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FIRE

South-end brush fire contained

Firefighters and neighbours go all out to prevent disaster

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue was successful in subduing an aggressive brush fire that ignited in a steep forested area near Beaver Point Road on Friday afternoon.

According to a report from the fire department, members initially responded to the 900 block of Beaver Point Road at 3:30 p.m. after smoke was spotted by multiple people. A Pender Island firefighter who was travelling on a BC Ferries vessel was one of the first to call in.

The fire was located in wooded terrain that was challenging to access with no water available nearby. It was eventually estimated to reach two hectares (five acres) in size, consuming grass, brush and trees.

“This was probably one of the most aggressive brush fires we’ve seen on Salt Spring for the past few years,” said Salt Spring Fire Chief Arjuna George. “Everyone who called it in was hypervigilant about smoke and fire. If it was a few minutes later it could have been a different story.”

George said the fire was in a thickly wooded area with no pathway in.

BRUSH FIRE continued on 2



PHOTO COURTESY SSIFR

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue firefighter Chris Finn puts water on hot spots on Friday evening after crews battled a two-hectare wildfire in difficult terrain on Beaver Point Road.

RECREATION

Bike park ready for riders

Opening event attracts families and community

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
AND ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Lions Club Commemorative Bike Park is ready for riders after a grand opening event at Salt Spring’s Moutat Park held on Monday.

The park officially opened at 11 a.m. with a festive and well-attended party marking the end to a successful campaign uniting local parents, biking enthusiasts, the Capital Regional District and the Salt Spring Lions, who contributed \$150,000 to the project in celebration of their 60th anniversary.

“The park was a dream of many people and sport groups, and it goes to show that through cooperation and dedication, anything is possible,” Lions Club president Lorne Bunyan said in a short speech before cutting the ribbon with Salt Spring CRD director Wayne McIntyre.

Bunyan thanked Lion David Carlson and his committee for bringing the project to reality, the Salt Spring Island Bike Club, OutSpokin Bike Shop, Charlie’s Excavating and the construction crew, the CRD and parks personnel.

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SPORTS

Athletes bring home national medals

Special Olympics program salutes swimmers and coaches

Salt Spring Special Olympic athletes Dawn Hadler and Debbie McNaughton have returned home with medals after competing at the Canada Summer Games in Antigonish, N.S.

Hadler won two bronze medals in the 50-metre backstroke with a time of 2:17:14, and 50-m freestyle with a time of 2:10:33. She also placed fourth in the

25-m backstroke with a time of 1:04:02.

McNaughton won a silver medal in the 50-m freestyle with a time of 58:90 and placed fourth in three events: the 50-m backstroke with a time of 1:07:78, the 25-m backstroke with a time of 29:30 and the 25-m freestyle with a time of 27:36. She also posted three personal best times during the competition.

Hadler and McNaughton travelled to Nova Scotia on their own with other B.C. team members and coaches for the July 31-Aug. 4 event.

“The two women owe a debt of gratitude to Joan

Gunn-Allard for her scheduling and to Kim McKay, Don Clifford and Maddy Wesley-Plambeck,” said local Special Olympics coordinator Merv Anderson. “These four coaches put in endless hours after the swimming program was over to help train them.”

Hadler and McNaughton anxiously await news on whether they have been selected to the Canadian team that would travel to Abu Dhabi for the Special Olympics World Championship taking place March 14-21, 2019.

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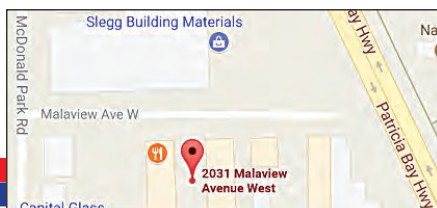
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Vigilant public reporting aids firefighters' response

BRUSH FIRE

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With the rocky terrain and minimal soil depth, conditions were tinder dry. Some trees were candling up to about 50 feet, although the flames did not reach the crowns.

South-end resident Steve Forbes was just getting back home from a trip to town when he spotted the smoke at around 3:30 p.m. He and his neighbour Bruce Smith led two firefighters into the heavy bush to locate the source of the fire before the full response team arrived.

"The fire guys were amazing. They're super good guys — hard working and super knowledgeable," Forbes reported.

Forbes and Smith worked with firefighters to build an earthen fire break using their shovels and helped forge a path with chainsaws. The neighbours continued to safely aid the crews by transporting drinking water and other items.

Firefighters also made use of Forbes' driveway for their staging area where they set up two portable reservoirs to feed their hoses. Two tanker trucks and a mini pumper were kept in rotation to keep refilling the pools from the nearest water source at Weston Lake.



PHOTO COURTESY SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE RESCUE

Portable ponds are filled from Weston Lake via tanker shuttling as part of Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue's brush fire operations near Beaver Point Road on Friday afternoon.

"Definitely the tendering operation was key in this situation because there was zero water in the area," George said, explaining the first responders there had to rely on dirt to fight the flames.

Though SSIFR reported there was no immediate threat to homes, Forbes explained the area where the fire started may be one of the island's largest remaining undeveloped sec-

tions, and the situation could have been disastrous.

"It's just so dry back there and it spread so fast. It was definitely the quick action of the fire guys — they saved this island for sure," Forbes said. "There's 1,000 acres of forest back there and it's super dry... Fortunately this time the fire stayed on the ground and didn't get into the tops of the trees. It would have been a different story then."

According to SSIFR reports, 16 members responded and were assisted by a three-person helicopter unit from BC Forest Service. The latter stayed for around an hour and then decided they were happy with SSIFR's progress and tactics and returned to their base to be ready for other calls.

"It was nice to hear from the wildfire professionals they thought we were doing a good job," George said.

An estimated 4,500 gallons of water were used the first day while crews battled the fire until after 9 p.m. Firefighters have returned to the area several times a day since then to check. They deployed another 1,500 gallons of water on hotspots and a stubborn underground stump and root fire on Saturday. George said he expected to give the all-clear this Wednesday or Thursday.

Investigators from BC Forest Service returned to the scene Saturday but could not determine what the cause of the fire might have been. George said the area was not well travelled or easy to reach so a campfire is unlikely, and no recent lightning strikes are known of.

Salt Spring Island Emergency Program and Emergency Social Services were monitoring the situation with volunteers on

standby as the fire developed. They also initiated a call-out through the Weston and Beaver Point POD leaders to provide information to residents. At 6:41 p.m. an email notification from SSIEP was sent out advising that "the brushfire in your area is now contained and there is no threat to residences at this time."

Forbes said local POD members have already met a couple of times since Friday to review the neighbourhood's emergency strategies.

If the fire department or the RCMP had ordered a major evacuation, the emergency program would have also utilized the Capital Regional District's new public alert notification system. Emergency responders are urging anyone who has not yet signed up to do so.

Salt Spring firefighters also investigated several parts of the island Monday morning after receiving over 100 calls and a couple of 911 pages about smoke seen and smelled on the island. They determined wildfires in other parts of B.C. and the U.S. were the cause.

The island's fire risk rating remains at "extreme" and a total fire ban, including campfires, has been in effect since July 18. George said he expects the extreme rating will extend well into September.

EMERGENCY

Roll-over and bin fall coincide



PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

Emergency services attend to the victim of a single-vehicle roll-over crash on North End Road last Wednesday.

Two incidents called in within minutes

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring emergency crews had a busy afternoon last Wednesday, responding to two major calls back to back on opposite ends of the island.

The first call was to the Blackburn Road transfer station for a "confined space rescue" at about 3:20 p.m. Salt Spring fire personnel conducted a rope rescue and provided first aid to a person who had fallen several feet into a bin and needed medical attention.

"We had to use ropes and harnesses to extricate the patient out safely without causing any medical concerns," said Salt Spring Fire Chief Arjuna George. "Once the patient was out, the person was taken to Lady Minto Hospital."

The second call came in minutes later.

Crews responded to the 2300 block of North End Road for a single vehicle roll-over. The vehicle had rolled into the ditch although the occupant was able to get out of the car.

"It was a very complicated situation due to the vehicle being on its roof," George said. "Extrication would have been a challenge. She was already outside the vehicle, but definitely needed medical attention."

The driver was put on a stretcher and taken to Lady Minto Hospital by ambulance.

The vehicle was damaged extensively. No other cars were involved and the cause of the crash is under RCMP investigation, George said.

The timing of both incidents put a lot of demand on both fire and ambulance crews, George said.

"We had an amazing response from our crews; from our career staff as well as our paid-on-calls. For a daytime response that was very impressive. Big kudos to all the responders."



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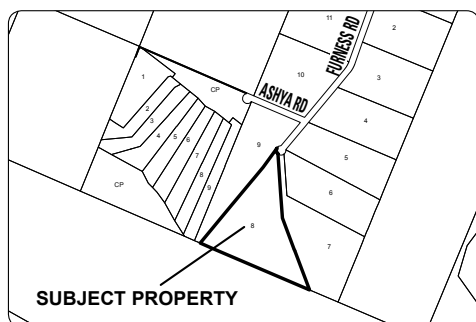
What are the bylaws changes about?

Bylaw No. 500 amends the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan to:

- Change the Land Use designation from Forestry to Rural Neighbourhoods;
- Add the property to Development Permit Area 2 - Non-Village Commercial and Industrial, so that new development will be subject to the requirement for a development permit.

Bylaw No. 501 amends the Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw to a new Rural zone variant to allow the following:

- A single-family dwelling unit;
- Four dwelling units up to 50m² (538 sf) each;
- A tasting room up to 90m² (969 sf);
- Beer and liquor production, sales, and storage;
- Accessory retail sales in a floor area up to 10m² (108 sf); and
- Accessory buildings to a maximum floor area of 20m² (215 sf).



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NEWSBEAT

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CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

Volunteer commission members get CRD schooling

CAO provides updates on CRD projects and workings

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Volunteer members of Salt Spring Capital Regional District commissions were given access to the CRD's top bureaucrat last week when chief administrative officer Bob Lapham visited the island.

About 30 people attended the July 30 session at Lions Hall, which saw Lapham give a presentation about the CRD's roles and operations and take questions from attendees, and Salt Spring staff share updates on projects they are working on.

The message was that volunteerism is valued, but that CRD staff are busy and commission priorities and staff resources don't always jive.

"We can't operate a lot of services in the CRD without the volunteers at the commission level and the operational level," said Lapham.

But he articulated a problem that occurs when volunteer commissioners take on some projects, such as the bus shelter design contest recently proposed by the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission.

"On this issue the volunteer enthusiasm and volunteer initiative to get something going gets ahead of the system in place to get all [of the] authorities to agree on a project," explained Lapham, outlining how the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, which owns the road rights of way, has a number of criteria that must be met before anything is built on their lands.

"The other thing it can do is spread our resources thin, where we have staff chasing down initiatives and not necessarily focused on the priorities or the work plan we did to approve them. So sometimes volunteer priorities

differ from commission or staff program priorities, and you can spend a lot of time and effort chasing each other if you're not all on the same page. So I think it's definitely not that we're not trying to encourage or grow volunteerism in the CRD. It's more having those volunteers understand what we have to achieve to get a project approved."

Lapham also addressed what he described as "a strongly worded letter" that was sent to SSITC members last month about the legal implications of the bus shelter issue by a staff person who was temporarily in his seat.

"That was unfortunately not reviewed by me because I was away and so it didn't have that review before the letter went out," he said.

Robin Williams, the SSITC chair who made the CRD letter public and expressed his displeasure about it to Lapham, said "a pretty positive meeting" took place with himself, Lapham, electoral area director Wayne McIntyre and Salt Spring senior manager Karla Campbell in the morning before the all-commission session.

"I think we are going to get some good follow-up," he said.

Lapham provided the meeting with updates on housing, water and regional parks topics.

Regarding the island's water quality and quantity issues, Lapham said the CRD has been talking with North Salt Spring Waterworks District representatives about how to better coordinate service delivery for users of both NSSWD and CRD water systems.

"One commission would be the ideal," he said.

Of note on the CRD affordable housing project slated for Drake Road is that a third well is being drilled on nearby School District 64-owned property in the next few weeks. Two previous drill areas on the CRD's property had not yielded adequate water for the project.

On regional parks, Lapham said, "There is



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

CRD CAO Bob Lapham speaks to Salt Spring CRD commission members at a July 30 meeting at Lions Hall.

often operationally not a lot of clarity regarding regional parks . . . [the department] has a number of mixed priorities and they have to make it clear what they can do in the Gulf Islands as opposed to what they are doing on Vancouver Island . . . we are going to work on that."

Salt Spring's new CRD engineer Chris Davidson shared a long list of infrastructure projects he is tasked with completing. He estimated that his time is "250 per cent allocated for the year," or that he has two and a half more times work to do than he can complete.

Jane Squier of the Cedar Lane Water Service Commission said that while she was

glad to see her district's issue made it onto the list of Davidson's projects, she was disappointed by the contents of a letter received July 24 from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations regarding Cedar Lane's concerns about competing for water with other large-scale users in their area. She said the letter noted the ministry "had not received any reports or complaints that indicate Cedar Lane is unable to divert or use the water volume for historic use. I am concerned because I had thought that we had several months ago put in a complaint."

Campbell said the CRD had provided some documentation to the ministry regarding Cedar Lane's claim of having priority use of the area's groundwater and regarding the July 24 letter was "trying to assess what they are wanting there. I think we are going to be meeting with them and seeing where we go from there."

On the North Ganges Transportation Plan, Campbell said the archeology report required should be complete by September, with tenders for the work to be issued during the winter. The CRD has collected \$250,000 in property tax requisition funds annually for improvements to Rainbow and Lower Ganges roads under the NGTP since 2015. Funds were approved by Salt Spring voters through a referendum in 2014.

Brian Webster, a PARC commissioner who is also working on the governance group of the grassroots Community Alliance organization, asked Lapham how receptive the senior staff level of the CRD was to engage in discussions with Salt Spring about alternative initiatives to improve the island's governance.

"Well, I think we are generally receptive," said Lapham. "The initiative we have around water is an example of that. We've said for us to do a better job as the CRD providing water operations . . . we would really need the benefit of an integrated approach on the island."

NEWS BRIEFS

Kitagawa to Order of B.C.

Former islander Mary (Murakami) Kitagawa is one of 14 exceptional civic leaders who will receive the province's highest form of recognition this fall.

Kitagawa will be appointed to the Order of British

Columbia at an investiture ceremony that will be held at Government House in Victoria on Sept. 20. This year, 203 British Columbians were nominated for the order.

