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MUSHROOM BOWL: Chris Spencer holds a bowl containing the huge fungus he found at the base of a plum tree in the Ganges hill area last week. Two local fungi experts – Juli Mallett and Linda Quiring – believe it to be a Chicken of the Woods (*Laetiporus sulphureus*) specimen. They also stressed that no mushrooms should be eaten without a person having personal confidence in an identification.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Scooter driver injured in crash

Fire department also reports suspicious fires and RCMP apprehend gun-threat suspect

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Lower Ganges Road was closed to traffic between Atkins and Booth Canal roads for over an hour on Friday afternoon while island emergency service providers attended to a crash that sent one driver to hospital off-island.

According to Salt Spring RCMP, the crash involved a female moped driver travelling north toward Central who crossed the centre line into oncoming traffic and then collided with a pick-up truck that was travelling south.

"The rider of the moped was visiting Salt Spring Island with her family from Alberta. She was airlifted to Victoria with serious but non-life-threatening injuries," said RCMP Sgt. Clive Seabrook.

Salt Spring Fire Rescue Capt. Mitchell Sherrin reported the fire department was called out around 1:30 p.m. Members assisted at the crash site and with traffic control, while another team prepared Portlock Park as a landing site for the air ambulance.

Portlock Park was used as the landing area because the helipad at Lady Minto Hospital is under renovation until at least Aug. 30, Sherrin explained.

In addition to Salt Spring Fire Rescue and RCMP, BC Ambulance paramedics and personnel from road maintenance contractor Emcon Services were also on scene.

In other police news this week, RCMP are recommending charges against a Salt Spring man who brandished a replica handgun in Ganges on Thursday.

Seabrook said RCMP received a report of two men arguing on the Centennial Wharf on Aug. 19. Witnesses reported seeing one of the men retrieve what appeared to be a handgun and point it at the other man.

"Thanks to a witness who quickly called 911 and provided a detailed description of the suspect, Salt Spring RCMP located the male suspect a short distance from the dock," Seabrook reported. "The suspect was taken into custody without incident; neither of the two males were injured."

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HOSPITAL

ER campaign needs more funds



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Holding a sign showing progress of the fundraising campaign for the new emergency department at Lady Minto Hospital are, from left, Lady Minto Hospital Foundation (LMHF) chair Dave Taylor, campaign chair Carol Biely and LMHF executive director Roberta Martell. Some \$700,000 must still be raised to reach the LMHF goal.

Foundation excited about community support shown to date

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Lady Minto Hospital Foundation members are thrilled with community response to the emergency department campaign so far, but need the donations to keep on flowing in order to meet their target.

Some \$1.3 million has been raised since the Strengthen Our Lifeline community fundraising campaign was launched on June 23, with \$700,000 still required to meet the \$2-million goal.

LMHF executive director Roberta Martell said it's been an incredible experience to go through the mail that comes in every day.

"When you open the envelopes there can be \$50, there can be \$50,000; they can be lifelong donors, and lots of people are first-time donors, writing their stories about how important the emergency department has been to them and how it's impacted their family, and they are giving what they can, whether it's \$50,

\$500 or \$50,000. It's impressive."

Carol Biely, campaign committee chair, agrees that it's "very humbling. It's a wonderful feeling that we are doing something the community really really cares about to get us to this point so quickly. It really shows the commitment to the hospital and the love of the hospital in the community."

The heartfelt stories accompanying many donations has been an unexpected facet of the campaign.

"It is really giving people an outlet for their gratitude and I think that is really important," said Biely.

A number of donations have also been received from people in other communities who have been treated at Lady Minto Hospital.

"It's amazing to see the love not only from Salt Spring but from other communities," said Martell.

With all funds hopefully secured by Thanksgiving, the \$10.4-million, 420-square-metre (4,500-square-foot) project will be put out to tender by mid-October.

LMHF chair Dave Taylor said the detailed design process is now complete and everything is right on schedule.

"I think our projection of shovels in the ground early in the new year is a good one," he said.

Construction time is an estimated 15 months.

The foundation has committed to providing \$7.4 million of the total cost, with the Capital Regional Housing District adding \$3 million.

The new department will double the number of acute and primary care patients that can be treated at one time, will have a mental health and substance use treatment room, medication area, dedicated triage desk, ambulance bay, accessible washrooms, decontamination site and a larger patient and family waiting area.

