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SAFER TRAVELS: School district secretary-treasurer Jesse Guy, left, and district superintendent Scott Benwell use the new crosswalk linking both sides of Rainbow Road by the school board office on Monday. The crosswalk is one of several recently completed components of the North Ganges Transportation Plan undertaken by the Capital Regional District and Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission.

WEATHER

Child struck by tree during storm

Six-year-old sent to BC Children's Hospital

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
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The West Coast's first major wind event of the season caused traumatic injury to a young island girl, as well as numerous power outages and tree damage on Salt Spring.

Six-year-old Priya Pilheden was hit by a falling tree during the Oct. 13 windstorm but was making good progress at BC Children's Hospital last week.

Salt Spring Fire Rescue reported their crews assisted BC Ambulance with an extrication and patient care as one of nine calls related to the storm they attended between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. last Tuesday.

Robyn Oakes, a friend of the Pilheden family who organized a GoFundMe donation campaign, explained on the campaign page that Priya suffered a broken leg, a fractured skull and a brain injury when a tree fell on her in the woods. Her parents Jona and Vidya Pilheden and baby brother Kailash were staying in Vancouver

while the young girl received ongoing treatment and testing.

"The doctors at Children's Hospital are feeling very confident Priya will recover from her injuries," Oakes said Friday, after receiving a report from Vidya over the phone.

"She has such a strong spirit — she is, as the first responders called her, 'one tough cookie.' They are hoping at some point soon they will be able to finish Priya's recovery at home, and their lives will be able to regain normalcy once again."

The GoFundMe campaign reached over \$20,000 in donations in the first 24 hours. Community members reacted with disbelief and compassion for the young family, who already face health challenges with their infant son. A donation jar has also been placed at Barb's Bakery and Bistro.

"This little girl is the same age as my little boys and lives on our street," wrote islander Shane Hubenig. "Accidents like this can happen to anyone; when they do,

we need to rally and help, and be present. That's what true communities do. May Priya receive all the healing energy we can muster, and the family receive the material needs we can help with."

"Jona and Vidya are so overwhelmingly grateful for all the love and support from our community," Oakes said in response to the many supportive comments. "When they read all your words of encouragement, and hear your sweet messages, they are moved beyond words."

The fundraiser can be found at gofundme.com under "Team Priya emergency medical fund."

Eight of the calls Salt Spring Fire Rescue attended last Tuesday involved trees or branches down on hydro lines or across the road. Trees blocked the 600 block of Isabella Point Road and Broadwell Road near Duck Creek, and caused other damage throughout the island.

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BC SUPREME COURT

Baker Road hearing set

Civil Forfeiture argues provincial body can claim house

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A hearing has been scheduled at B.C. Supreme Court this Thursday, Oct. 22 to determine whether the provincial government has the right to a Baker Road home valued at more than \$2 million.

The B.C. Civil Forfeiture Office filed a lawsuit last December requesting the right to seize the property at 391 Baker Rd., claiming it was acquired by the proceeds of crime and was used to launder money.

Two defendants who live at the home, Alicia Lee and Geordie (AKA Skye) Lee, filed documents in February denying any wrongdoing. Vincent Manalastas, a third defendant who is thought to reside in the Philippines, has not communicated to the Crown or filed any response to the claim. The Civil Forfeiture Office argues in a new application filed on Oct. 8 that Manalastas has therefore admitted to the facts by default, and asks the

court to award the land and its structures.

The civil lawsuit is the result of a 2018 investigation by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, which determined the Salt Spring waterfront home was bought as part of an international stock fraud scheme amounting to \$200 million. The lawsuit states the property is registered to Beresford Estates Inc., which is owned or operated by the three defendants. Manalastas is listed as Beresford's sole director.

The notice of claim explains that Beresford Estates Inc. is tied into the Silverton Platform, a scheme to circumvent securities laws and disguise ownership of publicly traded companies. The United States Securities and Exchange Commission investigation found that Beresford was used to receive and distribute proceeds of the securities fraud in British Columbia, including through purchase of the Baker Road home for \$1.15 million.

The Lees state in their response that an unnamed family member who lives outside Canada owns and controls Beresford Estates.

None of the allegations against the Lees have been proven in court.



PHOTO BY PETER LEVITT

BEACHED: A floathome ends up on the beach at Burgoyne Bay following last Tuesday's windstorm, which saw power go out in several parts of the Gulf Islands.

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board considers transit options

BC Ferries, CRD considered potential sources

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Gulf Islands Board of Education is hopeful it could shrink one extremely large operating cost by reducing its reliance on water taxis to transport students.

The board voted on Oct. 14 to send a letter to BC Ferries CEO Mark Collins and the BC Ministers of Education and Transportation requesting a meeting. The primary topic they wish to discuss is ferry route options in the Gulf Islands School District. Making student travel easier to facilitate at the ticket booth is another item of interest, said Galiano

trustee Shelley Lawson.

The district currently spends over \$1 million per year on water taxi transportation and receives a special transportation grant of \$328,000 from the Ministry of Education. The rest of the cost comes out of the general operating grant based on student enrolment.

Students aged 18 years and under travel free on BC Ferries if going to school or school-related events. But scheduling currently makes it impossible for students travelling on the Southern Gulf Islands route to reach Salt Spring before 1 p.m.

Lawson has also noted the Capital Regional District has shown interest in building regional connections through an inter-island passenger ferry service, and could be another potential partner for the district.

EMERGENCY PREP

POD reps visit Alliance

Monday meeting at Lions Hall

by sending a message to ssi-speaks@gmail.com.

The Salt Spring Island Emergency program is focused on building community resilience through preparedness, response and recovery activities related to emergencies like fire, earthquakes, floods and storms.

The Community Alliance is back in action this fall with ongoing community meetings to discuss relevant local issues.

In preparation for the start of storm season, and in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, exploring the power and potential of the neighbourhood POD system is the chosen topic of the next meeting on Monday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m.

It will take place in person at Lions Hall and on Zoom. COVID-19 protocols will be in place.

People must RSVP to attend this meeting before Oct. 23

Program representatives will be present to provide an introduction to the creation and maintenance of a local POD. Others will share examples of what they have been doing with their PODS that are outside the norm, such as growing food together, supporting isolated people during COVID lockdowns and organizing neighbourhood gatherings.

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Power, ferry service out



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Six-year-old Priya Pilheden in a photo provided for a GoFundMe page to help with expenses related to her recovery after being hit by a tree.

WINDSTORM

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"As emergency calls come in during these events we set up area command, at Hall #1 downtown, and prioritize them based on the information we receive from our 911 dispatchers," Assistant Fire Chief Jamie Holmes explained in an email. "Most of the calls involve a single apparatus responding to ensure no fire or life safety issues are present and then updating BC Hydro, [Ministry of Transportation and

Infrastructure contractors], or other emergency agencies. Our crews try and flag the affected area to let the public know we've investigated the situation if we have to clear for another call."

Ferry service at Vesuvius was temporarily suspended at midday on Oct. 13 because of a power outage at the terminal. BC Hydro reported more than 100,000 customers had lost power in the Lower Mainland, on the Sunshine Coast and on Vancouver Island, with most customers restored as of Wednesday morning.

NEWS BRIEFS

Emergency room gets approval for \$3 million

The Capital Regional Hospital District board approved a \$3-million contribution to the Lady Minto Hospital emergency department project at its Oct. 14 meeting.

The unanimous approval means the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation, which is spearheading the hospital addition, can move on to its next phase, which is securing of detailed design and construction documents for the 420 square-metre (4,520 square foot) building.

"We're pretty happy about it," said LMHF communications and fundraising committee chair Dave Taylor. "Over the moon, actually."

The LMHF has committed \$4 million of its endowment fund to the project and plans a campaign to raise the remaining \$3 million in the community.

Free bus ride

Salt Spring voters can travel to the polls for free on Saturday, Oct. 24.

The Capital Regional District and BC Transit are providing free transit service on its buses for that day. Free transit will be available all day on all scheduled routes in the Salt Spring Island transit system.

For more information on routes and schedules, visit bctransit.com/salt-spring-island or check the Rider's Guide.

FOR THE RECORD

In last week's CRD Director's Report, director Gary Holman misstated the average per household CRD requisition proposed for the provisional budget this year. It is set to increase by \$10 from \$1,015 in 2020 to \$1,025 in 2021, not stay the same.

HEALTH CARE

Collaboration leads to flu-shot clinic



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Some of the participants bringing a flu shot clinic to GISS Nov. 6-8. Standing from left are Dr. Holly Slakov, nurse Will Falla, Country Grocer's Rob Lowrie and Pharmasave pharmacist Henry Lopez. Crouching from left: public health nurse Calico Chang, nurses Cami Venter and Jenny Redpath.

Online booking open now for Nov. 6-8 dates

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Islanders who are eligible for publicly funded flu shots will find an innovative approach to ensuring they get their vaccination done this fall.

Health-care providers from the public and private streams have come together to vaccinate as many people as possible during three days of appointments taking place at the Gulf Islands Secondary School gym from Friday, Nov. 6 through Sunday, Nov. 8. The event will see 12 family doctors, 10 Lady Minto Hospital nurses, Island Health's public health nursing team and pharmacists from Pharmasave and Country Grocer providing immunization shots and nasal spray in a large but COVID-safe group setting.

Public health nurse Calico Chang said she was starting to put together Island Health's regular one-day community flu clinic when the idea for a larger event came up in discussion with Lady Minto Hospital chief of staff, Dr. David Butcher.

"We quickly realized if we could bring together all our collective manpower and strength, we could serve the community better," Chang said. "We're hoping to immunize up to 1,200 people, which is pretty challenging to do in a safe way, but we're very sure that we can do that . . . The flow will be quick and very safe."

Most doctors are not seeing as many patients in person since the pandemic struck, so having the flu clinic will leave appointment times open for people with other needs. Family physicians are happy to serve at the alternate location, though: Dr. Clare Rustad reported she is "obnoxiously enthusiastic" about immunizing people. That sentiment is shared by Jenny Redpath,

a nurse and nursing educator who works at Lady Minto Hospital.

"It's kind of a unique opportunity because we're one of the few communities that's really been able to bring all these partners together," Redpath said.

As she pointed out, Salt Spring's community clinic is perhaps unique in the province in that pharmacists with be working with the health authority to make sure the high need is met. Flu clinics have already started at the two participating island pharmacies and interest has been extremely high this year.

"Ultimately the goal is to put less stress on the health-care system so that people who are coming in with symptoms that may be interpreted as COVID and are actually flu can be ruled out. And you don't want both at the same time," observed Rob Lowrie, a community relations director at Country Grocer.

"The flu can affect the lungs, and with COVID that's obviously the issue," agreed Pharmasave pharmacist Henry Lopez. "So we want to protect people from having both COVID and flu, because that could be fairly detrimental to their health."

Country Grocer and Pharmasave are also sharing donation of disposable masks and other supplies for the event, while the grocery store will be providing refreshments for all patients following their immunization. The Lady Minto Hospital Ladies Auxiliary is meanwhile providing advertising dollars and all the supplies for two of the three days.