Now based in Delta, Kitagawa is part of a Japanese Canadian family that was forcibly removed from Salt Spring in 1942. According to the B.C. government

press release, Kitagawa went on to become "an educator and human rights crusader who facilitated a shift in public consciousness by bringing the realities of the Japanese Canadian internment experience to the public through her media interviews and tireless educating, speaking and lobbying of government organizations."

Porn scam warning

The Better Business Bureau and West Vancouver Police Department have issued warnings about a new phishing scam that targets people who may have watched or downloaded porn, although the email can

appear in anyone's inbox.

The sender claims to have attached malware into that person's personal device that allowed their webcam to record any porn sites they may have visited. The scammer also says they have downloaded the victim's entire contact list, and threatens to reveal their porn-watching habits to friends, family and co-workers

unless payment is made.

Anyone who receives a phishing email of this nature must ensure not to click on any unknown links or download any attachments. Doing so could lead the victim to a fake site designed to trick them into giving up personal information, and could download actual malware onto their computer or mobile device.

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First goal of bike park to be a fun place for little kids

BIKE PARK

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“We as Lions hope that this bike park, which is our heritage project, will stand the test of time as Portlock Park has,” Bunyan said. “To present and future generations, we pass on this bike park. Use it safely and enjoy.”

As well as acknowledging the Lions, McIntyre thanked CRD parks manager Dan Ovington and staff, the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission and the community team who championed the project.

Planning for the bike park project was underway for more than a year. Extensive site analysis, environmental review and community consultation was undertaken before a preliminary design was presented to the community. Construction of the park began in July following the approval of the final design by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

An estimated 350 participants turned out for the opening event. They were treated to their first chance to try out the new sculpted tracks, plus a hot dog barbecue provided by the Lions and demonstrations by the

Beshano Trials Club, who put on two performances of bike-based acrobatics. Bike tune-ups were provided by Sean Mulligan from OutSpokin Bike Shop. Helmet fittings and prize draws were also part of the action.

Project lead Elizabeth FitzZaland said that kids were already getting pumped for a ride during the weeks before the grand opening.

“We’ve had lots of children peeking over the fence and getting excited about it,” she said last week.

The idea behind the park is to allow kids to have a place to learn cycling skills like balancing, cornering and how to have fun on a bike, all without having to ride on the road. The project leads also hope the park will promote interest in cycling on Salt Spring.

The park will “show them that biking on Salt Spring is a thing now and that they’ll have something to be excited about,” FitzZaland said.

FitzZaland said that although the trails look complete, a few pieces of the project are left to finish this fall. The trails need a few modifications, but due to the dry weather and water restrictions crews have not

been able to make the tweaks they would like to. In order to properly build mountain bike trails, crews need access to water to let the trails harden into moulded curves. Without the water, they tend to crumble into dust.

The project also incorporates restoring native vegetation in the park and removing invasive species. This part of the project will also wait until the fall to be completed.

“Again, that’s because of water,” FitzZaland said. “We don’t want to put in a bunch of plants and watch them shrivel up.”

The park is open for riders of all ages, with a focus on children. Before the event, the Salt Spring Bike Club had a test rider out on the track making sure everything worked. FitzZaland also brought her six-year-old son to ensure the features were doable for youngsters.

“It was just great to see both a professional rider and a six-year-old are enjoying the park,” she said. “It’s great to see that it has that broad reach where they ride it differently, but that was always the goal: for it to be fun for a variety of ages. Definitely the first goal is for it to be fun for little kids.”



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Bike park project lead Elizabeth FitzZaland directs some of the first batch of riders to hit the new trails at Monday’s grand opening.




PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Salt Spring Lions president Lorne Bunyan, left, and Salt Spring’s CRD electoral area director Wayne McIntyre cut the ribbon to officially open the park.



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

A rider from the Beshano Bike Trials Club entertains the crowd with his two-wheeled skills.



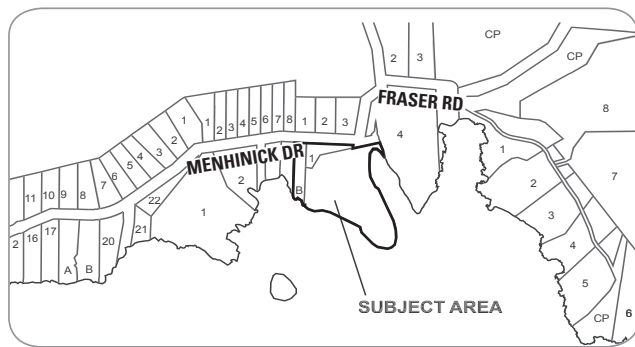
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PUBLIC HEARING
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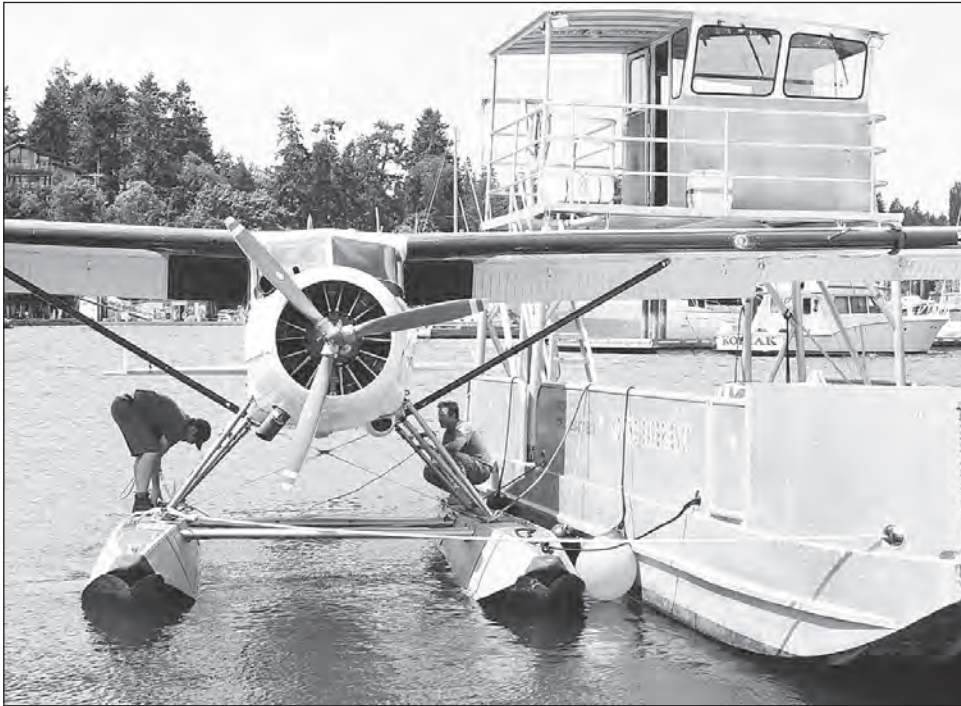


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PLANE HITCHES A RIDE: Liam Murray, left, and Greg Bellavance tie a Salt Spring Air/Harbour Air Beaver to Bellavance Welding's Moving Experience barge in Ganges Harbour for a trip across the Strait of Georgia last Thursday. The plane was damaged at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday while tied up at the floatplane dock when it was struck in the tail by a boat. Harbour Air president Randy Wright said no passengers were aboard and no damage estimate was available. The Beaver is now in the hands of Harbour Air's maintenance department at the Vancouver airport.

FULFORD WATER COMMISSION

Water project cost balloons

CRD seeks more funds from Fulford ratepayers

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Fulford Water Service Commission members experienced an unwelcome sense of déjà vu at a meeting with the Capital Regional District last week.

That's when they were advised that a water main replacement project estimated to cost \$32,000 two years ago would now cost about \$102,000, and that \$31,440 of the original \$32,000 had already been spent by the CRD on design and project management phase.

"The sole purpose of this recent meeting was to ask us to approve a revised budget for the project, which now came in at an astonishing \$102,570," states a letter from commission members Tony Maude, Carole Eyles, Alan Martin and Gord Singbeil. "This included a further \$10,620 for CRD expenses, which would now be over 40 per cent of the total project cost. It also included \$53,000 for construction costs, more than four times the original construction estimate."

Maude said the commission had only authorized expenditures for CRD project management and design services up to \$15,500.

In order to complete the project at its new \$102,570 price tag, the CRD has suggested that \$51,130 be taken from the FWSC capi-

tal reserve fund to cover most of the shortfall. Electoral area director Wayne McIntyre has also offered \$20,000 from the Community Works Fund (gas tax funds) to reach the \$71,130 needed to complete the project.

"Clearly due to some significant items, unforeseen at project outset, we are indeed faced with a significant overrun in the previously approved commission budget," McIntyre told the Driftwood. "This unfortunately was not communicated earlier to the commission in a timely manner."

A CRD staff report states that "project budget overruns for [CRD] project management and design can be attributed to unforeseen complexities around permitting and regulatory requirements. These regulatory requirements further complicated design and project administration, compounding the budget shortfall."

Construction bids for the work required also came in much higher than originally budgeted in 2016, notes the report.

"This is due again to the unforeseen complexities around permitting and regulatory requirements, which have translated into more onerous construction practice requirements. Additionally, an incredibly busy construction market has driven costs for materials and labour much higher than originally anticipated."

At the July 31 meeting, Fulford water commissioners rejected the CRD proposal. They feel their 100 water district ratepayers should not be on the hook for the overspent funds and that the project should be completed "when conditions might be more favourable."

However, McIntyre said that "the CRD is concerned that the repair needed has been flagged and by not taking timely action there is the risk that a larger and more expensive project could result due to emergency response work and environmental or health concerns that could occur."

McIntyre added that a full CRD staff report on the issue will be released next week "hopefully to soon be followed by actions agreeable to all parties."

Some of the past issues experienced by the FWSC include a water treatment plant project costing \$455,000 more than its 2004 \$1.55-million price tag and not being completed as planned; a further \$5,000 being charged to the commission in 2014 to register a pipeline easement the CRD neglected to do to complete the treatment plant; and the CRD using \$25,000 in borrowing authority despite an explicit commission request that no further funds be used.

Commission members noted they had to make the issue public via the Driftwood as the CRD will not provide them with email contact information for the district's property owners.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.64 (GULF ISLANDS) 2018 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTIONS NOTICE OF NOMINATION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the electors of School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands) that the nominations for the offices of Trustee of:

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Nomination forms are available at the School District Offices, 112 Rainbow Road, from 9:00 a.m. Friday, August 3rd, 2018 to 4:00 p.m. Friday, September 14, 2018, excluding statutory holidays and weekends.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

A person is qualified to be nominated, elected, and to hold office as a member of local government if they meet the following criteria:

- Canadian citizen;
- aged 18 years or older on general voting day [October 20, 2018];
- resident of British Columbia for at least six months immediately before the day nomination papers are filed;
- not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from being nominated for, being elected to, or holding the office, or be otherwise disqualified by law.

CAMPAIGN PERIOD EXPENSE LIMITS

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, for the 2018 General Local Election, and all subsequent elections, all candidates have expense limits that apply during the campaign period, September 22, 2018 to October 20, 2018. Each election area and office has its own limit, which is based on the office and population of the election area.

Accordingly, the following expense limits for candidates during the campaign period apply:

- Salt Spring Island \$5745.00
- Galiano Island \$5000.00
- Mayne Island \$5000.00
- Pender Islands \$5000.00
- Saturna Island \$5745.00

THIRD PARTY ADVERTISING LIMITS

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, for the 2018 general local elections, the following third-party advertising limits apply:

- Salt Spring Island \$1750.00
- Galiano Island \$1750.00
- Mayne Island \$1750.00
- Pender Islands \$1750.00
- Saturna Island \$1750.00

To obtain further information on campaign period expense limits and third party advertising limits, contact Elections BC:

Toll-free phone: 1-855-952-0280

Email: lecf@elections.bc.ca Website: www.elections.bc.ca/lecf

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows: A nomination must be in writing and must be made separately for each candidate by at least two qualified nominators of School District No.64 (Gulf Islands), and nominators must be electors of the School District for which the person is nominated.

To obtain further information about the nomination process, contact Laura Deacon, Deputy Chief Election Officer at 250-474 9804 Ideacon@sd64.org Tom Moore, Chief Election Officer at 250-472-0059 or tmoore63@shaw.ca.

Given under my hand at Victoria, B.C. this 4th day of August, 2018.

Thomas F. Moore,
Chief Election Officer

OPINION



2018 CCNA Awards
 Gold - Best Editorial Page | Gold - Best Feature Series (Elizabeth Nolan)
 Bronze - Best Local Editorial | Bronze - Best Front Page | Blue Ribbon - Best All-Round

2017 BCYCNA Awards
 Gold - Best Feature Series (Elizabeth Nolan) | Silver - Best All-Round | Bronze - Best Editorial



EDITORIAL

Preparing beats panic

A brush fire on a Beaver Point property on Friday afternoon has reset the emergency awareness clock on Salt Spring.

Hot, dry summers for the past few years have caused many to wonder “when,” not “if” a significant wildfire would occur on the island. With a few different conditions, Friday’s incident could well have been tipped into the disaster and evacuation realm.

Galiano Island faced a 150-acre wildfire and evacuations in 2006, and Salt Spring has since then had small fires in remote areas that were quickly extinguished, but we have been lucky when it comes to avoiding the kind of blazes that have become the norm in the B.C. Interior.

People living near the Beaver Point fire on Friday felt what others have only imagined in the past: fear, confusion, adrenaline spikes and the flood of a million

THE ISSUE:

Coping with emergencies

WE SAY:

Get on the prep bandwagon

questions. As a result, they quickly arranged a meeting over the weekend to assess their readiness to deal with similar situations in the future and to plug gaps in their emergency preparation and response system.