Biely stresses how everyone wants to improve the working conditions for the much-valued hospital staff by providing the new facility.

"I don't know how they manage when they have two or three people on gurneys coming in," she said. "And a lot of the stories I hear are about the need for privacy. The staff are so good and respectful about that but there is only so much they can do in that space. We need to support the staff."

People can donate online, via e-transfer, with cheques sent by mail, do share donations or give cash. All donations over \$20 receive tax receipts.

The website for more details is ladymintofoundation.com and the office phone number is 250-538-4845.

Thermometer-image signs will be in place around the community to report on progress towards the \$10.4-million goal.

"We just want to say, 'Help us over the top, everybody!'" said Biely.

RCMP and fire service see busy week

EMERGENCY
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The suspect was searched and a replica pellet handgun was seized. Charges of uttering threats and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose are being recommended. The suspect is due to appear in Ganges Provincial Court on Nov. 19.

Salt Spring Fire Rescue also had a busy week with 25 calls for service just from Wednesday to Sunday. Included in the list were two brush fires that appeared to have been intentionally set and were discovered at different points in the early hours of Aug. 18.

The first fire was located in some grass and brambles in the 100 block of McPhillips Avenue around 1:20 a.m. Another fire involved a stump on the roadside of the 200 block of Fulford-Ganges Road, reported around 5 a.m.

"Capt. Cody Hunsberger was the commanding officer on scene and said both fires looked very suspicious to him," Sherrin reported, adding the



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Salt Spring Fire Rescue Capt. Mitchell Sherrin, centre, helps sweep glass off the road following a serious collision between a moped and a truck that occurred on Lower Ganges Road near Booth Canal Road Friday afternoon.

incidents are under investigation.

Salt Spring Fire Rescue also received a call from a Galiano resident who thought they spotted a fire on Salt Spring on Thursday. It turned out to be smoke from the

wildfire on Mount Hayes near Lady-smith. On Sunday afternoon, the B.C. Wildfire Service changed the status of that fire from "out of control" to "held," but 73 hectares (180 acres) had already been burned.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee is waiving the public hearing for proposed Bylaw No. 271, cited as "Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999, Amendment No. 1, 2019". The public hearing is being waived under the authority granted in Section 467 of the *Local Government Act* that states that a local government may waive the holding of a public hearing on a proposed bylaw if an Official Community Plan is in effect for the area that is subject to a proposed zoning bylaw, and the proposed bylaw is consistent with the Plan. Upon adoption, Bylaw No. 271 will be consistent with the Official Community Plan for Galiano Island.

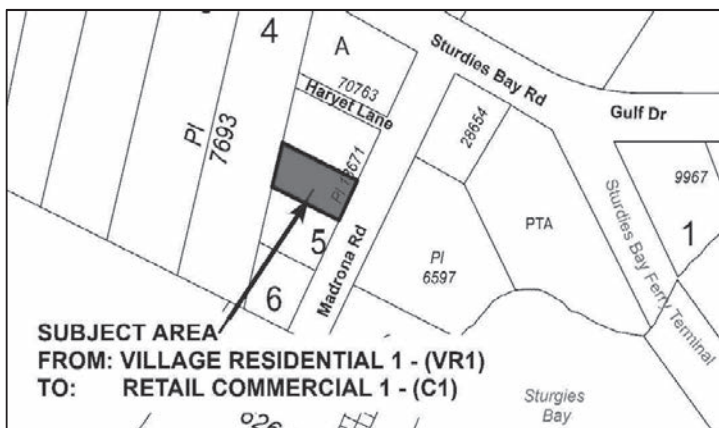
The Galiano Island Local Trust Committee will consider further readings to the bylaw at its electronic business meeting scheduled at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

Proposed Bylaw No. 271 – The purpose of the proposed bylaw is to amend the zoning classification of the subject property from Village Residential 1 (VR1) to Retail Commercial 1 (C1). The proposed change in zoning is consistent with the current Official Community Plan (OCP) land use designation of 'Community Facility/Commercial' for the subject property.

A staff report is available on the Galiano Island Islands Trust application webpage:

<https://islandstrust.bc.ca/island-planning/galiano/current-applications/>

The location of the subject properties is shown on the following sketch map.



A copy of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing August 23, 2021, and up to and including September 7, 2021.