Chang said the planning team is working with public health guidelines to ensure the smooth and safe flow of patients. The online booking program schedules appointments every five minutes and people should arrive right at their designated time. There will not be more than 50 people in the gym at one time, and a touchless system will be

used to sign in, with help from volunteer ambassadors.

Salt Spring Fire Rescue and Salt Spring Ground Search and Rescue members will be on hand afterwards to check on patients, who will wait for 15 minutes in their cars before leaving. There will also be properly spaced seating in the gym where people who don't have cars can wait.

Booking for appointments is done through islandfluclinics.ca. People who are eligible for the free shot include children six months to less than five years of age, pregnant women, seniors 65 years and older, residents of any age living in residential care, assisted living or other group facilities, Indigenous people, children and adults with certain medical conditions and those who are very obese. Also eligible are the close household contacts of any of the above and people who work with poultry.

"From the public health standpoint there are certain risk factors that put people at higher risk, but anyone that's going to come into contact with anyone that has those risks would be advised to get the flu shot. So the chances are that most people would qualify for the publicly funded flu shot," Redpath said.

People are asked not to make or keep their appointment if they have cold or flu symptoms. They should arrive with a mask, wear a short-sleeved shirt and bring their government services card or other ID. For more information, see islandhealth.ca/flu.

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SD64

Configuration debate continues



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Pender Islands Elementary Secondary School, where a new program for grade 8 and 9 students from Pender, Galiano, Mayne and Saturna islands is proposed as one option for reconfiguring the Gulf Islands School District.

Parents call for pause on November decision

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Gulf Islands Board of Education continues to grapple with how to configure schools in order to meet a significant operating deficit, and whether or not making that decision next month is the best idea.

A large portion of the board's last business meeting, held over Zoom on Oct. 14, was devoted to the district's configuration review. Trustees raised a number of areas where they would like more information from staff and are set to get those answers at the Oct. 28 committee-of-the-whole meeting. They are expected to vote on a reconfiguration motion at the Nov. 18 board meeting.

Galiano trustee Shelley Lawson said she had a different motion ready that would put the brakes on the process at least until January 2021. She decided not to raise it until after hearing the new information on Oct. 28.

"I'm not confident I can make a decision on one of the configuration scenarios in November," Lawson said, adding, "I don't feel the scenarios we received in September really address the concerns that drove this process forward."

Parents have also said that November is too early to make a decision. Asking the board to "press pause" on the process was the number-one point in a "five-by-five campaign" created by parents to help other parents submit feedback by selecting from a series of pre-written statements.

Galiano Island constituents have been especially vocal about concerns with the configuration review process, and the suggested shift that would send most students on the southern Gulf Islands to Pender for grades 8 and 9. That option has been flagged as the best case of five potential reconfiguration scenarios that staff modelled to show how different variables could either create savings or add to expenses.

Caitlin Hertzcarriick, chair of the Galiano Parent Advisory Committee, told the board families are still struggling with COVID stresses, including how to send their kids to school safe-

ly, and said this is not the right time to address configuration questions.

"A lot of people are actually just shocked that we're dealing with both of these at once, along with the anti-racism work the district is committed to," Hertzcarriick said.

She further described problems with the board's consultation process, which she said involved two years of looking at big-picture ideas but ended very quickly once some specific options were announced.

"And that looks really bad," she added.

"I think we need to recognize there's incredible value in offering difference as well."

CHAYA KATRENSKY
Saturna Island school trustee

When the board voted to study the district's configuration in October 2018, trustees agreed it would be a good idea to look at something that hadn't been reviewed since the new high school opened and the middle school was created 25 years ago. The motion was to "review configurations that support the best educational outcomes for students in addition to maximizing cost-effective education delivery." A large operating deficit has made the second objective particularly pressing.

According to a Frequent Questions and Answers document on the SD64 website, the current configuration and B.C. Ministry of Education funding model will require the district to overspend its enrolment-based revenue by \$1.1 million each year.

A funding protection grant triggered by the closure of the Windsor House school in North Vancouver and the resulting loss of 210 students has actually produced a \$1.1-million surplus for 2020-21. This grant will be reduced by 1.5 per cent each year, or around \$300,000,

until the operating revenue aligns with actual enrolment revenue. That is expected to take place in 2027 — but the grant may not cover the operating deficit as early as 2024.

The district says it will not be able to balance the budget, as required by legislation, without making changes to configuration. And the longer it waits to take that step, the less surplus money there will be to make the configuration change a positive one.

"Delaying balancing the budget erodes the potential benefits of funding protection and decreases the district's ability to update curricular resources, invest in classrooms, and bring much-needed funds to arts, music, athletics and specialty programming," the FAQ states.

Parent concerns about the Pender Hub proposal, with a mandatory junior high program for southern Gulf Islanders and optional senior high to be added to the current school, are largely centred on decreased opportunities for kids in the southern Gulf Islands. Educational and social limitations are predicted, as many wonder how the smaller Pender school could offer things that Gulf Islands Secondary School does, such as sports teams, special clubs like robotics or electives such as metalwork. Parents have also questioned whether facilities like Pender's gym will be sufficient for older, larger students.

Trustees have also been working through those same concerns.

"I certainly don't want to be taking opportunity away from any student in this district," said Mayne Island trustee Janelle Lawson.

Lawson reported a majority of Mayne Island parents favour the Pender Hub idea, but said she's not sure she can support making the grade 8/9 years mandatory.

Pender trustee Greg Lucas noted his community's school was designed with provision for high school classes and said principal Adrian Pendergast is confident the gym and other areas are sufficient. Lucas added the school has an excellent music program led by a teacher with a doctorate and already has a soundproofed music room. As well, he indicated Pendergast is excited about the possibility for growing the school and has a vision for its future programming.

Chaya Katrensky, trustee for Saturna Island, noted there is a lot of focus on making sure the Pender school will have the same sort of offerings as GISS.

"I think we need to recognize there's incredible value in offering difference as well," Katrensky said, noting the success of the Saturna Ecological Education Centre, which attracts students from all over the province. A focus on STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) at Pender has been suggested as one possibility.

Salt Spring trustee Tisha Boulter said she thinks staff have presented good options and that it's fiscally responsible to make a decision in November so there will be enough money to make the big changes proposed.

"I'm not sure the extra time is going to warrant a better result when it comes to the data that comes in," Boulter said.

PROVINCIAL ELECTION

Candidates meet in online forum



SS FORUM YOUTUBE SCREEN SHOTS

Saanich North and the Islands candidates, from left at top, Adam Olsen (Green), Stephen Roberts (Liberal) and Zeb King (NDP) during the Salt Spring Forum's videotaped Oct. 14 all-candidates debate that saw candidates connected from their homes.



Tarah Stafford demonstrates the use of the bell to indicate an individual's time for responding had expired.

Several questions fielded on Oct. 14

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

COVID-19 may have prevented the usual big public gathering with provincial election candidates, but an online version has provided ample opportunity to get an in-person impression of the candidates and their parties' policies.

The Salt Spring Forum organized an Oct. 14 event with the three Saanich North and the Islands hopefuls, moderated by Tarah Stafford. The candidates provided opening and closing statements and responded to emailed questions and each other from their respective homes. A link to the YouTube video is available through the www.saltspringforum.com website.

NDP candidate Zeb King took the most heat as the governing party's representative, with Green party incumbent Adam Olsen and Liberal Stephen Roberts criticizing the NDP for calling a snap election in the middle of a pandemic.

On that matter King echoed NDP leader John Horgan's response from the previous night's provincial leaders debate in saying, "It is always a good thing to listen to the people."

Environment-related questions dominated the evening. All three candidates got brownie points for owning electric cars, but had different responses to climate change questions.

King said the NDP government's Clean BC Plan is the best plan in North America, giving the province 10 years to make dramatic cuts in its carbon emissions.

Olsen was critical of the NDP position, noting that transitioning to a green economy was not a big deal, and that \$6-billion subsidies given to the LNG and fracking industry could be invested in the low-carbon

clean economy instead.

"It's not good enough to say we are going to be carbon neutral by 2050 and then leave it to chance. You have to have a plan. Clean BC is supposed to be that economic plan. It's 75 per cent done, meaning 25 per cent was supposed to be found sitting in the legislature right now . . . It's a half-baked plan as it stands right now and that's because the NDP chose to be on the election trail instead of solving the problems we have in front of us right now."

King stressed that it was important to make a "just" transition to a green economy so that people are not hurt by a sudden shift away from certain industries.

"The NDP understands helping people coming along with us. We don't just suddenly leave them by the wayside and we don't guilt them into all driving Teslas."

Roberts said it was not possible to turn off fossil-fuel dependency overnight and that the focus for now should be on the post-pandemic economic recovery. Funds derived from selling fossil fuels, such as LNG, will help pay for the transition to a green economy, he said.

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King later re-emphasized his commitment to the climate crisis "that we desperately need to address," describing his work in that vein as a long-time Central Saanich municipal councillor. In that role he said he has learned, "Don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good. Things are not perfect. I am not perfect. Our party is not perfect. Platforms are not perfect. But we need to be resilient. We need to keep making things better, and I think we have a better shot at making a difference on the climate-change front if we can elect somebody to be in [an NDP] government."

Olsen noted his support in the legislature for environmental reform in not only opposing LNG industry subsidies but in other areas such as forestry.

"We have to have [forest] tenure reform," he said. "We have to take power away from the corporations and put it back in hands of communities and provincial government."

Roberts was asked about the BC Liberals' plan to eliminate the provincial sales tax for one year and to limit its size for an unspecified amount of time until the province has economically recovered from the pandemic. He framed it as a move that would benefit businesses as well as consumers, reducing their costs and encouraging people to purchase from local small businesses rather than buying items online with the PST still payable.

The economy and post-pandemic recovery for businesses and families was also emphasized by Roberts in answer to a later question.

"We need to support our local businesses. If we are going to recover from this [pandemic]. If we are going to get a future for British Columbia we need to incentivize businesses. If government does only one thing for its citizens it is to support them in their time of need . . . and to get B.C. back to work as quickly as possible and on stable footing."

In response to a question about the effectiveness of the Islands Trust, King said as a municipal councillor he has voted several times at the Union of B.C. Municipalities conference on motions that would give more powers to the Trust.

"There is always time to review and renew those structures and it sounds like this is a time for them, particularly with regard to concerns about trees and private forest areas," King said.

Olsen said there are significant governance gaps with the Islands Trust.

"I know that in talking with [Islands Trust] trustees there is interest in having a provincial government willing to sit at the table and talk about the challenges of the Islands Trust Act and to do something about it and to have an honest discussion about where it stands."

Roberts said, "We do need to look at a government structure that more effectively serve the needs of islanders. We need some more involvement or some additional authority for this body or a different body to be able to deliver for islanders."

Other issues discussed by the candidates included local school issues, daycare subsidy plans, affordable housing, systemic racism and active transportation.

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EDITORIAL

Sure shot offer

While researchers work frantically on a COVID-19 vaccine, one potentially deadly virus is already mapped out.

