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Salt Spring Pride Parade participants like Natu Mbanefo splash Ganges with colour on Saturday as part of a full weekend of festival activities. See more photos from the July 28 to 31 Pride festival on page 12.

DROUGHT

Watering limits to be enforced

District contracts CRD bylaw enforcement to help reduce water use

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

As the region enters its most severe drought condition — and as another wildfire milestone is passed, with 1.5-million hectares burned in B.C. — Salt Spring Island's largest water provider is putting customers on notice that it will be enforcing its watering restrictions this summer.

Trustees at the North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) voted to engage the Capital Regional District's (CRD) planning department to establish a one-month contract for bylaw enforcement of NSSWD's watering restrictions, a pilot project aimed at conserving water used for drinking, watering and — in emergencies — fire

protection.

The East Vancouver Island Basin, which includes the Gulf Islands, sits at Drought Level 5 — a condition where adverse impacts from low water availability are "almost certain," according to the province. And as Environment Canada's forecasting indicates yet another warming trend without any hints of rain, July 2023 ended ranking among the driest in Salt Spring's history.

The two days of much-appreciated rain last week dropped just 17mm of precipitation onto St. Mary Lake, according to NSSWD operations manager Ryan Moray — welcome for sure, but not enough to bend the curve.

"That's not going to be enough to carry

us through," said Moray. "We're still in a drought condition."

And while lake levels have been lower at this time in some recent years, that dryness is having an impact on the rate of depletion. The speed at which reservoirs are drained has a lot to do with how much rain is — or isn't — falling at a particular moment, Moray said; when there's less rain, people water more.

That needs to change, according to district officials, and an experiment with enforcement began Monday, Aug. 7 — three days after the district enters Stage 4 of watering restrictions, its highest level.

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Citizens and emergency responders attend the site of an Island Concrete Pumping truck that ended up on its side in the 500 block of Rainbow Road on Thursday. A Mid Island Towing truck from Nanaimo was required to right the vehicle and the road was also closed for the afternoon.

Education is aim of plan

NSSWD

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"It's a fairly comprehensive outdoor water use ban," said financial officer Tammy Lannan, who outlined the basics at the district board's July 27 meeting. "So no car washing, no lawn watering, no parks, no fields. No filling pools, no topping-up a pool. Literally all you can do is water your garden — and you can't sprinkle, you can only hand-water and micro-drip. And it's only for two hours, every second day."

Enforcement will start out emphasizing education, according to Lannan, and will initially be aimed toward high-consumption residential customers. Those users — many with bills reflecting 30,000 gallons of water or more in a single bimonthly period — can expect to be contacted, but the idea is not to start handing out fines for every infraction, she said, as much as to get everyone on the same page, water-conservation-wise.

"The bylaw officer will spend maybe 30 minutes with them to discuss their habits and watering uses," said Lannan, "and try to work with them one-on-one to help ensure they're following the watering restrictions."

District manager Mark Boysen said NSSWD is part of the Capital Regional District (CRD) drought management working

group, which is having weekly meetings "from an emergency operations perspective."

"And they're aligning the CRD restrictions for the island to ours," said Boysen. "They're going to put their highest restriction level — which is Stage 3 for them — in place Aug. 4."

This has been the fourth year of the last six where the district has gone to Stage 4 restrictions, added Boysen.

"There's this 'emergency' component of communications we're seeing right now from the regional district," said Boysen. "But it's actually part of our reality from year to year already."

The district board also directed staff to review and propose updates for next summer's water use restrictions by the end of this year, with a supporting conservation — and communication — strategy behind them.

"If we see you using water outdoors when it's not your permitted day, or using a sprinkler when we're on Stage 4 restrictions, you can be fined, or we can turn your water off," said Lannan.

"But we don't want to go there. We're hoping this will help educate people, perhaps to realize that they might not need to use potable water for their gardens and lawns."

A full explanation of watering restrictions — alongside charts showing when they are triggered — is available online at northsaltspringwaterworks.ca.

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TAMMY LANNAN
NSSWD financial officer

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Citizens tackle loose gravel

A citizen group tired of waiting for one stretch of Fulford-Ganges Road to be cleaned up is taking matters into their own hands — and is inviting anyone concerned about loose gravel at the Embe Bakery corner (Seaview Avenue) to join them.

Salt Spring Island resident John Roe is organizing a sweeping “party” starting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, meeting at Embe to clear the adjacent roadways to improve bicycle safety. Roe said he’d personally witnessed two cyclists fall due to the loose gravel, and had “about lost it” himself on a slippery curve. “I have reached out to [Minister

of Transportation and Infrastructure] Rob Fleming several times, zero answer,” said Roe. “I thought it was time to do something more locally.”

Participants are asked to bring a neon safety vest and a push broom if they have one; extras will be on hand, Roe said.

For more information, contact sweepourstreetsssi@gmail.com.

Portlock Park survey ready

The new survey on the Portlock Park Master Plan design options is up, according to officials, and the community is invited to weigh in.

The Capital Regional District (CRD) Salt Spring Island Parks, Arts,

Recreation and Culture (PARC) department has developed three conceptual design drafts for the park, following input from earlier community consultation, and has posted them on their project page. The survey is intended to be anonymous, and should take no more than 10 minutes, according to PARC manager Dan Ovington.

Results from the survey will be compiled and summarized for communication to Salt Spring’s Local Community Commission, the CRD Board, PARC, CRD staff and the public, and used as a reference to develop a single master plan for the park.

To participate, click on the “Take Survey” button for “Community Survey 2” at the website getinvolved.crd.bc.ca/portlock-park.



PHOTO BY CHRIS MARSHALL

ISLAND STORIES: Two of four new Indigenous signage panels were unveiled in Ganges Saturday near Ganges Alley, the culmination of five years’ development under the direction of Elders of the Hul’q’umi’num’ and SENĆOTEN-speaking peoples whose homelands include Salt Spring Island. The project was carried out under the auspices of the Salt Spring Historical Society and Archives.

COURT NEWS

Hope of booting Mayne pickleballers flops in court

Judge serves scathing dismissal to tennis-only petitioning group

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A B.C. Supreme Court judge has ended the latest volley in Mayne Island’s racquet sports conflict, asserting the power of the society that owns that island’s tennis courts to schedule

pickleball access as it sees fit.

The Mayne Island Community Centre Society (MICCS) had faced a lawsuit heard over three days from nine tennis enthusiasts representing the Mayne Island Tennis Association (MITA), who sought an order granting tennis players exclusive use of that island’s two courts. In its pleadings MITA had relied heavily upon written and oral agreements it said were made with the society which abdicated control of the courts’ use and indeed their ownership.

Justice Bill Basran’s pointed

written judgment indicated his doubts surrounding the enforceability and even the very existence of those agreements, describing MITA as a “non-legal entity that does not have the capacity to own anything, let alone land” and characterizing one of the documents it submitted as “little more than a self-serving, aspirational expression” of the litigious tennis group’s wishes.

Basran wrote that while MITA members may “feel” that they should have some say over the use of the courts, by vir-

tue of the role they had played in maintaining and operating them between 2008 and 2021, final authority has always and will in the future lie with the “duly elected board members of MICCS” — including several recently elected board members who have sided with pickleball players and established court times for that use.

In 2021, the MICCS board declined to provide pickleball players with access to the tennis courts, according to legal filings; in response, pickleball supporters attended the board’s

AGM and elected a slate who supported their desire to play pickleball on the tennis courts.