The proposed bylaw can be viewed at

<https://islandstrust.bc.ca/island-planning/galiano/current-applications/>

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Brad Smith, Island Planner, at (250) 405-5194 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

Jas Chonk, Deputy Secretary

CRIME

RCMP reports busy quarter

More than 700 incidents responded to

The second quarter of 2021, April 1 to June 30, was a steady period for Salt Spring Island RCMP with 728 calls for police response and investigation.

The types of reports included, among others, 123 mental health calls, 112 traffic-related calls, 12 firearms calls, seven sexual offence investigations and 20 COVID complaints. There were 439 foot patrols conducted and 97 bar walks done over this 91-day period. In total, SSI RCMP have now responded to over 1,400 calls since the beginning of 2021.

In the month of April 2021, there was a 200 per cent increase in traffic collisions when compared with April 2020, a 33 per cent increase over April 2019 and a 140 per cent increase over April 2018. In May 2021, motor vehicle collisions increased 50 per cent from 2020 and over 125 per cent from 2019. Single-vehicle collisions, multi-vehicle collisions and collisions involving pedestrians with injuries were all responded to during this quarter.

Calls included the following:

April 2021

- SSI RCMP were advised of a boat taking on water in Sansum Narrows with adults and a child on board; the boat made it to shore prior to fully sinking with no injuries.

- SSI RCMP assisted the BC Coroner's Service on multiple investigations during April and throughout the quarter.

- After arresting a female for mischief and damage to downtown property, the female was subsequently arrested again weeks later for threatening a SSI RCMP member.

- Police responded to a downtown business where the owners and staff refused to wear masks in contradiction to current provincial guidelines. Education was given and a discussion was had regarding businesses operating legally on SSI.

- Police responded to multiple acts of graffiti in the downtown core; the investigation is continuing.

- SSI RCMP responded to a report of an intoxicated male at a downtown business. Because of the level of the male's intoxication, he was transported by ambulance to hospital for assessment and treatment.

- Police were advised of a local resident who gave out credit card numbers to a phone scammer and subsequently had money withdrawn from their account. RCMP are reminding residents to not give out their credit card numbers, SIN card information, etc. over the phone to people alleging to be from Revenue Canada.

- Police were advised of a boat adrift in Ganges Harbour, without power, with multiple people on board; Coast Guard and RCMP attended on separate vessels and the boat was towed back to land.

May 2021

- SSI RCMP received a report of a male coming to SSI on the ferry with outstanding provincial warrants; pedestrian and vehicle traffic was screened and the incoming ferry was searched by police. It was determined that a wrongful ID of the male occurred and the male was still somewhere on Vancouver Island.

- Police responded to a report of a male who broke a downtown business window with a skateboard; the male was found, arrested and charges recommended to Crown.

- A drug investigation resulted in the laying of charges against a couple supplying drugs to minors.

- Police assisted with multiple missing persons investigations throughout this quarter.

- SSI RCMP were advised of a positive COVID test of a person who had just returned to SSI after being out of country; the importance of quarantining and avoiding people was discussed, and the person agreed to quarantine for the required two weeks on SSI.

- A theft of produce from a local farm stand was reported to police; safety practices and surveillance was discussed.

- Police assisted the BC Sheriff's office with the issuing of documents for family court.

- Police received a report of a male going to a house on Salt Spring to "exact payment." Police intercepted the male and arrested him; the male has since left Salt Spring Island.

- SSI RCMP responded to a male who threatened to kill himself; the male was transported to hospital for assessment.

- SSI RCMP are investigating the deliberate sinking of a 42-foot boat in Ganges Harbour by an act of mischief; charges under the Criminal Code and the Shipping Act are being recommended to Crown.

- Duncan RCMP requested assistance locating a missing male; the male was found living in Ganges Harbour by SSI RCMP.

- A female was arrested by SSI RCMP after an SSI investigation into an alleged online request for the abduction of a child; the woman offered to pay \$20,000 for a child's abduction.

- Police were advised of a van parked outside a downtown business with the van's residents using a bucket for human feces; the bucket was kept outside the van and passers-by could see the residents using the bucket for their toiletry needs. Police discussed other toiletry options with the residents and the van was encouraged to move along.

- A male who threatened to kill himself was apprehended by police and taken to hospital for assessment.

June 2021

- After a two-year investigation by SSI RCMP into an incident involving child pornography and exploitation that occurred on SSI, a male in the U.K. was arrested and charged this month.