Flu vaccines started to be available on the island last week, and even though health officials encourage widespread immunization each fall, this year it will be especially important to heed their advice. On Salt Spring, a huge cross-section of the health community has come together to make sure the process is as safe and easy as possible, even as the coronavirus pandemic has made access to doctors' appointments more limited.

Even if COVID has yet to make a big impact on our island community, a bad flu season can be a grave concern. According to Immunize BC, thousands of people are hospitalized from influenza and its complications in Canada each year, and many may die during years with widespread flu activity. Getting the flu could also put people more at risk for other infections if their immune systems are low.

THE ISSUE:

Flu vaccine

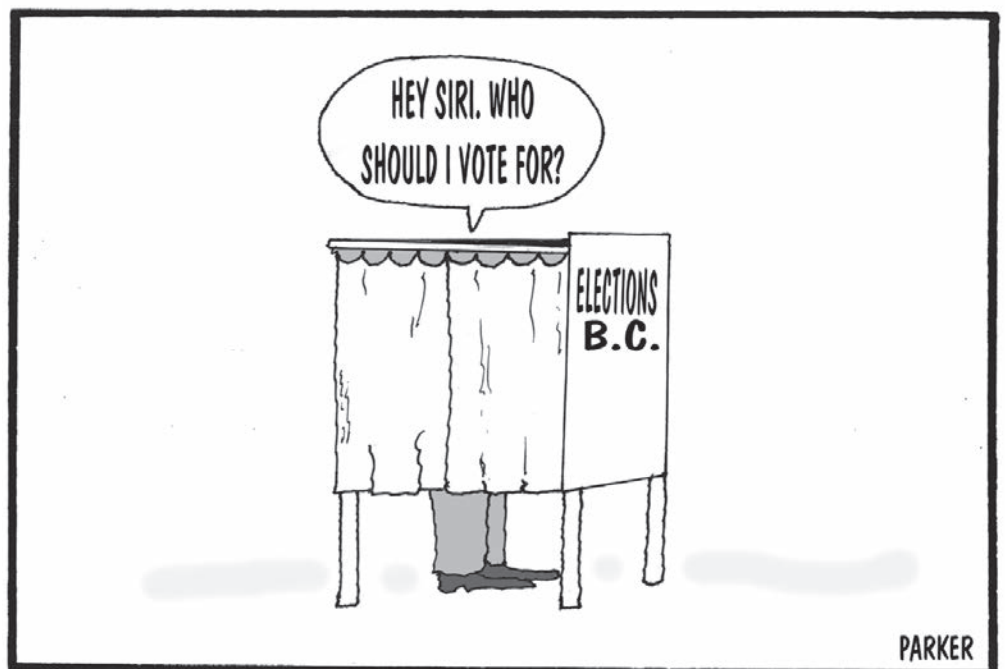
WE SAY:

Get protected at community clinics

The negative financial impact of having to take time off work to recover from the flu could for many locals be worse than waiting for a COVID test result. High school students now working under the concentrated quarter system can hardly afford to miss a day of school, much less a week or two. Most of all, reducing the strain on the health-care system and the risk to people working in it will be crucial for managing the surging "second wave."

B.C.'s provincial health officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, has recommended everyone who can get an immunization to do so by the beginning of November. Salt Spring's community flu clinic, happening at the Gulf Islands Secondary School gym from Nov. 6 to 8, should make it easy to follow her advice. The clinic is available to anyone ages six months and up who qualifies for a free shot. Multiple appointment times will serve up to seven people at each session. Organizers are planning for a quick transit between sign-in and exit and the gym will provide all the space needed to keep stations at a safe distance.

With so many people eligible to be immunized for free, either through their own risk factors or through close contact to others, now is the time to take advantage of the offer.



PARKER

Park vagrancy solutions

BY VINCENT THERIAULT

On Sunday, Sept. 27, I got a craving for ice cream, so I went to Thrifty's and purchased a 1.6-litre container of Maple Walnut. Realizing that this would melt before I could get home, I drove to Ganges Alley and parked facing Centennial Park to fully enjoy my ice cream.

Right there, in front of me, I witnessed what "anarchy" looks like. In full public view I saw 20 to 30 individuals who were having what I would call "an array of disobedience," which included openly drinking hard liquor and beer, and taking drugs of various kinds. Also included in this unwelcome gathering were their many dogs who were running free and using the park as an open toilet area.

I then thought about Cam Robinson's very intelligent and civilized "Dark Underbelly Showing" letter published in the Driftwood a few months prior. Having been a rebel with a contesting mind all of my life, but never in trouble with the law, I could see something was very wrong here, something had not been "taught" right.

How could it be that in Canada, a rich country with resources abound, we are

VIEWPOINT

experiencing this problem in so many communities? Individuals who appear to have few values, no self respect and no respect for others. Individuals who have left their families, their education and the concept of working for a living behind in favour of homelessness, lawlessness and the goodwill of the very people they disrespect for their survival. Their lack of societal responsibilities is surely an insult to honest and hard-working citizens.

About 30 years ago, in a small northeast New Brunswick village (where I am from), a motorcycle gang moved in and established themselves. And, as motorcycle gangs go, never looking for trouble but always finding it, the people of the community became fed up with their behaviour. Approximately 100 villagers finally got together and burned their establishment: club house, cars and motorcycles — the whole shebang!

This solved the problem in our community, but vigilante behaviour is not what I am promoting here, though some of us are running out of our charitable feelings

and I can readily understand this sentiment. Instead, I am promoting "tough love!" In my experience, there is rarely a problem without a solution and, in this case, I feel I know the problem and the solution — it is "yes" to tough love, and "no" to unnecessary welfare status.

There is no perfect solution, only intelligent choices and common sense must prevail. We are a small island with finite programs and resources that have served us well but are limited when it comes to dealing with this more recent problem. Perhaps locating to off-island communities better able to help these individuals before they descend into even worse problems is one suggestion.

As a society we could research this solution and then help those that want to help themselves to relocate and restart. We may be surprised by those who would want the chance of a better life.

I am sure the Driftwood would print other options and solutions. Please write your views so we can consider the many ideas people have to deal with this problem. With all the suggestions and ideas that are out there, we will find our way, our solution.

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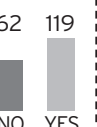
THIS WEEK'S POLL QUESTION:

Will you get a flu shot this fall?

Yes No

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Will you use the vote-by-option for the B.C. election?



Cast your ballot online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com before Monday 2 p.m. or clip this box and drop it at our office before Monday at 2 p.m.

OPINION { QUOTE OF THE WEEK: }

"I'm not sure the extra time is going to warrant a better result when it comes to the data that comes in."

TISHA BOULTER, SALT SPRING SD64 TRUSTEE

SALT SPRING SAYS

WE ASKED: *What do you think of the new sidewalks and bike lanes in Ganges?*

DOUG FORSTER



As a driver I'm not enjoying all the stoppages, but as a walker and a pedestrian I'm glad they initiated this project.

ALMA MESSENG



It's fabulous. It was horrible before, so we're happy to have it.

JACOB HALL



I work for the school so it will be nice to see the students using it and not having to dodge cars.

ALEX LYONS



I'm impressed, and I'll be happy when they're done.

GREG HALL



The paved raised sidewalks are great. I think we need more space off the roads.

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

Proud of young people

On these last warm sunny days of fall, by chance I have been driving by the high school during lunch hour.

What do I see? Very small groups of our young people in a circle far apart from other very small groups of young people. And all I can think is how in their young lives they are learning a valuable lesson: that sometimes you have to sacrifice for the common good of society. They will carry this lesson their whole lives and pass it down to their children.

So not only am I gushing with pride for our public health officers, first responders, three levels of government, our province and our country for pulling together as one, now I am gushing with pride for Salt Spring's young people.

Thank you, and I am so proud of you but, more importantly, you should be proud of yourselves. Keep up the good work. This too will pass.

BARB GALLOWAY,
BEDDIS ROAD

Election distress

I really appreciated reading Jan Slakov's Viewpoint in the Oct. 7 Driftwood.

I've been thinking a lot about why this election is distressing to me at this time, although I was heartened to hear the Oct. 13 debate on CBC radio. Green party leader Sonia Furstenau's manner and comments gave me hope for a civil path forward in B.C., even if only a token number of Green candidates are elected.

One worrisome aspect of the upcoming election that does not seem to come up is

the extra cost for taxpayers. While we should be spending taxpayers' money right now on COVID-related expenses, here we are paying for an election that will cost more than ever: more voting days at the polling stations, the extra cost of mail-in ballots, and a year earlier than necessary.

Thank you for including regional as well as local issues in the Driftwood.

SUSAN YATES,
GABRIOLA ISLAND

Hypocrisy

Kim Hunter calls for kindness in her rambling defence of not wearing masks in last week's paper. She tells us what Bonnie Henry really means by "be kind" and conveniently ignores that Dr. Henry wore a mask on her visit to Salt Spring.

To paraphrase Daniel Levy (of Schitt's Creek), "Why not

look at wearing a mask as a simple act of kindness?"

Kim should be respected for her opinion and for expressing it, but asking for kindness while defending not wearing a mask smells of hypocrisy.

BOB ELSEA,
SALT SPRING

History lesson

In her Oct. 14 Viewpoint, Kim Hunter wondered "if people who stood up to Hitler in the 1930s as he was gaining power were called 'conspiracy theorists' or something similar." Actually, no. They were called Communists. Because, in fact, that's who they overwhelmingly were.

MURRAY REISS,
FULFORD

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Food is the culprit when it comes to diet failure

I'm on another diet. I gave up the last one because I wasn't getting enough to eat and so I've joined Weight Watchers, the last resort of the clinically cuddly.

When I say "joined" of course I don't mean physically, 20 or so tubbies standing around in a hall, getting weighed and bemoaning that extra helping of apple crisp. No, this is all online so that I can slim and eat a cookie at the same time in the privacy of my own living room.

I know there will be those of you who will look at the finely chiselled features behind the mask (which, incidentally, is a damned good idea and will, if widely adopted, help end this abominable plague provided I'm not done to death by one of the thankfully decreasing number of muppets who, for their own bizarre reasons, won't wear one). Sorry, I got distracted. Now, there was I? Oh, yes. You'll be wondering why such a paragon of vitality and bonne santè could possibly need to diet. Good heavens, you will be saying, it's like Miley Cyrus going for a facelift. But the truth is that I've rather let things go and while the pavement doesn't yet crack when I walk on it, the unhappy truth is that I've slipped into chubbiness. In fact, I began slipping at about 19 when I gave up moving around, but it turned into an avalanche of adipose by the time I was 50. So let's not beat about the bush I am, at least in the mirror if not in my head, at a point in my life where I almost make Donald Trump look dainty.

What I like most about the virtual Weight Watchers are the encouraging postings by other plumpies who have successfully gone from pudgy hausfrau to svelte supermodel in a mere 12 months and, while I have no ambitions to mince down a Paris catwalk, I'd like folks to be able to put away their wide-angle lenses.

