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HIGH FIVES: From left, Salt Spring Special Olympics bocce coach Ross Harvey and athletes Chris Joynson and Mahjor Bains celebrate a great throw by Bains during a practice at Centennial Park on Thursday. This Sunday, Aug. 11, the team hosts other players from Vancouver Island in a tournament at Portlock Park. People are invited to come out and cheer on the local team and enjoy a fun day at the park.

ANIMAL CONTROL

CRD ready to act on biting dog

Several people attacked over past months

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Capital Regional District's animal control office has taken steps to declare a dangerous dog on Salt Spring after hearing reports that several people, including children, have been bitten in recent months.

Department manager Don Brown said that a German shepherd-mix named Smokey is now considered to be dangerous. If located, bylaw enforcement officers will order the owner to have the dog leashed and muzzled at all times. The dog could be seized if found on the loose and could be ordered to be re-homed or returned with conditions if the matter went to court.

"We want to get this dog muzzled and contained at the very least," Brown said

Thursday.

Yuki Shibato's nine-year-old son Salama is one of the people to have been attacked. He was bitten on the afternoon of June 18 during the Tuesday Farmers Market. Salama was playing hide and seek with his younger brother Noam and another friend. He was running through the park when the dog ran up and bit his side at the waist.

Shibata said her husband treated the bleeding wound with a natural sanitizer at first. They took their son to the hospital for shots a few days later. The doctor there did not believe rabies was an issue, but was concerned about possible tetanus.

The Shibatas also reported the incident to the CRD but did not receive the response they expected. According to Yuki, a bylaw enforcement officer told them the person

who owned the dog had left the island so it was no longer an issue. However, the family had seen the dog around town and knew it belonged to someone else. They said they reported this but did not see action from bylaw enforcement.

"We are so sad. They did nothing to help," Shibata said.

Shibata said her family are animal lovers and did not want the dog put down. They did want something done to protect other people.

Social media reports suggest Smokey has repeatedly been a menace — ironically striking on CRD properties like Centennial Park, Mouat Park and the public library patio.

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	ME 2158	3.3	10.8		DI		
8	0524	1.1	3.6	12	0043	3.0	9.8
	1249	2.6	8.5		0843	0.7	2.3
	TH 1630	2.4	7.9		MO 1703	3.2	10.5
	JE 2232	3.2	10.5		LU 2157	2.7	8.9
9	0619	0.9	3.0	13	0134	2.9	9.5
	1425	2.8	9.2		0924	0.6	2.0
	FR 1802	2.6	8.5		TU 1739	3.2	10.5
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OPEN FOR BUSINESS: Kealani Hill welcomes banking customers at Camp Wildwood, where kids learn about community and commerce by working at various jobs and then sharing the profits in camp dollars. The camp put on by Wildwood Self Directed Education Centre founders Chelsea Bohnert and Terry Strafford was held at Beaver Point Hall from July 29 to Aug. 2.

PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

TRANSFER STATION

Fine art rescued

Steffich team recognizes 'Blackburn Mall' find

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A local art lover whose collection was mistakenly sent to the trash has recovered the lost items, thanks in part to the sorting program at Salt Spring Garbage Service.

Artist Peter McFarlane has been volunteering at the company's transfer station every Wednesday for the past 14 years. He helps a disabled man sort items at the "Blackburn Mall," where members of the public can purchase goods that are too good to actually throw away, by donation.

McFarlane was on shift recently when he noticed a large pile of artworks had come in and looked like they

might be valuable. When he contacted his gallery, Steffich Fine Art, owner Matt Steffich was able to confirm not just the value, but the person who had last owned the works — at least one of which was purchased at his gallery. It turned out they had been stored with a friend and accidentally disposed of.

Items sold at the Blackburn Mall help provide funds for several scholarships that Salt Spring Garbage owners John and Carla Ellacott have established for local high school students, along with donations to five charities and emergency relief. Carla said they dispersed \$20,000 last year. Most of the time, the items are deposited intentionally.


"You never know what treasures you are going to find there," Carla Ellacott said, adding, "We were all thrilled the artwork was returned to the owner, who wanted it."

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Bylaw enforcement search on for dog

DANGEROUS DOG

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"It is disgraceful that this has not been resolved yet," Cathie Grindler wrote in a Facebook post. "I believe the number of people bitten is at least 10."

Grindler said she personally witnessed two people being bitten outside the library. The same dog is also known to have bitten one of The Comedy of Errors' cast members who was rehearsing in Centennial Park.

In Grindler's experience, the dog appears calm but suddenly lunges, causing "serious biting injury to anyone in striking distance."

The Shibatas have since heard from a young woman who has taken Smokey on, replacing the previous owner. She explained in an email the nine-month-old dog suffers from anxiety due to his past situation, and said she is doing her best to train him out of his bad behaviour.

According to the CRD's website, almost all biting dogs attack because they feel threatened and bite out of fear.

"It is most important that you do

not turn your back, run or scream. All of these submissive acts will encourage the dog to continue its attack," the website states.

Brown said one of the things making it hard for the CRD to resolve the situation is Smokey's various owners have been of no fixed address. One of them may have lived on a boat in the harbour. As well, the island's head bylaw enforcement officer Wolfgang Brunnwieser has been on leave and returned after an extended absence just this week.

Brown said Brunnwieser and two auxiliary staff were set to patrol over the long weekend and would also be at the Tuesday Farmers Market. Anyone who sees the dog can phone CRD animal control at 1-800-665-7899.

Brown said dog complaints usually go up across the regional district whenever the weather gets better and more people are outside. Salt Spring complaints in general do not seem to be higher than the other Gulf Islands or municipalities.

More information on dangerous dogs and how to respond to a potential attack can be found at www.crd.bc.ca/service/animals-pets/animal-complaint/biting-dogs.



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Salama Shibata, age nine, shows where he was bitten by a dog on June 18.



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NEWS BRIEFS

Scam warning issued

The Canada Border Services Agency is warning the public about ongoing email, text messages or telephone scams in which people posing as officials from the CBSA are asking for personal information, including social insurance numbers.

The methods used by the scammers to communicate with the public, and the rationale provided to justify being in contact with the victim, are varied, ever changing, but always designed to lure the public into providing personal information.

In some cases, these scams use false CBSA information. Telephone calls may display numbers and employee names that appear to be from the CBSA. Emails may contain CBSA logos, email addresses or employee names and titles to mislead the readers.

The CBSA says it is important to note that the CBSA never initiates a request for social insurance number and credit card number by telephone or email. If an individual receives a telephone call or an email asking for this information, or requesting payments from the CBSA, it is a scam.

Shirley Valentine on new stage

Theatre lovers have a treat to enjoy this weekend as Grace Jordan presents the acclaimed comedy by Willy Russell called Shirley Valentine.

Jordan celebrates 15 years of playing the iconic role in the southern Gulf Islands and surrounding areas.

Shirley Valentine is the story of a stifled and stuck wife and mother who eventually finds the courage to radically change her life.

The show runs at the new stage and outdoor theatre at Stonewell Farm, which is also the actress' home at 1852 Fulford-Ganges Rd. Greek tapas and a wine bar are also part of the evening. Gates open at 6 p.m. with the show starting at 7:30 p.m.

Half of the proceeds will be donated to charity.

FIRST NATIONS

Canoeists journey to Lummi Nation

Wetland restoration also performed

BY JOE AKERMAN
STQEEYE' LEARNING SOCIETY

Cowichan had two canoe families take part in the 30th annual Tribal Canoe Journeys to Lummi, with a record 113 canoes and well over 12,000 people in attendance. Teams arrived on July 24 for four days of around-the-clock protocol at the Lummi Nation Big-house. Luschiim's (Arvid Charlie) Quw'utsun canoe and Tousilum's (Ron George) Xwaaqw'um canoe made the three-day trip from Kil-pah-las (Cowichan Bay) to Lummi Nation (Bellingham, Wash).

After two months of practice out of Kil-pah-las, 15-year-old Crysta Charlie and her mom Audrey George paddled for the first time together in the new Xwaaqw'um canoe.

"At the beginning I was really nervous to travel such a far distance, but when I realized we had lots of people with us and mostly family, I got used to it," said Crysta Charlie. "And I enjoyed the energy of dancing and singing and talking to people during our trip and at protocol."

Audrey George shared about her daughter: "She absolutely loved Tribal Journeys this year. It was powerful. [It's] a chance of a lifetime to be able to paddle with my daughter on our family canoe. We don't live in a time where we

can live off the land anymore. Travelling on the water together, having the baskets for collecting shellfish, we don't have much of the food left anymore. Our mother Earth has been put on the back burner, but we are now in a crisis situation in each community and worldwide."

The Stqeeeye' Learning Society, of which Audrey is a board member, is the formal group behind much of the cultural work taking place at Xwaaqw'um (Burgoyne Bay). Audrey, who is also the manager of M'akola Housing Society and formerly with Cowichan Tribes for 10 years in the Quw'utsun Syuw'entst Lelum (culture and education department), shares why she joined the Stqeeeye' board.

"The work we are doing at Xwaaqw'um is culturally relevant. We have to have balance between the Western and cultural and modern world. We can't rely on one over the other. We have to integrate both of the worlds in order to be successful. No matter what ethnicity we come from, we need that balance. Success at Xwaaqw'um means taking care of our territory, replenishing the ground and water, bringing awareness and maintaining our culture and identity."

Well into the fifth year of programs, the many volunteers behind the work at Xwaaqw'um Village continue the work of strengthening Coast Salish culture



PHOTO COURTESY STQEEYE' LEARNING SOCIETY

Cowichan canoe paddlers steering a dugout to Lummi Nation are, from left, Clayton George, Wilkie George, Karen George, Benny George and Quentin Thorne.

on Salt Spring Island. Quw'utsun elders, youth, schools and members of the Salt Spring community regularly come together to connect with each other, share food, stories, Quw'utsun culture and skills, and the joy of being together on the land.

Along with mending relationships through strengthening of Hul'q'umi'num culture, the land itself needs restoration to allow for endangered ecosystems and local foods to once again thrive at Xwaaqw'um. Cowichan elders are leading this work with support from BC Wildlife Federation and BC Parks. Releasing the natural inland water flows at Xwaaqw'um from the rapid

diversion by agricultural ditches will help bring rare wetland plants used for weaving and other plant and animals species back.

To learn more about wetland and stream restoration planned at Xwaaqw'um, see next week's article in the Driftwood: The Path to Water Conservation—Xwaaqw'um Wetland Restoration.