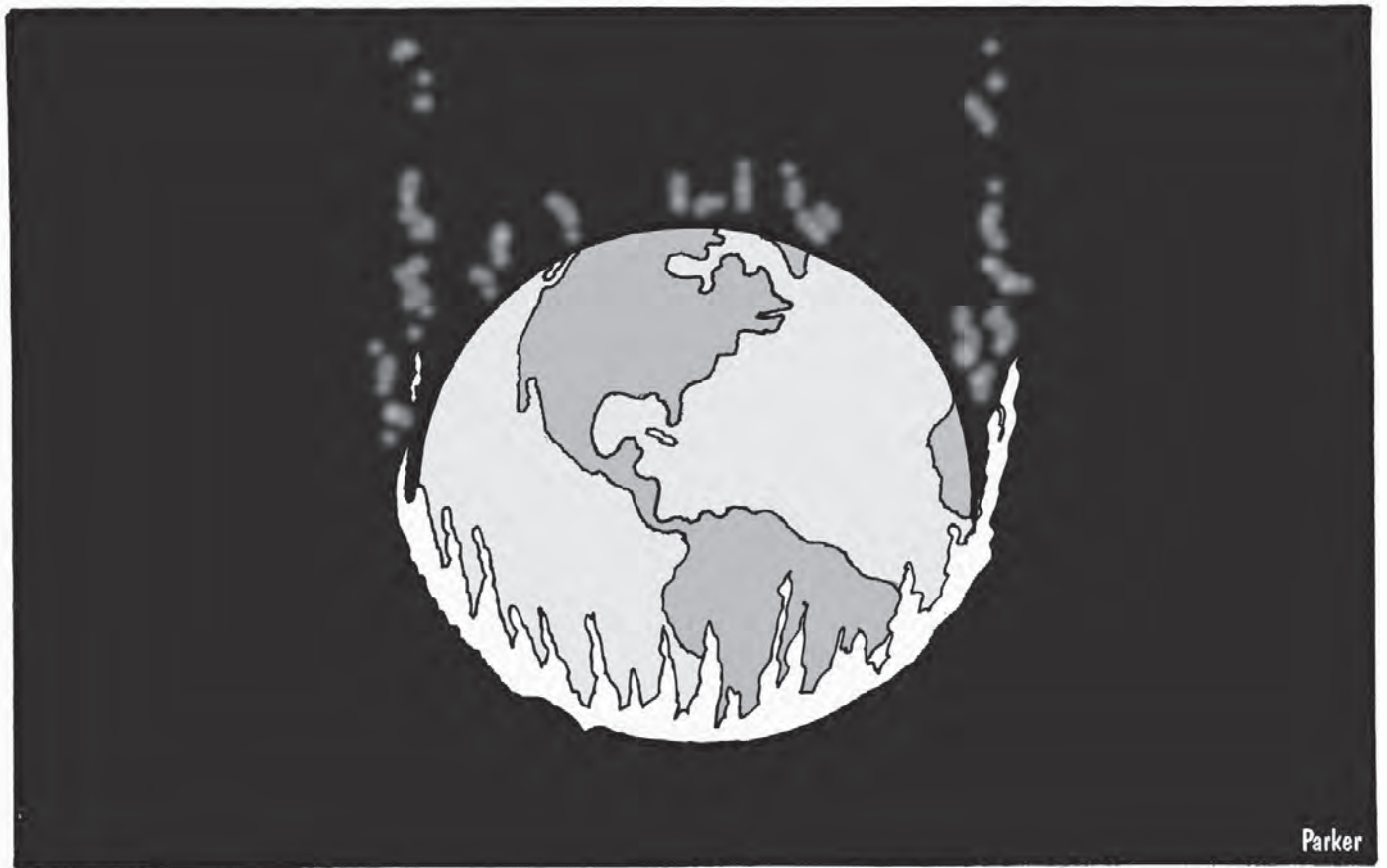
But they aren’t forced to act alone. The Salt

Spring Island Emergency Program, a Capital Regional District-funded entity, is set up to ensure islanders can be as prepared as possible in the event of an emergency such as a wildfire. But it can only be as effective as its participants allow. While the Beaver Point group has a functioning neighbourhood “POD,” through their meeting on Sunday they found some deficiencies in their system, such as numerous residents not on the communication list, and an outdated list of resources.

Various training sessions are offered each year by the SSIEP and there are ample opportunities to get involved in POD operations. At the very least, though, islanders should prepare a “grab and go bag” containing essentials in case evacuation is required. Identifying one’s neighbourhood POD and ensuring its leaders can reach you in an emergency is another must-do action. Contact Laurel Hanley at ssidepc@crd.bc.ca for that information.

Signing up for the Public Alert Notification System, so that people can be directly notified if an incident affects their property, should also be done.

With hot weather still upon us, it’s a reminder that each individual and household must take the first steps to keep their homes and families safe.



Parker

VIEWPOINT by Fulford Water Service Commission

CRD overruns cause frustration

This is an information notice to the users of the Fulford Water Service District whose interest we, the Fulford water commissioners, represent in interactions with the Capital Regional District. Unfortunately, information privacy policies as interpreted by the CRD do not allow us access to an email list of users and so we are forced to communicate in this more public format.

On July 31, we met with the CRD staff who updated us on a project we discussed in 2016. This related to exposure of a water line in Fulford village due to erosion. At that time we reviewed a proposal to remedy the issue, and approved the requested budget of \$32,000 in September of 2016.

Delays within the CRD infrastructure caused the project to be delayed until this fiscal year. At the July 31 meeting we were told that the \$32,000 that we had originally approved for the whole project had already been spent by the CRD in the design and project management phase of the work to date, even though no construction had yet taken place. The sole purpose of this recent meeting was to ask us to approve a revised budget for the project, which now came in at an astonishing \$102,570. This included a further \$10,620 for CRD expenses, which would now be over 40 per cent of the total project cost. It also included \$53,000 for construction costs, more than four times the original construction estimate.

With 100 users the project’s original budget represented \$320 each. Those funds have been expended (\$31,440) and the request to authorize \$71,130 more amounts to an additional \$711.30 for each user. This was all done without consultation or even notice to the commissioners, whose role is to authorize funds required and to ensure due diligence in receiving value for money spent.

The budget issues were well known months before the project

went to tender, yet funds to support the project completion were never requested until this meeting, resulting in the waste of a significant amount of money on a process that we could not support.

We reiterated that the budget we approved only authorized the payment of CRD management expenses to \$15,500, given the original estimate of \$32,000, of which \$12,000 represented the actual construction costs, and stated that the commission will not be responsible for the amount overspent.

We have had similar issues in the past and the policy of the CRD is that the users of the utility are responsible for all CRD costs, authorized or not, so this may be a futile exercise. However, we felt it important that all users be aware of the current situation and the autocratic nature of CRD that appears to safeguard our interests without giving us any real control over the funds charged to the users.

Given (i) the huge increase in budget and (ii) the reasons given to us: work more complicated than anticipated, CRD staff shortages and the current over-heated construction market, we felt the only decision we could take was to direct the CRD to cease work on the project and complete it at a future date when conditions might be more favourable. We feel the expending of your funds in excess of the approved budget is unacceptable, and will continue to represent your interests to the chairman and board of the CRD, along with the provincial government, to ensure that the losses are mitigated to the best of our abilities.

The above was submitted by Fulford Water Service Commission members Carole Eyles, Tony Maude, Alan Martin and Gord Singbeil.

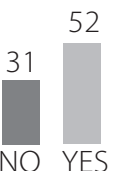
THIS WEEK’S QUESTION:

Are you connected to your neighbourhood POD? Yes No

Cast your ballot online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com before Monday at midnight or clip this box and drop it at our office before Monday at 4:30 p.m.

LAST WEEK’S QUESTION:

Should more SSI farm-worker housing be allowed?



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ISLAND VOICES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "It was definitely the quick action of the fire guys — they saved this island for sure."

STEVE FORBES, BEAVER POINT ROAD RESIDENT

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: Why is the CRD's new bike park a good addition to Salt Spring?



ANNE MAY

It's really great to invest in youth.



ADAM HARDER

It's a great place — it's open, it's free and it's for kids.



ELISABETH INNES

It's really fun. There's lots of options and you don't have to do the same thing over and over.



MAGGIE RAMSEY

It's great to see something for islanders, especially kids. Hopefully it's the start of something that will keep going with other projects, like a lakeside park.



KIERAN MELANSON

I really like how it's for mountain bikes, not just BMXs like the skate park, and it's a lot cooler. I like it a lot.

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

Stronger methane rules needed

I have discovered that methane is 84 times more potent as a greenhouse gas than CO₂. I also know that gas and oil extraction is responsible for a great deal of methane pollution as a result of fracking.

The reporting on this aspect of and by this sector is inaccurate, underestimating by 100 per cent the present release of this gas in their operations.

The government is now drafting regulations that could reduce emissions of this pollutant. I urge our elected representatives to present far more stringent rules in this regard and to act

as a unified force in holding this industry responsible for its part in climate change.

It is up to all members of the legislature to do their part to address the crisis of climate change.

ELIZABETH LATTA,
GALIANO ISLAND

Remember your bags

Something interesting happened to me this past week that I wanted to share.

I am pretty sure that we all forget to take our own bags to the grocery store sometimes, but it works out alright as they have bags to give us with only a nominal fee charged. If that happens, I imagine that most of us make a note to put our bags in the car for the next time.

So one day last week I

remembered my bags and in fact had three of them in the bottom of my cart as I did my shopping. But, as I was finishing my shopping and pulling into the cashier, I looked down into the bottom of the cart only to find they were all gone.

All I can determine is that someone else forgot their bags and was darned if they were going to pay the bag fee that day and so helped themselves to my three bags.

I try to get along and not complain about things, but seriously, when you take my grocery bags, I get pretty upset and have to write a letter to the editor!

So please, fellow shoppers, remember your bags and leave mine alone.

R. CHIDLEY,
SALT SPRING

Astounding giveaway to China

Regarding the Frants Attop article in the Aug. 1 Driftwood ("FIPPA could force Trans Mountain pipeline to proceed"), it seems ironic that the August 2018 Maclean's magazine has a five-page story extolling Stephen Harper as a marvellous leader, but we owe a huge vote of thanks to Frants for bringing into sharp focus what Stephen Harper's legacy for Canadians really is: a handsome gift to China, the Foreign Investment Protection and Promotion Agreement pushed through Parliament by Harper.

How any rational Canadian prime minister could promote such a giveaway is astounding, and he should be made accountable for it. So should all of his cabinet ministers who acquiesced in its passing rather than killing it.

One may wonder why Prime Minister Justin Trudeau feels so compelled to have the Trans Mountain pipeline completed that he is making Canadian taxpayers pay for it — something that was never broached during his election campaign — but perhaps he is scared out of his wits at the financial consequences if China were not to get what it anticipated, and he does not want to admit it. It seems as though he is willing to

sacrifice British Columbia to have the pipeline project proceed "for the benefit of Canada." After all, B.C. is just that way-off place out on the West Coast where they used to have salmon and orcas and clean beaches and other things that are not important, and people that moan about climate change.

In these days when humanity needs to be seeking ways to reduce the rate of use of fossil fuels to help combat climate change, Stephen Harper's strategy does just the opposite. Let us remember the Fort McMurray disaster as one of the casualties . . . and increasing wildfires!

HAROLD PAGE,
SALT SPRING



by
HELEN HINCHCLIFF

AGING with GRACE: Walking around in ovals

"You guys aren't walking," I objected. "You're strolling."

Back in 2001, my mother had invited me to join her and a couple of chums for their weekday morning walk on a waterless river bed in southern California. Its prime advantages, she informed me, were its flatness and its separation from traffic. I soon concluded this was not what I called walking because they seemed more interested in relating the events of their lives since yesterday and commenting on the rabbits that crossed their path than in getting in some serious exercise. My suggestion that we pick up the pace fell on deaf ears.

In retrospect, I should have cut them some slack. My mother's knees were hurting and one of her friends had heart trouble, dying a year later as a result. Besides, they had a solid routine; they were supporting each

other; and they were enjoying themselves. Every Friday they treated themselves to breakfast at their favourite coffee shop.

Besides being unfairly supercilious, what would I be doing some 17 years later? If you guessed sitting in front of a computer all day slowing transforming myself into an amorphous mass of sedentary sludge, you wouldn't be far off the mark.

Last year, a friend suggested we go to Portlock Park and walk the track. "I don't want to waste my time walking around in circles," I replied. "Instead, let's walk to town and back on errands." So when either of us had one, we'd walk the four-kilometre-round trip together.

But unstated conditions started creeping in. Sometimes, the weather was too hot or too cold or too wet for a walk into town. Other times, somebody had other things to do and, in my case particularly, my terrible tendency to underestimate the

time it takes to complete a task often made it impossible to get to appointments on time. Our so-called walking program soon went off the rails.

I knew I needed to walk more, but instead of actually doing it, I just talked about it. It's an easy thing for me to sit at my computer and find websites that tell me what I think I need to know. So instead of actually walking I just reminded myself of all the benefits of a brisk, daily walk, particularly when applied to seniors. Walking: increases our bone mass, reducing the chance of hip fractures, strengthens our muscles, increasing overall mobility, improves our circulation, reducing water retention and lowering blood pressure, increases our metabolism, burning excess calories and helping us lose excess weight, improves sleep, giving our bodies a greater opportunity for self-repair, brings increased oxygen to the brain, improving mental sharpness and reducing chances for developing dementia, pro-

vides oxygen and nutrients to our joints, reducing the speed of deterioration in the cartilage, improves our balance and stability by engaging our muscles, particularly in our legs, hips and abdomen, releases endorphins into our systems, making us happier, and helps us live longer.

But was I walking the talk or was I just talking a good game?

A couple of weeks ago, our yoga teacher announced a summer break. Instead of sitting on the sand someplace, he suggested we continue practising yoga on our own. He also recommended we adopt a daily walking program.

Ignoring my previous circular comment, my neighbour suggested we go to Portlock Park every morning. "It's flat and we can measure our progress," she offered by way of incentive. So that's what we've been doing, each walking independently to avoid wandering down a rabbit hole of idle chit chat. When the sun rises, I can see my shadow striding before me, allowing me

to check that my back is straight and my head erect.

At first, our daily goal was two miles at a brisk pace. The length of the track is 400 metres or, for us old school gals, precisely .248548 of a mile. How convenient! Four laps equal one mile, the biggest challenge for me being counting the number of laps I've covered. One day I lost track and walked nine laps instead of eight.

Horrors!

But the point is I could do it. The other day my neighbour decided to climb Mount Sullivan instead of walking at Portlock. On my own, I tried for three miles. We were having a heat wave, so I began at 6 a.m. At 6:50, I'd completed twelve laps. After stretching, I was home by 7:10.

Others walk the track, too. By my reckoning, about half of us are seniors, mostly in our late 70s or early 80s. A few stroll, others stride, and several can jog from time to time. But what really counts is we're all doing our best while walking around in ovals.

Southern residents' starvation and extinction on display

BY PRISCILLA EWBANK

On July 26, I was out at East Point on Saturna Island for the second day in a row. Slack tide was at about 5 to 6 p.m. that week. Little did I know that J- and K-pod members are interested in slack tide as well.