J'Anna, for instance, has lost 88 lbs (and presumably the other vowel in her



Paul McElroy
+ ANOTHER THING

name) and is pictured looking extremely pleased with herself on the Weight Watchers website. I'm considering my own post as P'ul, but seven pounds doesn't really cut it yet.

For those of you on the more emaciated side of the dining table who wouldn't know Weight Watchers from Alcoholics Anonymous, it doesn't do calories and has devised its own system of food points. So, for instance, a banana is a zero points food which you can eat ad nauseam or until you start to grow hair on the back of your hands and develop an irresistible urge to swing through trees. A jam doughnut and TJ Beans' Hot Chocolate with Whipped Cream on the other hand is probably about 900 points and while it's entirely worth the risk it would quite possibly get you drummed out of Weight Watchers for life.

Each new Weight Watcher, based on their level of corpulence, is allocated a certain number of food points to sustain them through the day, which then becomes a mathematical balancing act of feeling peckish against exceeding your allowance. One Hobnob (four points) or an apple (zero points)? Needless to say, I go for the Hobnob and spend the rest of the day beating myself up.

Personally, I blame food. I've learned over the years that the more of it you cram into your face, the more likely you are to resemble an over-stuffed sofa. The problem is I'm not really a salady kind of person and wrote off greens as non-food

years ago. All things considered I'd rather eat the place mat than a mixed salad unless of course it's awash with dressing, cheese, fried bread and meat.

Nor do I do "light" lunches. My mum's Sunday lunches when we were kids would overwhelm a Brigade of Guards and the family would sit around for a couple of hours afterwards like beached whales in a post-prandial stupor.

I grew up on Cyprus, an Army brat, where our "yaya," one of those scrawny Mediterranean widows of an indiscernible age, forever dressed from head to toe in black like a kindly turkey vulture and an unofficial nanny to my brother and I had a singular dish, cubes of pork fat deep fried in olive oil. Beware of Greeks bearing grits . . . Whatever, I believe that was the beginning of my culinary fall from grace when, on an island renowned for its fruit and vegetables, I fell in love with little lumps of lard. This was followed by years at a very British boarding school where a "healthy" diet was one that required a front-end loader to get it to the table. Most of the dishes were disagreeable confections with more starch in them than a cardinal's collar and where a salad was a tragic concoction of limp lettuce, half a tomato and a single green onion invariably smothered in "salad cream," a noxious mix of sump oil, vinegar and something else unpleasant, probably distemper.

So after a lifetime of excuses, my latest diet is going rather well. I've lost half a stone (which is not the agonizing ejection of a small gall stone, but a unit we former Brits still measure body weight in) and I have every intention of losing more. So if you spot me loitering in the local grocery store bakery section you have my permission to beat me with a baguette.

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Equestrian use of Burgoyne park compromised

BY AMANDA SPOTTISWOODE

The following statement comes from the BC Parks website: "Inherent in this mandate is the requirement to maintain a balance between BC Parks' goals for protecting natural environments and outdoor recreation."

I'm not sure how the current work being undertaken in Burgoyne Bay as described in last week's Driftwood fulfils the "outdoor recreation" part of the requirement, since a large part of the park has now become user unfriendly for walkers and equestrians.

Burgoyne Bay Park is one of the only places on the island that has officially sanctioned horse trails. A horse is clearly shown on the sign at the entrance to the main trail. It was a lovely easy circuit that we often rode, stopping for tea along the way and greeting and being greeted by other park users. Someone had better scratch the horse icon off the sign, as most of the trails are now impassable to horses.

The first indication that something was amiss for us horse lovers, was the "squeeze" gate installed at the entrance to the big field. Walkers and dogs could get through but it is just small enough to preclude horses from that part of the park. At this point I anticipate that there will be readers of this



PHOTO BY AMANDA SPOTTISWOODE

From left, part of Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park where a bridge has been removed, making trail use more hazardous for horseback riders and hikers; a sign in the park indicating that equestrian use of the park is permitted.

letter who point out that that part of the park is no longer designated a multi-use trail, which would include horses. I have studied the most recent trail maps posted around the park and technically that trail is now a "hiking" and not a "multi-use" trail. The point is that it always was a horse trail — one of the prettiest in the park with sweeping views of the valley and Mount Maxwell. There is no reason to exclude horses from this part of the park.

Next was the closure of the trail along the back of the park and the removal of the bridge. Walkers can, and will cross that creek with or without a bridge, but we on our horses cannot and I suspect that a lot of senior walkers will be deterred from scrambling down the bank and up the other side. In addition, the "swales" mentioned in last week's article (I'd call them ditches) pose a serious hazard to those walkers who use walking poles and, you guessed it, horses. Just another reminder here that horses in the park are perfectly legal.

Those swales have also been dug on the trail that goes up the hill (a "multi-use" trail), which makes it useable only by those fit enough to jump over the soggy ground in the bottom of each swale. My horse sunk in one up to her fetlock. The swales reminded me of the state of

the Fulford-Ganges Road, which is increasingly becoming a real roller coaster ride.

Finally, once you've crossed the bridgeless creek, the way into the back of the park has been blocked by a splendid new fence, again passable by walkers and dogs, but not by horses. The subject becomes a little murky here because to access the trail back into the park one has to "trespass" for about 200 metres on the property owned by the CRD and on which the sewage plant is located. According to my topographical trail app, the park boundary is inches to one side of the road and it would be perfectly possible to make a trail that stays within the park. Once past the first fence on the trail back down to the fields, there is a second fence with a completely erroneous sign declaring that if you pass the fence (going towards the CRD property) you are trespassing on "private property." Again, I refer to my app that clearly shows the park boundary and shows that you are still well within the park for several hundred metres past the sign. And am I right in my supposition that CRD property is not "private" but owned by the regional district and therefore taxpayer funded?

I'm not an expert, but I think there must have been less extreme measures that would have had the same

result in terms of preserving and protecting the park and improving habitat for various species. How about instead of the "swales" that culverts be installed to allow the passage of water under the trail and safe passage of hikers along the trail?

How about a new bridge that is designed in such a way as to not interfere with the creek flow? The current "improvements" will likely have an impact on the diversity of users that I have seen in the 25 years I've lived on Salt Spring. It will become a place for scientists and environmentalists to the exclusion of walkers and horse riders. Burgoyne has always been one of Salt Spring's natural attractions for residents and visitors alike, but I suspect that the hidden agenda is to discourage these "ordinary" users.

In case it needs noting here, humans are also part of the ecosystem and the availability of recreational areas for outdoor activities, such as hiking, walking your dog and horseback riding, is vital to the health and well being of us all. Oh, and perhaps some of the money being spent on these environmental upgrades would have been better directed towards cleaning up the beach, which is currently littered with abandoned boats and garbage, leaching who knows what pollutants into the bay.

Capital Regional District

Notice of Annual General Meeting
 Sticks Allison Water Local Service Committee

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 2558 (Sticks Allison Water Local Service Committee Bylaw) owners and occupants of real property within the Sticks Allison Water Local Service Area are invited to virtually attend the Sticks Allison Water Local Service Committee Annual General Meeting by tele-conference on **Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 10 am**. The budget meeting will immediately follow. For more information about the Sticks Allison Water Local Service, please visit www.crd.bc.ca/sticks-ws.

At this time, due to physical space limitations, members of the public are not able to attend in-person to observe meetings but are welcome to call-in and listen to meeting proceedings. Call-in details will be provided in the meeting agenda posted to the CRD website 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Presentation and delegation requests can be made online at www.crd.bc.ca/about/board-committees/addressing-the-board, a printable form is also available. **Requests must be received no later than 4:30 pm, two calendar days prior to the meeting.**

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MORE LETTERS

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Begs the question

So the Farmers' Institute needs money? (Patrick Lee's Oct. 7 "Institute Support Needed" letter.)

Now that really begs the question of why did they turn down the collaboration with PitchFork Social that would have brought much-needed funds to their coffers?

MELANIE THOMPSON,
SALT SPRING

Halloween changes for 2020

Due to the COVID situation this year, we would like to let all the parents and kids that the Wildwood Crescent and Fairview Road area on Halloween will have a few safe areas for the kiddies to collect candy, but decorations will be very minimal this year.

Believe me, we are sad about this too, as Wildwood is one of the best trick or treat trips on the island and we in the neighbourhood love doing it. Hopefully, see you all in 2021.

Be safe, be kind and keep healthy!
ELAINE SHAW,
FAIRVIEW ROAD

Healthy debate

I am glad that Wilma Haig and I are in agreement about wise green solutions. Like her I also care about my fellow neighbours, the local as well as global community and the health of our planet (Oct. 14 "Protection" letter).

Who do we trust for providing wise solutions in alignment with nature? I look for wise solutions proposed by professionals who do not have ties to a corporate conflict of interest (i.e. big pharma and patents).

I am also happy to hear Wilma say that Country Grocer is concerned about our health. Is there a likelihood of this concern being extended to the unhealthy processed food laced with refined sugar, glyphosate and other questionable additives on the shelves?

We are past the major tourist season with few people travelling and have had a handful of COVID-19 cases here with no deaths. Why then the increase in mask tension and division? Rather, do we need to lengthen the time available for the vulnerable people in our community to shop? It makes more sense to strengthen our immune systems rather than weaken them.

LAURIE STEFFLER,
SALT SPRING

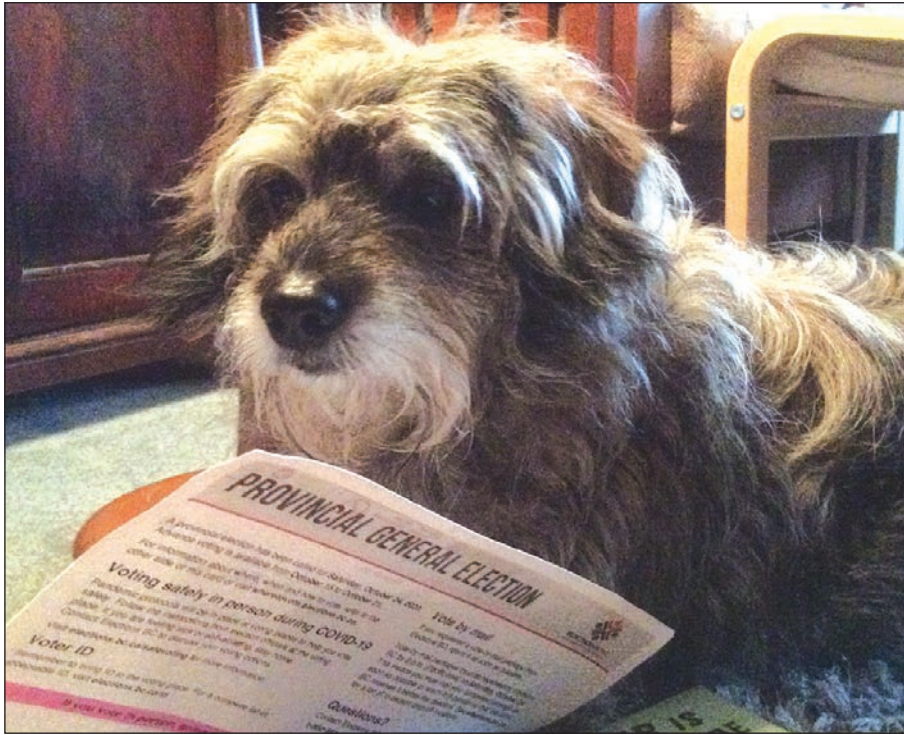


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READY TO VOTE: Rosie Hingston contemplates the choices with a voting card that fell on the floor beside her in the Hingston family household. Advance voting continues through today (Wednesday, Oct. 21) until 8 p.m. at Community Gospel Chapel. Regular election day is on Saturday, Oct. 24. People should bring their voter cards with them to the polls, as well as formal identification. See www.elections.bc.ca for more details.