People are also invited to a public information session on Thursday, Aug. 15 at 6:30 p.m. to see the site, near the entrance of Xwaaqw'um / Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park. We look forward to sharing more information with the community.

LGBTQ+

Pender Island happy to host first Pride festival

Everyone welcome Aug. 15-17

Pender Island is set to hold its inaugural Pender Island Pride Festival on the Aug. 15-17 weekend.

"Everyone is welcome at Pender Island Pride, with a special focus on supporting LGBTQ+ youth," states a press release from the organizing committee. "Our mission is to promote knowledge, inclusivity, acceptance, respect, and love, all while having fun."

Festival events include:

- Wednesday, Aug. 14, 4 to 7 p.m. at St. Peter's Church Hall, 4703 Canal Rd.: Prepping for Pride, fun sign-making party. Everyone is welcome to come and get creative. Supplies are provided, although people can bring their own as well, to make signs and banners for the Pride Parade.

- Thursday, Aug. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Kraken Theatre at Port Browning: LGBTQ+ Movie Night screening of The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert. This fun, yet thought-provoking romp across the Australian Outback is a classic flick with great music, beautiful scenery and complex characters. There may even be dancing in the aisles!

- Friday, Aug. 16, 6 to 8 p.m. at 6621 Harbour Hill Drive: Friday Night Pride - A Social Mixer for the LGBTQ+ Community and their Allies featuring live music, canapés, and a cash bar. Hosted by Sea Star Estates Farm & Vineyards and the Pender Pride Committee

- Saturday, Aug. 17 starting at noon from the Driftwood Centre (with participants gathering in the marshalling area starting at 11:30 a.m.): Pride Parade. A festive opportunity for LGBTQ+ folk and many allies to be visible and show support for the diversity of people who make up

the community, and to demonstrate a commitment to supporting others around the world who still do not enjoy equality and safety because of who they are and who they love. All supportive individuals or groups are welcome to join the parade.

- Pride Celebration in the Driftwood Centre plaza, immediately following the parade. Unique performances, a multitude of musicians, prominent speakers and informative professionals all come together for a family-friendly event to celebrate with our LGBTQ+ friends and allies.

There will also be informative displays, presentation tables and friendly faces ready to answer peoples' questions, make new friends and build connections with anyone who feels so inspired. The fun and camaraderie will run until about 3 pm.

More information is available from the Pender Island Pride Committee at: penderprideday@gmail.com, through the Facebook page Pender Pride Day or on Instagram @penderprideday.

We Can Help

Grant applications invited

The Salt Spring Island Foundation is now accepting fall grant applications with a deadline of September 30.

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TRANSPORTATION

Commission affirms priorities



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

A Salt Spring Transit bus heads to town from Fernwood on B.C. Day. Earlier Sunday/holiday trips are among the service expansions proposed for next year.

Transit expansion recommended for 2020

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Replacing Salt Spring's diesel buses once they age out of service with electric vehicles is being recommended by the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission as a result of a strategic planning session that took place on July 29.

Capital Regional District director Gary Holman, who is doubling as SSITC chair, reported the commission heard from delegate Kjell Liem and commissioner Gary Lehman about new possibilities for using Canadian-made products. Both Liem and Lehman are members of Salt Spring Community Energy, and have been exploring energy-efficient transportation possibilities for School District 64.

Holman said the discussion came about by chance on the same day that BC Transit and the provincial government announced plans to make the fleet completely electric by 2040, starting with larger buses in urban centres.

"That's great; that's fantastic. Our community is saying we'd rather do it sooner than later," Holman said, noting some of Salt Spring's buses will need replacing within around five years.

"Salt Spring is already known as the most successful rural transit system in B.C. We're exemplary," Holman added.

"We're leaders, and we want to be leaders in this as well."

Increased transit options on the island, including the introduction of bus service to Beddis and Cusheon Lakes roads, is proposed for June 2020 as part of the strategic planning exercise. The commission voted last week to recommend the CRD and BC Transit support the new route ahead of schedule, which was originally proposed for 2021. A second expansion for June 2020 would add earlier service Sunday and holiday mornings on some routes.

Holman said the commission currently has enough room in its tax requisition for the two initiatives, which will take less than \$20,000 per year to fund. Growth beyond 2022 will require both taking the tax requisition up to its allowable maximum, and then increasing it. Currently the annual transit requisition is set at \$217,000, which costs the average homeowner \$32 per year. A proposed transit expansion could see that amount increase starting in 2020.

Holman said that tax rates for transit were not increased greatly during the previous term under director Wayne McIntyre, with more reliance placed on an operating surplus that is fed by fare box returns. Since this will be unsustainable in just a few years, the community may face a higher jump than usual to catch up. Holman said a 20 per cent increase will be required at the minimum, although he will likely suggest a higher increase. He will hold

a public session after the CRD's draft budget proposal is created this fall.

The commission has also settled on some priorities for the transportation side of its portfolio for the coming year. Accepting that most of the members, including Holman, are new to the group, they decided to focus on getting some outstanding projects completed before tackling any new ideas. The top two priorities will be finishing the North Ganges Transportation Plan, with pedestrian and cycling improvements on Lower Ganges Road at Rainbow Road, and the new pathway on Lower Ganges from Booth Canal Road to Central.

Holman said the CRD is still working on getting the heritage site alteration permit required to complete drainage work on the shoreline at the end of Rainbow Road. Further delays have come through staffing issues, with no engineer in place since January. Holman said a new engineer for Salt Spring has been hired and will start work in September. After that person comes on, the CRD will work to fill an engineering tech position to aid the engineer.

The other pathway project has also run into complications because of a culvert and steep bank near the Booth Canal end. Holman said an initial cost estimate came in much higher than expected. The commission has \$315,000 budgeted toward the project, including a \$100,000 Shaw Family Grant. They plan to get started on the less complicated section from Central to Baker Road as soon as possible, and to seek partnership with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure on the trickier portion.

Once those two main goals are accomplished, Ganges Hill will be the next big focus. Holman said the commission will review the three options for pedestrian and cycling improvements that CRD Regional Parks came up with in 2014. He said more public consultation will likely be needed since the last exercise was some time ago. The commission will again look to partner with MoTI.

Smaller goals for the coming year will be to work on accessibility and pedestrian safety issues in Ganges village, perhaps by utilizing the CRD parks maintenance crew. Advocacy work will continue on road and intersection safety and speed limits, Holman said.

MARINE POLLUTION

Diesel spill pushes into Ganges Harbour

Source still undetermined

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Canada Coast Guard members were on site at Ganges Harbour last Wednesday morning to contain and remove a marine fuel spill.

Jim Heath, Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island manager, said the clean-up operation had ended by midday. The spill was first detected by a boat owner who was moored at one of HASSI's downtown docks on the night of Tuesday, July 30.

Heath said the boater called 911 and got a response from Salt Spring Fire Rescue. Their members arrived at the same time as a returning Coast Guard crew, who took over the operation from there.

"I'm very appreciative of my boater for making the

appropriate call," Heath said.

Staff at the Coast Guard's marine fuel spill report line said that crews got to work on an environmental response near the floatplane dock around 8 a.m. They employed booms around the marina to contain the fuel and pads to clean up some product.

The source of the spill had not been determined as of Monday.

Heath said a fuel sheen was also spotted near the Three Sisters Islands last week. That seemed to confirm a suspicion the diesel came in from a spill further out in the harbour, based on the combination of the wind and the tide the previous night.

"The best guess is that it's marked diesel," Heath said, noting the characteristic red colouring. "Now we're trying to find out who might have had it and who might have been travelling in that area that night."

UTILITIES

NSSWD looks at solar energy

Backup power source could be in water district's future

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The North Salt Spring Waterworks District will be looking into implementing solar power at their office to ensure continued operation in the case of an emergency, and to reduce their reliance on the conventional power grid for day-to-day operations.

The decision to explore options was made by board trustees at their Aug. 1 meeting.

A recommendation from district staff was put forward for the installation of propane-powered generators to act as a backup in the case of emergency. The recommendation looked at propane because it would be easy to implement by this winter. However, after calculating the cost of the project, board member Gary Gagné recommended looking into a solar option.

"Adding up some of the numbers here for the generator, tanks, switches, gas fitters and whatnot, it comes out to roughly \$37,000," Gagné said during the meeting. "For \$37,000, a pretty decent solar system could be put in place and this site happens to be in a good solar area."

NSSWD's services affect around 7,500 people on the island, either directly or indirectly through contract work with the CRD. In the event of an emergency like the Dec. 20 windstorm or the snowstorm in February, the utility's goal is to maintain services and have an emergency operations centre for their staff and for communications purposes.

"It was brutal for us last winter," said district manager Ron Stepaniuk during last week's board meeting. "[Emergency

power is] an improvement and it allows us to do our job better."

Having a powered hub would also benefit the district operators, who would be able to recuperate and warm up in a lighted and safe facility.

"Talking about working in hazardous conditions, we want to have this for our staff too," Stepaniuk added. "We want a place for them to check in, so we know how they are, where they are, things like that."

Though the original idea presented to the board at the meeting was to install a large propane tank at the district office, which would provide partial power for up to one week before needing to be refilled, Gagné asked about the possibility of converting to solar power. Other board members were in agreement with the idea. They said solar had added benefits such as lowering the district's hydro bill, being useable not only in emergencies but year round, and setting an example for the island and investing in environmentally friendly technology.

"Do we just stay doing the same old same old in burning fossil fuels? Or do we show some leadership to the community?" Gagné asked. "Once we have a solar system set up, we don't have to wait for an emergency to use that solar system. We can use it on a daily basis, especially in the summertime when there's lots of excess power. We could even consider the option of selling power back to the grid."

Stepaniuk's report also included consideration for buying two small generators that could be dispatched to smaller systems on the island to maintain service levels in the case of emergency.

The board voted to ask staff to investigate the idea of converting the facility to solar power, and the issue will come back to a future board meeting for discussion.

SD64

Counselling program revamped for fall

Outer islands program expanded

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Gulf Islands School District and Salt Spring Island Community Services will reinvigorate their joint school counselling program with money from the provincial government.

Funded through the Ministry of Education's Community LINK program, the program does not take any money from the school district's regular budget. Rather, the funding is provided for all 60 school districts in the province to help with their vulnerable student populations. In 2018-19, SD64 received \$161,090 through Community LINK. This money can fluctuate each year, which has led to a drop in school counsellor positions from three full-time positions in the 1990s to just over two FTE positions in 2019.