“I reject the assertion that the newly elected board members were in a material conflict of interest by deciding to facilitate access to the tennis courts by pickleball players,” wrote Basran. “They were in no more a conflict of interest than previous board members who preferred tennis, some of whom were on the so-called ‘executive’ of MITA.”

The full judgment can be read at: www.bccourts.ca/jdb-txt/sc/23/12/2023BCSC1286.htm.



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EDITORIAL

Volume matters

For anyone needing to go to or through Ganges on a regular basis, it's obvious that something has changed in the past few years.

From the population increase and the habits of new residents to pandemic impacts and the need for more off-island contractors, the result has been more vehicular traffic rushing around at all times of the day.

According to the recently released Capital Regional District (CRD) Active Transportation Network Plan (ATNP) report, a 2022 traffic study found "motor vehicle volumes on Fulford-Ganges Road are in the range of 2,950 to 3,050 vehicles per day." While it's hard for regular citizens to understand what those numbers mean, we know from experience that it's a lot more than it used to be. As well, the BC Active Transportation Design Guide has determined that the 2,500-vehicles-per-day level in a rural area justifies creation of bicycle lanes to assure safety for both cyclists and drivers.

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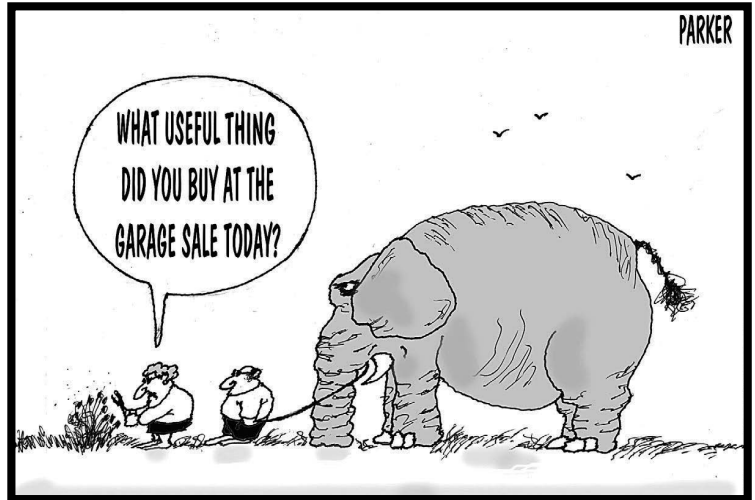
WE SAY: Report shows what's possible

Vehicle volumes may be up on Salt Spring, but more people are also riding bikes. BC Ferries data found 13 per cent more bicycles arrived at Fulford, Vesuvius Bay and Long Harbour from April to September in 2022 compared to the same period the year before: 17,879 of them. For local riders, electric bikes have eliminated the obstacle once posed by Ganges Hill's steep grade, although until that area is resurfaced with cycling lanes hopefully next year it's still an unsafe prospect at the best of times.

The ATNP seeks to find ways to make walking, cycling and driving in and around Ganges safer for everyone and appears to have a number of doable ideas.

Driftwood Viewpoint writer Mike Stacey has pointed out that commercial trucks and a proposed crosswalk at the Seaview Avenue and Fulford-Ganges Road intersection are not a logical mix. Studies contributing to the ATNP plan found that between seven and 10 per cent of vehicles going through Ganges are considered "heavy vehicles," so the issues Stacey identifies are not a minor matter. Proposed parking space reductions may also deserve more scrutiny.

Long-time residents are somewhat inured to the difficulty of getting around the village, but the ATNP illustrates how a safer and "more walkable, bike friendly and accessible Ganges" is both desirable and possible.



PARKER

Crosswalk idea ill-advised

BY MIKE STACEY

I had a good giggle when I saw the cartoon in last week's Driftwood, until I suddenly realized it was not actually the cartoon but the proposed Local Community Commission Ganges Hill accident scene.

Naturally the whole plan for town is based on the assumption that vehicles are the villains. (Except electric cars, of course, whose drivers are next in line for sainthood.)

Mind you, I foresee no problems arising with heavily loaded trucks, having come down a mile-long hill with hot brakes (don't use those engine brakes, boys and girls!) entering the steepest part of the grade and then having to make a "lock 'em all up" panic stop when some Rhodes Scholar drifts aimlessly onto the crosswalk without looking to see what exactly it is that is going to kill him.

Going the other direction, the same heavily loaded truck, at that point where it is necessary to "give it some welly" to get up the hill in a timely manner, has to grind to a halt as the same Nobel Prize candidate heads back the other way. Now the truck has to get moving again, and will be crawling all the way to the top, with impatient drivers passing at really stupid places. Since they have been tailgating the truck, they can't see what is coming the other way, especially if it's one of those stupid steering-wheel-on-the-wrong-side abominations. But, they are in a hurry to get somewhere, so it is well worth risking

VIEWPOINT

a head-on collision. (Electric car drivers won't do this, of course, as they are above that sort of behaviour.)

Now, I can't stand here and say that this is the stupidest place on the planet for a crosswalk — it IS the stupidest place on the planet for a crosswalk, I just can't stand here and say it — but when the body count begins to rise it will become clear.

Anyone who has driven through Ganges should know by now that the real problem is the free frontal lobotomies being performed on 80 per cent of the pedestrian population. No amount of planning will stop these buffoons walking down the middle of the street, crossing wherever the hell they want and generally doing everything they can think of to screw things up. The only thing a crosswalk will do at that location is to encourage people to cross at that spot, and when one of them gets flattened everyone can say with conviction that obviously the driver was at fault, unless it's an electric car, in which case it will have been an Act of God.

If only there was another way for those nasty, problematic and obviously totally unnecessary trucks to go, maybe even bypassing town altogether.

As for Bob Weeden's proposed "Hugging Zone," I have a few old cans of paint kicking around and I'm ready to get started on it. How about competitive hugging? No holds barred, Aussie rules... I think we're onto something here.

If only there was another way for those nasty, problematic and obviously totally unnecessary trucks to go, maybe even bypassing town altogether.

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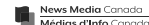
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ISLAND VOICES

LETTERS to the editor

Ganges can be improved

Last week the Driftwood had a Viewpoint by Maxine Leichter stating she was dismayed that the Active Transportation Network Plan for Ganges village will remove parking spaces.

I completely agree with her contention that Ganges village should be made more accessible for the disabled. The need for curb cuts and crosswalks has been well documented and needs to be addressed. I do not agree that having lots of parking spaces will solve the disabled access problem. I could also argue that my understanding is that there will be many fewer lost spots than she states, but that is not the point.

I contend, backed by research, that having a less car-oriented and more walkable Ganges will be an advantage to businesses in the village. I look forward to a Ganges that is more friendly to anyone walking or rolling slowly and am thrilled that the Local Community Commission is promoting slower speeds in Ganges.

The needs of the disabled are close to my heart. I still have a disabled tag in my wife's VW. (I will return it after her memorial next week. I just couldn't bring myself to deal with it yet.) We were proud to host the first international student at Gulf Islands Secondary School in a wheelchair.

Not just the disabled, but anyone that has mobility/vision/hearing challenges or is just plain getting older and moving slower will benefit from fewer cars and easier walking or rolling.