- Police assisted with the removal of a child from the home of an intoxicated parent who was not able to provide the necessities of life for the child.

- SSI RCMP mediated an altercation between feuding neighbours.

- Police were advised of a set of car keys stolen from an unlocked, windows-down vehicle in downtown Ganges.

- Police responded to a male waving a knife in Centennial Park; the male was arrested and the eight-inch knife was taken from him. The male has since left SSI.

- SSI RCMP removed a burning garbage can from near the propane tanks in Ganges Alley; the fire department extinguished the fire and then together with police extinguished a second fire on the nearby beach.

- In the past quarter, SSI RCMP responded to 112 traffic-related incidents, including erratic driving, various parking complaints, impaired drivers and speeding. Multiple charges for impaired driving by alcohol and drugs were issued. SSI roadblocks are increasing in frequency and impaired drivers are being caught, including two impaired drivers caught within the first seven minutes of a roadblock being set up during the last week of June.

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HUMAN RIGHTS

Inquiry to investigate pandemic's hate boom

Public participation model to be announced

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
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British Columbia's Human Rights Commissioner Kasari Govender has announced her first public human rights inquiry will examine the disturbing surge of hate in the pandemic.

According to last Wednesday's announcement, the Office of the B.C. Human Rights Commissioner has been monitoring hate incidents as part of its core strategic priority work on hate and white supremacy. Since early 2020, there has been a significant increase in reported hate-related incidents in B.C.

"It is critical for all of us to be better prepared to prevent and respond to hate during global health, economic and social crises to protect our human rights during turbulent times," Govender said.

The increase in incidents of hate directed at Asian people throughout British Columbia has also been noticed on Salt Spring, as reported by the Driftwood in June. Groups working to raise awareness of racism on the island include the Japanese Garden Society

and the BIPOC Community Collective (BIPOCCC). Members of both groups are encouraged by the announcement, but see a lot of work ahead to change systemic inequities and the cultural biases they are based on.

"This initiative is a very small step in the right direction, but the pandemic highlighted significant systemic inequities and I would like to see resources directed to resolving those," said Shamana Ali, who is a member of the BIPOCCC board. "Violence is also perpetuated when health, housing, safety and societal needs are unserved in communities which provide the cheap labour that this system requires to function."

Japanese Garden Society director Rumiko Kanesaka also believes the inquiry is an important step in a larger process.

"I think it's a good thing. I don't want it to be just another case of talking and researching and not doing anything after that," Kanesaka said.

Both BIPOCCC and the Japanese Garden Society (JGS) have focused on education as a key area to address. BIPOCCC members have been working with the Gulf Islands School District to create policy for dealing with incidents of racism at

schools and are advocating for changes to the curriculum and to teacher training. JGS has hosted discussion forums with BIPOCCC guest speakers and has strived to bring Salt Spring's own problematic history to light regarding the internment of Japanese Canadians during the Second World War.

Kanesaka said future plans involve creating a safe space and support system on the island for those who are directly affected by hate before creating more resources for the wider community. She hopes people from non-marginalized groups seek out their own education.

"People who haven't done their work often don't realize where they're behaving from. Doing their work would be really great," she said.

The Office of the B.C. Human Rights Commissioner said the intent of the inquiry is to examine hate in all its forms: "not only racism and racial hate, but also hate directed at groups protected under B.C.'s Human Rights Code. For example, hate perpetuated on the basis of religion, gender identity, disability, Indigeneity, sexual orientation, poverty or homelessness."

The inquiry will take the form of a year-long investigation. At the close, the

commissioner will release a final report with recommendations to address, prevent and manage outbreaks of hate during times of social upheaval now and in future. The inquiry can establish facts but cannot make legal findings of guilt or liability or compel governments to accept the recommendations.

Due to the challenging nature of the inquiry topic, the office said it will not hold open public hearings. Instead, staff will solicit expert and public testimony virtually to protect privacy and embed trauma informed practices. The office will inform the public on how they can participate in the inquiry later this fall once the submission period formally opens.

"Many of us are uncomfortable acknowledging hate because we want to think of our country as a peaceful, respectful place. The truth is that hate is here, and it is growing," Govender said. "Fear and ignorance underlie much of the rise of hate and white supremacy in B.C. Combatting hate in all its forms requires addressing fear, systemic inequality and ignorance through an evidence-based approach to change."