"Every year we were tapering off service as a reaction to budgets. This year we decided that it had to be good quality and we kind of reinvigorated it," said SSICS executive director Rob Grant.

Two areas that SSICS and SD64 will improve are in ensuring regular and reliable counselling services at both the middle school and the high school, and providing increased services on the other Gulf Islands.

"I think that's the thing we should be proudest of," Grant said. "The smaller the community, the harder it is to serve. You have to really cobble together and integrate that service in creative ways. So on the other islands, we're combining that service with work we do for the Ministry for Child and Family Services. We're bringing together resources from different places and coordinating them."

Students in the other islands had been supported by a music therapist with the school district. After the retirement of that employee, the school district was able to reallocate funds for the new counselling program.

School district director of instruction Doug Livingston said in a press release that "While we miss the support offered by skilled staff who are leaving, this has opened up a new opportunity to . . . provide regular school-based counselling on these four islands."

Counselling staff are employed by SSICS, which

contracts out to the school. The positions on Salt Spring will be continuations of previous contracts, and SSICS will be posting for the outer islands position.

"We've been really happy with our relationship to the school district, and this is another example of problem-solving a bit together," Grant said. "This particular relationship is nice because the people who are kind of paying the bill are actually involved. We have long-term relationships with them and we can kind of get good work done."

School counsellors employed by Community Services are a way to bridge the gap between a student's academic needs and other mental health and family needs. While the schools are able to address any needs related to academics or school performance, it is when students experience broader

issues that the counsellors step in.

"When it gets more complicated, that's when our counsellors would typically be involved. The more complicated things get, 90 per cent of the time there's something going on with the family dynamics. The school and the school counsellors just don't have that reach or that focus to do that," Grant said.

"It's not family therapy or anything. When there's different kinds of family dynamic issues — which could be anything like poverty and housing issues, or a family that's going through a transition, or it could be a significant issue within the family . . . Our counsellor has the mandate to reach out to the family to [help with] that," he added.

The expanded counselling program will begin in September for the 2019-20 school year.

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EDITORIAL

Converting culture

The Gulf Islands' senior elected officials were in Vancouver over the weekend for the largest Pride event in the province.

Elizabeth May and Adam Olsen may have been wearing the colour of their Canadian and B.C. Green parties, but their energy was 100 per cent rainbow. Their enthusiasm for diversity and equality in Vancouver will soon be matched at this island's Pride celebrations in September, and the brand new Pride event that comes to Pender Island Aug. 15-17.

Many signs suggest mainstream culture continues to shift to inclusion. Lil Nas X, the Atlanta rapper who paired up with Billy Ray Cyrus for the astronomically successful hit Old Town Road, stepped out of his hyper-masculine zone and came out as gay on World Pride Day, June 1. Closer to home, the current season of the Amazing Race Canada includes a pair of married First Nations men, who

have become good friends with a more traditional young Indo-Canadian couple.

But despite these encouraging examples in popular culture, counter viewpoints are still in play, and can cause deep harm to young people. Conversion therapy, a forced psychological and sometimes medical treatment to turn gay

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WE SAY: Time to ban conversion therapy

people straight, is currently getting attention at the political level.

Conversion therapy is not covered by the Medical Services Plan or recognized by professional colleges. The B.C. Greens introduced legislation in May that would make the decisive step of banning it outright for anyone under age 19. Ontario, Manitoba and Nova Scotia have passed laws to restrict conversion therapy for minors, and the cities of Vancouver and St. Albert, Alta. have implemented complete bans.

On Aug. 1, the B.C. government wrote to federal Justice Minister David Lametti asking the federal government to add conversion therapy to Canada's Criminal Code. And Lametti had already written to provincial governments asking them to do what they could to end the practice in their jurisdictions.

Pender's Pride Parade is described as a festive way for LGBTQ+ folk and their allies to be visible and support a diverse community, but also to support those around the world who still do not enjoy equality and safety.

Senior government efforts to ban conversion therapy show there is still plenty of work to be done at home. As we get ready for local Pride events in the islands, we should encourage our leaders to get that work done.



Ferry situation untenable

BY KEVIN BELL

Many of you folks will remember with fondness some of the 20-plus years that Barb Isles and Mary Paul ran Mouat's Clothing. I had the good fortune to be their "boss" for a good portion of those years and like a good boss I did precisely what they suggested I should do.

Barb and Mary were very clever when it came to fashion retailing but, like most people, they could make the odd mistake. Here's the prize: they would try something, analyze the result and, if it was not sound, they would correct it. Even if it meant abandoning the idea. This is a very simple strategy, but it's remarkable how seldom it's employed.

A case in point relates to BC Ferries, and a quick recap will be helpful. The Howe Sound Queen, a 60+ car ferry operating on the Vesuvius-Crofton route, reached its expiry date this spring and was retired by BC Ferries. This seems to have caught BCF by surprise because they replaced the Howe Sound Queen with the Quinitsa, a 45+ car ferry. Now, the Howe Sound Queen was experiencing overloads for some years prior to its retirement, but somehow

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BCF felt that a significantly smaller ship was the appropriate replacement vessel. To its credit, BCF added two sailings per day to the route and now point, with some satisfaction, to the somewhat more comparable capacity of the two ferries given the added sailings (see the explanatory ad in last week's Driftwood). This is precisely the reason that I can tell that BCF has learned absolutely nothing from its earlier mistake.

Constant overloads and serious wait times are taking away a good deal of the pleasure of living on Salt Spring.

Currently, taking a ferry to or from Salt Spring has become a very real problem. There are often ferry lineups in Vesuvius extending from the terminal to well beyond Sunset Drive (likely a three-sailing

wait). The other day we brought our vehicle to Vesuvius at 8:20 in anticipation of catching the 9:35 ferry. The parking lot was already full and cars had begun queuing up Vesuvius Bay Road. This was over an hour in advance of the next sailing and we were already well into a two-sailing wait.

A note to BCF: If passengers are expected to sit in ferry lineups for one, two or perhaps three hours, then ferry capacity will never be an issue because BCF will be leaving with full ships every sailing. The real issue is not capacity, it's the adverse impact on the residents of and visitors to Salt Spring who can no longer rely on a reasonably efficient and effective ferry service. Constant overloads and serious wait times are taking away a good deal of the pleasure of living on Salt Spring.

Because the needs and quality of life of the ferry users are not important components of the BCF planning process is how I know that they don't really understand what they are meant to be doing.

I know two retired clothing store managers who would have this problem solved in short order.

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Are you concerned about dogs on the loose in Ganges? Yes No

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Have you considered selling your SSI home in recent months? YES NO

43 YES 74 NO

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“Do we just stay doing the same old same old in burning fossil fuels? Or do we show some leadership to the community?”

GARY GAGNÉ, NSSWD TRUSTEE

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WE ASKED:

What book are you reading this summer?

LEEANNE TOUGH



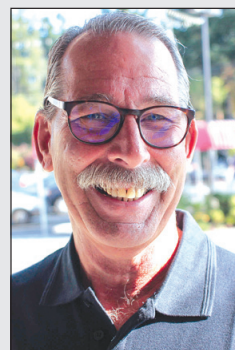
“The Mountain Shadow by Gregory David Roberts. It’s the book after Shantaram, and it’s really long. I’ve been saving it.”

SCOTT MERRICK



I am reading Naked by David Sedaris.

BRUCE KENNEDY



A P.D. James detective novel.

JUDITH HYDER



I’ve been reading trashy detective novels, but I hate to admit it publicly.

SHANTAM BELL



I read Green Grass, Running Water by Thomas King. It’s one of the best books out there.

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

MAL should have been publicized by BC Ferries

BC Ferries has a Medical Assured Loading system? Since January of 2019? That must be the best kept secret in the province! (“Assured loading offered to some patients,” July 31 Driftwood.)

The good people at the B.C. Cancer Clinic in Victoria did not know about this program, nor did the staff at our family doctor’s, nor did the nurse I asked at Lady Minto.

In his July 19 response to my plea for priority loading for cancer patients en route to Victoria or Duncan, MLA Adam Olsen thanks me for the suggestion and states “We have contacted BC Ferries” since “we have received numerous emails

from constituents” regarding a priority loading system “for those who need it most,” those engaged in life and death battles against this brutal disease.

BC Ferries, you have once again failed your customers! Where was the announcement of this MAL made public? Not in the Times Colonist, not in the Driftwood, not on local news networks.

Shame on you for now turning this around to blame us, your customers.

Shame on you for letting very ill, terminally ill people languish in hot cars in summer, and damp, freezing cars throughout the winter. It is a wonder that you keep your jobs.

Don’t say that there is the option of waiting in Rock Salt Restaurant or the Swartz Bay terminal. Those on chemo are immune-suppressed. They cannot be in crowds. They must stay in their vehicles for the hour-long wait to guarantee a

spot on the ferry to take them to a cancer centre.

And there was an MAL since January? How sad you forgot to tell us.

MARIANNE HOBBS,
SALT SPRING

Straw man argument

In his response to my July 24 article on housing, Dennis Lucarelli used a straw man argument. My objection is not to the eco-village concept but to its application potential and the way new densities are created.

If Jason Mogus of Salt Spring Solutions is correct, housing advocates are hoping to provide affordable housing for “many thousands.” Even if that number were just 1,000, we could, as an example, be looking at 20 eco-villages with 50 people each. Where will these villages be located, how much forest will be cleared, and what about water and sewage?

Furthermore, I did not “condemn” Jason, but questioned some of his ideas. Indeed, I support many of the same initiatives he does, including Salt Spring Commons and Croftonbrook. Personal attacks are not my style.

At their core, my arguments are philosophical. What is the Islands Trust all about, and where are we headed? If the only plan for dealing with ongoing people pressure is to keep pulling the density bonus lever, these islands are finished as a protected area.

This will be my final word on the matter. If there are others who believe my concerns are more than “hot air,” I encourage them to make their views known to trustees. Silence is acquiescence.

FRANTS ATTORP,
SALT SPRING

MORE LETTERS continued on 10

Dental work makes winsome simpering possible

I have a big mouth, but don’t simply take my wife’s word for it, bless her, take my dentist’s.

“You have a very large mouth,” he said recently as he crammed an appliance the size of a family refrigerator between my teeth, and since there’s not much room for debate in the dentist chair, I couldn’t argue with him.

Any conversation with a dentist is a challenge; if the bill doesn’t leave you speechless then the mechanics of having teeth repaired most certainly will.