Wallet theft

I am an elderly person (soon to be 79), who is disabled (I have MS and a progressive tremor) and I have lived on Salt Spring Island for 26 years.

Just before Thanksgiving, on Friday, I walked from Mouat's to the dock to see the huge yacht parked there, which is something I never do.

I dropped my wallet exactly between Mouat's and the dock. I saw the person who picked it up and cost me \$300, a holiday weekend and five days of inconvenience.

My experience as a nurse, a counselling psychologist and just an all-round elderly human being says, "Well, I hope he had a good Thanksgiving."

What do you say?
MARIE STEVENSON,
SALT SPRING

ing a mask/face covering can reduce the spread of his or her own infectious respiratory droplets. If a person is contagious and not wearing a mask, those around that person are not adequately protected even while wearing their own mask! Individuals' not wearing a mask in a busy food store speaks loudly about a lack of caring for others.

Please help to keep Salt Spring COVID-19 free!
FRANCINE CARLIN,
SALT SPRING

Donate to help climate crisis

I'd just finished reading Our House Is On Fire by Greta Thunberg's mom, when the Salt Spring Island Conservancy newsletter, The Acorn, arrived with its 25-year summary of tree saving.

I'd been wondering what a person pushing 80 on a partial pension could possibly do to let my grandchildren know I paid attention to our climate crisis. I filled out the monthly donor form for a modest amount knowing that my drop in the bucket (like my taxes) joins with a community all doing their part.

JO ANN GAINOR,
SALT SPRING

Send your letters to the editor to news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com and please include a phone number where you can be reached.

Mandate masks in stores

Upon entering Country Grocer early Saturday evening, I was quite shocked to see a very large number of shoppers not wearing masks.

COVID-19 is still with us. Community leadership from business is necessary to help keep the curve flattened into the fall and winter months. Country Grocer, Thrifty's and Natureworks, please follow the example of Walmart Canada. This company is helping to keep the "curve flattened" for B.C. Walmart asks each customer to "bring their own face coverings when they shop" at more than 400 stores Canada wide. Staff are also required to wear masks while working among customers.

Health Canada has identified that, when worn properly, a person wear-

did nothing to warn us when they saw their dogs charging us. Instead, they offered only that the dogs were "friendly." This could have ended quite differently. As it is, we have one torn sweater and two very traumatized little ones. Next time I'll carry a stick. Connie Kuhns

Roses

Thanks to all for supporting the Gulf Islands Marine Rescue Society in its recent wood raffle. With the draw held on Oct. 10 at the market, the winning ticket was held by Rainer Funk, who will receive a cord of seasoned fir firewood.

Rants + ROSES

Rants

On the morning of Oct. 15, as I was walking in Channel Ridge with my daughter and grandchildren, we were rushed from behind by at least two dogs. The first dog took my 22-month-old grandson's arm in its mouth while the second dog jumped upon the four-year-old and began vigorously licking his face. The three gentlemen accompanying the dogs

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ART REVIEW

Art show forges bond between word, image

'Collaborations' events at ArtSpring to Nov. 1

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Two streams of creative expression that are unusually strong on this island come together at ArtSpring this month as Collaborations, a show in which the written word and visual arts interact with and influence each other in new ways.

Collaboration takes several forms at the show, which was developed during the strictest COVID-19 distancing period.

Partners were expertly matched by show curator/creator Margaret Day, and some did not know each at all before the event.

In some cases visual artists have produced work that reflects, or is inspired by, their partner's existing written material. In some cases reflection goes both ways, as each one of the pair reacts to the other's work. In others there is a complete inter-marriage where entirely new content has been developed through the exercise.

A strong example of the latter category comes from Thea Chapman and Richard Steel, two people who got to know each other through the show. They sat down and talked for a long time before they approached any creative work. What they found was although they had different backgrounds, they experienced many similar challenges as young people. Common themes included the multi-generational trauma of war; entrenched family expectations around gender and tradition; and the heightened value of the male family lineage, among other things.

Despite these deep topics, the work that came out of the discussions as Story Lines does not feel heavy. Steel wrote two fictional short stories that contain many of the arising themes within narratives that allow for healing and growth.

Chapman meanwhile brought together actual mementos from the two partners' lives as the base for a series of artwork in different mediums, like stories



PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Above: some of the elements in a Story Lines collaboration between Thea Chapman and Richard Steel. Right: a sculpture from Karen Reiss' series Rising from the Ruins, part of a collaboration with poet Murray Reiss.



the imagery of war — some sketched, some fully inked — from carefully observed soldiers in gas masks and helmets to helicopters and artillery.

Murray Reiss contributes A Pipeline Runs Through It, a poem that stretches down a long vertical banner. The work marries together some of his abiding concerns in a convincing way: ongoing environmental destruction and the death of the planet's future is as devastating as the war that murdered so many individuals in the European Jewish population and his own family.

Ceramic artist Karen Reiss has arrived at a series of work that speaks to her husband's poem yet represents her own journey. Her fascinating sculptural pieces are built from large shards of smashed-up ceramic work that was not progressing at she liked. The new sculptures are complex with their many planes, disjointed colour schemes and mix of smooth sides and sharp raw edges. These last are coated with a thin film of gold, however, as Reiss finds inspiration in the Japanese tradition that values the broken and repaired object above the original whole.

As she states, the series embraces "what is" and then creates something different and stronger from the wreckage. That's a message of hope that everyone can appreciate in these times.

Collaborations contains many other pairings that are equally interesting to explore. Indeed, this is one of those shows where multiple viewings may be required to take everything in.

The show continues daily between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. (2:30 on Sundays) at the ArtSpring gallery to Nov. 1. Two events in the theatre featuring conversation, reading and performance with some of the participants will take place on Sunday, Oct. 25 and Sunday, Nov. 1 from 3 to 4 p.m. Seats are free but must be booked in advance through the box office. See artspring.ca for the schedule.



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that branch and change slightly with each retelling. The mementoes — including a tiny stuffed rabbit that accompanied Steel to boarding school, and a mythical figurine Chapman acquired as an adult — are placed in boxes à la Joseph Cornell and become the subject of photos, which are then incorporated into folding picture books. They also provide the imagery for prints, encaustic works, 3D paper models and more. Each medium allows for a different interpretation or perspective of how that object is seen.

Chapman's artworks are a delight to discover, and equally so is Steel's talent for story writing; until now, the island has mainly seen his nonfiction work for the Salt Spring Arts Council and Salt Spring Forum.

Two young artists raised on Salt Spring similarly used a creative exercise to create work separately but very much in collaboration. Now living on two different coasts, visual artist Tai Whelon and poet Taryn Muldoon decided to start with something that was outside both their regular mediums, and settled on sending each other a sound to start the creative process. They each listened and responded through their individual art, and then sent the results on for a second round. As they describe, "each part of the project is interwoven with the other in deepening layers."

An example of the result is Muldoon's beautiful poem Before Miles Cleave Us, a love letter expressed in elegant, spare lines that burst with imagery: "When you go, our ribs will be rubble./ I want to cinder at your feet," she writes. Whelon's corresponding imagery of the cinder's path is equally spare yet evocative, an abstract storm of black marks on white paper that could be the remains of the heart reduced to ashes. His second work reverses the scheme

with a delicate webbing in slivery white chalk over black paper, with deeper black shadows.

Rosalie Matchett and Shirley Graham chose to respond to each other's work with new creations, not as direct illustrations but as the springboard for creative output. Matchett's encaustic paintings for this show are more abstract than some she has done in the past, and take the circle motif as a beautiful starting point for colourful expressions. Blue is the dominant colour, as per Graham's poem The Blue Point, and it is amplified by patterned areas and solid colour blocks.

The rounded shapes and waxy encaustic finish make this a welcome exploration, which only makes more sense when you read Graham's poem of the same name. She calls up Ruckle Park with its ocean and wildlife as a healing place for all sorts of ills.

"Go there when the headlines have wrapped around your own head like a too-tight turban. Go there when your growing son looks at you with unmasked hatred," Graham offers.

Susan Benson and Kevin Patterson belong to the group in which a visual artist has responded to existing written work. Patterson's moving examination of Western meddling in Afghanistan, News from the Red Desert, is treated to Benson's expert eye for stage design. The "theatre of war" inspires delicate dioramas that are abstract enough to convey the emotion produced by the passages that inspired them, as reproduced for the viewer. In one scene, a pile of very tiny white figures is stacked up on a wasteland, with a hint of mountains in a backdrop dripping with grey and blush tones.

Another of Benson's works takes the form of a handmade paper book, folded to take the shape of a star. The pages house

NEW BOOKS

Hughes' Violet trilogy completed

Imagine Violet Blooming now available

Salt Spring author Mary Hughes has been living with her grandmother for the past eight years. But now, with the publication of *Imagine Violet Blooming*, the final installment of her trilogy, she can move away from that fictionalized world.

Hughes says she is a fan of "back stage" books, stories that are told from the point of view of a supporting player. *Rosenkrantz and Guildenstern are Dead* is a prime example, and Sandra Gulland's *Josephine* novels are another.

Eight years ago, Hughes sat



Salt Spring author Mary Hughes at a past reading in the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room. Hughes' third book in *The Violet Trilogy* has just been released.

down to see what documentary evidence she could unearth that would help her recreate her grandmother's student life

in Leipzig. When she found a railway schedule for Northern Europe for 1891, she knew she was on the right track. The

result is *The Violet Trilogy*.

Imagine Violet Blooming is the third and last book of the set. Now in her 30s, Violet embraces her growing role in Toronto musical society as the wife of a celebrated conductor. In letters to family and friends, she writes of the challenges of managing a busy household with five children, the grief of losing loved ones and the pleasures of summer in ever-changing Muskoka. But amidst the gently unfolding domestic drama, there is always uncertainty. Will Toronto's first permanent professional orchestra survive?

Imagine Violet Blooming is available at Salt Spring Books and in the blue box on Hughes' front porch at 122 Woodhall Place.

CERAMIC ARTS

Potters hold Harvest Show

Guild at Salt Spring Gallery

COVID-19 has not stopped Salt Spring Island Potters Guild members from making some extraordinary pieces in their studios this year, and those will be shared at the guild's upcoming fifth annual Fall Harvest Show.

Salt Spring Gallery will host the work of 18 potters and ceramic artists in the exhibit running from Oct. 23 to Nov. 11.

While some members focus on functional pottery in stoneware and porcelain, there are also many who do sculpture, wall pieces and whimsical art.