Let's have more disabled parking for those that need it. For those of us not disabled but looking for parking, maybe parking near ArtSpring and the high school with rickshaw bikes into Ganges are options. Powered by high school students? Sponsored by local businesses? How about using our electric school buses on Saturday Market days? How about improving our already very well done transit?

There are lots of ways to improve Ganges village and to make it more accessible to everyone. I encourage people to put forward good positive ideas to improve Ganges and am encouraged by Maxine's positive comments at the end of her Viewpoint. Thanks.

BOB MACKIE,
SALT SPRING

Car-centric village desired?

We now have a practical and low-cost plan supported by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) to enhance pedestrian, wheelchair, scooter, cyclist and — yes — even car safety in Ganges by slight-

ly narrowing vehicle lanes. This is, in my opinion, nothing short of miraculous.

While Maxine Leichter may have inflated the number of lost parking spots in her "Preserve parking spots" Viewpoint article in the Driftwood last week, she is correct: some parking spots (not handicapped ones) would be lost if this plan were fully implemented. It is simply not possible to improve walking, rolling and cycling options while also maintaining the present configuration of (both legal and illegal) street parking. The plan does, however, suggest replacing those parking spots by opening the currently locked upper ArtSpring parking lot, accommodating nearly 40 vehicles.

Maxine suggests that, were this plan implemented, it would create hardship for those with mobility issues. As designated handicapped parking spots would not be altered and wheelchair/scooter walkways would be created, it seems possible that some of our long-standing accessibility issues would, instead, finally be addressed.

Would it be a hardship for able-bodied shoppers to park at ArtSpring instead of expecting a parking spot adjacent to their destination? I am willing to walk a short distance to allow safe transit for all. Are you?

Next time you are in Ganges, notice how many pedestrians are walking in the streets, dodging cars, because they have no off-street options. Frequently having pushed my wheelchair-bound mother in the streets

with cars whizzing by, I long for safe pathways.

Isn't it time we seek that sweet balance between cars and other modes of transportation? I am thrilled that the authors of this study listened to the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission members and created a practical, MoTI-supported, low-cost plan to keep all travellers in our village safer. I am also thrilled that it appears that fellow Local Community Commission members are keen to immediately move forward transforming some of the suggestions in this plan into significant improvements.

GAYLE BAKER,
LCC COMMISSIONER AND CHAIR OF THE DISSOLVED CRD TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Thrift shop scarf wanted back

A cream-coloured silk scarf with tassels was accidentally given to the Lady Minto Auxiliary Thrift Shop — and sold!

The scarf has sentimental value and I would like to buy it back from whomever purchased it. Please contact me, John Andrews, at 250-538-7230.

JOHN ANDREWS,
SALT SPRING

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"There's this 'emergency' component of communications we're seeing right now from the regional district. But it's actually part of our reality from year to year already."

MARK BOYSEN, DISTRICT MANAGER, NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS DISTRICT

Phone and internet scam artists prove they're the lowest of the low

Of all the things I detest — and believe me, it's a long list refined over 60-or-so years of indiscriminate detesting — the very worst of them are the bloodsuckers on the internet or at the other end of a phone trying to convince me or my wife that we should give them our money or credit card details, which amounts to the same thing.

History is littered with conmen, cheats and chisellers, shysters, hucksters, cheap-jack sharks, poxy tricksters and unscrupulous bilkers, thimblerriggers and four-flushers, but none come close to the relentless skullduggery of these 21st-century crooks.

I don't believe a single day passes without one or other of us being confronted by an email, a phone call or text message trying to cheat us of our pensions, telling bare-faced lies to steal the money intended to see us comfortably through our end years, pretending to be what they are not and quite obviously getting away with it often enough to make it a lucrative business. It is like fending off a mugger before you can get on with the rest of the day. They are as malevolent as mosquitos and serve no purpose beyond their

own bloody greed and making lives miserable.

I do understand how impossibly difficult it is to catch these bandits because the internet allows them to operate from the sort of places you wouldn't want to spend your vacation. (I may have to revise that ... a recent email purporting to be from Netflix, trying to trick me into giving them my credit card details, originated from an email address in Belgium, an entirely decent little country with natives so thoroughly wholesome they could be Canadian.) Meanwhile, the police in this country are virtually powerless as these internet hoodlums operate outside of Canada, hunched over their keyboards in a cellar somewhere in the chthonic cyberspace, preying on the unwary from hijacked phones or computers.

Consequently, when they do convince some poor sap to hand over their rainy-day savings there is little chance of the police catching them nor, which is far more despicable, of the banks reimbursing their victims.

These are the same banks that pay their executives grotesque amounts of money for sitting on their backsides, plotting. Or plan-



Paul McElroy
+ ANOTHER THING

ning. Or whatever it is they do to justify being paid by the barrow load. There is something monumentally repulsive about a bank refusing to return the money to an elderly client who had unwittingly handed their life savings to an internet fraudster in Botswana while cheerfully paying their own CEO millions of dollars a year for looking sharp in a suit. In the next breath, the guys with mega pay packets turn to the government for help because they've screwed things up and are losing their shareholders' money hand over fist.

Now, I don't want you running away with the idea that I have recently fallen out with my bank or become a victim of these fraudulent internet toerags because I haven't, nor am I likely to, although I'm not sure how much protection I

will have as I grow older and more vulnerable.

A few days ago, I answered the phone to someone conducting, as it turned out, a perfectly legitimate survey of my radio listening habits, but it was in the middle of my dinner and I don't do interviews over a half-eaten pork chop. But I had wanted to be courteous and before hanging up, asked the interviewer if they would call back when it dawned on me that I was possibly speaking to an AI robot! I wasn't, but I had to ask. And it is the fact that I had to ask that is becoming troublesome.

The people behind these scams may be pitiful lowlifes, but they are by no means stupid. Whenever technology comes up with something new and for that moment apparently impregnable these delinquent nerds are on it and all over it in days. Two of the most recent scams, aimed at Mrs. Mac, presented themselves as coming from Norton and McPhee, the software giants that millions, including myself, actually pay for protection from internet piracy. Thankfully, these emails were only semi-literate and could have been knocked out by a six-year-old, but there is

likely someone out there who will fall for them and hand over their banking details.

A third regular is Jake, a robot employee of something called Discovery, offering to wipe out all my debts. It's kind of them, but I'm quite comfortable with my debts, thank you very much, although I have yet to convince Jake to leave us alone and he now calls at the same time every day. There is little point in blocking the number because it changes daily.

And that's what I don't understand. How they are able to hijack the phones? Why is it that on the rare occasions that I do call back to harangue them, they have called from a phone that apparently doesn't even exist? Surely the phone companies can put an end to phone number theft — or have they, like the banks and many enforcement agencies, simply capitulated and consigned them to the "Too Hard" basket?

*Ha! Recently the U.S. government announced a "massive crackdown" on the spam factories churning out this pernicious garbage. I'm not holding my breath.

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More and safer travel methods suggested

BY MYNA LEE JOHNSTONE

Yes, congratulations to the Local Community Commission (LCC) for attending to the much recognized need to establish a 30 km/hr speed limit through Ganges ("Speed limit reduction endorsed," July 26 Driftwood).

The Active Transportation Network Plan (ATNP) is the government's way of finally acknowledging that there is too much traffic everywhere and that people need to choose another way to move themselves about.

I do not expect an enthusiastic response from islanders on this.