A strong current comes up from the San Juans. East Point is a premier

land-based whale-watching site. As I came up to the cliffs on July 26, I heard the huge breaths that signal whales. I started to run down the trail. As I burst through the pines, onto the open sandstone, there they were: 10 or 12 of them swimming in a line perpendicular to the shore in a long steady line, Mount Washing-

ton behind them. A sight to behold. Saturna islanders and visitors lined the shore. Whale boats, finally, due to new regulations, not herding them or channelling them, or dividing the pod so it was forced to travel through them. Everyone was quiet, speaking softly. This is one of the homes for J-, K- and L-pods. They are our most

treasured summer visitors, inspiring the most awe and with the most money made off of them. Last year they were hardly around, fishing everywhere for basic sustenance.

Our own Saturna Island Marine Education Society has been going full bore since former prime minister Stephen Harper dissolved science. We created and hosted the first Orca Symposium to present the Story of Moby Doll. The theme was how we have changed as a culture from killing orcas to idolizing them and seeking to understand them. All of the original players attended, from the man who harpooned Moby Doll, Ian McTaggart-Cowan, Ken Balcom, all of the original scientists and some of the whale catchers who took so many individuals out of J-pod and now the new top players in the field of orca research. Scientists like Lance Barrett Reynolds of the Vancouver Aquarium who has developed a method of flying drones over the pods to see the place behind their skull whose size can predict who will die from starvation. Balcom, who watches and is part of every innovation and incident from Washington state. So, we know that we do "not know" that they are starving to death. We know we can change culturally enough to treasure them, but not enough to keep their world intact so that we can keep them in this world with us.

We have come to clearly identify them and yes, even love them but not be able to respect them and see that their needs are met.

I cannot tell you how deeply sad I am to bear witness to what I now understand is the process of their extinction.

Hundreds of people come to see them in whale boats each day or maybe two days. There are two huge catamarans as well as the smaller pontoon boats that follow them around all day from May to October when they are here for summer fishing and living. These people want to see orcas in their habitat. They all respond the same way as Gulf Islanders: they are transfixed. The whale-boat operators themselves are touched by what they see on their many trips following the pods.

I cannot tell you how deeply sad I am to bear witness to what I now understand is the process of their extinction. I have lived here for 40 years through all of the changes, from catching them in bays, killing some as they sought to move them, to hearing the confessions of a Saturna resident who was part of the free-for-all capturing them, and the man who shot the harpoon and captured Moby Doll who spoke at the symposium. Both confessed to a deep change of heart as they grew to know the southern residents.

I thought that we would do it. That we humans would be able to apply the science we know and so religiously follow: science-based decisions and follow-through on innovative strategies to resolve this situation and share the earth's bounty with another

species by adjusting our behaviours. That we would value some creature that is so like us in so many ways, with culture and social behaviours that are comprehensible to us. Would we really stand by and let them slowly starve and drive them to their deaths for want of food?

What I hear is they just sorta died because they chose a restricted diet of one kind of salmon, because we needed to transport the oil, because we needed all the resources of chinook and waterways they require to survive. Why can't they adjust and decide to eat another kind of salmon, to not echolocate, to stay out of the underwater testing grounds?

Instead of smashing spray and bursting whales from the Salish Sea, we will have marvellous inquiries and examinations of why they became extinct. Requiems of science trotted out.

Kinder Morgan and the likes, such as LNG development, will prattle on about environmental studies and be hugely relieved that such an iconic figurehead for ecological considerations will be terminated. What about that mother orca shoving her baby into the air again and again for days after its death? People don't like that — rhetoric fails — an arrow to the heart, we "know" what that picture shows. Will we manifest that connection into action?

Despite the best efforts of many individuals and groups dedicated to their survival, we refuse to take the necessary steps. DFO will obfuscate and hem and haw that they don't have enough evidence and can't really do anything.

And now I get it. Southern resident orcas are on the slow path to extinction as they die from actual starvation under the reflection of summer sunlight under the Salish Sea, under our noses. Inbreeding and then from attrition as the males and females are the wrong ages to mate, just like the pod in Prince William Sound is doing from devastation from the Exxon Valdez spill. Dying, one by one, inexorably.

Why can't we do what they have done in the Great Lakes for belugas? How about for right whales? Many people have asked that we allow the chinook salmon runs to rebuild. That we suspend for even just a year commercial and sport fishing for chinook. I have never heard the whales make sounds above the water. On the day I describe above, some of us on the sandstone bluffs heard two of them vocalizing. I have never seen them mill around the outside of East Point peninsula. Then they went back and forth fishing everywhere. I have never seen that before. People on the bluffs told me a newborn southern resident orca had died.

Whatever I saw and heard from the whales, internally a great shift has taken place inside me. We in this region are failing this resident species.

I am a person given to science and measured emotion. I watched J- and K-pod fishing further and further towards the Fraser River, whale boats trailing, and I cried.

Thanks for listening, Gulf Islanders. I know that you pay attention and care.

The writer is a long-time Saturna Island resident.

CRD Capital Regional District

Islands Trust 

Notice of Nomination

2018 General Local Election

Public Notice is hereby given to the electors of:

- ▶ **Juan de Fuca, Salt Spring Island, and Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Areas** in the Capital Regional District,

and the electors of:

- ▶ **Galiano Island, Mayne Island, North Pender Island, Salt Spring Island, Saturna Island, and South Pender Island Local Trust Areas**

that nominations for the offices of Electoral Area Director and the Office of Local Trustee respectively will be received between **9 am, Tuesday, September 4, 2018** and **4 pm, Friday, September 14, 2018**.

During that period the nomination documents shall only be received during regular office hours, 8:30am–4:30pm, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays, by a person designated by the Chief Election Officer at the Capital Regional District, Legislative Services, 5th Floor, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, B.C. Originals of emailed forms must be received by 4 pm, Friday, September 21, 2018.

Representation will be as noted below and shall be for a 4-year term commencing November 2018 and terminating in 2022 after the election held in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act*:

Electoral Areas:

- ▶ **Juan de Fuca Electoral Area**
One Director
- ▶ **Salt Spring Island Electoral Area**
One Director
- ▶ **Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area**
(Galiano, Mayne, North Pender, Saturna, South Pender and Piers Islands)
One Director

Island Local Trust Areas:

- ▶ **Galiano Island**
Two Trustees
- ▶ **Mayne Island**
Two Trustees
- ▶ **North Pender Island**
Two Trustees
- ▶ **Salt Spring Island**
Two Trustees
- ▶ **Saturna Island**
Two Trustees
- ▶ **South Pender Island**
Two Trustees

Candidates shall be nominated in writing by two duly qualified electors of the Electoral Area or the Local Trust Area, respectively, in which the candidate is running for office. The nomination documents shall be in the form prescribed in the *Local Government Act* and shall state the name and residence of the person nominated in such a manner as to sufficiently identify such candidate. The nomination documents shall be subscribed to by the candidate. At the time of filing the nomination documents, the candidate shall also file with the Chief Election Officer or a person designated by the Chief Election Officer a written disclosure as required under the *Financial Disclosure Act*.

Campaign Period Expense Limits:

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, for the 2018 general local election, the following expense limits for candidates during the campaign period apply:

Electoral Area Director (Southern Gulf Islands, Juan de Fuca)	\$ 5,000.00
Electoral Area Director (Salt Spring Island)	\$ 5,278.50
Islands Trust Trustee (Galiano, Mayne, North Pender, Saturna, South Pender)	\$ 5,000.00
Islands Trust Trustee (Salt Spring Island)	\$ 5,320.00

Third Party Advertising Limits:

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, for the 2018 general local election, the following third party advertising limits apply:

Electoral Area (Southern Gulf Islands, Juan de Fuca, Salt Spring Island)	\$750.00
Islands Trust Trustee (Galiano, Mayne, North Pender, Salt Spring, Saturna, South Pender)	\$750.00

Additional Information on Campaign Period Expense Limits and Third Party Advertising Limits is available through Elections BC, 1.855.952.0280, lecf@elections.bc.ca or www.elections.bc.ca/lecf.

Copies of all forms are available online at www.crd.bc.ca/vote and at:

- ▶ **Capital Regional District**, Legislative Services, 5th Floor, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, 250.360.3127 or toll free 1.800.663.4425, local 3127 for Port Renfrew and Gulf Island residents;
- ▶ **Islands Trust**, #200-1627 Fort St., Victoria, 250.405.5188;
- ▶ **Islands Trust**, #1-500 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, 250.537.9144; or by calling the Chief Election Officer at 250.472.0059.

Dated this 8th day of August 2018

Thomas F. Moore,
Chief Election Officer

Island Local Trust Areas

The following constitutes the designated Island Local Trust Areas for the purpose of electing local trustees to the Islands Trust: **Galiano Island Local Trust Area** - Galiano, Ballingall, Charles, Gossip, Julia, Lion Islets, Parker, Retreat, Sphinx, Wise, Lt 145 Whaler Bay. **Mayne Island Local Trust Area** - Mayne, Curlew, Georgeson. **North Pender Local Trust Area** - North Pender, Boat Islet, Fane, Roe Islet, Lot 31 A & B Colston Cove, Lot 50 Grimmer Bay, Lt 176 Otter Bay, Lot 32 Bedwell Harbour, Arbutus, Brethour, Chads, Coal, Comet, D'Arcy, Forrest, Gooch, Goudge, Hood, Imrie, James, Knapp, Moresby, Portland, Pym, Rubly, Rum, Sidney, Tortoise Islets. **Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area** - Salt Spring, Acland, Bright, Buriel Islet, Channel, Deadman, Goat, Grace, Hall, Hawkins, Idol, Isabella, Jackscrew, Mowgli, Norway, Piers, Prevost, Red Islets, Russell, Secretary, Secret, Sisters - First, Second, Third, Wallace, Lot 73 Long Harbour, Lot 349 Ganges Harbour, Lot 222 Long Harbour, Lot 344 Stuart Channel. **Saturna Island Local Trust Area** - Saturna, Anniversary, Belle Chain Islets, Cabbage, Java Islets, King Islets, Lizard, Pine, Samuel, Trevor Islet, Tumbo, Lot 65 East of Samuel. **South Pender Local Trust Area** - South Pender, Blunden Islet, Skull Islet.

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Uniting through the pod system: fire lessons learned

BY ROBERT BIRCH

The day we moved in a neighbour walked down the driveway with a jar of home-

made plum jam and became a life-long friend. Being welcomed home is the best feeling in the world.

Twenty years later our home is filled with 26 fire-nervous neighbours to discuss the recent fire and our ability to respond. Three days after this fire threatened to turn much of what we love to ash we gathered to discuss how our chapter of the emergency pod system worked and needs work.

We'd like to share some of what we learned. We have many questions and concerns. As one neighbour wrote this morning, "(these) efforts today may help prevent future tragedies."

Smoke was spotted and reported by at least three people at 3:15 p.m. including a farmer about to hay his field. Twenty-three minutes later, firefighters conducting a training exercise just down the road at Ruckle Park arrived. Mark, my husband, our local POD captain, while often home was away at work. Our landline was also uncharacteristically offline.

After years of drought this two-hectare fire just served us our wake-up call. We knew it was coming. Here it is. If the wind had blown as powerfully as it had the previous two days I wouldn't be sitting here writing this, nor you reading it. Beaver Point Road would have been closed off and an at-capacity campground of visitors would have much less emergency information than the hundreds of south-end residences. It was only after the all-clear sign was provided that level-headed responses turned to high agitation combined with post-event adrenal fatigue. In an emergency it is time to act, not try to think. Mutual preparation is our best survival strategy.

At 5:30 p.m. I picked up five calls from neighbours informing, questioning and updating. I immediately called 10 other neighbours asking them to call the people closest to them. I emailed updates to the people I had addresses for, but most of these were on Mark's computer. In the adrenaline rush I didn't think to use his computer. The fact is most of us did not have fellow neighbours' contact information.

Our newest neighbour knocked on doors. Sharing information, we reminded ourselves to have grab-and-go bags ready. Less than half of us had an emergency kit at hand. At this point, we were told that a brush fire was contained. This, however, was only partially true. Over the course of six hours, some 5,000 gallons of Weston Lake water pumped uphill from the community-beloved home of Katya Mycyk and Steve Forbes. Forbes, a talented blacksmith by trade, wearing only shorts and T-shirt, bushwhacked up to a very difficult site alongside what he described as 20 "very sharp, hardworking emergency responders."

They have been here every day since and have pumped another 1,000 gallons up the hill to ensure underground roots systems are not still burning. Bless our emergency responders! May we discover ourselves worthy of the risks you take on our behalf.

Our personal-to-regional response systems need refining. We discovered that at least 12 people (all of whom we had little to no regular contact within half a kilometre of each other's homes) were not on the emergency list. To be benevolently blunt, fires care little for privacy, property value or social opinion. Here's the rub: it was mostly renters who were not on the list. No excuse holds up to people's lives and welfare. Divided cultural and class systems put our community at risk. Neighbourhood tiffs put our lives at risk. Bruised egos can be mended. Ideologies can find commonalities. Shared susceptibility can evolve into shared accountability.

On Sunday, Aug. 5 we hosted our first

INDEPTH

"pod-luck" in a decade. Some of us recalled with a chortle how in 1999 we came together to prepare for Y2K. Just to be safe, was

our motto. This week our home was packed once again. We grabbed tea, coffee and fresh blueberry crisp, sat down and introduced ourselves. Some of us settlers have lived here since 1974, one new friend moved across the road five days ago. All visibly shaken, we could feel shoulders drop by an inch within 10 minutes of gathering.

Steve and Katya provided first-hand knowledge of what happened. We collected our names, home and email addresses, emergency contact information, identified potential resources and skills. We discovered we have a former Gulf Islands fire chief in our midst. We have a trained search and rescue single mom, crisis counsellors, people with first aid, health and healing professionals, experts of local flora, fauna and decades of farming knowledge.

We learned how broom, moss and salal act as fire accelerators because of their volatile oils. We have four tractors if needed. Several ponds. We were reminded of the advice of local Indigenous elders who have said, "When the storm comes, tie your canoes together."

Along with educating ourselves about exit routes, pet and farm animal protocols, and fire proofing the property (i.e. not having wood stacked beside the house), other smart suggestions included putting copies of important documents in the grab-and-go bags, (consider keeping originals in the freezer as they may have a better chance there). We reminded each other to not burn toilet paper in the wood stove. Also, for those less agile we realized a smaller overnight backpack is a smarter choice during a fire than a pre-labeled large suitcase for an earthquake). I'm giving up our gas mower stored in a wood shed for a cordless Toro electric mower.

This week's actions include making sure we all have one another's confidential contact information. We'll set up a designated Google document for quick access. We will advocate for better cell reception in our valley.

We discovered that while we may have differing physical, technological and community skill capacities, between us all we have an exceptional level of skills and abilities. We were rediscovering what living in community means. Our next brunch pod-luck date is being set. Photocopies of all emergency information will be distributed within the next two days. We've decided to have two co-captains and a back-up alternative in our area.