I’m having some vanity work done, more or less. Regular readers will have noticed that the byline portrait (top right, the whey-faced ancient in need of a Weight Watchers subscription) is more sardonic than cheery, which is to say my teeth are shuttered behind my lips. The miserable truth is that it has nothing to do with sardonicism and everything to do with a mouthful of teeth, semi-teeth and semi-demi teeth that were well past their sell-by date.

I know you North Americans like to think we former Brits are dental delinquents, but according to a recent World Health Organization study, the British tooth is among the best in the world. Nope, I don’t believe it either, but who am I to argue with WHO? (Or, more correctly, who am I to argue with WHOM?) Whatever the truth, they certainly didn’t survey MY mouth, which would have set their data back 40 years.

My suspicion is that the room-temperature but calcium-rich milk the nascent National Health Service obliged us to drink as schoolchildren in the ‘50s gave post-war Brits teeth that were a long way short of ornamental but could crack walnuts. In those halcyon days of free dental care you could



Paul McElroy
+ ANOTHER THING

get a tooth drilled and filled for nothing, but anything cosmetic was considered effete or cissy and not something the government should stump up for.

I never felt this more acutely than when I shared a ride with an American orthodontist and his family travelling between Alaska and the Yukon some years ago. They all had teeth that were so perfectly perfect they glowed in the dark and if they smiled in unison you risked snow-blindness. For a short while I endured a bad case of tooth envy until it occurred to me that despite having teeth that could be seen from space, the adults looked like weird shop window mannequins and their kids like ventriloquist dummies. Mrs. Dr. Orthodontics, by the way, had taken the whole-body augmentation thing to new heights and had a décolletage that defied gravity and her seatbelt. Not that I noticed, you understand, but she was as much out of place in the northern wilderness as a stripper in a synagogue.

My own most recent dental problem is an ancient crown that fell out, but before you go off on a side trip around lost royal regalia it was in fact an early repair to what I like to call my old sporting injury. I’d LIKE to say I broke the tooth in a fearsome rugby tackle or crashed into a rock slaloming down Everest, but in fact I lost it standing

behind someone as they teed off on a golf course. And to add insult to injury, I wasn’t even playing but simply enjoying a nice walk while the others wasted their time with ball and clubs.

I’ve long suspected that my chirpy observations had been interfering with their game and the smack in the mouth with a nine iron was not entirely accidental, but whatever the circumstances it left me with broken teeth and an aversion to outdoor sports.

The upshot was a crown which lasted for more than 45 years but finally gave up the ghost about a year ago and as a consequence I looked like an Appalachian moonshiner if I so much as simpered. And so, I recently decided to bite on the bullet (while I still had teeth to bite with) and throw myself on the mercy of the dentist. (I had actually been carrying the detached crown around in my wallet in the hope of persuading a dentist to simply stick it back or even considered sticking it back myself with superglue but was afraid of inadvertently glueing my tongue to the roof of my mouth.)

It’s true that a man of my age doesn’t really have much use for the winsome simper, and any smile intended to be fetching invariably shapes itself into a lecherous leer or a lolling grimace of incipient insanity, but at least I can do it now with the kind of conceit that only a man with gleaming mouth furniture can.

So I’ve taken to smiling a lot recently, an unsightly rictus that startles the elderly and sets young mothers reaching for their children, but I happen to believe my new teeth are a wonderful work of art and worth sharing.

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So-called stakeholders tired of games

BY SUSAN YATES

Herewith a heartfelt thanks for the three-part "Stumped" series by Elizabeth Nolan in the July 10, 17 and 24 issues of the Driftwood.

I especially appreciate the historical perspective on citizens' cries for logging activity reform in our province. And it's good to know that we in the Trust area of the Salish Sea are not alone when it comes to our pleas for forest protection, as we see from Ms. Nolan's mention of the logging debacles in Grand Forks, Ymir and Port Renfrew.

It is indeed "obscene and embarrassing," as Denman Islander Des Kennedy says, that the Islands Trust has no control over the forests in one of the most endangered ecosystems in the country. One look at that tiny Coastal Douglas-fir zone

on the map of B.C.'s 14 biogeoclimatic zones reveals how precious this area is, and how the loss of whole forests means permanent destruction of watersheds, carbon sinks and biodiversity.

We all must continue to work for immediate changes to both the Forestry Act and local government authority if we are to save what remains of our forests. As Briony Penn points out, forest lot owners should be rewarded for preserving tree cover. The current reward of lower assessment rates for "management" plans (in Private Managed Forest Lands) that allows clear-cutting for timber sales is an obscene irony.

When I see how passionate and knowledgeable people are about being stewards of the forests they

know, I am convinced that local governments, especially the Islands Trust whose prime mandate is to "preserve and protect," must be given regulatory control over forested areas. I am disheartened by the current provincial government's nihilistic dismissal of such efforts in their "same old" colonial mission to reward profiteers who don't appear to understand what home means.

Our historical and ongoing support of rapacious resource extraction that benefits so few is a perfect and tragic example of what the fearless journalist Eduardo Galeano revealed as the triumph of lunacy in his book *Upside Down*, and that was in 1998, before the current climate crisis made headlines.

Ms. Nolan notes that Minister

Doug Donaldson declined to be interviewed for her series, and that a response from his ministry said "stakeholder groups are encouraged to provide a formal submission to the PMFL Act review process." I bet there are many people in B.C. who've had it with the term "stakeholder." Every single one of us who lives here and cares about our home and our planet is a so-called stakeholder. It's time we pulled out those damn stakes, march them into Mr. Donaldson's office, and remind him that he represents not just our stakes, but the existence of every living thing that depends on intact forests and ecosystems.

The writer is a Gabriola Island resident.

MORE LETTERS

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Privacy matters

With Canada's election just around the corner, I'm concerned that our political parties are not protecting the personal information they gather from us.

I believe that they should be made subject to federal privacy laws. Political parties should follow the same rules companies have to — it's only fair. Privacy matters regardless of who we vote for.

In this election, I believe all the parties should commit to protecting our privacy and I'll be looking to see if they do when I make my voting decision.

NICK JONES,
SALT SPRING

Drones disconcerting

While I appreciate the usefulness of drones for many applications, do they belong on Salt Spring's public beaches?

On a beautiful long weekend Sunday, like many others I headed to the beach.

Sunset was quiet at first with many enjoying the beach and the water.

Then in the sky the noise and the antics of a drone overhead, sometimes disconcertingly hovering over beachgoers at an uncomfortable height.

Fortunately, after a few respectful requests the drone pilots stopped, but why did they start in the first place? Not only was this noise pollution but an invasion of privacy!

W. MCINTYRE,
SALT SPRING

Gremlins hit the islands

Living on one of the Outer Islands, I'm used to breakdowns and other challenges in the spring every year, but this year it's been unbelievable. I keep finding that "you have to fix it before you can use it" and sometimes I even have to make the tools to fix it.

After talking to a multitude of people who are experiencing the same thing, I know definitely that the Gremlins are afoot. At least it's a comfort that it's not a mental health illusion. The Gremlins aren't exclusive to Salt Spring Island, they seem to be all over the region, although I haven't personally seen little green goblins traipsing through the forest (but the White House has an orange one).

They apparently loom over and around us in great numbers. One person I talked to said there seems to be a misalignment in the universe; every-

thing is flying apart at the seams.

Do you remember the Ghostbusters movie? Hopefully the tear in the time/space continuum repairs itself and these little buggers go home and leave us in peace.

JIM MEYER,
SALT SPRING

More crowds will come to island

Regarding "Tourism partnership looks to the future," July 31 Driftwood, Salt Spring residents who aren't in the business of providing places for tourists to stay see an overloaded home island in summer.

The post-Labour Day dwindle is welcomed. Accommodations providers may or may not be happy with the bidding-up of bedroom rates in summer, but they definitely want to make the shoulder months more muscular.

The latter group controls the new accommodations tax money. My guess is that there'll be none spent to reduce the summer peak. All will go toward increasing visits in fall and spring. If the new money has any effect at all, what most of us will experience is more crowds coming sooner and staying longer.

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Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your incredibly generous donations to Hospice's Cycle of Life fundraiser! This means that free services to our community will continue: support for the dying and bereaved and advanced care planning help — all at no cost to you. We are humbled and honoured by your faith in us.

Bicycle baskets full of roses for all the Salt Spring Hospice volunteers that welcomed 120 cyclists who rode 200 km to raise money for hospice. You set up 90 tents, plus prepped, grilled, barbecued and served 200+ guests under the direction of Chef Michael. As the fabulous 40, you made an awesome volunteer team! Sheryl and Audrey

Many thanks are being sent to all of the good people who worked so hard to remove the broom from Welbury Drive. A resident of Welbury Drive

If it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a community to move two seniors. Sweetly scented roses go to neighbours Michelle and Steve, John, and Kathy and Dave. Without their contribution of time, trucks and trailers we would have never managed our move. Bouquets should also go to all the professionals who helped us find and take possession of and get to our new home. We are so fortunate to live in this caring community. Marian & Ken

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Nature's influence felt in Clay, Wood, Pigment

Reception set for Friday evening

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

This month's exhibition at the KiZmit Gallery/Cafe brings together a trio of artists who are working in very different formats yet share a similar reverence for natural materials as the basis for inspiration or enhancement.

Laura Keil, Luke Hart-Weller and Barbra Edwards are the artists behind Clay, Wood, Pigment, which shows at KiZmit during the month of August. Keil provides the clay side of the equation, and her work shows a lovely respect for the medium's earthy origins. Wood-fired mugs have the rich smoky palette of russet and caramel, a good fit for the rustic, sturdy forms. With the finish dependent on the firing process, Keil provides another layer of ornamentation through imprinted patterns. These include shapes that further emphasize natural geometry, such as discs or angular starbursts.

Keil also has some lovely double-walled bowls, with a cream-coloured finish set off by rust edging, and some larger sculptural works based on hand-built vases. Here, the luscious curves of stacked globes end with a funnel shape on top, with some parts adorned with a crocheted shell in a thick-gauge wool. In one piece, brown and natural-toned fibre is set off by tiny flecks of pink. The textured bottom half of the vase contrasts nicely with the smooth fired clay above in tones of burnt orange and egg yolk.

In another sculptural work, Keil wraps the funnel top in a mossy green sweater, edged with a tiny hint of blue at the base and a wider rim at the cap. The terra cotta finish on the unwrapped centre section extends into a nubby crocheted base, and contrasts sweetly with the bottom section's aquamarine collar.