The potters guild was formed more than 65 years ago, making it one of the oldest guilds on Salt Spring Island, and it includes many nationally renowned potters.

Though there will not be an opening reception for the show this year, the gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

what's on this week



Wed. Oct. 21	Fri. Oct. 23	Sat. Oct. 24	Sun. Oct. 25	Tue. Oct. 27	Wed. Oct. 28
<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Central Hall Board of Directors Meeting. Public welcome to attend meeting in lower hall of Central Hall. 7 p.m.</p> <p>Provincial Election Advance Voting. Last day for advance voting at Community Gospel Chapel. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.</p>	<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Julia Beattie. Live at the Legion. 7 p.m.</p> <p>Glimpses of the Moon: A Live Radio Comedy. Theatre Alive presentation of play by Chris Humphreys, starring Metta Rose, Jason Donaldson and Chris Humphreys with music and effects by Karen Gail. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Never Too Loud. Live at the Legion. 7 p.m.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Provincial Election Voting Day. Check voters card or www.elections.bc.ca for Salt Spring polling stations. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday Market in the Park. Vendors set up in socially distanced fashion in Centennial Park, as well as in the adjacent Ganges Alley parking lot/waterfront area. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p>Weekend StoryWalk. See Friday listing.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Plank in the Park. Salt Spring Rotary fundraiser for local youth recreation programs at Portlock Park. 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Come out and see who can hold the plank for the longest in various age groups. Muddy Cleats concession will be open. See saltspringislandrotary.org to sign up or for more information.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Ganges Sewer Local Service Commission AGM. Annual general meeting at Lions Hall. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Meeting attendees must wear a mask and follow COVID plans.</p> <p>Salt Spring Liquid Waste Service AGM. Annual general meeting at Lions Hall. 1 to 3 p.m. Meeting attendees must wear a mask and follow COVID plans.</p> <p>Tuesday Farmers' Market. Produce and food-products market in Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m. Social distancing and COVID-19 protocols in place.</p>
<p>Thur. Oct. 22</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Open Mic & Jam. At the Legion. 7 p.m.</p> <p>VIA ZOOM</p> <p>Salt Spring Literacy Society AGM. Annual general meeting via Zoom. 3 p.m. Society members can email info@saltspringliteracy.org for a link to join the meeting.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Weekend StoryWalk. This week's story is <i>Where the Wild Things Are</i>. A self-guided family activity through Mouat Park. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Monday.</p> <p>ASK Salt Spring. This week's guest is CRD director Gary Holman on the topic of the CRD's proposed preliminary budget. Lions Hall. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Provincial Election Voting Day. Check voters card or www.elections.bc.ca for Salt Spring polling stations. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Plank in the Park. Salt Spring Rotary fundraiser for local youth recreation programs at Portlock Park. 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Come out and see who can hold the plank for the longest in various age groups. Muddy Cleats concession will be open. See saltspringislandrotary.org to sign up or for more information.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Ganges Sewer Local Service Commission AGM. Annual general meeting at Lions Hall. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Meeting attendees must wear a mask and follow COVID plans.</p> <p>Salt Spring Liquid Waste Service AGM. Annual general meeting at Lions Hall. 1 to 3 p.m. Meeting attendees must wear a mask and follow COVID plans.</p> <p>Tuesday Farmers' Market. Produce and food-products market in Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m. Social distancing and COVID-19 protocols in place.</p>	<p>VIA ZOOM</p> <p>Zoom Teen Book Club. Meets virtually every other week for ages 13 to 19. 3 p.m. Sponsored by the library. Email ahughes@saltspringlibrary.com if interested in joining.</p>
<p>Sun. Oct. 25</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Collaborations in a Time of Covid Dialogue. Conversation, readings and more related to ArtSpring gallery exhibit. ArtSpring theatre. 3 to 4 p.m.</p>	<p>VIA ZOOM</p> <p>Ask Salt Spring. CRD director Gary Holman will talk about and take questions on the CRD's proposed preliminary budget. 2:30 to 4 p.m. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82955448104</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Provincial Election Voting Day. Check voters card or www.elections.bc.ca for Salt Spring polling stations. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Plank in the Park. Salt Spring Rotary fundraiser for local youth recreation programs at Portlock Park. 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Come out and see who can hold the plank for the longest in various age groups. Muddy Cleats concession will be open. See saltspringislandrotary.org to sign up or for more information.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Ganges Sewer Local Service Commission AGM. Annual general meeting at Lions Hall. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Meeting attendees must wear a mask and follow COVID plans.</p> <p>Salt Spring Liquid Waste Service AGM. Annual general meeting at Lions Hall. 1 to 3 p.m. Meeting attendees must wear a mask and follow COVID plans.</p> <p>Tuesday Farmers' Market. Produce and food-products market in Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m. Social distancing and COVID-19 protocols in place.</p>	<p>VIA ZOOM</p> <p>Zoom Teen Book Club. Meets virtually every other week for ages 13 to 19. 3 p.m. Sponsored by the library. Email ahughes@saltspringlibrary.com if interested in joining.</p>
<p>Mon. Oct. 26</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Salt Spring Community Alliance Meeting. Topic is the Power of Neighbourhood PODS. Held in person at Lions Hall and via Zoom. 7 p.m. People must RSVP by Friday, Oct. 23 to ssspeaks@gmail.com. ALSO available via Zoom.</p> <p>Weekend StoryWalk. See Friday listing.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>ASK Salt Spring. This week's guest is CRD director Gary Holman on the topic of the CRD's proposed preliminary budget. Lions Hall. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Provincial Election Voting Day. Check voters card or www.elections.bc.ca for Salt Spring polling stations. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Plank in the Park. Salt Spring Rotary fundraiser for local youth recreation programs at Portlock Park. 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Come out and see who can hold the plank for the longest in various age groups. Muddy Cleats concession will be open. See saltspringislandrotary.org to sign up or for more information.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Ganges Sewer Local Service Commission AGM. Annual general meeting at Lions Hall. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Meeting attendees must wear a mask and follow COVID plans.</p> <p>Salt Spring Liquid Waste Service AGM. Annual general meeting at Lions Hall. 1 to 3 p.m. Meeting attendees must wear a mask and follow COVID plans.</p> <p>Tuesday Farmers' Market. Produce and food-products market in Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m. Social distancing and COVID-19 protocols in place.</p>	<p>VIA ZOOM</p> <p>Zoom Teen Book Club. Meets virtually every other week for ages 13 to 19. 3 p.m. Sponsored by the library. Email ahughes@saltspringlibrary.com if interested in joining.</p>

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Collaborations in a Time of Covid: Writers and Artists of Salt Spring
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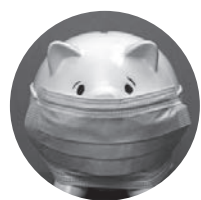
- **Salt Spring Island Potters Guild** holds its 5th annual Fall Harvest Show & Sale at **Salt Spring Gallery** from Friday, Oct. 23 to Wednesday, Nov. 11. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday to Saturday.
- **Collaborations in a Time of COVID - Writers and Artists of Salt Spring** runs at **ArtSpring Gallery** until Sunday, Nov. 1. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays through Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sundays.

EXHIBITIONS

- Today, Oct. 21, is the last day to see **Free Fly**, new abstracts by **Lisa Lipsett**, at the **Salt Spring Gallery**.
- **Salt Spring Poems in Calligraphy** - a celebration for environmental awareness and the appreciation of nature runs in the **Salt Spring Public Library's Program Room** Monday to Saturday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to Oct. 30.
- **Paul Burke** shows **Pandemic Daily Drawings** in the library's display case through October.
- The 20th anniversary show of **Photosynthesis** is a new virtual presentation online at www.photosynth.ca/gallery/ featuring an image from 31 participating photographers.

EXHIBITIONS

- **Trash Prints** is an online show of original prints by the SSI Painters Guild printmakers group at www.ssipaintersguild.ca/trash-prints/ Trash as a medium or concept!
- **Avril Kirby** shows photographs at **Gallery 8** and via YouTube at <https://youtu.be/uDNwWYSAk9w>.
- **Sheri Standen** is exhibiting her first solo watercolour show at **Fernwood Road Cafe** (open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and closed Wednesdays) for the months of September/October.
- **Serendipity Studio** welcomes visitors at **112 Robinson Rd.** daily from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the winter months or phone 250-537-4535 for an appointment time.



ISLAND LIFE

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D.W. Salty is looking for material for his column, **Streets of Salt Spring Island**

If you have information on any of our streets, please contact us at: 250-537-9933 or dwsalty@driftwoodgimedia.com



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Group grows during summer in the Meadow



PHOTO BY ANNA MCCOLM

Community members gather in distanced fashion in the United Church Meadow at a regular Friday discussion session organized by the ASK Salt Spring, Neighbours Helping Neighbours Find Answers group. Friday gatherings will move to the greenhouse at Foxglove Farm & Garden Supply beginning Oct. 30.

Highlights of outdoor ASK Salt Spring meetings

BY GAYLE BAKER
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

ASK Salt Spring was born from the frustrations experienced by too many when seeking answers to even simple questions. Our complex governance has resulted in confusion about who does what. ASK Salt Spring, Neighbours Helping Neighbours Find Answers is an attempt to bridge silos by providing a consistent place islanders can come to get the answers they need.

Summer Joys

Weary of Zooming, outdoor Friday gatherings began in the middle of June, sometimes in the rain at Portlock picnic pavilion and most often in the lovely United Church Meadow under the apple trees.

It was wonderful to be outdoors, away from our computers and in the (socially distanced) company of others after our months of isolation! So many echoed Adam Olsen's pleasure when he recently enthused, "I love meeting in the Meadow!" In fact, 371 Salt Springers (duplicated) came to ask questions during those 19 summer gatherings.

While many joked that they only came for the homemade chocolate chip cookies, most came to ask our elected officials questions, listen to the questions of others, and participate in lively discussions about the issues that matter most to them. We were touched when one community leader recently called these gatherings: grassroots democracy at its best.

Highlights

When our two Emcon road maintenance managers came to listen, we ended up learning a lot as well. You may know that we all own our driveways and have responsibility for them, but did you know that we are not allowed to remove invasives from the rights of way adjacent to our property without a permit from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure?

When cyclists rode from Fulford to ask MLA Adam Olsen for support getting bike

lanes, the Salish Sea Trail campaign began. Salt Springers got a preview of the soon-to-be-released Climate Action Plan 2.0 as well as many practical things that we can all do every day to implement it.

During a heartfelt conversation about mental health in our community, we were touched when five participants shared their mental health struggles while also challenged by inadequate housing.

Trustee Laura Patrick answered all our questions about a soon-to-begin process to rethink housing in our community.

We learned that too many of our roads have no rights of way and some were even built on private property, making even simple improvements both difficult as well as very expensive.

While Olsen received over 30,000 emails expressing concerns about logging, many in British Columbia still see it as one of our most essential industries.