At our core, we all need reassurance. Early adaptors and good leadership recognize signs of crisis. We're blessed with generations of hardworking, smart people on this island.

We encourage the wider emergency system help us immediately organize larger preparedness meetings at our local hubs such as at Beaver Point Hall. We request these beloved hall and school boards help us gather by scheduling regular bi-annual meet-ups. We have much to talk about and do.

We're proud of our neighbourhood. We're wildly in love with this land we all steward and share. We are also scared and doing something about it. Preparing for the worst we're determined to be here for one another along the way. By pulling together a quality of love remerges. Knowing and caring about our neighbours is truly one of the greatest feelings in life. As neighbours and a POD we came together to reassure one another that we have each other's backs. We're committed to not leaving anyone behind. We discovered we have work to do to live up to that commitment. Crises bring out the best of us.

The phone just rang. Our newest neighbour Bryan has informed us that the smoke in the valley is from a new 20-hectare fire in Nanaimo. Mark is on the phone and emailing.

The writer lives in the south end and has for the past three decades been an arts-based community health advocate and researcher.

CRD Capital Regional District

Islands Trust 

Notice of Advance Voter Registration & Availability of List of Registered Electors

2018 General Local Election

Public notice is hereby given that **Advance Voter Registration will be accepted until Tuesday, August 28, 2018** for Capital Regional District (CRD) Lists of Non-Resident Property Electors for:

- ▶ Juan de Fuca Electoral Area
- ▶ Salt Spring Island Electoral Area
- ▶ Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area (Galiano, Mayne, North and South Pender, Saturna and Piers Islands)
- ▶ Islands Trust Local Trust Areas (Galiano, Mayne, North and South Pender, Salt Spring, and Saturna Islands)

The Capital Regional District will be using the Provincial Voters List to determine who is eligible to vote as a Resident Elector in the CRD. If you voted in the last provincial election, your name will appear on the Provincial Voters List, and will automatically be placed on the CRD Lists of Registered Electors. CRD Lists of Registered Electors are used for voting for Electoral Area Directors, referenda, School District Trustees and Islands Trust Trustees in the CRD.

Elector Qualifications

Resident Elector - If you are 18 years or older on voting day (October 20, 2018), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months and in your community for 30 days immediately before the day of registration (the residency qualifications are set out in the *Local Government Act*) you are entitled to vote as a Resident Elector.

Non-Resident Property Elector - If you are 18 years or older on voting day (October 20, 2018), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months, have owned and held registered title to property within the boundaries of the local community for 30 days immediately before the day of registration, do not qualify as a Resident Elector, you may vote as a Non-Resident Property Elector provided that you: (a) have registered on or before August 28, 2018, or (b) register at the time of voting.

The following information is required at the time of application:

- ▶ a **recent** land title registration of the real property (may be obtained at the Land Title Office) or property tax notice, **showing the names of all the registered owners**,
- ▶ 2 pieces of identification (one must have a signature), and
- ▶ in the case of more than one owner of the property, a **completed consent form, signed by the majority of the owners, designating you as the person entitled to vote for the property.**

Please Note:

- ▶ Only one Non-Resident Property Elector may vote per property regardless of the number of owners.
- ▶ No corporation is entitled to be registered as an elector or have a representative registered as an elector, and no corporation is entitled to vote.
- ▶ Individuals who are on title with corporations are not entitled to register or

vote. Individuals who own an undivided interest in land on which the balance is held by a corporation are not entitled to vote.

You may register on voting day if you meet the elector qualifications set out above. For information about registering as a Resident or Non-Resident Property Elector call 250.360.3127. Port Renfrew and Gulf Island residents may call toll free, 1.800.663.4425, local 3127.

List of Registered Electors

The preliminary Lists of Registered Electors are available, upon signature, for viewing at the CRD offices listed below from 8:30am - 4:30pm, Monday to Friday, unless otherwise noted. You may also call the offices to enquire whether your name is on a CRD List of Registered Electors:

- ▶ Legislative & Information Services - 250.360.3127, 625 Fisgard St., **Victoria**, BC
- ▶ Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Planning & Building Inspection - 250.642.1500, #3 - 7450 Butler Rd., **Sooke**, BC
- ▶ Pender Building Inspection - 250.629.3424, 4605 Bedwell Harbour Rd. (Driftwood Centre), **North Pender Island**, BC (8:30am - Noon)
- ▶ SSI Administration Office, 108-121 McPhillips Ave, **Salt Spring Island**, BC
- ▶ **Islands Trust**, #200-1627 Fort St., **Victoria**, BC Tel: 250.405.5151
- ▶ **Islands Trust**, #1-500 Lower Ganges Rd., **Salt Spring Island**, 250.537.9144;

Following the close of Advance Voter Registration and beginning Tuesday, September 4, 2018, until the close of general voting on October 20, 2018, a copy of the final Lists of Registered Electors will be available, upon signature, for public inspection at the offices listed above.

An elector may request that personal information respecting the elector be omitted from or obscured on the List in accordance with section 78 (Protection of Privacy) of the *Local Government Act*.

Objection to Registration of an Elector

An objection to the registration of a person whose name appears on the List of Registered Electors may be made to the CRD Corporate Officer, PO Box 1000, Victoria, BC, V8W 2S6, in accordance with the *Local Government Act*, until 4:00pm on Friday, September 14, 2018. An objection must be made in writing, may only be made by a person entitled to be registered as an elector of the CRD, and can only be made on the basis that the person whose name appears has died or is not qualified to be registered as an elector of the CRD.

Dated this 8th day of August, 2018

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ART REVIEW

B.C.'s coastal history invites artistic interpretation



Detail from Joanie Paterson's print *The Cassiar* — capturing a steamship affectionately known as the "Logger's Palace."

Joanie Paterson delves into past in *Coastlines*

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The realities of living in a community that's accessible only by boat are brought to the surface at Artcraft this month, where Joanie Paterson's *Coastlines* show takes inspiration from local shipping history.

With some help from fellow islander Alison Sparshu, Paterson has created a show that combines artistic expression with research. The result is an engaging point of entry into life on coastal British Columbia as experienced from 1899 to



Installation piece at Joanie Paterson's *Coastlines* show at Artcraft fills the Mahon Hall stage, with textile art by Paterson and raft by Alison Sparshu.

PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

1937. It's a history lesson that could easily appear in a regional museum but has the added spark of a deeply personal interest that's evident in the artworks on display.

The Mahon Hall stage appropriately finds itself home to a set-like installation of items that would have been sent by ship to the coast's remote settlements. A wooden raft created by Sparshu is the base for life-sized textile sculptures such as a small goat, a chicken and wooden crates of felted apples and pears. Other touches that help transform the setting include a replica ship's steam whistle made by Sparshu and the intermittent sound of the whistle piped in via laptop.

Paterson's prints form the major part of the show, and depict imagined scenes gleaned from her research. Various vessels from the Union Steamship Company that ferried passengers and goods get star treatment, viewed as if on their coastal journeys and accompanied by interesting factual tidbits. For instance, viewers learn the *Cassiar* was nicknamed the "Logger's Palace" and was equipped both with a bar and a jail cell for its trips to logging camps.

Paterson has also created evocative vignettes of the people who relied on ships for daily life. *Waiting in the Cold* depicts a small huddled group of passengers, dwarfed equally by the dark forest around them and the white boat gliding in. As the information tag explains, pioneers could eas-

ily wait 24 hours at the launch point before their scheduled ship arrived.

Ladies Knitting is an expressive print with the flowing ink of a water-colour painting. The silhouettes of four or five women can be glimpsed at the open bow of a steamship underway, making sure not to be idle even during enforced downtime.

Many of the scenic prints are on the dark side, with deep blue and black inks predominant. This is appropriate for the rainy and deeply forested lands, although Paterson's compositions are perhaps best realized on her larger prints on canvas. One of her smaller prints on paper that makes the most of darkness is called *WWI and WWII Blackouts*. A few well-placed glimmers suggest the veiled light of ships underway in the dark.

As the central installation suggests, the physical goods of pioneer times also hold much fascination, and Paterson has reproduced some of the commercial materials of the time. Her print called *Preserves* poses a row of bright peaches in jars against a mail order catalogue, open to the section on fresh fruits. A sepia-toned print of the *SS Coquitlam* has a border of tinned salmon labels from Skeena and Nass river canneries, striking in red and goldenrod, along the bottom edge.

The products of settler life are further addressed in Paterson's textile art. She has felted cans of Carnation brand milk (as she explains, it was a top seller from the Woodward's mail order catalogue) displayed with the




PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

Textile art creations replicating popular mail-order goods and catalogue.

textile version of the catalogue cover and page.

In a more whimsical touch, two paper dresses are printed with a pattern of local holiday advertisement postcards.

Coastlines runs daily at Mahon Hall to Aug. 22. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.





CURRENT DROUGHT LEVEL: 3

Drought conditions can affect communities and individuals in many different ways. Drought can lead to reduced water availability for household and business use. Lower streamflows may cause warmer river temperatures, affecting fish and other aquatic life. Low streamflows can also have an impact on groundwater levels.

The Provincial Technical Drought Working Group provides drought level updates for each major watershed in the province as conditions warrant.

Go to the Provincial Website to learn more what Level 3 means and other information on drought within the area and the province.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/water/drought-flooding-dikes-dams/drought-information>

ART REVIEW

Island Textile Artists explore new dyeing techniques

Out of the Blue at library through August

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Island Textile Artists group has been exploring new techniques for dyeing fabric over the past year, and their show currently underway at the Salt Spring Public Library offers a fascinating window into how different artists make use of their materials.

Out of the Blue includes a group exhibition in the library's program room plus some handy educational panels in the lobby showcase. As that part of the display explains, there are interesting ways to work with blue and brown shades deriving from indigo and rust dyeing and cyanoprinting.

Indigo dyeing involves a natural substance that has been used by humans through the ages. The substance that makes jeans blue is extracted from a tropical shrub but requires the addition of an alkali solution to become water soluble. As educational materials explain, the dye mix appears yellow-green before fabric is removed from the vat of dye, and gradually gains its characteristic blue shade with oxidation.

Rust dyeing also involves natural materials, with colours and shapes transferred to fabric simply by applying a rusted metal object and a

vinegar solution for a few days.

Cyanoprinting may be the least familiar to the average person, and involves the same process that printers used to create copies of architectural drawings and other documents in the 19th century — the first blueprints. Nowadays artists can create photo transfers and print images onto fabric using the same chemicals, and they have the recent advantage of pre-treated fabric to make it more accessible.

Artists from the local textile group have put together multiple techniques in their pieces, perhaps starting with a block print or image transfer and then embellishing and adorning it with stitching, appliqué, beading or quilting.

Susan Paynter puts all three dyeing techniques together in her patchwork collage Song For a B.C. Treehugger, with images of cedar fronds and tree tops reproduced in cyanoprint, indigo or rust in various swatches. The rippling images produce the effect of endless forest with its similarities and variations — while the smoky rust patches serve as warning of a forest in peril.

Karen Selk creates a lovely print of puffy blossoms in Allium Fireworks. The cyanoprint design is embellished with stitching and gold and copper leaf for the perfect colour contrast and a joyful composition. The deep blue fabric panel is softened by a backing layer of pale gold silk, on which the embel-

ishment carries over.

Another nice use of contrast comes in Elna Gravelle's Butterfly Garden, a clean and crisp design that puts pale blue leaves and grasses against a deep blue background. An appliquéd butterfly in rust-dyed fabric finds the most delicate echo in offset decorative stitching.

Gillian Kidd has a number of pieces that incorporate bird designs in a very pleasing fashion. Her Night Garden contrasts the bright tropical tones of flowers and bird with pale blue leaves and a dark background. In this work the background recedes and the "living" aspects spring up close to the viewer.

Viewers will also find a delightful visual commentary in Linda Counsell's Jeans Are Indigo Too, with patches of indigo fabric adorned with delicate embroidery in organic, abstract patterns. Janet Wheeler has pieces that incorporate felting and merino wool; her Save the Salish Sea piece is a deceptively nuanced sea of colour shading and texture. Danielle Manners prefers a bolder, brighter approach, with several works that incorporate lace, shiny jewels and three-dimensional objects. Wallflowers is a nice example of how she brings the elements together into a satisfyingly rich composition.

The Island Textile Artists show can be viewed during regular library hours until Thursday, Aug. 30.



Detail of Night Garden by Gillian Kidd.

TEA À TEMPO

Mbira Spirit makes visit to Salt Spring



PHOTO COURTESY MBIRA SPIRIT

Amy and Tadazwa Matamba are Mbira Spirit, who combine African-influenced music with country classics, gospel, blues, reggae and more. They perform at All Saints By-the-Sea next Wednesday, Aug. 15.

Uplifting concert at All Saints promised

SUBMITTED BY MUSIC MAKERS

Tea à Tempo on Wednesday, Aug. 15 features the dynamic duo of Amy and Tadazwa Matamba, together known as Mbira Spirit.

As founders of the Zimbabwe Music Society, they are performing artists, educators, inclusive leaders and cultural ambassadors, who live and work on Vancouver Island and in Zimbabwe, Africa. Together they promote local arts and culture, help to preserve traditions and heritage, and serve local and sister communities in order to better lives and make a difference.

The Matamba Cultural Arts and Education Centre is working in partnership with the Hurungwe Rural District Council in Magunje, Zimbabwe to build a centre that provides cultural exchange. The centre promotes and educates in the area of arts, music, culture, sports, sustainability, agriculture, solar energy, tourism and economic development.

Mbira Spirit provides irresistible, joyous music to numerous communities around Vancouver Island through tours, television shows, festivals and other events. Their African-influenced music with its distinguished Zimbabwean harmonies includes country classics, gospel, blues, reggae and more. They have blended their cultures and musical experience to create a magical and

special time that has audiences of all ages clapping, dancing and embracing the message of love, peace and harmony.

See their website at www.zmsociety.com for more information about their music and cultural activities.

Mbira Spirit's performance, with admission by donation, begins in All Saints By-the-Sea at 2:10 p.m., followed by tea and treats. Donations provide the honoraria for the musicians and contribute to the running of the series.

Tea à Tempo's regular weekly series will continue until Sept. 5, when it returns to its once-a-month schedule. Upcoming acts are Wesley Hardisty on Aug. 22, Caroni Young on Aug. 29 and Kerry Graham and Jan Phillips on Sept. 5.