Moving over to the wood side of the show, Hart-Weller has many gorgeous art furniture pieces in glossily finished wood adorned with copper. Hart-Weller is known for using traditional joinery methods with non-traditional design, conveying the same grace and



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Barbra Edwards painting and crochet-wrapped ceramic vase by Laura Keil at KiZmit.

strength of the original trees into their beautiful end products.

A wide bench, for example, has a sculpted branch as the centre of the backrest. Finished in a charcoal black that contrasts with the gleaming seat, the branch sprouts several flowers and leaves sculpted from brilliant copper sheet.

A standing lamp comes with a lightly finished wooden sign post-type frame. The lamp shade is an inverted bowl of rough copper leaves, which overlap unevenly to allow some light to come through the sides as well as the bottom. A table lamp takes a chunk of wood for the base, hewn flat on the front side with live edge at the back. The shade is a copper cone with bright bubbles of polished metal rising through a dark patina.

Edwards may not work directly with nature as a material but it is certainly her



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Detail of a bench backrest by Luke Hart-Weller.

prime influence and the subject of her bright abstract works. For this show she has contributed both larger-scale paintings and smaller mixed-media works using materials such as watercolour ink, coloured crayon and collage. In both techniques, the artist takes in the colour, light and energy of growing things and transmits this back to the viewer as a new expression, somewhat like a kaleidoscope but without the mirror-image reflection or the ordered patterning.

A nice way to get acquainted with how Edwards sees the world comes with a couple of diptychs that include a photograph on one side and a multimedia work on the other. An untitled work combines a cascade of deep red dahlias on the left with an expressive work that clearly incorporates much from the dahlias' colour and form without being representative. Another diptych works from a photograph of a drooping, dying lily with broad green leaves. Edwards' multimedia piece combines some of the vegetation forms along with areas that emphasize the dark shadows under leaves, dusty petals and the splashes of deep orange from the stamens, but with much more movement and expression than the typical viewer sees on the still life side.

Other of Edwards' works are lighter on the abstraction, such as Marsh. Here, a stylized bird in ink and crayon is assembled in brown and dark grey shapes, with a few outer marks in dark-tinged yellow to add emphasis. Edwards leaves the raw paper background untouched, which provides

necessary balance to the central composition and its grey overshadowing.

KiZmit is open Thursdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. An artists' reception will take place this Friday, Aug. 9 from 6 to 8 p.m.

CONCERTS

Musical dialogue on tap

'Uncommon conversation' at arts council's next Tuesday-night concert

The next event in the Salt Spring Arts Council's Outdoor Concert Series features Itamar Erez and Hamin Honari with Musical Dialogues, an uncommon conversation between guitar and percussion, composition and improvisation.

The concert takes place in the Centennial Park gazebo on Tuesday, Aug. 13, from 6 to 8 p.m., with opening act Nicky MacKenzie.

Originally from Iran and Israel, Erez and Honari are two internationally touring musicians who met in Vancouver. Together, they blend the traditional sounds of the Middle East with their own original music and compositions. Erez is an internationally renowned composer, guitarist and pianist. He is on the guitar faculty at the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra School of Music. Honari, an Iranian-Canadian hand drummer, plays a variety of Persian hand drums. He has focused on adapting his drumming style and technique to accommodate many different genres of music.

Show-opener MacKenzie is an 18-year-old vocalist born and raised on Salt Spring Island who recently launched her debut album, Honeydew.

SUMMER OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES

Itamar Erez + Hamin Honari

Nicky MacKenzie

Tues, Aug 13, 6pm

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what's on this week



Wed. Aug. 7 **Thur. Aug. 8** **Fri. Aug. 9** **Sun. Aug. 11** **Mon. Aug. 12** **Tues. Aug. 13** **Wed. Aug. 14**

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Tea à Tempo: Rykie Avenant and Catharina de Beer.
A four-hands piano concert at All Saints By-the-Sea. 2:10 p.m. Followed by optional tea and treats.

The K-Tones.
Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Mother Goose.
The Parent-Child Mother Goose Program is a free drop-in for parents, caregivers and young children from birth to six years old to focus on the pleasure and power of sharing rhymes, songs and stories. Salt Spring Public Library. 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Bittancourt House Museum.
Open Wednesdays through Sundays at the Farmers' Institute grounds, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. through July and August.

Music Bingo.
Wednesdays with Taylor at Moby's Pub. 7:30 to 10 p.m.



Thur. Aug. 8

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Mic & Jam.
Every Thursday at the Legion. 7 to 9 p.m.

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

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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

ACTIVITIES

Summer Reading Club.
A drop-in program for ages five to 12, with crafts, games and fun! SS Public Library. 11 a.m.

Bittancourt House Museum.
See Wednesday listing.

Fri. Aug. 9

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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

Shirley Valentine.
Grace Jordan is Shirley Valentine - 2004-2019 – celebrating 15 years! Stonewell Farm (1852 Fulford-Ganges Rd.) Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Gate opens at 6 p.m. with a Greek tapas and wine bar available.

Everyday People.
Rock/dance band at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt House Museum.
See Wednesday listing.

Family Movie Matinee.
Today's movie is Sherlock Gnomes. Salt Spring Public Library. 2:30 p.m. Families welcome, unattended children under 10 years old must be signed in and out (limited spaces available). Popcorn is included.

ACTIVITIES

Art Show Opening: Clay, Wood, Pigment.
Opening event for exhibit by Laura Keil, Luke Hart-Weller and Barbra Edwards at KiZmit Galeria/Cafe. 6 to 8 p.m.

Sat. Aug. 10

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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

Rebelinx and the Band Massive.
Soul, jazz, reggae, electro fusion and world beats at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

Shirley Valentine.
See Friday listing.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Saturday Market.
Famous market of arts and crafts vendors, food and farmers in Centennial Park every Saturday through October. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Aidan Cassie Book Launch.
Release of Little Juniper Makes It BIG. Salt Spring Public Library. 1 p.m.

StoryTime in the Park.
Centennial Park gazebo. 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Green Picnic in the Vines.
With Adam Olsen and Elizabeth May. Salt Spring Vineyards. 4 to 8 p.m.
Bittancourt House Museum.
See Wednesday listing.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Shirley Valentine.
See Friday listing.

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

Simone & Mike.
Soul and R&B at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Pool & Snooker.
Free pool and snooker every Sunday at the Legion from 12 to 7 p.m.

Special Olympics Bocce Tournament.
Special Olympics Salt Spring athletes host visiting athletes from Vancouver Island at Portlock Park. Spectators welcomed! 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Great Transformation!
Family Adventures in Nature Program at the Salt Spring Conservancy's Blackburn Lake Nature Reserve. Make an animal life cycle display, go on a scavenger hunt, make some surprising snacks. 1 to 4 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Forum: Tanya Talaga.
The 2018 CBC Massey Lecturer speaks on All Our Relations: Finding the Path Forward. Beaver Point Hall. 7:30 p.m.

Rykie Avenant and Catharina de Beer perform at Tea à Tempo today (Aug. 7). Next week's guests are Marianne Grittani and Friends.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Simone & Mike.
Soul and R&B music at Moby's Pub. 7 to 10 p.m.

Ebb & Flow.
Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Darts.
Free darts played at the Legion every Monday from 6 to 9 p.m.



Tues. Aug. 13

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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

Summer Outdoor Concert Series.
Itamar Erez + Hamin Honari, with opener Nicky MacKenzie. Centennial Park. 6 to 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

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ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Farmers Market.
Food-only market with all homegrown or handmade goods. At Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.

New St. Mary Lake Water Treatment Plant Open House.
381 Tripp Rd. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Discussion Group on Spiritual Interests.
This week's topic is "Turning Points." Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice (St. Mary's Church). 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Trivia Tuesday.
At Moby's Pub. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Wed. Aug. 14

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Tea à Tempo: Marianne Grittani and Friends.
Salt Spring singer-songwriter and friends at All Saints By-the-Sea. 2:10 p.m.

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

ACTIVITIES

Mother Goose.
See last Wednesday listing.

Bittancourt House Museum.
See last Wednesday listing.

Music Bingo.
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- The Final 2 Shows for **The Secret Life of Pets 2** are Wed.-Thurs. Aug. 7-8 at 7 p.m. Rated G. 88 minutes.
 - **Yesterday** shows Friday, Aug. 9 to Thursday, Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. plus a Sunday 3 p.m. matinee. Rated PG. 117 minutes..
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EXHIBITIONS

- **Laura Keil, Luke Hart-Weller, Barbra Edwards: Clay, Wood, Pigment** — showing at **KiZmit Galeria/Cafe** for the month of August. Thursdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Artist reception on Fri., Aug. 9 from 6 to 8 p.m.
 - **Dorothy Tinman** shows new oil paintings and encaustic paintings in an exhibit called Over the Rainbow at **Salt Spring Gallery**, continuing through Aug. 14.
- Impressions 4 - Printmakers Show runs at the Salt Spring Public Library through August.

EXHIBITIONS

- **Nicola Wheston** shows new works in her gallery studio at **#5-315 Upper Ganges Rd.** (Merchant Mews) until Sept. 5.
- **The Island Textile Artists** group presents Reflections Through Fibre and Stitch in the **ArtSpring** lobby through Aug. 30.
- **Josephine Fletcher** shows Landscapes and Colour Spaces as the latest **Showcase Gallery** exhibition at **Artcraft** at Mahon Hall until Aug. 21.
- **Deon Venter** shows new and selected paintings from his Avatar series at the **Venter Gallery**.
- **Sophie Burke** shows This is How I Know You, a photographic installation about immigration, and the story of her Guatemalan grandmother. At **The Point Gallery**, South Ridge Drive. PLUS **Margaret Day** presents The Last Hurrah at the gallery as well. Thursdays through Mondays, 1 to 5 p.m.
- **Artcraft**, the summer-long sale of work by more than 100 Gulf Islands artisans, runs daily at **Mahon Hall** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Islander releases second book

Aidan Cassie launch party this Saturday

Salt Spring's Aidan Cassie will share her second children's book with the local community with a reading and launch party for *Little Juniper Makes It BIG* taking place this Saturday, Aug. 10 at the Salt Spring Public Library.

Cassie is the author and illustrator of the picture book *Sterling, Best Dog Ever*, which was released to great acclaim in 2018. Her new book follows a young raccoon girl as the central character.