From the study done we now know that there are:

- 25,000 trips on a typical day on Salt Spring;
- about 88 per cent of these trips are by auto driver or passenger;
- about 3.1 per cent are taken on a bike; only 2.7 per cent on a bus; 9.4 per cent by walking.

The commute within the island is 85 per cent of trips and 52 per cent of those trips are within 15 minutes from Ganges.

The last two Viewpoint pieces in the Driftwood by Mike Stacey on a Ganges bypass and one by Maxine Leichter on preserving Ganges parking spots come from committed drivers not at all interested in changing their methods of getting themselves around and about.

To me, Ganges looks like one big parking lot with a bit of green space to the side. For years there have been meetings about improving Ganges to make it more attractive and greener.

Most islander complaints from those who drive are concerned with road conditions and parking, pedestrians on crosswalks and lineups at ferries.

Good work contributing to this active transportation concept has been done through the cycling community and the long-time Island Pathways volunteers.

As a long-time commissioner on our now retired transportation commission, I have concluded that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has been absolutely delinquent on address-

ing road safety issues here. Over the years we had delegates come to our meetings asking for help in addressing safety issues. More than five years ago a request was made for a crosswalk from the Core Inn across Jackson to ArtSpring for use by the handicapped to their building. High schoolers come down that way at noon too. There is still no crosswalk there.

To me, Ganges looks like one big parking lot with a bit of green space to the side. For years there have been meetings about improving Ganges to make it more attractive and greener.

We heard horrific stories from Deb Toole about accidents and near misses on North End Road near St. Mary Lake. The Cusheon Lake neighbourhood attended meetings imploring us to lower the speed limit on that road and documented themselves the number of speeders each day. Residents on main roads complain about the noise and speed from traffic they have to suffer.

What the ATNP report fails to do is offer methods to get people out of their cars and using other modes of

travel.

Electric bikes have grown in popularity so much so that the B.C. government this spring offered rebates up to \$1,400 on the purchase of a new one. Within two days of the announcement, they were all taken and a waitlist was promised.

For 14 years our bus system served us quite well, but in the past two years I brought complaints about them to every transportation meeting. I was the only commissioner who was a regular user of our transit system and I see that none of the LCC commissioners are regular users either.

It is my conclusion that we need a separation from BC Transit and that we should run our own fleet of vans that could serve islanders much better. A very low-cost help to lessen traffic would be a very active and easy Ride-share app that drivers post their trips to and from for sharing their vehicle. We could maybe establish our own Uber-style service with some funding.

It will take much goodwill for any real active transportation projects to happen. I think every organization concerned with community well-being and our environment should promote such projects, including the LCC and the Islands Trust.

I close with a warning. We have already seen with the volume of traffic on the roads at times and places where an ambulance or fire truck would be delayed because of traffic congestion. It can only get worse unless we act now, sooner than later.

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Salt Spring Island should be added to regional trail network

The following was sent to Saanich North and the Islands MLA Adam Olsen and filed with the Driftwood for publication.

I agree there are many challenges with improving roads on Salt Spring, especially for active transportation users.

I think it's time Salt Spring was added to the region covered by the Southern Vancouver Island Transportation Strategy. Salt Spring employment, medical, retail and commercial services are closely linked with southern Vancouver Island. These links could be better managed regionally.

I also think that the Fulford-Ganges-Vesuvius link should be added to the Capital Regional District's regional trail network; it's essentially a continuation of the Lochside Trail. Improving that link with proper road shoulders for walkers and cyclists would improve safety for residents and visitors. It would also complete the "missing link" in the very promising Salish Sea Trail network.

STEVE NEW,
SALT SPRING

Positive hospital experience appreciated

The following was sent to the Lady Minto Hospital emergency room staff and filed with the Driftwood for publication.

I had what I would call an emergency situation that needed outside attention. I reluctantly chose to go to the Lady Minto Hospital emergency department for assistance, figuring that it would be like so many previous occasions at different hospitals in that I would eventually be seen and treated as a numbered patient some five hours later.

I am writing to tell you and those who are reading this that to my surprise and delight it was positive from start to departure. Within those brief 90 minutes it was a caring, helpful, yet professional, event.

Thanks to each of you for easing my personal concern and replacing it with the hope of improved health.

J. MCLENNAN,
SALT SPRING

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Islanders invited to March for the Children

BY PHIL VERNON

In 2021 news of the discovery of 215 unmarked graves at the site of the Kamloops Residential School generated widespread shock and soul-searching within non-Indigenous Canadian society.

In First Nations communities the repercussions were profound: while the disappearance and deaths of children at the schools was no secret, the media focus triggered traumatic memories for many who had attended the schools, opening old wounds and heartbreak for the families and communities whose children never came home.

On Penelakut Island, just north of Salt Spring, the Sulxwe'en (Elders Group) of the Penelakut Tribe decided to release preliminary findings of 160 unmarked graves associated with the Kuper Island Industrial School, which was operated by the Catholic Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate from 1889 to 1975.

They decided the time was ripe to reach out to the wider society, envisioning a memorial walk through the town of Chemainus to begin the process of healing and reconciliation for survivors and tribal members as well as friends and supporters.

For the first March for the Children, over 1,500 people arrived from up and down Vancouver Island, from Salt Spring and beyond, filling the streets of the village and gathering at Waterwheel Park to hear songs, prayers and testimonials from survivors of the school. It was a powerful event, truly a day to remember. The Penelakut organizers were visibly moved by the overwhelming response.

It felt good, too, that many Salt Spring Islanders were present that day, continuing connections between our island communities dating back to the fight to protect the ancient burial ground at S'yuhuye'men (Walkers Hook) when a fish farm was set up there.

This year, the Penelakut Tribe has invited us back for the Third Annual March for the Children, to take place Monday, Aug. 7 in the village of Sunuwnets (Chemainus). Gather at 9 a.m. at the Salish Sea Market next to the ferry terminal, winding up the hill to a gathering at Waterwheel Park.

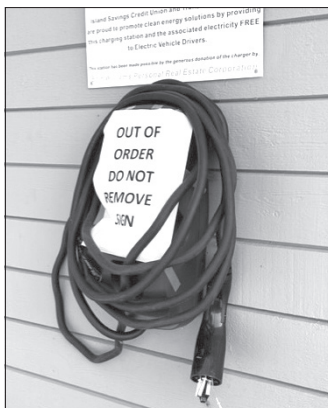
Please consider attending. Carpooling: if you have room in your car, or for a ride, contact Tom at tommytitchell@shaw.ca.



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Scene from the first March for the Children, which saw some 1,500 people gather in Chemainus to support the Penelakut Tribe following release of preliminary findings of 160 unmarked graves of Indigenous children who attended the Kuper Island Industrial School. The Third Annual March for the Children is on Monday, Aug. 7.

Inconsiderate charger users frustrate



PHOTOS BY JEREMY MILSOM

Island Savings chargers with cord left on the ground and out-of-order sign.

This is just one of my bugaboos: users of free (other people's money) EV charging stations often drop, drag or soil the charger's cord and plug after they are finished with it.

And yes, some of the plugs might last longer if they were treated more gently.

My constant "ragging" on users of my own residence's EV charger has resulted in most of the abusers now re-hanging up the cord respectfully.

The pics above are from the Island

Savings Credit Union, which I walk past almost daily and often observe the cord and sometimes the plug lying on the ground, sometimes wet and dirty.