And, of course, a memorable summer highlight was when our MP Elizabeth May came, beaming with joy to be with us after a long spring of isolation. She charmed us with her enthusiasm and wisdom. When we asked how we could help, she asked us to write letters to our newspapers, reminding us how lucky we are to have our Driftwood. Many communities have lost their local news source.

With fall upon us, we bid a sad farewell to summer Fridays in the Meadow, but look forward to another adventure: Foxglove Farm & Garden on the corner of Atkins and Lower Ganges roads has generously invited us to gather Fridays in their spacious and well-ventilated greenhouse. We are thrilled, and will begin gathering there on Friday, Oct. 30, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please join us.

And, don't forget: This Friday, Oct. 23, Gary Holman will be our guest at the Lions Hall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to answer our questions about the proposed CRD budget as well as Zooming that same afternoon from 2:30 to 4 p.m. for those who prefer to stay at home: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82955448104>.

Questions? Send them to ask@ask-saltspring.com.

Want to see the reports of all our meetings? See www.asksaltspring.com.



Islands Trust

LUB Technical Amendments Bylaw 180

Have Your Say

PUBLIC HEARING MAYNE ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

What is the bylaw about?

The bylaw includes a number of minor amendments to the Mayne Island Land Use Bylaw (LUB) to: change certain definitions, and correct cross-referencing and typographical errors, unclear wording, and outdated references.

In addition, the bylaw includes:

- Changes to the definition of "park, passive recreation".
- Addition of public water system facilities and infrastructure to uses permitted in all zones.
- Limiting solid wood fences or brick or stone wall "landscape screens" to 2 metres (6.6 feet) in height.
- Clarifying maximum lot coverage on lots with split zoning.
- Allowing the Mayne Island Resort Dock as an outright use.

How do I get more information?

A copy of the electronic public hearing binder and details on connecting to Zoom is available online:

www.islandstrust.bc.ca/mayne/luc-newspage/

A copy of the bylaw and other information is available at the Islands Trust Victoria office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays, October 8 to October 23, 2020, or online:

www.islandstrust.bc.ca/mayne/lub-tech-review/

Written submissions?

Send by 4:30 p.m., October 23, 2020 to:
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SOCIETY

Supreme Court Chief Justice in Forum event

Questions directed to Beverley McLachlin

The first-ever woman to serve as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada is a Salt Spring Forum guest for a Nov. 1 event. "The Forum had scheduled an in-person event with Beverley McLachlin on Salt Spring for last May, but then COVID-19 came along," explains a press release. "Now, she will join us at the end of October for a video conversation. As with our video productions during the summer, we will invite you to submit questions ahead

of time so that we can present them to her during this conversation. Once we have recorded the conversation, it will be made available on YouTube, and of course it will be free for you to watch and pass on to your friends."

The event runs from 2 to 3 p.m. at www.saltspringforum.com.

McLachlin's 27 years of service on the Supreme Court saw her involved with many of the major legal and social issues of our time: abortion rights, assisted suicide, same sex marriage, sexual assault law, hate speech, Indigenous justice, and a whole host of issues arising from interpretations

of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

"In a word, there is nobody better placed for us to have a conversation with about one of our most important public institutions — and the Canadian legal system as a whole."

To make it easier for people to participate, they are encouraged to read her recently published book, *Truth Be Told*.

"It's a very readable, candid, and most encouraging autobiography of a remarkable Canadian, as well as a fascinating look at the legal foundations of our society."



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Retired Supreme Court Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin.

BEES

Regional bees head into hibernation season

Queens and colonies behave differently

BY RACHEL HALLIWELL
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The Yellow Jacket or Western Bumblebee sometimes choose nest locations that feel invasive. Whether it is under our picnic table, below our patio decks or in our tree forts, these locations can sometimes be in our way. And yes, stinging insects can be quite frightening. Although rest assured that if you have one of these nests, they will soon be vacating the premises.

Unlike the honeybee, bumblebees and yellow jackets have a very different "hibernation"

BUZZ ON BEES

strategy. At this point in the season, the honeybee is preparing for winter. They are making strong winter bees that will survive until March, they are storing as much food as they can and sealing any opening with propolis. The honeybee "hibernates" with a healthy population size. Even though the winter population is substantially smaller than their summer population, they are still "hibernating" with a few hundred, or even a few thousand

bees. During winter, the honeybee remains in their original summer hive, clumped together to keep warm and slowly consume their winter honey stores. As a unit, they battle the long winter months. In spring, the queen, which is already mated from the previous season, will resume making brood (babies) and replacing the old winter bees with a new generation.

The Yellow Jacket and Western Bumblebee, on the other hand, hibernate quite differently. By late summer/early fall, when the populations are at their peak, both species will begin to produce more males and more queens. The new queens and males will leave the nest to mate with other

colonies. The newly mated queen will fly off to find a safe and warm location to hibernate by herself. The rest of the population back at home will perish. The newly mated queen will find a small location, decrease her metabolic rate and truly hibernate.

When spring arrives, along with the warmer temperatures, the queen will begin building her nest, laying eggs and start generating a new workforce. This means that if you have a nest precariously located in your front entrance, worry no more, they will soon be gone! The new queen will leave, mate and find a solo location to hibernate and the remaining population will slowly taper off.

WILDLIFE

Bat awareness extends through winter

Islanders should be on the lookout for white-nose syndrome

SUBMITTED BY BC COMMUNITY BAT PROGRAM

As Halloween approaches and bat decorations appear, bat enthusiasts around B.C. are celebrating and supporting our real bats by participating in International Bat Week, set for Oct. 24 to 31.

Bat Week is all about appreciating these amazing animals and their benefits, from eating insects to pollinating the agave plant used to make tequila.

Take a moment to learn about the many ways bats contribute to our lives, and what you can do locally for bats, at www.batweek.org or through the B.C. Community Bat Program at www.bcbats.ca. Research bats online, host an educational event, help restore a wetland, learn about bat-friendly lighting, prepare your bat box for next spring . . . there are many ways to participate and support bats.

"Bats in B.C. help control agricultural and forest pests, as well as mosquitoes in our yards — but now bats need our help," said B.C. Community Bat Program coordinator Mandy Kellner. "The conservation of bats in B.C. has always been important, since over half the species in this province are considered at risk. With the continuing spread of white-nose syndrome in Washington state, bat conservation is more important than ever as we expect to see impacts in B.C. in the near future."

Bat Week is also the time to say "so long" to bats in our neighbourhoods, until the return of insects with the warmer weather in spring. As insect-eaters, our B.C. bats must leave their summer roost

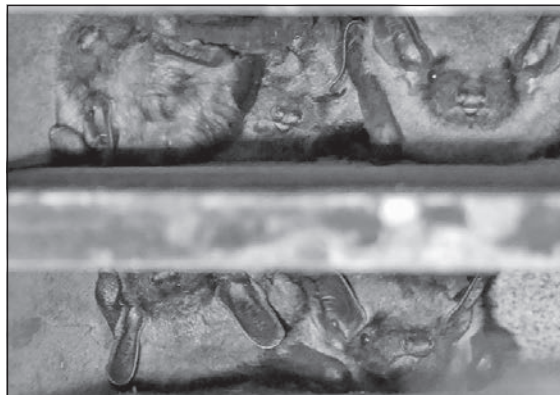


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Bats snuggled in a bat box. Oct. 24 to 31 is International Bat Week.

sites and migrate or hibernate to survive the winter. This absence means that this is the time of year to do home renovations that you have delayed due to bat presence. You can clean out and repair a bat box, or do bat-friendly exclusion work, without disturbing or injuring bats.

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People can report winter bat sightings, learn more about the B.C. Community Bat Program, Bat Week activities, and options for helping local bat populations, at www.bcbats.ca, info@bcbats.ca, or 1-855-922-2287.



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BARRY CLAYTON GLOVER

(1930-2020)



Barry died peacefully at home on October 7th on Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, after 30 years of managing prostate cancer which only became debilitating in the last year of his life. He leaves behind Joan, his wife of 69 years, his son Wayne (Bill), grandson Christopher, brother Roy (Bonnie), sister Marilyn Washington, sister-in-law Fay Sproule, sister-in-law Sheila Mosley, nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews.

In so many ways Barry was "a natural charmer" who made lasting friends easily and engaged them in easy conversations or discussions about how to fix this or make that work. He was not a judgemental man, accepting each person for who he or she was and bringing them into his own sphere.

Barry was always learning. At various points in time, he took up curling, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, motorcycle riding, bee keeping, gardening, knitting and folk-art productions, square dancing, and playing organ, guitar and banjo. He always loved camping taking boys camping as a cub and scout leader. He was a keen amateur astronomer, getting up late on cold, star-filled nights to view the heavens, as well as a gifted amateur painter in oils; many of his pictures which were asked for by others to include in their homes. Barry was an avid reader whether it was non-fiction (astronomy, biographies, and history were favourite subjects) or fiction (James Harriott, Ian Rankin, Barbara Vine, and Linwood Barclay being some favourite authors).


In 2016, he and Joan moved to Salt Spring Island to be closer to Wayne and Bill, to enjoy the temperate climate and wonderful biodiversity of British Columbia. He could never get enough of Ganges Harbour, Duck Creek, Bourgoyne Bay (his last big hike was out to Daffodil Point), Trincomali Channel, Active Pass, and of course the Coastal mountains in the distance. He was an observant naturalist and hoped that British Columbians would always protect and nurture their environment that he enjoyed so much.

At the end, Barry expressed his appreciation for the support he received from Drs Parimi and McCracken at the BC Cancer Clinic in Victoria, but especially for the kindness and thoughtfulness of Dr. Peter Verheul and staff (Sandy, Sarah, and Jennifer) at Eagle Ridge Clinic. Thank you ever so much for being there for him.

Anyone wishing to make a donation in remembrance of Barry please do so to Greenwoods Eldercare Society, Salt Spring Island, or a charity of your choice.

Audrey Joyce Hartwig

1929 - 2020



Joyce, aged 90, passed away October 01, 2020 at Lady Minto hospital on Salt Spring Island, BC. Joyce was born November 19, 1929 in Deep Brook, Nova Scotia to Jesse and Lorne Wright, the middle of five children.

Joyce was predeceased by brother Leslie and sisters Gertrude and Margaret and is survived by her children Jo Ann, Janet, Susan (Rick) and Gary(Cathy); grandchildren Brad, Ryan, Chris, Emma, Natalia, Gabriel; great grandson Jaydon; sister Shirley; and nine nieces and nephews.

Joyce attended nursing school in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. After graduation she and a group of fellow grads decided to use their degree to travel and see the world. Their first stop was six months in Boston followed by Prince Rupert and the plan was on to Hawaii. Instead Joyce met Don, her husband of sixty-five years, and remained in Prince Rupert until 1966 when the family moved to Salt Spring, where she continued her nursing career as OR nurse at Lady Minto, ultimately becoming Director of Nursing during her time there. In the late seventies she left Lady Minto to nurse in Inuvik, once again as an OR nurse and as the field nurse in Tuktoyaktuk, NWT. She then moved on to Greenwoods where she remained until age 79 when she finally retired.