A press release from the Macmillan Children's Publishing Group explains that with *Little Juniper Makes It BIG*, Cassie "employs her pitch-perfect humour and heartwarming illustrations here again to help little ones love themselves at

any size."

"What Juniper lacks in size, she makes up for in heart. And her heart is dead-set on growing up and getting taller. She's tired of having to reach for the cookie jar or use a stepping stool for the toilet. Everything in Juniper's world seems to be made for adults. Ugh!

"Juniper is industrious, however, and builds several silly contraptions to help reach her goals. But it isn't until she makes a fun new friend at school, Clove, who is even smaller than Juniper, that she is able to see her world from a new perspective — and appreciate all sizes, big or small."

Cassie attended the Emily Carr University of Art and Design and Edinburgh College of Art, where she studied animation and earned a media arts degree.

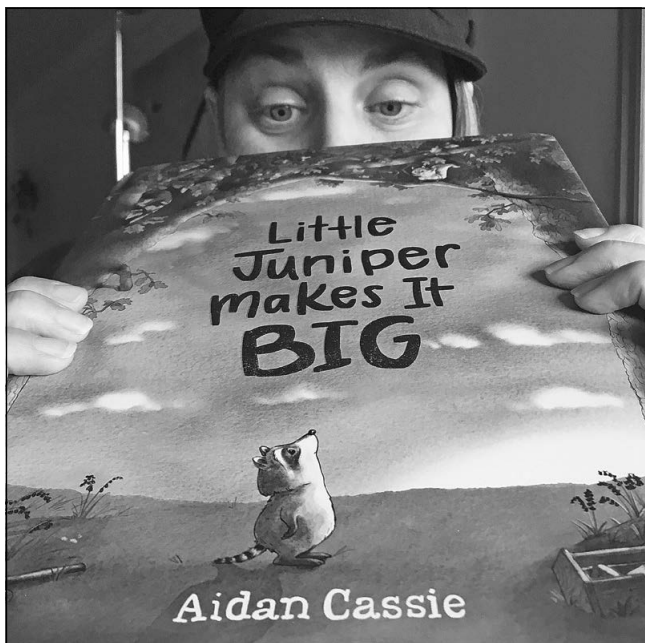


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Author Aidan Cassie takes a look at the star of her new book title, *Little Juniper Makes it BIG*.

Saturday's event starts at 1 p.m. and will include an author reading, cupcakes, book and prize give-aways, and book sales by Salt Spring Books.

TEA A TEMPO

Marianne Grittani and friends play All Saints

Great music and humour on tap

Tea à Tempo on Wednesday, Aug. 14 features the lively music of singer-songwriter Marianne Grittani and friends.

Grittani returned to Salt Spring Island six years ago after spending 32 years on the mainland. During her time here in the mid-70s, she became known as a musician and songwriter, playing and

touring the islands with other musicians, including fellow Salt Springers Valdy and Kathy Stack. Prior to that she toured throughout B.C. and other points east.


Grittani has made some great musical friends since her return to the island and they have become a part of her performing quartet. They are Tyler Lieb on guitar and harmonies, Rose Birney on mandolin, harmonica and harmonies, and Bob Delion on bass. Her shows often include special guests as well, this time

Kate Bragg on harmony vocals.

Grittani will be performing mostly original material, some of it from her West Coast Music Award-nominated CD *Into the Shimmering* and some written more recently since her return to the island.

Music by donation begins at 2:10 p.m. at All Saints By-the-Sea, followed by tea and treats. Donations provide the honoraria for the performers and contribute to the running of the series.

Where is this?



Where is this spot on Salt Spring Island? Email your answer to news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com or respond on our Facebook page.

Last Week's Answer: Rebecca Chidley recognized the big rock by the Tripp Road water treatment plant.

SALT SPRING

Star

of the

WEEK


Bob Elsea



Bob Elsea applauds a great bocce throw.

Bob has been working with Special Olympics on Salt Spring Island for over 20 years. Bob has been the head coach of the bocce program for 11 years. Under his leadership, the team has had players qualify for the Special Olympics Provincial Games twice and for the Special Olympics National Games once. The athletes have been very fortunate to have Bob putting in all those hours with them. Special Olympics on Salt Spring thanks "Broadway Bob."

Fall Fair Focus



SECTION 15 BASKETRY

Did you know: - almost anything long and pliable can be fashioned into a basket? - all baskets are made by hand? - a machine cannot make a basket? Making baskets from "found" materials is part of every culture in the world. The baskets indigenous to an area will depend on the grasses, rushes, sedges or other plants that grow there. See what we have gathered to fashion into either useful or fanciful baskets. Come to the Basketry display in the Annex and try your hand at some basic basketry skills.

Have fun, and see you at the Fair! Sept. 14 & 15

THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

by Michael O'Connor

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TIP OF THE WEEK: READ MORE IN MY NEWSLETTER. SIGN-UP IS FREE ON MY WEBSITE.

As the week begins Sun, Venus and Mars are closely aligned in playful, dramatic, and romantic Leo. By the week's end, Venus will be conjunct the Sun and Mercury enter Leo on August 11. Jupiter in Sagittarius activated by all this Leo energy lends to an overall mood of upliftment and exuberance. However, Jupiter in its own sign can easily get overinflated and manifest negatively as righteousness, judgemental attitudes and cynicism. With awareness, we can choose to exercise positivity, which represents higher vibrations and puts us in the flow whereas cynical attitudes and negative judgments are literally an energetic downer and are a literal drag. It is not a matter of ethics so much as it is one of energetics. Understanding reality energetically as opposed to ethically is actually the key to genuinely ethical attitudes and actions as we come to realize that they represent 'poor investments'. Since the universe is energetic, it can also be understood to be morally neutral. Whatever your energetic investment, the result can be categorized as producing a karmic return, sooner or later.

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19) The Leo New Moon seed has not only germinated and sprouted, flowers have begun to grow. If your inner child is not responding to this impulse playfully, you may have some clearing work to do. Nothing personal, everyone tends to accumulate baggage and blocks. Positively, you can use this as a gauge to see how clearly your energies are flowing.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20) Your creative passions continue to rise steadily. A psychic would symbolically see Jack's beanstalk... Your focus is centered on home, and perhaps on family too. Making improvements or beautifying your environment is ever on your mind so is a likely focus. Yet, perhaps you are keen to cultivate your talents and bring them to a new level. Significant others will notice and feel your passion too.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21) Mercury is about to re-enter Leo on August 11 joining forces with Sun, Venus and Mars. This will add to your already high spirits and energy levels. The goal of late has been to move on somehow and not look back. Stepping back, you will notice how much you have changed in the past couple of years and this cycle continues. It is time to begin creating a new story.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22) Making some creative investments is on your mind. These probably include or may require 'clearing the way'. Since creativity is the main goal, assess whether what you already have, what might be in the way, is a source of creative inspiration or not. Since what goes around comes back tenfold when it is given with love, give it away with an open heart and clear the way for updated materials.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23) Well, this time you can more officially lay claim to this being 'your' Sun and Moon. For good measure, the universe has included Venus and Mars. Not to miss out, Mercury will arrive soon. Altogether, this line-up spells 'new beginnings' for you. These include expansion. Ironically, a key to your success now includes surrender... to change.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22) You have been summoned to render service of a higher order. This can imply a higher cause. Perhaps it is to the needs of your family, or to the larger community where you live or perhaps destiny has a national or even global outreach in store for you. None are better; the one that feels true is the right one. You probably know what 'it' is by now. If not, I can help.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22) Are you in search for love or are you ready to meet new people and make new friends? All of the above is favored during this specific cycle. Your powers of intention can support you here, especially when they are aligned with the universe! If necessary, get clear on what you want. Basically, make your strategy going out to play.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21) Destiny is leading you to greater heights. This can be for the sole purpose of seeing a bigger picture. Yet, it could include awakening to your higher mind. Ironically, it is located in the heart center and represents communion with existence. This does not mean you have to like everyone. Moreover, it is an invitation to clear blocks that might be preventing it.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21) The heat is on. There are three basic kinds of heat. That which comes from an outer source such as the Sun. Second, the kind that wells up from within that manifests as desire, excitement, and enthusiasm. Third, the kind produced by friction. It appears at least two of the three are active and quite possibly all three. Tune-in and engage.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19) What happens when you combine the Sun, Moon, Venus, Mars and Mercury all in your 8th House, the House ruled by Scorpio, the sign of psychology, sexuality, taxes, inheritances, death, rebirth and transformation? Well, you are in the process of finding out. It need not be negative. It could prove to work for you. Yet, your conscious cooperation may be required for best results.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19) Something new and special is being born in your relationships. Of course, this implies others. However, it also implies the relationship you are having with your own self, with your own mind. Your overall mode of perceptions is featured. It will manifest as seeing yourself and the world and in the world in new ways. It is also about getting clear on what you truly want to manifest.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20) Leo is the sign linked to your lifestyle, your daily rhythm, and routine. Since it implies fun, games, play, art, and entertainments, among other things... it is important that these are central to your daily focus. Too much emphasis on work or escape from or into these using other substances is where all the fun can quickly fall out of balance and turn sour. Focus on balance.

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In Memoriam



Margaret Lynne Leier
A private cemetery/interment service will be held, followed by a light fare reception at Our Lady of Grace Church hall on August 24, 2:30pm. Friends are gratefully welcome to the reception.

Anniversary



7 August 2019
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INVITATION TO TENDER
Student Water Transportation Service

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Documents for the tender for "Student Water Transport Service" will be available, to contractors, at the School Board Office and on the school district website commencing August 9, 2019.

The contract may be a one-year contract or a multi-year contract not to exceed three (3) years.

Tenders will be opened immediately after closing time. The content of Tenders will not generally be made public, except at the discretion of the school district.

The school district reserves the right to reject any or all tenders received.

Contact: **Jesse Guy, Secretary Treasurer**
School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands)
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Email: jguy@sd64.org

Land Act: Notice of Intention to Apply for a Disposition of Crown Land

Take notice that I, **Kristina Adella Long** from **Victoria, BC**, have applied to the Ministry of Forests, Lands,

Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD), for a **Licence of Occupation - Aquatic Plant Aquaculture and an Aquatic Plant Culture Licence** (Giant, Bull and Sugar Kelp grown on long lines) situated on Provincial Crown land located at the **Northern edge of Prevost Island, in the water between Hawkin's Island.**

The Lands File Number that has been established for this application is **Crown Land File #1414804.**

Comments may be submitted electronically via the provincial Applications, Comments & Reasons for Decision webpage at <https://comment.nrs.gov.bc.ca/>. Alternatively hard copy comments may be directed to the Section Head, Aquaculture, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development at 142 - 2080 Labieux Rd, Nanaimo, BC, V9T 6J9.