Accordingly, I then hang it up and go on my way. Just being a responsible "baby-sitter" and extending the charger's utility.

JEREMY MILSOM,
SALT SPRING

Thanks to helpers

Last Thursday morning I was on my mobility scooter at the corner of Atkins Road opposite Foxglove Farm and Garden centre attempting to connect that pathway to the Lower Ganges Road pathway.

Coming up the short hill to the corner, I had to stop for traffic. The rain-washed ruts beside the pavement caught my back wheels, and the scooter wouldn't move.

In my desperation, I saw my neighbour Roger Brunt jump out of his car at Atkins and run towards me, followed by a woman from the car behind. They lifted the back of the scooter and moved me ahead so that I had traction. I shouted "Thank you" to the two excellent neighbours and waved to all the vehicles that had stopped on Lower Ganges Road as I crossed to the pathway.

My heartfelt thanks to the Salt Spring Island travellers who stop and help with mobility scooters.

EILEEN WTTEWAALL,
SALT SPRING

Younger fastpitch team earns gold medal

My name is Ryen Dunbar and I coached the Salt Spring Island U11 girls fastpitch team alongside Erin Lee and Kari Burgess.

I have been playing this sport for 12 years and currently play on the Salt Spring Island U17 girls fastpitch team. Fastpitch is my passion and I want to share my love for the sport. When I was their age, I specifically remember Emma Hambrook being such a big part in our team. She

shared her love for the game and had a very big influence on me. I want to give back and be someone that can have a positive influence on young ball players.

The U11 girls' season began in April. We started practising in the school gym and eventually transitioned to the small diamond on the hydro field. Their field was definitely not ideal (fastpitch is played on a gravel infield and the hydro field only has gravel around the home plate and pitching mound), however, we made the most of it and were thankful that we had a spot to play.

The team played more than 12 league games and went undefeated in their season! It might've been good for them to lose a game before going into their regional final, seeing as they were a little overconfident, but we made sure the girls were humble during the tournament. The girls began their regional final playing three round robin games.

They won the first game they played on Friday night followed by two more victories on Saturday. Sunday was the beginning of the knockout games. The first game on Sunday they won 9-6. Because they won, they were then guaranteed two more games that afternoon. The second game was much more intense than the previous. They were matched up against Oceanside Red. They played a close game and fortunately won 7-1. That game sent the girls to play for gold! The girls played another tough game against Central Saanich Extreme and beat them 12-1!

I've watched fastpitch on the island grow over the years. It's incredible to see how far we've come. Going from only three girls involved to almost 90 is pretty amazing.

These U11 girls have worked so hard and they deserve this more than anyone. I could not be more proud of them and I am so happy and grateful that I was able to be a part of this team and work with these girls and their amazing coaches. It was a great end to an even better season!

I look forward to five years from now when they are playing on the U17 team and hope that my involvement inspires them to give back and help coach the younger teams.

RYEN DUNBAR,
SALT SPRING U11 GIRLS FASTPITCH TEAM COACH

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	0516	3.0	9.8		1202	2.5	8.2
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Rykie Avenant and Catharina de Beer are next recital guests at All Saints

SUBMITTED BY MUSIC MAKERS

On Wednesday, Aug. 9, Music Makers will welcome Rykie Avenant back to the Tea à Tempo stage along with Catharina de Beer to provide an exciting four-hands piano concert as the Double Digits Duo at All Saints by-the-Sea Anglican Church in downtown Ganges.

Although de Beer and Avenant were both born, raised and trained in South Africa, they did not meet until their individual paths led to the Cowichan Valley. Recognizing in each other a similar musical background and ease of communication, they formed a duet partnership and have been exploring the vast repertoire for four-hands piano for the past 10 years.

Avenant is a graduate of the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa. After obtaining a Licentiate in Piano Performance and a Bachelor of Music Education, she worked as répétiteur for the Cape Town and Pretoria opera companies before relocating to Canada in 1991.

Avenant came to Vancouver Island 20 years ago via Powell River, where she appeared regularly in concert for the Academy of Music, as well as at the International Choral Kathaumixw Festival. In the Cowichan Valley, she is in demand as teacher,



PHOTO COURTESY MUSIC MAKERS OF THE ANGLICAN PARISH
Rykie Avenant, left, and Catharina de Beer, pianists who will present a "four-hands" concert at All Saints on Wednesday, Aug. 9.

coach and collaborative pianist.

De Beer is a piano teacher in Cobble Hill. She completed her Teacher's Licentiate Diploma in Piano at the University of South Africa. She also holds a degree in teaching with specialization in inclusive education from the University of South Africa.

She immigrated to Canada in 2009 and settled in the Cowichan Valley in 2010. She runs a highly regarded piano studio and is a very active and valued member of the Cowichan music education community.

In September 2019, de Beer and Avenant became artistic co-directors of Chemainus Classical Concerts, a non-profit organiza-

tion that presents a series of nine outstanding classical concerts every year.

The Aug. 9 concert begins at 2:10 p.m. Donations provide the honoraria for performers and contribute to the running of the Tea à Tempo series.

Tea and treats, for \$4, will be served immediately following the concert in the hall overlooking Ganges Harbour.

So bring a friend or visitor to the Island, enjoy this very special four-hands piano performance, and then have a delicious treat afterwards.

Tea à Tempo recitals take place every Wednesday through summer months. The Aug. 2 performer is Alan Moberg.

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CONCERT PREVIEW

Soul singer Dos Santos at SOCS

Outdoor concert series continues at Centennial Park

SUBMITTED BY SALT SPRING ARTS

With summer in full swing, Salt Spring Arts presents the third week of this year's Summer Outdoor Concert Series.

Audiences are invited to gather together again in Centennial Park on Thursday, Aug. 10 at 6 p.m and enjoy a picnic with loved ones with live music and Ganges Harbour sparkling in the background.

Emerging Salt Spring Island artist Salome Cullen will be opening the show with his signature roots sound. His unique performance is authentic and raw, with a classic country twang and rich storytelling through song. Cullen released his debut eponymous album in 2023, featuring a breath of neo-classic fresh air in a genre full of

cookie-cutter remakes.

The headliner for SOCS' third concert is Krystle Dos Santos, a two-time Western Canadian Award-winning singer/songwriter and performer living on the land of the Halkomelem-speaking peoples in B.C. From singing on stage with Stevie Wonder and Michael Buble, Dos Santos' magnetic charm, powerful vocal prowess and eclectic style drive her live performances. From the sultry, syncopated funky rhythms to the classic soul and R&B infused instant classics, her writing pays tribute to her heroes and influences while exploring fresh new vistas of urban soul.

Music lovers should also be sure not to miss this week's concert with Logan Staats and Sarah Smith, starting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 3.

For more information about the concert series, visit saltspringarts.com/socs.

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ISLAND LIFE

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Helpful canine launches victim services career

'Eliot' available through ICS

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A four-year-old chocolate lab has been winning hearts in schools and the local RCMP detachment — and now she's ready to officially start her career as Salt Spring's newest crisis support dog.

Eliot has completed her certification as a therapy dog through the Crisis K9 program, according to owner/handler Katie Watters, the capstone to an education that has spanned nearly the dog's entire lifetime. Based from the Salt Spring Island RCMP's Lower Ganges Road offices, Eliot and Watters — in her role as Police-Based Victim Services manager — will be working with people who have been impacted by crime and other tragic events.

