committed to engage in certain relationships, you feel ready to move on and/or to invite others to do the same.

Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19) An auspicious cycle continues to unfold. There is reason to say you have earned it and it has been a long time coming. That the pace is quicker and the anti has gone up is the other side of the story. It is important that you are willing to meet the situation according to its demands in order to receive these returns. Step-up to the occasion with both arms opened wide.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) The flood gates are opening. An increase flow in business, relationship opportunities and perhaps simply a bunch of great ideas are all coming in. There is a streak of inventiveness present combined with a growing resolve to get the job done and well at that. If you have been waiting for that inspirational moment to take big action on realizing your dreams, the wait is over.

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SENIOR SPORTS

Salt Springers take on 55+ BC Games

Sneakers and swimmers bring home 36 medals

BY SEAN MCINTYRE AND GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring residents were among the largest team of southern Vancouver Island athletes to participate in the 55+ BC Games track and field competition last week in North Vancouver.

Accounting for five of the south island team's 34 members, Salt Spring Sneakers members brought in 19 individual medals and one relay team medal. Three members of the Salt Spring Island Masters Swim Club also came home with 16 medals.

Among the runners, Susan Gordon (W55-59) won gold medals in the 5,000-, 1,500- and 800-metre runs, picked up silver in the 400-m event and brought home a bronze in the 200- and 100-m races.

Marion Young (W55-59) won silver in the 5,000-m race, a bronze in the 1,500-m, 800-m and 400-m events, and finished fourth in the 200- and 100-m races.

Gillian McConnell (W55-59) scored a bronze in the 5,000-m race, and placed fourth in the 1,500-m,



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Salt Spring Sneakers members, from left, Gillian McConnell, Susan Gordon, Marion Young and Lynn Thompson with multiple medals earned at track and field events held in North Vancouver as part of the Aug. 25-29 55+ BC Games.

800-m and 400-m runs.

The three women joined Chemainus' Karen Shook to take the silver medal in the 4x100-metre relay.

Bob McGinn (M65-70) won silver in the high jump while Lynn Thompson picked up golds in the 400-, 200-, 100-, 80-m hurdles, long jump and triple jump.

Gordon set meet records for her age group in the 800- and 1,500-m races.

Thompson broke his own

meet and provincial records for the 80-m hurdles. Friday's rain resulted in the cancellation of the 300-m hurdles, in which Lynn had designs on setting a new meet record.

For Salt Spring's swimmers, Don Clifford won a silver medal in the 25-m backstroke event and a bronze in the 25-m breaststroke.

Jane MacKenzie won gold in the 50-m and 100-m breaststroke and in the 50-m freestyle; silver in the 100-m

freestyle and in the 100-m IM; and bronze in the 4X25 freestyle relay.

Joan Gunn-Allard earned gold in 25-m backstroke, freestyle and butterfly, and in the 50-m butterfly; silver in the 50 and 100-m backstroke events, and in the 4X50 freestyle mixed relay; and bronze in the 4X25 freestyle relay.

It was the swimming trio's first visit to the 55+ BC Games.

GOLF

Men's Day event scores aces

Nemeth wins Butt and Brown trophy honours

BY MARCIE HOGAN
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Congratulations to Doug Swartzentruber for his hole in one on Hole #6 on Aug. 13. Kevin Powers and Philippe Marill copied that with skilled drop-ins of their own.

The Butt and Brown trophies were up for grabs on July 29. The double winner, Don Nemeth, has set a new record as winner of these combined events three times.

Men's Day on Aug. 5 was stroke play and saw a tie between Tracy Mustoe and Bob Woodhouse with net 65. Aug. 19 was a net best ball event and was won by the team of Bob Worsford and Colin Lawler. Comments continue on the great shape of the greens.

Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club actively participated with our partners at the Salt Spring Tennis Association in the Kraft Project Play project. Our 'booth' at the pre-vote BBQ at Portlock Park was an event highlight. During the 36-hour vote many golf club members rallied at voting parties throughout the island to help Salt Spring win the grand prize. While we did not win, you can be sure the joint efforts by such a wide variety of recreation groups will undoubtedly result in effective approaches to our recreational needs in the future.

Upcoming events include the North-South Tournament and Auction on Sept. 5 and the men's and ladies' club championships on Sept. 12-13. Couples are now signing up for the Sept. 14 J.J. White Mixed Tournament. This is a nine-hole competition between Ardmore, Pender and Salt Spring.

SOCCER

Brand new soccer season unfolds

Time to register for all the teams

Here come the rains and with them another season of soccer. The Salt Spring United Soccer Club is busy preparing for another year of soccer activities for the youth of Salt Spring.

Our programs cover all ages:

- Tots Program — a beginners' program for children aged three to five where they mostly just interact with the ball and learn co-ordination and the very basics of soccer skills in a totally fun environment.

- House Program — for boys and girls aged six to 10, with skill development and very small-sided games under the guidance of technical director



Malcolm Legg

SOCCER ROUND-UP

Josip Bratanovic.

- Small-Sided Program — youths aged 10 to 12 start to learn team play on small-sided teams that play weekly games, with no standings kept.
- Full Field Program — for youths 13 to 18 where they play full field, 11-a-side games against opponents from Victoria and Duncan. There are varying levels of this play from HPL (high performance league) to gold, silver and bronze levels (Salt Spring teams are usually all silver).

Our club also offers

coaching programs (contact Sean Norgard at 250-537-8313 if interested), as well as referee programs. Contact Malcolm Legg at 250-537-4970 or email mallegg@shaw.ca to sign up for courses, tournaments and much much more. To find out more details about programs, please go to our website at www.saltspringsoccer.com.

Registration is currently on right now, so you can sign up to play by going to the website listed above and clicking on "Registrations" to sign up. We do the rest. For info on registration, contact Maggie at maggiemayrn@shaw.ca or call at 250-537-2808. Do not miss your chance to play — sign up now!

Our club is affiliated with adult teams on Salt Spring, with men's over

40, men's over 35, women's over 30 and rumours of a women's open team. We can provide details of these teams if required, but we do not do their registration, except for the women's over 30 team.

More coming season details will be released next week. For now, here's some dates to note:

- Sept. 12 — Ice Breaker Tourney for all players aged U-10 and up. Registration will be open at the field this day.
- Sept. 19-20 — On Saturday the house and tots programs start. All U-11 to U-18 boys and girls teams start league play that weekend.
- Sept. 26 — Boys and girls U-10 teams begin.

See you on the soccer fields. Better bring an umbrella as you know it will rain!

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