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To: The Estate of Heather Laura Jones

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EVERY WEDNESDAY

SRHYTHMS MOVEMENT & DANCE CLASS led by Shauna Devlin at All Saints By-the-Sea (downstairs). 9 to 10 a.m.
BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC at SS Seniors Centre board room. 10 to 11 a.m. Confidential, accurate, easy and convenient.
BOOMERFIT at Fulford Hall. 9 to 10 a.m. Exercise classes for the boomer gen. Info: trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com, 250-653-4656.
BRIDGE CLUB at the SS Library program room from 12:30 to 4 p.m.
CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP for people caring for individuals with Alzheimers and others. Every Wednesday at Salt Spring Seniors (379 Lower Ganges Rd.) at 11 a.m. Info: Margaret Monro, 250-537-5004.
COMPUTER HELP — Free help with computer, tablet, smartphone issues at Salt Spring Literacy. By appointment at the literacy centre at 125B Rainbow Rd. or by calling 250-537-9717 or emailing coordinator@saltspringliteracy.org.
DUPLICATE BRIDGE group meets at Salt Spring Seniors. 12:45 p.m. (for 1 p.m. start).
FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY offers free access to premium genealogy websites at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 221 Vesuvius Bay Rd. from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.
GAMES AFTERNOON at Salt Spring Seniors. 1 to 3 p.m.
HATHA FLOW YOGA with Dorothy Price at Stowel Lake Farm. 9 to 10:30 a.m.
KIRTAN at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 7:30 p.m.
MEDITATION GROUP suitable for beginners meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10:10 to 11 a.m. Everyone welcome. Info: Deb Stevenson, 250-930-5333.
MEDITATION MEETINGS and teachings with the Salt Spring Vipassana Society. The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. Offered by donation with Insight Meditation teacher Heather Martin. 7 to 8:30 p.m.
MEN'S BRIDGE at Salt Spring Seniors at 7 p.m.
PICKLEBALL runs at Portlock Park from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Info: hafizbhimji@shaw.ca or 250-653-9579.
SSI PAINTERS GUILD meets at ArtSpring. 9:30 a.m. For activities see website ssipaintersguild.ca.
SSI ROTARY CLUB meets each Wednesday for a deliciously prepared lunch with community focused speakers and presentations at the Harbour House Hotel Crofton Room from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.
SWING DANCE at SS Elementary School gym. East-Coast, West-Coast, and Lindy Hop. Everyone welcome. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call Larry Nelson or Wendy Hartnett at 250-537-4118.
TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

TECH TUTORING with Peter Freeman at Salt Spring Public Library. Times available at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12 noon. Free training and assistance with tech issues, including Windows, Mac, iPads, eReaders, tablets, using OverDrive, and more. Call or drop by the information desk to sign up.
YOGA - Mixed levels with Celeste Mallett Jason at SSI Wellness Centre. 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. and 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. PLUS Chair Yoga (Seniors) from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
YOGA with Dorothy Price at The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. 9 to 10:30 a.m. Info: info@santasha-yoga-retreats.com, 250-537-7675
ZEN MEDITATION at 210 Cedar Lane at 7:15 p.m. Call 250-537-2062 for details. Newcomers always welcome.
ZUMBA TONING with Lee Sigmund at SSI Wellness Centre. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets on the first Thursday of the month at SS Wellness Centre. 1 to 2 p.m. Info: ljcharlton@shaw.ca
VISUALLY IMPAIRED SUPPORT GROUP meets on the first Thursday of the month at SS Seniors Centre, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Info: David at 250-537-8595 or Seniors Centre 250-537-4604.

EVERY THURSDAY

AIKIDO MARTIAL ARTS classes for kids and adults at the SSI Wellness Centre. Kids from 5 to 6 p.m., and adults from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Info: Alan, 250-538-5549; alanwardroper@gmail.com.
AL-ANON for friends and families of alcoholics holds an Easy Does It Lunch Bunch open meeting at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church rear annex. 12 to 1 p.m.
DANCE TEMPLE at Beaver Point Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.
LUNCH at Salt Spring Seniors Centre. 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.
KUNDALINI YOGA - all levels with Shannon Cowan at the Wellness Centre. 8 to 9:15 a.m.
NIA — On hiatus for the summer. Discover the delicious music, mindful movement & healing magic of Nia, a fabulous, fun blend of dance, martial arts and yoga. Info: arleensadler@shaw.ca.
OPEN MIC NIGHT at the Legion. 7 to 9 p.m.
PICKLEBALL runs at Portlock Park from 6 to 8 p.m.
TAOIST TAI CHI for beginners at All Saints By-the-Sea, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.
WOMEN'S YOGA with Jaya Levesque at SSI Wellness Centre. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.
VIJNANA YOGA with Liz Young at Stowel Lake Farm. 6 to 7:30 p.m.
YOGA ALL LEVELS with Dorothy Price at SS Centre of Yoga from 4:30 to 6 p.m.
YOGA with Jim Dickinson at SS Seniors. 2 to 3 p.m.
YOGA IN SALT SPRING - Beginner/Level I with Jayne Lloyd-Jones 5 to 6:15 p.m. at Hedgerow House. Info: 250-538-1716

EVERY FRIDAY

COFFEE TIME for seniors is at Salt Spring Seniors from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
DRUM CIRCLE meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 4 to 6 p.m.
ELEMENTARY BRIDGE COACHING. Beginning bridge lessons (but also with more advanced coaching available) at the Salt Spring Library Program Room. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
EVERYBODY STRETCH class with Catherine Bennett at SSI Wellness Centre. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE at the SS Public Library Program Room. 2:30 p.m. Check SS library for exact schedule.
STORYTIME at the SS Public Library in the children's corner at 11 a.m. Drop-in program best for kids ages 3-6 and their caregivers.
FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT® CLASS with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd., 10 to 11 a.m.
GAMES NIGHT at the Salt Spring Library Program Room. Facilitator Bryan Dubien brings his vast collection of board games, or you can bring your own. 6 to 9 p.m.
MAH JONGG players gather at Salt Spring Seniors from 12:15 to 2 p.m.
MEAT DRAW at the Legion. 5 to 6 p.m.
MIXED LEVELS YOGA with John Howe at SSI Wellness Centre. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

EVERY SATURDAY

DAD 'N' ME PANCAKE BREAKFAST at Family Place. For dads and kids aged 0 to 6. 8:30 to 10 a.m.
MEAT DRAW at the Legion. 5 to 6 p.m.
PICKLEBALL runs at Portlock Park from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Info: hafizbhimji@shaw.ca or 250-653-9579.
TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Open practice. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.
YOGA IN SALT SPRING - All Levels with Jayne Lloyd-Jones 5 to 6:15 p.m. at Hedgerow House. Call 250-538-1716 or check YogaInSaltSpring.com for details.
ZUMBA DANCE FITNESS with Lee Sigmund. SSI Wellness Centre. 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

EVERY SUNDAY

FREE POOL at the Legion. 12 noon.
KUNDALINI YOGA with Jaya Levesque at SSI Wellness Centre. 10 to 11:15 a.m.
PICKLEBALL runs at Portlock Park from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
SUNDAY SATSANG at the SS Centre of Yoga. 3:30 p.m.
UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP meets at Salt Spring Seniors Centre at 10:30 a.m.

MONDAY

SSI FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT usually meets on the third Monday of each month at the Ganges Fire Hall at 7 p.m. See www.saltspringfire.com.

EVERY MONDAY

ACROYOGA CLASSES with Candice Seagull at the Baptist Church from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Info: facebook.com/cmsacroyoga
ACTIVE LEARNING group meets at Salt Spring Seniors. 2 to 4 p.m.
CHESS GROUP meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
DANCE TEMPLE at Beaver Point Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.
DARTS players meet for games at the Legion from 6 to 9 p.m.
DUPLICATE BRIDGE meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Salt Spring Seniors Services. Info: George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or pastorale@shaw.ca.
EVERYBODY STRETCH class with Catherine Bennett at SSI Wellness Centre. 1 to 2 p.m.
FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT® CLASS with Alice Friedman at The Gatehouse, 9 to 10:30 a.m. Info: Alice Friedman, 250-653-4332, alicef@saltspring.com.
NIA — On hiatus for the summer. See Thursday description, except the location is All Saints Church, downstairs hall. Info: arleensadler@shaw.ca.
PICKLEBALL runs at Portlock Park from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Info: hafizbhimji@shaw.ca or 250-653-9579.
SALT SPRING ISLAND QUAKER WORSHIP GROUP meets in Croftonbrook lounge at 6 p.m. Info: Ruth, 250-537-4075.
SALT SPRING PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB holds casual coffee mornings for its members at Penny's on the Green at 10 a.m.
SALT SPRING SCOTTISH DANCERS meet at All Saints from 6 to 8 p.m. ON HIATUS FOR THE SUMMER.
TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. With beginners until 8 p.m. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.
TECH TUTORING WITH CONRAD at the Salt Spring library. iPad, Tablet and eReader tutoring with Conrad Koke. Sign-up sheets are found in the Info Desk Programs binder. Sessions are available every Monday at 12 and 1 p.m.
THE CLINIC by OPT: Options for Sexual Health is open every Monday at the Çore Inn 2nd floor. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 250-537-8786.
TOASTMASTERS, a dedicated band of public speaking learners and enthusiasts, meets at the Salt Spring Public Library. 7 to 9 p.m. but is meeting on a scaled-back schedule this summer. See saltspring.toastmastersclubs.org.
VIJNANA YOGA LEVEL 2 with Cathy Valentine at Stowel Lake Farm. Sitting meditation, pranayama and asana. 5 to 6:30 p.m.
YIN YOGA with Satiya Channer at Stowel Lake Farm. 7 to 8:30 p.m.
YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at SSI Wellness Centre: Mixed Levels from both 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.; Level 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 4:30 to 6 p.m.
YOGA FLOW with Jaya Genevieve Levesque at Salt Spring Wellness from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.