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what's on this week



Wed. Aug. 8

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Quest for the Queen.
Grace Jordan presents a dramatic presentation with singing, dancing, merriment and refreshments at Stonewell Farm, 1852 Fulford-Ganges Road every Wednesday in August at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. (Doors open at 12:30 and 3 p.m.)

Tea a Tempo: Patricia Flanagan.
Vocalist highlights the songs of Eric Bogle at Tea a Tempo at All Saints By-the-Sea. 2:10 p.m. By-donation music followed by optional tea and treats.

Sarah Osborne.
Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt House Museum.
Museum open at the Farmers' Institute. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Every Wednesday through Sunday.

Thu. Aug. 9

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Marianne Grittani. Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.



Open Mic Night.
Every Thursday at Moby's Pub. 8:30 to 11:45 p.m.

Thu. Aug. 9

ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt House Museum.
See Wednesday's listing.

Sea Star Recovery BioBlitz Training Session.
Salt Spring Islanders can learn how to participate in a Citizen Science project to survey beaches for juvenile sea stars. Sponsored by the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club and the Salt Spring Ocean Stewards. Meet at Ganges Harbour directly in front of Harbour House. 8 a.m.

Summer Reading Club.
Drop-in program for ages 2 to 12 with crafts, games and fun runs Thursdays at the Salt Spring Public Library to Aug. 23 at 11 a.m.

Poetry Open Mic.
With featured poet Rayanne Haines, who will read from her new collection called Stained with the Colours of Sunday Morning. 7 p.m., with featured poet at 7:30 p.m. Sign-up is at 6:45 p.m.

Fri. Aug. 10

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Lippincott & Martin.
Live music at Salt Spring Vineyards happy hour. 3 to 5 p.m.

Live Music at Woodley's.
Music from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Fri. Aug. 10

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Donkey Fest 6.
Multi-band night at Moby's Pub: Swamp Donkey, Everyday People, Tonellacane, Jake and Clay of Cape Cartel, Sierra Lundy and Friends of the Donkey. 6 p.m. until closing.

Synergy.
Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt House Museum.
See Wednesday's listing.

Sea Star Recovery BioBlitz Training Session.
See Thursday's listing, except time is 8:30 a.m. on shore beneath Fernwood Dock.

Summer Movie Matinee.
Family-friendly movies every Friday at the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room through Aug. 24 at 2:30 p.m. Today's movie is Puss in Boots.

Wibit Inflatable Obstacle Course.
Try the new inflatable course at the Rainbow Road Aquatic Centre. 6 to 8 p.m. For ages 7+.

Sat. Aug. 11

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Live Music.
Act TBA at Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

Sat. Aug. 11

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Myc Sharratt.
Live at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt House Museum.
See Wednesday's listing.

Sea Star Recovery BioBlitz Training Session.
See Thursday's listing, except time is 9 a.m. at Baker Beach.

Family Adventures in Nature.
Free program at Blackburn Lake Nature Reserve put on by the Salt Spring Island Conservancy. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wibit Inflatable Obstacle Course.
Try the new inflatable course at the Rainbow Road Aquatic Centre. 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. For ages 7+.



Family StoryTime in the Park.
Saturdays in the summer in Centennial Park Gazebo. 1 p.m. All ages welcome but best for 3 to 6. Parent supervision is required. Free program presented by the Salt Spring Public Library.

Salt Spring NDP Club's Annual Lamb BBQ.
At the Salt Spring Farmers' Institute. 4 p.m.

Sun. Aug. 12

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Sky Valley Trio.
Live music at Salt Spring Vineyards. 2 to 4 p.m.

Alan Moberg.
Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt House Museum.
See Wednesday's listing.

Artists in the Garden.
Free fine art, live music and lively conversation every Sunday in the summer at Dragonfly Fine Art Supplies. 12 to 4 p.m.

Special Olympics Bocce Tournament.
All day in Centennial Park.

Mon. Aug. 13

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Vaughn Fulford.
Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

Tue. Aug. 14

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Mic With Richard Cross.
Tuesdays at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

Tue. Aug. 14

ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Farmers Market.
Runs every Tuesday June through October at Centennial Park from 2 to 6 p.m.



Art Show Opening: The Three Rs.
Work by artists Johanna Hoskins, Nicole Rae and island youth. ArtSpring. 2 to 4 p.m.

Wed. Aug. 15

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Quest for the Queen.
See last Wednesday's listing.

Tea a Tempo: Mbira Spirit.
Amy and Tadzwa Matamba's African-influenced music. By-donation Tea a Tempo recital at All Saints By-the-Sea begins at 2:10 p.m., followed by tea and treats.

Susan Cogan.
Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt House Museum.
See last Wednesday's listing.

Movies in the Park: Labyrinth.
Movie shown at dusk at Centennial Park, approximately 9:15 p.m.

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- **Indian Horse** — Last two shows. A Canadian First Nations boy, Saul Indian Horse, a talented hockey player, survives residential school and the racism of the 1970s.
- **Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again** — This film doubles down on just about everything fans loved about the original, and my, my, how can fans resist it?

EXHIBITIONS

- **The Three Rs** — 'looking at life through different perspectives' opens at ArtSpring on Tuesday, Aug. 14 with an event from 2 to 4 p.m. Work by artists Johanna Hoskins and Nicole Rae joins artwork of local youth. The show runs until Aug. 21.
- **Nicola Wheston** presents paintings in **The Beginning and End of Stuff** series at ArtSpring until Aug. 12 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.
- Artist **Joanie Paterson** and **Alison Sparshu** present their **Coastlines** exhibition on the **Artcraft Showcase** stage at **Mahon Hall** daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Aug. 22.

EXHIBITIONS

- **Wax & Steel**, new work by **Steve Paterson** and **Rosalie Matchett**, runs at **Kizmit Galeria/Cafe** this month from Thursdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 8 is the last day to see **News From Flowers: First Annual Salt Spring Island Flower Show**, curated by **Robert Kleyn**, at **Fault Line Project**.
- **Lesley Burke** presents her "Life should be a carnival" exhibit in the **ArtSpring** lobby through the month of August.
- **Out of the Blue**: Indigo, Rust and Cyanoprints by **Island Textile Artists** is in the **Salt Spring Public Library Program Room** until Aug. 30.
- **redbeards**: an exhibition featuring Vancouver sculptors **David Robinson** and **Doug Taylor** runs at **Duthie Gallery** through Aug. 28.
- **Hakeme Head** is an exhibit of new work by **Deon Venter** at **Venter Gallery**.
- **Artcraft** show and sale of work by some 100 Gulf Islands artisans is open daily at **Mahon Hall** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

- **Artists in the Garden** runs every Sunday at **Dragonfly Fine Art Supplies** at 155 Rainbow Rd. with live music, fine art and more from 12 to 4 p.m.
- **Dragonfly Fine Art Supplies** shows new work by **Edward Sauve** to mid August.
- **Jill Louise Campbell Art Gallery** presents **Inspired Salt Spring**, new paintings of Salt Spring by **Jill Louise Campbell**.
- **Avril Kirby** shows photos at **Country Roasters Cafe**.

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DANCE

Merry McKentys lead contra dance at Bullock Lake

Young Agrarians event for all ages

The Young Agrarians and Bullock Lake Farm are teaming up to present an evening that celebrates ecological agriculture, old-timey music and dancing.

Set for Friday, Aug. 17, the contra dance with the Merry McKentys is a kid and family-friendly event that begins at 7:30 p.m., with doors open half an hour earlier.

Young Agrarians is a network for new and

young ecological and organic farmers in B.C. that has grown across Canada. YA coordinates an ongoing educational event series, from farm tours and potlucks to multi-day educational farmer mixers.

The Merry McKentys are a large family band from Cortes Island.

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The Merry McKentys from Cortes Island will play at an all-ages contra dance at Bullock Lake Farm next Friday, Aug. 17.

LIVE MUSIC

Public invited to Fiddleworks camp events

Concerts and dance nights begin Aug. 19

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The annual and immensely popular Fiddleworks music camp will return to Salt Spring this month, bringing with it multiple opportunities for people not directly involved to enjoy live music and dancing.

The Instructors Showcase Concert and Dinner kicks off the public events on the evening of Sunday, Aug. 19. Dinner at Fulford Hall starts at 6 p.m., and at 7 the talented team of camp instructors will show what they can do. The outstanding annual concert helps raise funds for camp bursaries and is co-presented by the Salt Spring Folk Club.

Audiences can expect an amazing performance by students and teachers, including the 100-piece Fiddleworks Orchestra.

This year's band in residence is Laura Cortese and the Dance Cards. The camp's music faculty also includes Marc Atkinson, Scott White, Jeff Faragher, Geoff Horrocks, Trish Horrocks, Erynn Marshall, Carl Jones, Gordon Stobbe, JJ Guy and Zavallennahh.

On Tuesday, Aug. 21, everyone is invited to Beaver Point Hall for a community fiddle dance starting at 7 p.m. The evening of music and dancing features the house band and dance caller Trish Horrocks. No experience is needed and the event is fun for all ages. Admission is by donation.

The week wraps up with a gala concert and community dance at Centennial Park. Audiences can expect an amazing performance by students and teachers, including the 100-plus piece Fiddleworks Orchestra.

Fiddleworks aims to build community through music and the arts, using mentorship and celebration in a multi-generational setting. The annual weeklong camp on Salt Spring offers instruction in a large variety of instruments plus art, dance, storytelling and more for all abilities, from first time to advanced players.

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APICULTURE

Beekeeper training camp gives flight to new skills

Queen-rearing clinic also promotes cooperation between beekeepers

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Local beekeepers hosted an advanced queen-rearing field camp for Vancouver Island area beekeepers from July 21 to 28.

The event gave beekeepers a chance to learn and practise skills associated with growing new queens. Breeding queen bees is difficult and technical, so the camp was a way for the beekeepers to get repeated hands-on experience. The impromptu camp was set up as a continuation of the yearly

queen-rearing course taught by master beekeeper Iain Glass. The course consists of more hours than any other similar course in North America, Glass said. It gives beekeepers a chance to collaborate and to learn how to create their own queen bees, instead of having to purchase and import them from elsewhere.

"We've had people from all over the islands, including a couple of people from Salt Spring," Glass said. "It's also really neat to see people collaborating together because at the end of the day you can't be effective doing stuff in isolation. You need cooperation from other beekeepers."

The queen-rearing course ran in Duncan at the end of May and beginning of June. It is a two-weekend course with coursework to be done in between. The July camp on Salt Spring was set up for people who were unable to attend the earlier course. Beekeepers had an intense weekend of coursework and got valuable hands-on experience for the rest of the week.

"It's a bit of a practicum and the other course rolled together, so they're getting more hours and more hands on," he said.

Wendi Gilson, owner of Black Horse Apiary and the resident bee inspector for Salt Spring Island and Vancouver Island, said that even though the students were all experienced beekeepers, "There's a lot they still don't know, because you have to do it over and over before you have any hope of getting it right."

For commercial beekeepers, queen breeding is a way to reliably get new queens to replace queens that have died or to provide queens for new queen-less hives. More often, however, commercial beekeepers purchase bees from places like California and New Zealand. The bees are unsuited to the local pressures and often do not survive long after they have been transported. Those that do survive are prone to disease and need to be treated with chemical medication to survive.

"We're trying and succeeding to make these better bees."

WENDY GILSON
Black Horse Apiary operator and regional bee inspector

"This is us saying that the bees and the status quo for the bees is not working well," Glass said. "The current methods are not sustainable."

However, Glass and Gilson are breeding queens to create a locally adapted queen bee that is also resistant to disease. This is the second year of a multi-year program of breeding queens that do not need chemical treatments or antibiotics to fight disease. They are taking bees that have developed a natural resistance to the varroa mite, and are breeding those queens with locally adapted genetics



PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

Master beekeeper Iain Glass demonstrates how to capture nurse bees with a homemade suction device at an advanced queen-rearing field camp held on Salt Spring Island during the last week of July. From left are Mark Shilling, Iain Glass, Sherlene Wong, Heidi Schnepf and Denise Machin.



PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

Transportation box full of queen cells. The beekeepers use these boxes to either mail queens or bring them to new hives. The pictured bees are nurse bees.

with the intention of creating a stronger B.C.-specific bee.

"As we transition those qualities into local bees and even local regional bees . . . we're looking to getting cooperation with elsewhere in B.C.," Glass said.

Glass hopes that the mild weather in the Vancouver Island region will allow beekeepers to provide locally adapted queens to honey-producing areas in the north part of the province. He is also looking at adopting a "winery-tour" concept for beekeepers. Giving prospective buyers a tour of the facility, showing the ethical practices and educating them about the bees allows more collaboration between beekeepers.

"At the end of the day, the educational component is the most significant of any of these things," he said.

So far, the project has been a success. Gilson said that of the varroa-resistant queens put in the field last year on Vancouver Island, a significant number of them had no mites at all.

"We're trying and succeeding to make these better bees," she said. "I went back on Vancouver Island and here to see the ones that we placed last year. They have no mites! It works!"



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Wendi Gilson demonstrates how to set up a queen breeding frame. Queen cells will develop in these frames before being put into an incubator.

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Fall Fair Focus



SECTION 12 HOBBY ARTS

The 2018 fall fair is rapidly approaching, and those of us involved in planning are feeling a rush of excitement at the opportunity to help showcase the agricultural and creative works of our community. The Hobby Arts team are no exception. We look forward to enjoying the many works submitted by island creators of all ages. Usually, most of the entrants are young people - they are the age group that are still exploring all modes of learning and expression. While it is a delight to receive their works, we urge creators of all ages to consider submitting something.

We have been brainstorming ways to get you excited about creating and sharing your work. This year we plan to open a corner of the Hobby Arts section to creation and play. Come on by and see what we come up with!

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ISLAND HISTORY

Island Pathways receives Heritage BC legacy grant

Funds to help install new interpretive panels in Ganges area

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Island Pathways has received a grant from the Heritage Legacy Fund to help support the interpretive panels program along the Ganges Village Pathway Network.

The \$4,100 grant is a “much-needed boost” that will help create and install the panels.

The panels will illuminate the history of heritage locations and buildings along the network. Planned panels for this year will highlight a First Nations portage route across the island that saved them hours of paddling around the north end of the island, the

history of Japanese-Canadian farming before the land expropriation in the Second World War, the history of the local farm community on Salt Spring and the history of one of the oldest island cemeteries.

Jean Gelwicks, chair of Partners Creating Pathways, said, “We think these panels will enhance any walk on the GVPN by sharing a bit of history of our island and perhaps stimulate islanders and visitors to find out more about the rich history of our island.”