For more information, see the commissioner's website at bchumanrights.ca.

COVID-19

Vaccine requirements set

Gulf Islands case numbers increase

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

People in British Columbia will have to provide proof of at least one COVID-19 immunization shot to attend concerts, sports events and other indoor activities beginning Sept. 13.

B.C. Premier John Horgan and provincial health officer Dr. Bonnie Henry announced the new measure Monday, along with a warning the final phase of the province's reopening plan is unlikely to go ahead on Sept. 7 as hoped. Full vaccination with two doses received at least seven days earlier will be required to attend non-discretionary events and services as of Oct. 24.

"Vaccines are our ticket to putting this pandemic behind us," Horgan said during Monday's press conference. "So I call on all eligible unvaccinated British Columbians to roll up their sleeves to stop the spread, and help protect themselves, their loved ones and the people in their community. British Columbia has one of the strongest vaccination rates in Canada with 75 per cent of eligible people now fully vaccinated, but there is still more work to do."

The new provincial health order will affect a broad range of social and recreational events and businesses including indoor ticketed sporting events, theatres, concert halls and movie theatres, indoor and patio dining in restaurants, fitness centres, casinos and nightclubs and indoor organized events like conferences and weddings. Faith-based gatherings are not included,

and neither are retail businesses or health services.

The vaccine requirement is set to continue through to Jan. 31, 2022, and is subject to possible extension.

The announcement comes as cases continue to increase across the province, which is experiencing a "fourth wave" fuelled by the Delta variant and largely affecting unvaccinated people.

"Most of the cases we're seeing are unvaccinated people between the ages of 20 and 40," Henry said Monday.

Data collected by the BC Centre for Disease Control for the week of Aug. 8 to 14 showed four positive cases on the Southern Gulf Islands after many weeks with zero cases reported. Salt Spring's second-dose vaccination rate stood at 71 per cent of eligible people age 12 and up as of Aug. 19, compared to 75 per cent across the province. The first-dose rate on Salt Spring was 78 per cent compared to 83 per cent across B.C.

Children under the age of 12 are not yet eligible for vaccination. Henry said they will be permitted to attend the proscribed events if they are accompanied by adults who are vaccinated.

British Columbians will be able to access their digital proof of vaccination through a secure weblink that will be provided before Sept. 13, and will be able to save a copy on their phones to show at designated businesses and events. Those who don't have phones will be provided with another secure alternative option, Henry said.

The officials said details on COVID-19 safety requirements for K-12 and post-secondary schools will be provided sometime this week.

It's Back to School Time!

Tuesday, September 7th



School District 64 (Gulf Islands) is excited to be welcoming students back to school and a return full-time to regular, in-class instruction.

Opening Day Only: Tuesday, September 7th will be early dismissal (regular school start time, dismissing at lunch). Full day classes begin Wednesday, September 8th.

Schools will be open for student registration and inquiries from August 30th to September 2nd, 2021. (*Gulf Islands Secondary School and Saltspring Island Middle School open August 23rd.*)

School	Principal	Office Hours	Phone #
Fernwood Elementary School (K-6)	Michael Berendt	9:00 am to 3:00 pm	250-537-9332
Fulford Community School (K-6)	Marie Mullen	9:00 am to 3:00 pm	250-653-9223
Galiano Community School (K-8)	Brenda Lepine	8:30 am to 12:30 pm	250-539-2261
Gulf Islands Secondary School (8-12) and Phoenix Place Alternate Program	Lyll Ruehlen	9:00 am to 3:00 pm	250-537-9944
Mayne Elem. Jr. Sec. School (K-8)	Amy Dearden	8:30 am to 12:30 pm	250-539-2371
Pender Islands School (K-12)	Adrian Pendergast	9:00 am to 3:00 pm	250-629-3711
Phoenix Elementary School (K-8)	Dan Sparanese	8:30 am to 12:30 pm	250-537-1156
Saltspring Island Middle School (7)	Judy Smith	9:00 am to 3:00 pm	250-537-1159
Salt Spring Elementary School (K-6)	Shelly Johnson	9:00 am to 3:00 pm	250-537-9928
Saturna Elementary/SEEC (K-5 / 10-12)	Adrian Pendergast	apendergast@sd64.org	250-539-2472

Kindergarten: A child must be five years of age by December 31st, 2021 to enter Kindergarten this year. Please provide your child's Birth Certificate and BC Care Card at the time of registration. Parents will be contacted by the school with arrangements for your child's entry date into the Kindergarten program.