EVERY TUESDAY

AL-ANON - Do you have problems with someone's drinking? Meet at 135 Drake Road (Catholic church) rear portable from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome.
ARGENTINE TANGO PRACTICE. All are welcome to join the tango group, Por el Amor del Tango, at weekly practicas. All Saints By-the-Sea. 8 to 10 p.m. Info: ssi.tango@gmail.com
ARTS & CRAFTS GROUP meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 1 to 3 p.m.
CHESS GROUP plays games at Salt Spring Seniors. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
CHOIR at Salt Spring Seniors. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
EUCHRE games are played at the Legion at 7 p.m.
FIT AFTER 50 - a gentle exercise program focusing on increasing the range of motion in our joints. Led by Bonnie Milne, an Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program instructor. SS Seniors Centre. 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. to Aug. 27. bonmilne@gmail.com.
FLOOR HOCKEY at Fulford Hall at 7:30 p.m.
LIFE DRAWING GROUP meets at Lions Hall from 1 to 3 p.m. All welcome.
LOST CHORDS seniors choir meets at SS Seniors at 10:30 a.m.
NIA — On hiatus for the summer. See Thursday description, except the location is All Saints Church upper hall. Info: arleensadler@shaw.ca.
MEN'S GROUP - A council of highly supportive men. 7 to 9:30 p.m. Info: John, call/text 1-519- 821-9703, reinless@mender.ca or meetup.com/reinless/
PICKLEBALL games are played at Portlock Park from 6 to 8 p.m. Instruction and equipment provided for beginners. Info: hafizbhimji@shaw.ca or 250-653-9579.
SS SEARCH & RESCUE - Learn ground survival, search and rescue techniques at the SAR Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.
TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.
UBUNTU sacred chants with Barb Slater. SSI Wellness Centre. 1 to 2:30 p.m.
YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE — Slow Flow class at Salt Spring Centre of Yoga from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.
YOGA IN SALT SPRING - Level I/II with Jayne Lloyd-Jones 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Hedgerow House. Info: 250-538-1716
YOGA with Gay Young at Stowel Lake Farm. 5:15 to 6:45 p.m.



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DRAGON BOAT RACING

Dragons bring home the bling

Spirit Point Fun events at Nautical Days

BY DONNA COCHRAN
SPIRIT POINT DRAGONS

Spirit Point Dragons earned a gold medal in the second division at the 2019 Victor Simonson Dragon Boat Races in Comox over the long weekend.

Sunday's festival was part of Comox Nautical Days with 13 participating teams (six women's and seven mixed).

The Comox marina venue in beautiful Comox Bay was the perfect setting for the festival. The dragon boats loaded from docks alongside pleasure boats and whale watchers. There were three 450-m races as well as a Fun Mystery Race that involved pool noodles, a stint of paddling with hands and a few dizzying 360-degree turns.

The round-robin format meant race times were tallied to determine the winners in the mixed and women's teams. In the first race, Spirit Point raced their best time of 2:28, placing a solid first ahead of Phoenix Rising (2:30) and Jolly Dragons (2:31). They faced stiffer competition in the second race, coming second with (2:36) behind Mid Island Masters' strong performance (2:11) and ahead of Jolly Dragons (2:42). The third race was the most competitive of the day with Spirit Point up against Mid Island Masters and Prevailing Wins, the top two teams who battled it out for first place in Div.1. Mid



PHOTO BY BRUCE EGGERTSON

Salt Spring's Spirit Point Dragons celebrate a gold-medal finish Sunday in Comox.

Island Masters prevailed with a one-second lead. Spirit Point kept pace with the two leaders and raced their second best time of 2:29, landing a gold in Div. 2.

Spirit Point paddlers for the races were Lorrhaine Ekelund, Donna Cochran, Serena Mellen, Robyn Huntley, Lynda Green, Mary Lou Cuddy, Wendy McEachern, Melynda Okulitch, Christa Wohlfahrt, Carmelle Labelle, Ann Marie Davidson, Chris Ortlepp, Shirley Julien, Loren Ekelund, Samantha Goddard,

Susana Helgason, Lisa Coles, Andrew Okulitch, Janet Bright, Joni Devlin and Susan Ahn. Special thanks to guest paddler (and retired Spirit Point Dragon), Wendy Eggertson. Coach Mary Rowles kept up a furious pace of drumming and shouting encouragement to keep the team focused. Each race featured a different steersperson. Loren Ekelund, Sam Goddard and Tom McKeachie all expertly steered the boat through the days' changing tides.

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SWIMMING

Swimmers heading to B.C. finals

Regular season ends with triumph and heartbreak

BY ZANDER GLATZ
SS STINGRAYS

Marking the close to the regular 2019 summer swimming season, the Salt Spring Stingrays competed in the Vancouver Island Regional Championships from Aug. 2 to 4 in Nanaimo.

This meet was a heats and finals format, meaning the top 16 swimmers from each division in prelims compete for top three spots in finals (A and B finals). The top three swimmers from finals get the chance to represent the Vancouver Island region at the B.C. Summer Swimming Provincial Championships, which will be held in Kamloops Aug. 16 to 18. At provincials, swimmers will compete collectively as the VI Gators against other regions from across the province.

The weekend was full of highs and lows, triumphs and heartbreak, as swimmers strived for spots in finals and the chance to compete in Kamloops. Overall our coaching staff was very impressed with how the team handled this competitive environment. Stingrays took winning and losing with grace, while setting an example as leaders.

Beating out the stiff competition, the Stingrays secured a number of spots for the VI Region: Zoe Sanchez Wickland (Div. 3) second in 50-m backstroke, second in 50-m breaststroke; Druehn Pinney (Div. 3) first in 100-m IM, second in 50-m butterfly, first in 50-m backstroke, second in 100-m



PHOTO COURTESY SS STINGRAYS

Salt Spring Stingrays after finishing their regular season in Nanaimo over the long weekend.

freestyle; Keegan Otsubo-Papp (Div. 4) second in 100-m backstroke; Aiden Otsubo-Papp (Div. 5) second in 50-m freestyle, third in 100-m backstroke; Zoey Johnson (Div. 6) first in 200-m IM, first in 100-m butterfly, first in 100-m backstroke, first in 50-m butterfly; Joseph Schulze (Div. 6) third in 50-m freestyle, third in 50-m butterfly; Austin Bisnar (Div. 7) third in 100-m breaststroke; Aramis St. Gelais (Div. 7) second in 100-m butterfly, first in 50-m butterfly; Rylan Burnett (Div. 7) second in 100-m backstroke, third in 100-m freestyle.

Across the board swimmers rose to the occasion and produced huge best times. All Stingrays should be very proud of how they represented themselves, their families and Salt Spring. This was an excellent way to end a great season.

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Hello Salt Spring,

My name is Corporal Matthew Crist, I am the Operations NCO (Supervisor) at your RCMP detachment. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and provide an update on some of the detachment priorities my colleagues and I have been working on in 2019.

My wife and I and our three children recently moved here. I was previously aware of Salt Spring's reputation for stunning coastal scenery, pastoral landscape and a moderate climate — a true nature lover's dream. Trust me when I say, compared to many of the other places we



Corporal Matthew Crist, new Salt Spring RCMP Operations NCO.

New officers join detachment

Current island priorities also outlined

get posted, this is a real paradise for a Mountie.

The community has been incredibly friendly and welcoming, and we already feel settled into our new surroundings. Although, I have been reminded by a few "locals" that you aren't considered truly local until you have lived here for at least 25 years (something tells me this number keeps growing). If I have learned anything during my RCMP career, it is that change is constant and at some point you will transfer; that is especially true in our Limited Duration Postings such as Salt Spring. As such I'm not sure I will hit the 25-year mark, but regardless we are honoured to make Salt Spring our current home and look forward to spending the next few years here.

Amongst policing circles, there is a widely held belief that Salt Spring is a sleepy hollow and that not much ever happens here. Indeed I have felt this to be a very safe community to live and work in as a whole. But that said, I can attest that there is a dedicated team of police personnel working very hard (often in the background or unseen) to keep it this way.

Joining me as newly posted to Salt Spring in 2019 is Constable Ted Turgeon, who transferred in from Alberta. Together we join the existing crew that includes Sergeant Ryan Netzer (Detachment Commander) and Constables Andrea Fitzpatrick, Bruce Verhaeghe, Ian Hastie, James Elliott and Kyle Belton. As a team we have over 70 years of policing experience, having served in both large and small communities in a variety of roles across Canada. Our long-standing detachment service assistants include

Loretta Rithaler and Josie Ripley. Katie Watters heads up our Victim Services Program and we are also supported by our head guard Lee-Ann Beveridge and other casual guards. It is our pleasure to serve this beautiful island.

OUR PRIORITIES: ROAD SAFETY

Overall road safety continues to be a priority of this detachment. As part of our regular duties, you will see officers setting up road safety check stops and conducting other activities related to enforcing impaired, distracted and other unsafe driving behaviours such as not wearing seat belts. In 2018, we recommended criminal impaired driving charges in six instances, and issued an additional 60 provincial driving prohibitions under the Immediate Roadside Prohibition Program. Penalties for these prohibitions range between a three-day to 90-day driving ban, and your vehicle may be impounded for a period of up to 30 days, along with monetary fines. We encourage everyone to plan ahead and use responsible alternatives to avoid drinking and driving.

With September already fast approaching and our children soon returning to school we would like to remind everyone to take your time and slow your speed accordingly to 30 km/h or under in school zones on school days. Please also be mindful when travelling through congested and busy areas of the island such as downtown Ganges, when passing cyclists or where people are accessing our beautiful lakes or road side stands in close proximity to passing motorists. Bare in mind the posted speed limit is a maximum and driving a bit slower is sometimes necessary to be safe.

VISIBILITY

We strive to be a constant and visible presence in the community by conducting proactive foot patrols and bar walks, making efforts to attend community events and our local schools, and when possible getting out on the water for patrols with the police vessel. Despite there being only so many police officers on this island, in the first six months of 2019 we managed to conduct 415 proactive foot patrols throughout the various parks and public places, with the goal of reducing nuisance behaviour and creating an atmosphere that allows everyone to feel safe and enjoy these spaces. We also conducted 196 proactive bar walks in an effort to reduce intoxication and associated liquor-related issues. We encourage people to call us when they see unsafe behaviour in our public spaces such as open consumption of liquor, suspected drug trafficking, or if anyone is causing a disturbance.

Much of our success in policing is not possible without your cooperation and support. We rely on everyone's eyes and ears to inform us of what's going on. If you have any information that may assist, we invite you to contact us at 250-537-5555, via email at saltspring@rcmp-grc.gc.ca, or by stopping by the detachment.

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