The program is operated by Island Community Services, and while there isn't a history of therapy animals at the detachment — Eliot is the first — there has been no shortage of detachment commanders who were "dog people," according to Watters.

"My dog before was a German Shepherd, Beatrice, and she would visit the detachment," said Watters, who has been in victim services for more than a decade. "And the detachment commander at the time would bring his dog; it was a very dog-friendly environment."

Eliot, however, is not just friendly; her training through the Crisis Canine Institute had multiple levels, from the "basics" of dog training to getting her more accustomed to being calm in varying situations.



PHOTO BY ROBB MAGLEY

Police-Based Victim Services manager Katie Watters with crisis support dog Eliot.

"It began with the standard sort of stuff you'd want most dogs to be able to do," said Watters, "then on to being able to direct her to a mat 10-20 feet away, have her go and lay down and stay — with lots of distractions."

The last level involved being able to work in a busy courtroom; Eliot and Watters spent a lot of time in the rarely convened Ganges Court, as a large portion of the dog's mission will be to provide comfort there.

"Her role in court will be to sit in the witness box," said Watters, "primarily with youth or children, if they have to give testimony, to be a support to them."

She will also be "on call" to respond to

difficult events and provide comfort where needed.

"As part of my role, I go on callouts with the police," said Watters. "So if there's a motor vehicle crash, or a death, or a next of kin notification, I would go with them. Now, Eliot can be in the car — and if it's appropriate, she would come out and be a support to the people there."

Attending a crime scene can involve some risks for Eliot, but through training and discretion Watters can weigh them against the benefits — if it's not appropriate, the dog will stay home.

"For example if I know there's a lot of glass at a crime scene," said Watters, "or environmental challenges — like it's extraordinarily hot and she might need to wait in the car for some time, she'll just stay home."

In addition to going out with police and attending court, Eliot has spent countless hours in and around the community, gaining experience interacting with humans in different settings from IVAV's transition house to grades five and six classrooms. Eliot has been seeing victim's services clients at Watters' office at the RCMP detachment for some time, Watters said, and has been quite helpful.

"She'll be there offering support," said

Watters. "And if someone needs to give a statement, for example, then she can do it with them."

Sometimes clients want to meet and walk and talk, she added, and Eliot's happy to oblige.

"We'll combine that work with Eliot," said Watters. "It's nice for people to sort of walk with her and be able to stop periodically — and get the support she offers."

Watters said now that Eliot's been fully certified, islanders can expect to see her at more events and being offered by police in tragic situations.

"If someone is a victim of crime, and they want some support work and think that a canine would be something helpful and therapeutic for them, please reach out," said Watters.

And in addition to aiding clients and being a full-time family dog, Watters said RCMP detachment members can and do avail themselves of Eliot's services.

"Even now, Eliot is a support to them as well," said Watters. "If they've had a particularly hard callout, they know where to come and get cuddles."

For more information, contact Watters at victimservices@ssics.ca.

EVENTS

Labyrinth fundraiser set



PHOTO COURTESY THE LABYRINTH TEAM

Labyrinth Team members, from left, Rosamund Woolley, Sarah Belknap, Melanie Hayne, Susan Grace, Jacqueline Byron and Gloria McEachern show the width of a proposed labyrinth.

Brick by Brick on Saturday

BY DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An effort to build an outdoor community labyrinth on Salt Spring Island gains steam this weekend, as organizers announced land permission had been secured and they're ready to raise funds for construction.

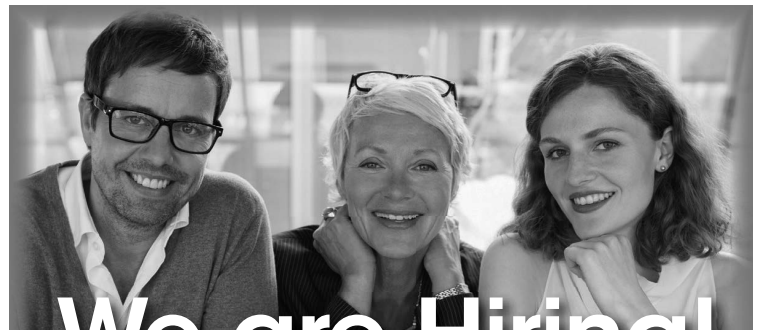
Labyrinth Team spokesperson Sarah Belknap said the Anglican Church had granted approval to build the labyrinth on an undeveloped portion of its cemetery property on Upper Ganges Road, east of the intersection with Lower Ganges, North End and Vesuvius Bay roads.

"Everything needed to build the labyrinth — the use of a terrific site, a good design, a good construction plan and the support and hard work of good people — is all in place,"

said Belknap. "All that's needed now are the funds for materials and labour."

The design imagines a 45-foot-diameter labyrinth built to be welcoming and accessible to people of all ages, according to Belknap, with pathways of native plant species outlined with bricks set into the ground — safe for walking sticks, canes or walkers, said Belknap, as well as for any children who "can't resist" running around the labyrinth's circular pathways.

Starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, the Labyrinth Team will hold a "Brick by Brick" fundraiser in front of the Harbour Authority boat launch near Centennial Park and the Saturday Market, with pictures of the site and design for community review, as well as opportunities to donate to the cause — and "dedicate bricks to people you love," Belknap added.



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In Memoriam

Judy Boylan




Judy Boylan, loving mother, good friend, and long-time secretary for Gulf Islands School District #64, succumbed to complications from cancer at the age of 80, on June 23rd of 2023. Throughout her stay at Lady Minto Hospital, she remained clear-headed, comfortable, and almost pain-free. Thanks again to all the hospital staff, whose kindness and care made the end of her life more pleasant, and sometimes even fun.

Strong to the end, she expressed no fear of death, only disappointment that there wasn't much time left — probably the sweetest, gentlest, toughest woman you'll ever meet. She will be missed.

She is survived by her son Patrick, daughter Kathleen, brother Rex, unofficial step-daughter Christine, and countless former students of Gulf Islands schools, who remember her fondly. Special appreciation for Michelle and Cliff, who've been her best friends through her last years, and even her last moments.

There will be a memorial and celebration of life event on Sunday, September 3rd, from noon to three in the downstairs of the Legion. This date seemed perfect because it's just before the school year begins, and her work there meant so much to her. It's also on the Labour Day long weekend, and labour union solidarity was also important to her. Come say your farewells, and wish her a safe journey home.



Diana Kramer

Diana Averill Kramer (nee Phipps) died peacefully following a series of strokes on July 25, 2023, with husband Ernst, daughter Averill, and dog Polly by her side in her Vancouver home. She was 86.

Diana was deeply loved by Ernst, children Nicolaas, Stewart (Rosanne) and Averill (Tom), stepson Ernst (Mariette), and all her grandchildren.

Daughter of Stewart and Frances Phipps, and beloved sister of Barbara, Diana spent her early life in Western Canada. She raised her own family in New York and the Netherlands before settling on Salt Spring Island for more than 30 years with the love of her life, Ernst, with whom she spent 48 happy and adventure-filled years.

An incredibly open, warm, and generous spirit, Diana made life-long friendships everywhere she went. Known widely as "Dinny", she was a fiercely loyal and caring friend to those she met in Winnipeg, New York, the Netherlands, Palm Springs, Salt Spring, and Vancouver. She highly valued her phone calls, correspondence, and dinners with her friends, relationships she happily nurtured her entire life.