StrongStart BC Programs (ELF): StrongStart Early Learning programs will be welcoming families again this year. Please check in with the school in your community for more information.

Student Transportation: School bus and student water taxi route information is available on the SD64 website at sd64.bc.ca/transportation. Facilities and Transportation administration will be available August 23rd to September 3rd for student transportation registration and inquiries (250-537-5723 or transportation@sd64.org).

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EDITORIAL

Listening to Dorothy

An early voice in climate change activism who lived on Salt Spring Island for many years died last week at the age of 90.

Cutting made an impression on everyone she met. She was intense, generous, affectionate and had complete conviction in her beliefs. Way back in 2002, when she was 71, Dorothy Cutting made national headlines when she drove across Canada in a hybrid car, delivering copies of Robert Hunter's book called 2030: Thermageddon in Our Lifetime to every member of Parliament. She was convinced that if all the politicians read that book they would be motivated to act to prevent what we now call climate change.

"This may not be the hardest thing I've ever done," she told the Driftwood at the time. "But it is the most important because the planet is in such trouble."

Warnings about climate change had of course been made long before 2002, but it wasn't until then that the subject started to become part of mainstream conversation, in part due to books like

Hunter's and actions undertaken by people like Dorothy Cutting.

Between the B.C. wildfire situation, impacts of the late June heat dome and current drought, the latest warnings from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and news that rain has fallen on the Greenland ice cap for the first time ever, Hunter's "Thermageddon" has clearly arrived in our lifetime.

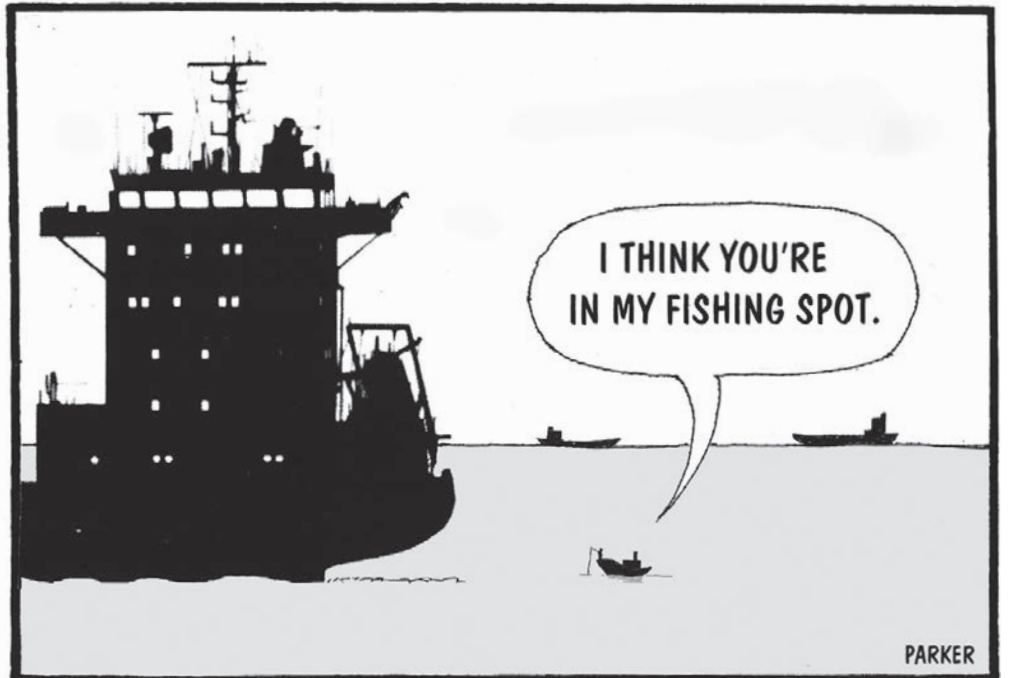
Where might Canada and the world be today if leaders had acted on the warnings of people like Cutting, Hunter and many more, instead of either making climate-friendly policy statements without any clout, or taking climate-harming actions just to give themselves the best chance of being elected? We can't be building pipelines to sell our fossil fuels to foreign countries on one hand and promising to meet Paris Agreement targets on the other.