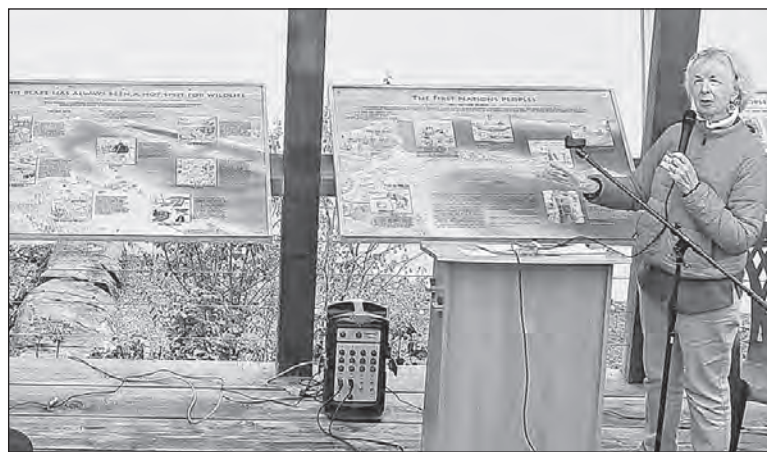
Island Pathways will be partnering with the Historical Society, the Japanese Garden Society, the Farmers’ Institute museum and others to create and install the panels. The organization hopes that the panels will add to the community spaces created by the pathway network.

“Everyone appreciates knowing a bit of the history of where they are standing and what they are looking at as they travel in and around Ganges,” an Island Pathways press release said.

The Heritage Legacy Fund is the only provincial grant program that supports conservation, awareness, planning and Indigenous partnership projects. The 2018 awards were overseen by a jury of four members.

“The Heritage Legacy Fund Committee was impressed by the diversity of heritage project applications this year,” said Heritage BC director Angie Bain, adding that the projects had significant and meaningful ways of embracing reconciliation and celebrating B.C.’s heritage.

The Ganges Village Pathway Network is accessible 24 hours



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO

Island Pathways member Jean Gelwicks unveils a previous set of local history panels at the harbour’s end pathway opening in 2016.

a day and the paths are used by students and staff of four schools, dog walkers, visitors, seniors and anyone trying to travel around the

village. Construction of the new panels will begin in the year ahead, the press release said.

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Smell and taste senses may decrease

Aging comes with several sensory changes, many of which people expect. Loss of hearing or diminishing vision are widely associated with aging. But one’s senses of smell and taste may diminish with aging as well.

The senses of taste and smell work in concert. The sense of smell is vital to personal health, not only because inhaling pleasant aromas can provide comfort and stress relief through aromatherapy and help trigger important memories, but also because smell enables a person to detect the dangers of smoke, gas, spoiled food, and more. The National Institute on Aging says that, as a person gets older, his or her sense of smell may fade, and that will also affect taste. The Mayo Clinic says some loss of taste and smell is natural and can begin as early as age 60.

Adults have about 9,000 taste buds sensing sweet, salty, sour, bitter, and umami flavours, or those corresponding to the flavour of glutamates. Many tastes are linked to odours that begin at the nerve endings in the lining of the nose. Medline says the number of taste buds decreases as one ages, and that remaining taste buds may begin to shrink. Sensitivity to the five tastes also begins to decline. This can make it more difficult to distinguish between flavours.

Similarly, especially after age 70, smell can diminish due to a loss of nerve endings and less mucus in the nose. With the combination of the reduction of these important sensory nerves in the nose and on the tongue,

loss of smell and taste can greatly affect daily life.

Changes in these senses can contribute to feelings of depression, diminish one’s enjoyment of food and cause harmful conditions, such as extreme weight loss from disinterest in food to problems associated with overusing salt or sugar.

Although aging is often to blame, loss of smell and taste also may be tied to early symptoms of Parkinson’s disease or Alzheimer’s disease. Cancer treatments, medications, lack of saliva, colds, flu, and other factors

may contribute to sensory loss. Changing medications or treatments may help.

It’s important to bring up diminished flavours or smells with a doctor to rule out something more serious and to determine what might help restore pleasure from smells and flavours. An otolaryngologist, or a doctor who specializes in diseases of the ears, nose and throat, may be able to help fix the problem, though some people may be referred to a neurologist or another specialist.

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SAFETY TEAM: The non-profit AdventureSmart group visited Salt Spring on Saturday, setting up an info table in Centennial Park and giving away tips and safety aids for hikers. Salt Spring Search and Rescue member Judy Burch, centre, helped organize the event, with AdventureSmart Vancouver team members Emma Courtney and PJ Richards doing the rest. AdventureSmart promotes people learning "the 3 T's" of trip planning, training and taking the essentials. See www.adventuresmart.ca for more safe recreation information.

READING

Bird watchers kit honours volunteer

Avian appreciators urged to share Gillian Watson's joy

BY MAGGIE WARBEY
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Last December, the library lost a true friend and supporter.

In recognition of Gillian Watson and her abiding interest in avian life, the Non-Fiction Committee has put together a **Bird Watcher's Kit** to promote that interest in others. The kit is available at the main desk and consists of a backpack filled with contemporary books on local bird life, their habits and habitats; birding charts; birding guides and a pair of Gillian's own binoculars. Please take advantage of this gift and share the joy.

And from the eclectic selection on the New Non-Fiction Shelf, you'll find these titles to entertain and fascinate you.

• **Four Walls and a Big Blue Sky: the GISS Writers' Group Anthology 2017-2018** is a delightful collection of stories, poems and art work assembled by students at the local senior secondary school. Each entry is a treasure of language, thought and emotion that gives the reader hope and joy that the next

ON THE NEWSHELVES

generation has a big heart and a lot of brains. I wouldn't be surprised to see these names in the literary and artistic mainstream in the coming years.

• **Milk: a 10,000-year Food Fracas** brings together the centuries old social, medical and political importance of this most basic of human food stuffs. The book covers the question of safety and cleanliness, safe and unsafe milk and milk products, medicinal and cosmetic uses of milk, as well as myths and truths concerning milk and its many uses over the eons. Also included are some delightful recipes for easy-to-make milk treats and dishes and archival photographs of milk and its users in more contemporary times.

• A book of interest to many is **How Numbers Work**, in which readers can discover the strange and beautiful world of mathematics. Using simple examples and plain English, the authors bring the often confusing subjects of mathematics and numbers to

those who may feel numerically challenged. They carefully explain such concepts as pi, probability, randomness and infinity, as well as clarify other rational impediments. The book is well illustrated to make the concepts even easier to comprehend, and easy to follow.

• A book of immediate and enormous interest is **The Attention Merchants: the Epic Scramble to Get inside Our Heads**. According to the author, "Since the early days, the basic business model of 'attention merchants' has never changed: free diversion in exchange for a moment of your time, sold in turn to the highest-bidding advertiser." The book is packed with information, examples and tales that bring to readers an urgent sense that we have been sold and bought and are ripe for manipulation. This title is an important work in the arsenal needed to protect ourselves from those who would use us as unsuspecting tools.

As always, the New Shelves at the Library have so much to offer. All you need is a (free) library card to open the doors to imagination and information. If you don't find what you are looking for, be sure to let us know!

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Bridge pairs take pains to be perfect

Midsummer games invoke spirit of Puck

BRIDGETRICKS

BY JILL EVANS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

It was midsummer so it's time for that night's dream when duplicate bridge devotees gather and Puck says, "Shall we their fond pageant see? Lord, what fools these mortals be" as he thinks "Lovers and madmen have such seething brains, such shaping fantasies, that apprehend more than cool reason ever comprehends" as they gaze at their cards and plan their strategies.

Taking a bit of liberty with

Shakespeare's words, let's say "The player's eye, in fine frenzy rolling, doth glance from heaven to earth, from earth to heaven; and as imagination bodies forth the forms of things unknown, the player's mind turns them to shapes and gives to airy nothing a proper designation and a bid."

On July 23 there were four full tables who reminded themselves to "Take pains, be perfect." It was Don Nemeth and Don Sharp who were closest to achieving this, with Patricia Hewett and Bob

Morrisette next in line. Ian Thomas and Zelly Taylor were third and newcomers Venu Fitzgerald with Bob Elsea came fourth. The others might have vowed "I'll follow thee and make a heaven of hell, To die upon the hand I loved so well," which just didn't work.

July 30 was hot and humid and "The clamorous owl, that nightly hoots and wonders at our quaint spirits" saw only three and a half tables assemble to examine their hands and decided that such "quick bright things come to confusion." This time it was Jeff Bell and Prem Margolese who made the most sense of it all, with the Nemeth-Sharp

pair following. In third place again was the Thomas Taylor partnership and again newcomers occupied the fourth spot, namely Joanne Gray and Stewart Rimmer.

We won't mention who played the part of Bottom on those occasions, but just quote Puck again and say "Good night unto you all" as the players "trip away, make no stay" — until the next time when they gather again, "But with good will. To show our simple skill."

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ENVIRONMENT

Tansy ragwort alarms islanders

Immediate removal of toxic invasive weed recommended

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring farmers and people who keep tabs on invasive species are becoming concerned about the aggressive spread of tansy ragwort, a flower classified as a noxious weed in British Columbia that has appeared all over the island this year.

The Invasive Species Council of B.C. reports the yellow daisy-like flower is a problem plant in the lower Fraser Valley, southern Vancouver Island and the Okanagan. Jean Wilkinson, who chairs the Salt Spring Conservancy's stewardship committee, said tansy ragwort has recently become more noticeable on the island.

"These hot dry summers seem to be ideal conditions for it," Wilkinson said.

According to the Invasive Species Council of B.C., tansy ragwort can be identified by the small daisy-like yellow flowers that appear from July to September in a flat-topped cluster. The biennial to short-lived perennial plant is found on disturbed sites and bare ground in grazed pastures, roadsides, vacant non-crop lands and on forest clear-cuts. It is often confused with common tansy, which is not poisonous. Common tansy does not have ray flowers, and has sharply toothed leaves.

With tansy ragwort, a "low rosette is produced during the first year with



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Tansy ragwort in full bloom.

dark green, ruffled (lobed) leaves on purplish stems. Leaves on second year flowering stems are alternate, dark green on top, whitish-green underneath, with deeply cut, blunt-toothed lobes and a ragged, ruffled appearance."

The infestation can spread rapidly as just one plant can produce 150,000 seeds, which spread on the wind like dandelions. Seeds can lie dormant for four to five years, or up to 20 years if buried.

Though its habit of knocking out biodiversity in open areas is concerning to ecologists, the weed has been a particular concern to farmers and livestock owners because it invades pasturelands and is poisonous to livestock if ingested. Small amounts consumed over

an extended period of time can lead to exposure to a toxic alkaloid that reacts with enzymes particular to cattle, deer, pigs, horses and goats. This can cause cumulative liver damage or even death.

Beekeepers also have reason to keep tansy ragwort away. The alkaloids can result in honey that is too bitter and off-colour to market.

Geri Ramsay is one local horse owner who has become aware of the problem this summer, after tansy ragwort invaded her pasture land off Walker Hook Road.

"After spending about 25 hours hand-pulling tansy ragwort from an area surrounding a swale on our property and combing through the horse pasture and forest, I traced the path of this toxic plant to

nearby Maliview ditches and properties," Ramsay told the Driftwood. "I also checked with friends who cared for horses and other grazing herbivores and discovered that tansy ragwort is a significant concern this year and has taken hold in many locations around the north, south and central areas of the island."

Wilkinson has been working at eradicating patches on road right-of-ways on Beddis and Stewart roads and is having some success. She said that if individual property owners could work at removing plants from their own yards, that would help stop the spread.

"If you can catch it when it's beginning, that would be the thing for Salt Spring to do, before it becomes like broom," she said.

Unlike broom, Wilkinson finds tansy ragwort quite easy to deal with. The problem is it arrives when the weather is hot and people are busy or away. Her technique is to pull the entire plant up by its roots before it has a chance to go to seed, and to clip the flower heads off and then dry them in a paper bag. The rest of the plant goes into the compost. She will burn the dry flower heads in her wood stove in the winter.

The Coastal Invasive Plant Species Committee has a Weed Hotline through which residents can report weeds or ask questions at 250-871-5117, toll-free 1-844-298-2532, or email info@coastalisc.com. Reports should include a detailed description, location, contact information and photos if possible.

This Week's
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TIP OF THE WEEK

The 3rd of 3 eclipses for 'Eclipse Season', summer 2018, occurs on August 11th. A Solar eclipse at the 18th degree of Leo carries with it a good deal of mystery and power as both Jupiter in Scorpio and Neptune in Pisces are key yet awkward contributors. Scorpio and Pisces are water signs and water is symbolic of the deeper mysteries of life and share direct association with the deepest reaches of psychology which spirituality where the two join. After all, the root of psychology is 'psyche' which means soul. Add Mercury Retrograde moving very slowly as it approaches its 'station' (stop) prior to resuming forward motion to these influences, which is within 4 degrees of conjunction, and a dash of Inconjunct Pluto in Capricorn, and you get a unique synthesis of complexity, drama, and power plays and players. (I will elaborate further in my Update - sign-up is free on my website.)

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)

This Solar Eclipse in Leo will activate an urge to play and win and to be seen and celebrated. This implies taking a lead. But, as much as you may want to be noticed, you will be reticent to ask for the attention. This is where the plot gets tricky. The key is to focus on creative expressions that both satisfy you and impress others. Maybe host a dinner party.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

The future beckons and your sights are set on it. At least you are probably not focused on the past or interested in repeating what has been, especially regarding the past several years. The twist is that you have work to do which includes acknowledging your goals and getting determined to achieve them. For now, get clear on the difference between having dreams and dreaming.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)

This charged New Moon cycle will activate thoughts, reflections, and actions linked to security. To succeed, you will have to exercise an added measure of maturity and discipline. Be on the alert for criticism, cynicism and other negative-attention-getters. Acknowledge and identify the full spectrum of what you feel you need and then link a deep sense of responsibility to realizing them.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

This lunation cycle laced with solar eclipse energy will activate your public and professional life. Positively, you will get the go-ahead to assume new levels of power and authority. At worst, you will feel exposed, overwhelmed and unqualified. But, these feelings may be reactions and may not actually be true. Intend to enjoy the spotlight and acknowledge your determination to do your best.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

This lunation cycle generally indicates a time of strength and ability for you. It does come within the context of a process of deep change occurring within, yet presents a window of opportunity. You could be a source of wisdom and sound counsel for others. However, you will be happiest directing your focus to social activities and creative interests.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

One way to describe what may manifest as a consequence of this eclipse is a feeling of being lost in an amusement park. This implies conflicting thoughts and emotions. It may help to simply acknowledge that you are and by remaining calm you will find your way again. Remember that you are not alone and that you can make new friends and allies especially when you come from the heart.