Diana loved the added community and music of the Anglican Church that she shared with Ernst. She was an active person, always attracted to the more social aspects of tennis, golf, bridge, and walking her dogs to Nose Point. She was an excellent interior decorator, gardener and cook, and enjoyed painting portraits and landscapes.

Diana loved beautiful things including flowers, dogs, parties, and, above all, her grandchildren. She bore the loss of her eyesight over the past few years with courage, remaining a wonderful conversationalist full of breezy wit and quirky turns of phrase.

Diana will be deeply missed.

A ceremony will be held on Salt Spring Island at a time to be announced. In lieu of flowers please hug your pet, admire a plant, share a meal with a loved one.

MARNIE KEITH-MURRAY



Marnie Keith-Murray, adventurer, entrepreneur, networker, advocate, and sailor, made her exit on March 21, 2023. Born in Bath, England, August 20, 1937, to David and Nancy Keith-Murray (nee Gautschi). Sister to Peter and Mark, mother to daughter Andrea (deceased), and sons Paul (Trish) and Colin (Cassandra). She leaves her beloved grandson and roomie, Ty, and her travelling grandchildren, Ashton, Natalie and Devin.

Marnie moved from England in 1945, aged 8, to Vancouver, acquiring a lifelong love of the sea. Schooled in North Vancouver and at UBC in Physical Education, she joined the RCAF, and was commissioned in 1958. Her postings took her to Yukon and Winnipeg, where she married and was transferred to France, living in nearby Virton, Belgium. Andrea and Paul were born there and Colin in Nova Scotia where she taught PE. Transferred in 1968 to Moosonee, Marnie was Town Recreation Director. She enjoyed snowmobiling, snowshoeing, crossing frozen rivers in the dark, and travels around Hudson Bay. Next transfer was Trenton, ON, teaching at Bayside SS, travelling on weekends to work with the Canadian Red Cross Water Safety program as an examiner. In 1976, the Red Cross lured her to Toronto as full-time Director of Youth.

After 5 years in executive search, Marnie launched her own executive search firm in 1988. Marnie was instrumental in shaping women's networking in Toronto. She ran networking nights, coordinated with other groups and published a national directory of women's networks. She was an active member of the McGill and Elmwood clubs.

She loved Lake Ontario and joined local sailing clubs. After spying the beautiful clubhouse of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, she joined in 1993. Not interested in racing on other's boats, she bought Capilano, her 8.7-metre sailboat. She sailed solo all around Lake Ontario, leading to 26 years of fun, adventure, groundings, meeting rocks, lightning strikes and great friendships. In 2010 she was the first solo sailor to win the Hodder Award and followed with Cruising Squadron Sailor of the Year in 2011.

In 2001, she joined her community of friends on her beloved Salt Spring Island in BC. Four years of sailing in the Caribbean and Bahamas intervened and Marnie enjoyed many adventures exploring the ICW and the islands. After volunteering at the Vancouver Olympics, she moved to Paris for four years, summering at RCYC on Capilano. Her beloved daughter Andrea died in 2015 and Marnie settled into a new life as resident Nana to 12-year-old Ty.

A wonderful seven years on the Danforth, with a teenager who sailed, the best little dog in the world and family close by, came to an end when ALS appeared.

Through her illness, Marnie brought together her many friends to assist. This was a gift to all as they soon developed a shared bond with one another. Marnie's courage, pragmatism, commitment to fitness, sense of adventure, love of friends, and sheer willpower became an inspiration for many. She added her trademark elixir of champagne to every celebration. She will be greatly missed.

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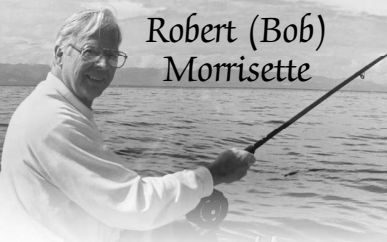
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Robert (Bob) Morrissette



We sadly announce the passing of Robert (Bob) Dale Morrissette Sr. on July 24, 2023 in his 94th year, with his partner Patricia by his side. Bob was predeceased by his wife Althea in 1998. Bob leaves behind his sister Marlene Weston, partner Patricia Hewett, daughters Christina and Leanne, son Bob, grandchildren Jessica, Stephanie, Daniel, Amanda, Trevor and Caitlin. Great grandchildren Brenna, Dylan and Ronnie. Extended family members and his many good friends from the old days and from the present. To the guys of the Friday morning breakfast club — you are truly good friends.

Bob was born in Nelson B.C. and raised by his grandparents in the Kerrisdale area of Vancouver where the Morrissette Heritage House still stands today. Bob and Althea purchased a home in Coquitlam B.C. where they raised their family. Bob worked in the graphics industry in Vancouver as well as running his own business manufacturing hand made printing plates for companies who printed corrugated boxes and large wrapping material. Eventually Bob and Althea retired together on Mayne Island in 1984. After Althea's passing, Bob moved to Salt Spring Island in 2000 where he later met his partner Patricia. Bob had led a very active, social and creative life, participating in many community events. Boating, fishing, camping and bike riding were just a few of his hobbies and doing it all into his 90's. Bob's glass was always half full, perhaps the secret to his longevity.

Thank you to Dr. Reznick, all the staff at Lady Minto Hospital and to all the family and friends who came by to brighten up his final days. We will be holding a Celebration of Life at a later date for close family and friends.

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Coming Events

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Wednesday August 16, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the lower hall at 901 North End Road.
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Hann, Robert "Bob" Edward

April 6, 1940 - July 2, 2023



On Sunday, July 2nd, Bob Hann passed away at Lady Minto Hospital. He was 83.

Bob was born in Christchurch, Dorset, during WWII, the younger of two sons. As a child he sang boy soprano in the choir of the Christchurch Priory and worked as a professional singer. At 14, he was sent to pre-sea training on the unheated, Victorian-era ship, The Mercury, where, in winter, it was so cold that cadets' hammocks would often freeze. Along with his nautical training, he also performed lead roles in musicals such as Gilbert & Sullivan's, Patience. At 17 he joined the Merchant Marines, sailing to ports around England and abroad, such as Hamburg, Sydney, Lima, and Hong Kong. He met his wife, Lavinia, at a dance in Brockenhurst, Hampshire, while on shore leave at age 23; they married in 1964 and emigrated to Canada in 1966.

Life in the new world was good: Bob found work as an accountant for Fruehauf Trailers, bought a house in the Toronto suburbs, and welcomed his first child, a daughter, Joelle. In 1975, the family moved to Victoria, where his son, William, was born, and then settled on Saltspring. Bob worked for the B.C. Ferries starting as a deck officer in 1975 and retiring as Master Captain in 2001.

Music was always playing in Bob's house, whether the Cambridge Singers, Boston Pops or Abba. He loved golfing, fishing, woodwork, making bread, going on cruises, and watching sports. He had a keen sense of humour and justice, and appreciated a glass of scotch. He also loved to learn, teaching himself to play the organ and getting his pilot's license so he could fly himself to work. He enjoyed his grandchildren and grieved the early death of his son, Bill, from cancer, in 2012.

Bob is survived by his wife Lavinia, daughter Joelle, daughter-in-law, Maureen, grandson Alex, granddaughter, Sammie, and two nieces in New Zealand, Deborah and Ingrid.