Those who knew Joyce knew of her love of animals which began when she was a child on the family farm in the Annapolis Valley. In 1974 she developed a small farm along Duck Creek named BrindleBuff after her first cow and dog from her childhood. She also loved to spend time in her vegetable garden where she taught her grandchildren how to plant peas, beans and more.

Mom was a generous person who always shared the bounty of her garden and more. Mom, you have barely left us and we already miss you more than words can say.

At some point in the future we hope to have a celebration of life for Mom and Dad.

The family would like to thank Dr. Ron Reznick for his years of caring for Mom and the kindness and compassion of the staff of Lady Minto for Mom on her last day with us.

In lieu of flowers the family would like to ask that a donation be made to a charity of your choice in her name.

"When someone you love becomes a memory the memory becomes a treasure"

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CENTRAL COMMUNITY HALL SOCIETY

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NOTICE of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

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 Meeting Location: Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet Ave

Liquid Waste Service -
 Tuesday, October 27, 2020 from 1 pm to 3 pm
 Meeting Location: Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet Ave

Highland Fernwood Water Service Commission and Malview Sewer -
 Thursday, October 29, 2020 from 10 am - 2 pm
 Meeting Location: Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet Ave

Beddis Water Service Commission -
 Monday, November 2, 2020 from 10 am - 1 pm
 Meeting location: Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet Ave

Fulford Water Service Commission -
 Tuesday, November 3, 2020 from 10 am - 1 pm
 Meeting Location: Fulford Hall, 2591 Fulford-Ganges Road

Cedar Lane Water Service Commission -
 Thursday, November 5, 2020 from 9 am - 12 pm
 Meeting Location: Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet Ave

Cedars of Tuam Water Service Commission -
 Thursday November 5, 2020 from 1-3 pm
 Meeting Location: Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet Ave

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Should you be unable to attend you are welcome to submit your questions in writing two days prior to the meeting. Submissions should be directed to the SSI Electoral Area office at 108 121 McPhillips Ave, V8K 2T6 or by email at saltspring@crd.bc.ca.

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We thank his nurses who treated him with kindness, understanding and compassion, always going the extra mile.

We are grateful to the home care support workers who helped him with household tasks and ensured he was still able to live independently.

Rann was a proud Lions Club member who worked tirelessly over decades to improve island life.

The Lions installed a chairlift which meant Rann, a passionate woodcarver, could still access his workshop and carve his beloved characters.

There are many neighbours, family and friends who helped Rann live independently at home. We are grateful for all you have done to support Rann in his later years and for your friendship through the years.

Rann was greatly loved and will be missed by his friends and his family in Canada, the US, England and Austria.

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

Last week's New Moon rounds its first corner this week. The 1st Quarter Moon is a time of decisive action linked to the themes seeded at the New Moon. This will prove especially true from October 21 to 23 while the Moon is in Capricorn. Interestingly, the Sun will enter Scorpio on October 22. This particular 30-day solar cycle is one of initiation which invariably carries with it in the timeless ebb and flow of life the principle of death and rebirth.

Mercury retrograde in Scorpio will synchronize with people undergoing a process of review and reconsideration of learned and conditioned perspectives, interpretations, and convictions, this week especially. Mars retrograde in Aries will contribute to this process too, resulting in many people taking a veritable 180-degree turn in terms of choices, actions, and intellectual assertions. For some, this will be like awakening from a spell that produced a trance state the reaction of which could cause confusion and upset. Expect a turning of the tide.

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)
A process of deep reflection and review is underway. It is linked to the status and quality of some of your closest relationships. You yearn for more intimacy and want to feel the same in return. This is not merely a matter of desire and passion. Love and harmony and romance too are more important than usual. It may take a few weeks, but your priorities are getting clearer.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)
As eager as you are to maintain peace and harmony and take a diplomatic approach, certain individuals are probably causing you to feel conflicted and frustrated. According to the planetary influences, however, the challenge includes seeing through your own attachments and fixed perspectives. The tension stands to rise measurably this week. Keep breathing.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)
Creating a new quality of balance and flow in your daily rhythm is a strong focus now. You are realizing that you have to give more to receive accordingly. This will lead you to enter into intimate dialogue with significant others. You are open to suggestions but you are quite sure about moving on from the way things are currently and have been. Identify the sweet spot zone.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)
The Sun now in your sign indicates that you are ready to advance your position. Positively, you are willing to make the extra effort. This will prove especially true this week. But, don't procrastinate. By next weekend you will be happy to step back behind the scenes for a while. For best results, focus on a variety of creative projects without the pressure to have to complete them.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)
You have been enjoying a playful cycle and some of this mood will linger. However, starting this week you will enter a more sober and serious mood. You have business to attend to and it is not a laughing matter. You will still aspire to be diplomatic, but you will not gladly tolerate foolishness. Meanwhile, your energy levels may be vacillating and this will continue for a few more weeks.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)
You are hardly alone in your desire to step out of the limelight for a while. The pull inward has been strong for some time already and is extra strong now and especially this week. However, it may not be so easy due to a steadily mounting workload. You may feel a little more social next week so postpone engagements if you can. Otherwise, be willing to listen more and speak less.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)
You have been happy to huddle close to home. Yet, change is in the air and it may come about unexpectedly starting this week. Positively, this change could include a financial boost in your favor. Entering into serious conversations with family and significant others is featured. You are eager to strike a new deal but you want to feel certain that everyone is aware and in agreement.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)
Who are your friends and your allies? Asking such questions is likely this week. Following up on initiatives taken over the past few weeks is likely and ideal as the results of your efforts will come in soon. Positively, you are feeling strong and optimistic. Yet, you are wise to remain open to acquiring new insights, skills, tools, techniques and/or wisdom to give you that added boost.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)
A steady push forward to enter into a new state of freedom continues. Yet, circumstances close to home remain complex. More than usual, you will be happy to huddle as close to home as you can. However, this is not to say progress will not be made. But, this week could prove to be more internal than usual and you are probably wise to trust the flow and yield to the inward pull.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)
Circumstances are pushing you to assert a strong lead. Yet, balancing it with a humble and realistic assessment of your strengths and weaknesses will prove helpful. This will allow you to remain authentic and, even despite any shortcomings, others will respect you for your self-honesty. Focus to be detached and not take matters personally. Stand corrected, if necessary.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)
Building upon new foundations continues. At worst, it may feel like progress is slow. This may seem especially true in terms of your otherwise ardent desire to forge ahead. So, you are left to accept steady progress. After all, the process of bringing in the new comes with the task of also clearing the old which could include completing projects started in the past.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)
The Sun in Scorpio will inspire a philosophical and diplomatic mood. Yet, Mercury retrograde in Scorpio may be leaving you feeling a little lost. Don't worry, it will not last very long, but it could get darker this week. Make every effort to trust the flow and to allow yourself to lay low. After all, this time of year invites it. As the spiritual teachers say, observe without judgment or reaction.

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HITTING THE MARK: Oisin Ayton tries out new soccer nets provided to Salt Spring United soccer club and Salt Spring Island Middle School thanks to proceeds from the May long weekend soccer tournament group. The cost was more than \$3,000. Youth soccer activities are underway with more than 240 young people on the fields.

OLD BOYS SOCCER

Team rejigs for season

New sidewalk appreciated

BY FRASER HOPE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

This reporter wishes he had a good excuse for being MIA on the reporting scene but can only blame lack of game report fitness after the long COVID lockdown.

There has been considerable activity on and off the field as Old Boys FC management prepared for the possibility of a new season. New signings prior to the transfer deadlines; a search for a more successful solution to a lacklustre season that promised much but fizzled out; and suggestions that manager Graham Twedde may have run out of strategies to motivate the dressing room.

Old Boys FC asked their Spanish contact with his inside knowledge of the inner workings of Man City to secure a sensational move for Pep, along with Aguerro, from City to Salt Spring after a series of poor results at the start of the Premier League. Alas it all fell through! Maybe something was lost in the translation?

Management realized the mooted stadium replacement would have to be put on hold as finances were depleted when

longtime season ticket holders were asking for reimbursement for games cancelled last season and the return of funds pledged for the new season. The hoped-for TV revenue for showing old videos of Old Boys' past seasons did not materialize. The new car parking arrangements on Rainbow Road were scaled back as social-distancing rules restricted tailgate parties, which cut into soft drinks and tisanne sales for the Team Cooler Inc. The attempt to replicate The Wembley Way was much reduced, but in a nod to the host team GISS Scorpions' colours, a yellow and black sidewalk was completed.

New signings became a priority as Vancouver Island Classics Soccer Association rules to conform with Dr. Bonny Henry's advice meant that all prospective squad players would have to sign a waiver absolving everyone and anyone from legal proceedings resulting from any acquired viruses or injuries. Much soul searching — and let's be honest, arm twisting — allowed Old Boys FC to field a team to meet Vantreights in the first home game of the season at GISS field on Oct. 4.

See the gulfislandsdriftwood.com website in the Sports section for the game report.

YOUTH SOCCER

Portlock Park busy with Salt Spring United soccer activities

Fundraiser and costume contest added to roster



Malcolm Legg

SOCCER ROUND-UP

Salt Spring United's fall program has reached its mid-point and succeeded in providing a soccer program under difficult COVID-19 constraints.

By following BC Soccer's Return to Play Program Phase 2, we have been able to get Salt Spring youth back on the fields playing the beautiful game.

A lot of the thanks goes to the many volunteers who have created the success: 240-plus players, as well as coaches, playing Saturday soccer at Portlock Park;

27 participants in the Friday SS United Academy; our concession, The Muddy Cleats Café, able to operate (have you tried the pulled pork yet?); and we have now integrated our 25 referees into games, and have more activities planned.

This program will run to the end of November, when we will start an early Christmas break

and plan for the New Year, but in the meantime there are some up and coming events involving SS United.

Plank in the Park

SS United is involved in this fundraiser with Salt Spring Rotary Club, Salt Spring Minor Baseball and Tsunami Circus to help raise funds for our respective clubs.

It runs on Sunday, Oct. 25 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Portlock Park.

Plank in the Park is open to all age groups, broken into groups for set times at Portlock. Participants try to see how long they can hold "the plank" in order to win prizes donated by Country Grocer.

SS United encourages all soccer youth and adults to get signed up

to do this event. To help with that encouragement, SS United will be giving out prizes for participation in each age grouping based on a draw (when a player signs in will get a ticket towards the draw, which will be announced the following Saturday at Portlock Park).

For further info and to register or sponsor see www.saltspringislandrotary.org or send an email to ssrotaryplank@gmail.com.

Mostly just get signed up and get sponsorships and join the fun at Portlock. The concession will be open.

Halloween Costume Contest

SS United will be having a costume contest at our games on Sat-

urday, Oct. 31 with prizes available for each of the groupings playing at Portlock.

Your costume could be a hat, crazy shorts, weird socks, face painting — whatever you wish. Of course it cannot be too complicated as you do have to play a game.

Winners get a candy grab bag, with runners-up receiving a gift certificate to Muddy Cleats. Winners will be determined by participants and referees at the games. Start planning your United costume. I certainly will have mine on.

There will be more to come in November, but for now get ready for Plank in the Park and costume day on Halloween.

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