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)

The time has come to take your investments and spending habits more seriously. Sometimes the balance between money invested, saved and wasted can be all out of proportion. This is a good time to look closer at these patterns. Sound investments could be linked to your health and/or paying more for enduring quality versus seeking sales...

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

What do you have that you no longer want and who has what you feel you need? Asking such questions could lead you to clear the clutter, get organized and make a list of who you can call for assistance. Sometimes the clutter implies perceptions and interpretations even more than possessions. Knowing your limitations is implied in this plot.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)

The Leo Solar Eclipse obviously holds special importance for you. It could prove to manifest as a power cycle supporting you to take some measurable strides forward. Your focus will be strong and sharp. The biggest danger is that you will try to take on too many projects thus intercepting this focus. The time is right to set some clear, short-term goals.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

Deciphering what you truly want and need in your most important relationships will be activated by this eclipse. The twist is that you may not even quite know. This is where a deeper process of reflection and/or seeking counsel may help. In the short term, you may be willing to accommodate situations but this could change if you realize that you are not truly getting your needs met.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)

Making diligent efforts behind the scenes is both likely and ideal now. This can include simply getting organized. It may not seem like the best time of the year for such activity, but our personal cycles do not necessarily align with the seasonal round. This is a call to work now and play later. Preparation, organization, and productivity will win the day for you.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

A renewed thirst for knowledge and study has begun. This eclipse cycle will take it to the next deeper level yet. This trend could continue well into 2019. Yet, it begins now and engaging accordingly could prove especially important, necessary and/or rewarding. Do the work to access knowledge, gain information and deepen your insight so you can, in time, share them.

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SWIMMERS' HAUL: Dawn Hadler, left, holds up her two national bronze medals and Debbie McNaughton sports her silver after arriving back in B.C. from Special Olympics national championships held in Antigonish, N.S. from July 31 to Aug. 4. Both Salt Spring women competed in swimming events. See story on page 1 for details.

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DRAGON BOAT RACING

Dragons end season by snaring bling

Nautical Days regatta means waves of fun

BY DONNA COCHRAN
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Spirit Point Dragons ended the season with a first in the silver division at the 2017 Victor Simonson Dragon Boat Races in Comox.

The festival was part of the Comox Nautical Days with 13 participating teams. Eight were women's teams and five were mixed.

The venue started off from the Comox marina with the dragon boats loading from docks alongside pleasure boats and whale watchers. Among the crowds of spectators cheering on the paddlers were many seals and a bald eagle. There were three 350-metre races as well as a "Fun Mystery Race" that took place in beautiful Comox Bay.

It was a round-robin format so the race times were tallied to determine the winners in the mixed and women's

teams. Spirit Point twice raced their main competitor, Prevailing Wins from Comox, beating them in a heart-stopping photo finish of 1:50.48 to Prevailing Wins' second-place time of 1:51.10.

In the final race, Prevailing Wins rallied and surged ahead from the starter's horn to the finish line for their fastest race time of 1:35.78, which landed them third place in the gold division. Spirit Point gave it their all, posting their best race time of the day, 1:45.17, winning a first in the silver division. It was a great ending to a fun paddling season!

For the mystery race, the organizers drew names from all the teams to make up two mixed boats and several Spirit Point Dragons were included. The race started with the teams paddling only with their hands for the first 100 metres, before picking up their paddles and racing around a buoy where the caller grabbed a Canadian flag. Then the steersperson had to show their stuff by squeezing through some narrow pilings and on the final stretch perform-

ing a 360-degree turn before the teams paddled to the finish line.

Spirit Point paddlers for the races were Lorrhaine Ekelund, Donna Cochran, Serena Mellen, Lynda Green, Janet Bright, Lorenn Ekelund, Samantha Goddard, Christa Wohlfahrt, Carmelle Labelle, Wendy Eggertson, Ann Marie Davidson, Brent Baker, Wendy McEachern, Robyn Huntley, Lisa Coles, Mary Lou Cuddy, Shirley Julien and Joni Devlin. Special thanks to guest paddler Charlene Tufford from Island Breaststrokers, and Phil Goddard, who filled in at the last minute.

A heartfelt "paddles up!" to our dedicated coach, Mary Rowles, who has just completed her 13th season volunteering for the team. Also, a thumbs up to our skilled steersperson, Tom McKeachie, who expertly steered the boat through the changing tides.

New paddlers are always welcome and the team welcomes anyone who would like to try dragon boat paddling throughout August. Contact coach Rowles at onthewater181@gmail.com.

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GOLF

Dicey golf rolls luck for a happy field day

Cup matches abound

BY MARCIA HOGAN

This is the height of the golf season and Salt Spring Golf Club members have been busy hosting and competing.

On a hot July day, the nine-hole ladies hosted a field day for 33 golfers from Arbutus Ridge, Mount Brenton, Qualicum Beach and Arrowsmith. The mixed teams played "dicey golf," where the roll of the dice decided which score was

GOLFTEES

counted for each hole. It was a day to enjoy golf and friendship on the course.

In weekly play, Connie Hardy took home the Frattinger Cup for the second year. Runner-up was captain Anne MacAulay.

In ladies 18-hole league play, Carolyn Sharp shot a scorching 85 to take first low gross while Jenny Pickering followed with an 88. April Wright won low net with 70 and was closely pursued

by Beth Hall, who carded a 71. Wright dropped the ball closest to the pin on hole #2 while long hitter Elaine Shaw scored the KP on hole #6.

Match play competitions for both men and women are heading into the semi-finals. Gary Tremblay takes on Kerry Westfield for the Parsons Cup. Chad Little and Don McMahon go head to head for the Matson Cup. Franki Johnstone will play Linda Woodley for the Commerce Cup.

The Adam and Eve Net Tournament was a race to the finish this year, end-

ing with Sara and Conrad Bowden in a tie with Chad Little and Anne Flieger. Third-place winners were the team of Don Nemeth and Jane Hickie.

Golfers who want to work on their short game can enjoy par 3 golf, teeing off from the 100-yard markers, every Monday starting at 5 p.m. Register by calling the pro shop (250-537-2121).

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BASEBALL

Salt Spring A's win gold medal at provincial finals

Team jumps from bronze to gold in year

BY TOM BOIVIN
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The "Comeback Kids" from Salt Spring accomplished what no other island baseball team had ever done before by winning the provincial gold medal at the BC Baseball U-11 AA tournament in Comox from Aug. 2 to 5.

It was an amazing performance by the team, whose members range in age from eight to 11 years old.

The A's started the tournament strong on opening night by winning two of the four skills competitions at the opening ceremonies on Thursday. Sisaye Patterson won the prestigious Home Run Derby Award, much to the delight of the crowd and his fellow teammates.

Competition was strong at this year's tournament, and included teams from Ladysmith, Comox, the Lower Mainland, Sunshine Coast and Penticton. Despite a very strong pitching performance from Jackson Lange, the Salt Spring boys lost the opener to North Delta by a score of 5-2. Nate Gibson was recognized for his great hustle throughout the game.

The team bounced back with

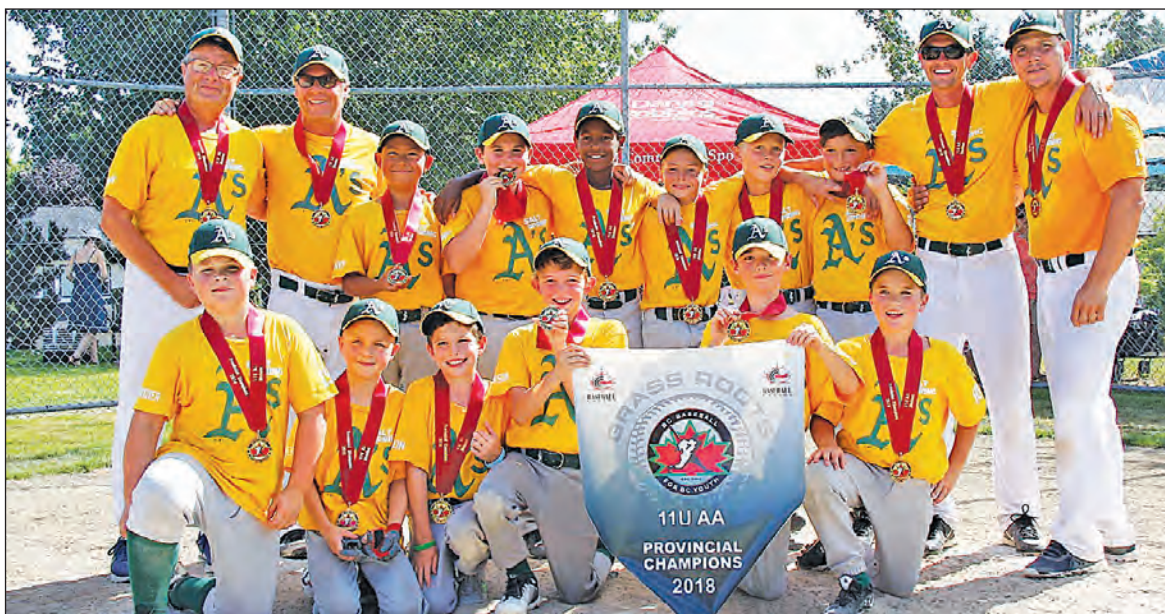


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Happy gold-medal winning players and coaches are, from left in the back row: Tom Boivin, Jude Shugar, Nolan Boivin, Boone Harris, Sisaye Patterson, Flynn Shugar, Easton McDougall, Antoine Gonzalez, Tom Langdon and Colin McDougall. From left, front row: Tegal Pauker-Hoover, Sean Anderson, Nick Dawson, Nate Gibson, Jackson Lange and Nolan Langdon.

a gutsy performance to defeat White Rock 8-4 in Game 2. Game 3 was against Comox, and the A's found themselves down 7-1 early, but as they have done all season, they chipped away at the deficit and came out on top with an 11-7 victory. It was a stellar performance

by pitchers Tegal Pauker-Hoover and Patterson.

The final game in the round-robin portion of the tournament versus the Burnaby Braves was a heartbreaker, as the A's lost 5-4 in extra innings, despite solid pitching by Sean Anderson.

After round-robin play, the A's were second in their pool and had to face the powerhouse team from Ladysmith, whom they had battled throughout the regular season. Ladysmith had not lost a game in the Comox tournament.

In their strongest perfor-

mance of the weekend, the A's won 8-6, behind strong pitching by Nick Dawson and Flynn Shugar, and Antoine Gonzalez was incredible in the field. The A's were never behind in this one, and won it in the final inning when catcher Nolan Boivin and first baseman Boone Harris scored following a pair of solid hits. We were off to the finals!

The gold-medal game against the Burnaby Braves was one for the ages, and included an incredible relief pitching performance by Easton McDougall. The A's were behind until the final inning, when a walk-off single by Pauker-Hoover drove in Nolan Langdon from third base with the winning run. It was a dramatic finish, and one that the boys will never forget.

The Comeback Kids showed incredible grit and determination throughout the provincials, and have made Salt Spring proud.

The Salt Spring A's and coaches — Colin McDougall, Tom Langdon, Jude Shugar and myself, Tom Boivin — thank the Salt Spring Baseball Association, parents and sponsors for supporting the team this summer.

Last year, Salt Spring's U-11 team won the bronze medal at the provincials.

TRIATHLON

Elk Lake triathlon kicks off series for island athletes

Women's team gives young men a run for their money

SUBMITTED BY SS SNEAKERS

The Salt Spring Sneakers finished a quiet July with a busy prelude to an even busier August with the club's thrice-yearly member birthday recognition party the last weekend in July, followed the next morning with the Mad Hatter Run.

Members helped out with setting up, contributing to and then non-competitively running either the five or 10-km courses in the sixth annual Mad Hatter fundraiser for the MS Society, as reported in last week's Driftwood. No times were recorded.

This past weekend began what will likely be weekly competi-

tions through the month starting with the Elk Lake triathlon events. Sneaker members Julie van Soeren, Marion Young and Lise Fraser entered a team in the standard relay event, consisting of a 1.5-km swim around Elk Lake, a 40-km bike course up West Saanich Road to near the airport and back, and a 10-km run course around Elk Lake. At the same time, Melanie van Soeren, fresh off a 50-km race in the Himalayas in Nepal, entered the standard individual event, the same course and distances.

In a miracle of synchronicity, Melanie and her mother finished the swim portion in the same time (they had not intended to and did not discover it until they left the water). While Julie finished her race with the swim, having placed their team in third place, Melanie continued on through the next two portions on her own.

Young took up the bike portion for their team, finishing her leg in an average of 29 km per hour in one hour and 22 minutes, moving

the team up to second place and passing off to Fraser, whose 47:38 time was the fastest in this leg of the competition. The team finished the course in two hours, 45 minutes and 18 seconds for a second-place finish among the four relay teams that finished the event. Each member's times would have placed them first in the individual competition in their women's age groups. At the awards ceremony, our Salt Spring team met their competition: two under-40 males, one of whom is a professional triathlete. Is it impolite to report that the Salt Spring team were 20 years older?

Meanwhile, Melanie van Soeren, running the entire race through all three disciplines, finished in three hours and 28 seconds, earning an 87th place of all 180 competitors, 24th of all 70 women and fifth of the 13 women in her 25-29 age group.

Next up on the Salt Spring athletes schedule will be the Fat Dog 120-mile ultra trail event in Manning Park, starting at 2 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 10, with a planned cut-off on Sunday at 10 a.m. Race organizers have already announced a major modification of the race course to 103 miles this year, as part of the regular course was damaged by this year's fires. Organizers have assured the entrants that they have been able to preserve the distance climbed standards: over 8,000 metres or equivalent to climbing Mount Everest.

On Sunday, Aug. 12, a new event called Swim-Run Victoria will take place at Thetis Lake. This competition offers two combinations of runs and swims, one run following one swim in succession until all two or four are completed. An added wrinkle to this competition is that one course is secret, to be revealed only at the start of the event. You may have noticed some Salt Springers swimming and running in and out of St. Mary Lake in recent weeks.

In other Sneakers news, Lynn Thompson leapt to gold medal finishes in the M75-79 category of the Canadian Masters Athletics Track and Field Championships held at the South Surrey track on Aug. 4 and 5. He won the 80-m hurdles, long jump and triple jump. He was second in the age group for a silver medal in the 300-m hurdles.

"I was the oldest one in my age category, so the wins came as a shock," Thompson said.

He also noted that his time in the 80-m hurdles was his best in about four years, which leaves one to speculate that it is indeed possible to get better with age.

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