The family is grateful to the staff at Lady Minto for their excellent care for Bob during his last six months.

Celebration of life will be held at the Saltspring Natural Cemetery on August 8th at 2pm.

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what's on this week

Wed. Aug. 2

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Tea à Tempo: Alan Moberg. All Saints church. 2:10 p.m., followed by optional tea and treats.
John Herbert. With a musical guest on the lower deck at Moby's Pub. 5 to 8 p.m.
Auntie Kate Trio. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt Museum. Open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Drop-in Tennis. The Salt Spring Tennis Association invites players of all levels to play drop-in tennis at the indoor courts at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club every Wednesday and Saturday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. until Sept. 1.
Music Bingo. Moby's Pub. 8 to 10:30 p.m.

Thur. Aug. 3

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Salt Spring Arts Summer Outdoor Concert Series: Logan Staats and opener Sarah Smith. Centennial Park. 6 to 8 p.m.
Morien Jones. Moby's Pub lower deck. 5 to 8 p.m.
Open Mic. At the Legion. 7:30 p.m.
Craig's Karaoke. At Moby's Pub. 8 p.m. to midnight.
Alan Moberg. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.
Community Open Mic Night. Hosted by Julia at Mateada Social Club. 8 to 11 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Neighbourhood Story Time. Stories for young ones read by community members or library staff in the library's children's area every Thursday from 11 to 11:30 a.m.
Bittancourt Museum. See Wednesday listing.

Fri. Aug. 4

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Billie Woods. Moby's Pub lower deck. 5 to 8 p.m.
Fridays With Dj Boomtown. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m. til 12:30 a.m.
Synergy. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.
Karaoke. At the Legion. 7:30 p.m.
DJ Skywater With DJ Ginger. Mateada Social Club. 8 p.m. to midnight.

ACTIVITIES

Tennis at Portlock Park. Salt Spring Tennis Association invites people self-rated at 3.0+ to play at the Portlock Park courts every Friday from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. to Sept. 1.
ASK Salt Spring. MLA Adam Olsen is this week's guest in the SIMS courtyard. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Family Movie Matinee. Every Friday in the library program room at 1 p.m.
Youth Board Games. For ages 6 to 13. Children's library area. 1 to 3 p.m.
Bittancourt Museum. See Wednesday listing.

Sat. Aug. 5

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Two Point Oh. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.
Sharon Bailey. Lower deck. Moby's Pub. 5 to 8 p.m.
Best Laid Plans. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.
Bert's Blues Band. Legion. 7:30 p.m.
Ramayana. At the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga's annual Community Yoga Retreat. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Saturday Market in the Park. Centennial Park market. 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Brick By Brick Labyrinth Fundraiser. Make a donation and dedicate bricks to people you love for a new project to build a labyrinth. In front of the Harbour Authority boat launch near Centennial Park and the Saturday Market. From 9 a.m. through the afternoon.
Drop-in Tennis. See Wednesday listing.

Sun. Aug. 6

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Jazz Jam. Singers, players and fans welcome. The Legion. 3 to 6 p.m.
Vixx. Moby's Pub lower deck. 5 to 8 p.m.
Stephanie Rhodes. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.
Latte Da Talent Show. At the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga's annual Community Yoga Retreat. 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Satsang. At the annual Community Yoga Retreat. Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 12:30 p.m.
Bittancourt Museum. See Wednesday listing.

Mon. Aug. 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

BC Day Tent Party. At the Legion. Synergy at noon, The Bandits at 1:15 p.m., Broooooo at 2:45 p.m. and Islanders Jam at 4 p.m.
Vargo. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Yagna. At the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga's annual Community Yoga Retreat. 9:30 a.m.

Tue. Aug. 8

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Ashton Bachman & Guest. Lower deck at Moby's Pub. 5 to 8 p.m.
Country Band With Open Mic. At the Legion. 6 to 9 p.m.
Marianne Grittani. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Farmers' Market. Hosted by the Salt Spring Community Market Society in Centennial Park. 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Trivia Tuesday. At Moby's Pub. 7:30 p.m.

Tue. Aug. 8

ACTIVITIES

Street Sweeping Gathering. Meet at Embe Bakery parking lot to sweep the gravel off the road and improve bike safety on Fulford-Ganges Road. Wear a neon safety vest and bring a push broom if you've got one! Extras will be on hand. 7 p.m. Info: sweepourstreetsssi@gmail.com.

Wed. Aug. 9

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Tea à Tempo: Double Digits Duo. Catharina de Beer and Rykie Avenant perform a four-hands piano concert. All Saints church. 2:10 p.m., followed by optional tea and treats.
John Herbert. With a musical guest on the lower deck at Moby's Pub. 5 to 8 p.m.
K-Tones. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

Wed. Aug. 9

ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt Museum. See last Wednesday's listing.
Music Bingo. See last Wednesday's listing.

CINEMA

• **Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny** runs Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 2-3 at 7 p.m. Then **Mission Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One** is the movie from Friday, Aug. 4 to Thursday, Aug. 10 at 7 p.m. nightly plus a 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday. See thefritz.ca for more movie info or phone 250-538-7718.

EXHIBITIONS

• **Carol James** presents *On the Lighter Side*, a collection of 2D and 3D work, at **Salt Spring Gallery** through Aug. 16. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays.
• **Elemental: Wood and Metal**, a multi-artist Showcase Exhibition on the stage at **Artcraft** at Mahon Hall, runs daily, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., until Aug. 14.
• **League 181 painters** — Borbas/Eyles/Hodgins/Wickland/Wilson — present **CONNECTIONS**, an exhibit of paintings in the **Artspring lobby** through Aug. 30, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday to Friday and around events at Artspring.
• **PK Macdonald** shows *Summer*, colour field paintings, the library program room through August.
• **55th annual Artcraft gallery and shop** of work by 100 Gulf Islands artisans is on at Mahon Hall daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through the summer months.

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Keegan McEvoy from Edmonton performs at the Farmers' Institute festival site.



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Michelle Grant joins the crowd in singing and forming the letters to the Village People's Y.M.C.A. song at the end of the parade.



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

A spirited youth contingent leads Saturday's Pride parade as the marshals.



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Derek Thompson, director of Indigenous Engagement, UBC Medicine, and a hereditary chief of Ditidaht First Nation performs at the festival's opening ceremony on Friday.

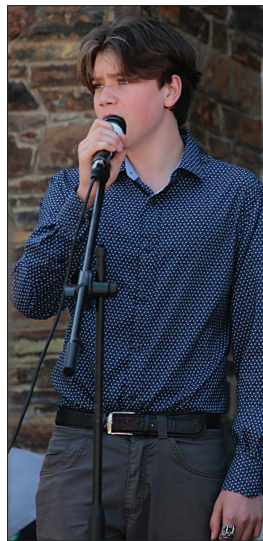


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Jack Jacquest sings at the post-parade rally at the library.



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Two of some 61 festival volunteers having fun at the Farmers' Institute site are Erin Magley, left, and Kim Ridgway.



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Perfect leggings for Pride Parade day.



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One of several signs seen in the parade.

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Vicki Smudge performs after the parade, where she rode on the BC Ferry and Marine Workers Union float. Members noted they were "on time" that day.



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Paramedic Jazzi Griffiths rides a bear in the parade.



Salt Spring Pride Parade as seen from behind on Purvis Lane.

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