In calling a federal election only two years after the last one, the Liberal government is following the pattern of other governments that put short-term political gain ahead of all other goals, as the B.C. NDP government did last year when it unnecessarily called an early election during the pandemic.

Short-term thinking is what got us where we are today; that and not heeding warnings from people like our own Dorothy Cutting.

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WE SAY: Leaders should have listened to island activist



End ancient forest logging

BY BRIAN SMALLSHAW

The federal election announced on Aug. 15 will be the climate change election, and as a citizen of British Columbia I would like to hear from all parties and their candidates in this riding about how the protection of the last of the ancient forests of coastal B.C. fits into their climate change plans.

We know that in addition to being places of majestic beauty, spiritual inspiration and remarkable biological diversity, ancient forests like the one at Fairy Creek are enormous carbon sinks. When they are cut, and especially when they are clearcut, a huge amount of carbon is released into the atmosphere; the resulting lumber continues to sequester carbon, but the waste that is left behind, the sawdust, the emissions from decay and burning amount to well over half of the carbon contained in the original forest.

Even worse, after old-growth forests are clearcut the land loses much of its ability to retain moisture and the second-growth forests that follow are much more susceptible to forest fires, which

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when they occur are huge emitters of carbon, not to mention their disastrous impact on air quality.

This is madness in a world where there are almost no ancient forests left ... and in a world that is literally on fire.

In British Columbia active logging of old-growth forests continues, despite the fact that very little of the area containing the original bottom-land giants has not been logged. How much actually remains is a subject of some debate, but even the most generous estimates have it at less than 10 per cent of what once existed. Yet they continue to be clearcut, in many cases because the First Nations on whose land they reside are in such a state of economic deprivation that they are forced to sell off their most valuable assets

to survive.

This is madness in a world where there are almost no ancient forests left, where people are clamouring for the spiritual rejuvenation from time spent in nature, and in a world that is literally on fire because of the climate change that has resulted from humanity's carbon emissions. It is doubly mad when one considers the minimal cost of protecting these forests and the economic gains for everyone (except a few logging companies) that would result from their preservation. They are worth more standing.

So my question for the Greens, Liberals, Conservatives and NDP: If you form government after this election, what steps will you take to end all logging of ancient forests in coastal British Columbia, and Canada as a whole, and how will you ensure that the First Nations where these forests exist are economically advantaged by this ban?

The writer is a Salt Spring resident.

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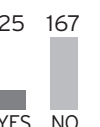
THIS WEEK'S POLL QUESTION:

Does news about local COVID cases change your behaviour?

Yes No

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Are you happy that a federal election has been called?



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OPINION { QUOTE OF THE WEEK: }

"It really shows the commitment to the hospital and the love of the hospital in the community."

CAROL BIELY, LMHF ER CAMPAIGN CHAIR

SALT SPRING SAYS

WE ASKED: *How would you feel about a vaccine passport for access to nonessential businesses?*

LAUREL STARK



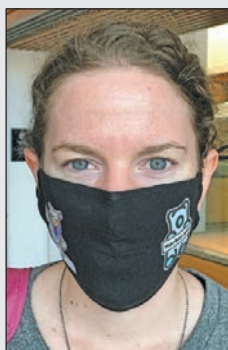
I really feel that's Orwellian and it's going to create a two-tiered society of those that have it and those that don't.

BRANDON BRONSON



I am very mixed. As a teacher I think more needs to be done, but maybe not in that direction.

JENNA BRADLEY



I think there needs to be a global system for travel for sure. I'm not sure about locally.

GLEN STOJCIC



I think it's too much. Vaccination should be your choice.

BARBARA DUMOULIN



Great idea. I'm fully in favour.

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

Top priority

Last March, we learned of Salt Spring trustee Laura Patrick's desire to keep interpretation of the Islands Trust mandate "as broad as possible." She helped defeat two motions to prioritize protection of the natural environment in the draft Trust Policy Statement.

Then at a June 23 meeting of the Trust's Executive Committee, Patrick seconded motions by Gambier Island trustee Dan Rogers to weaken clauses that stated: "Local Trust Committees shall . . . ensure: (1) that freshwater quality is maintained; (2) that islands are self-sufficient in their supply of water; and (3) that freshwater use is not to the

detriment of in-stream uses such as: fish and fish habitat uses; Indigenous cultural and spiritual use; aesthetic and recreational uses; and, the maintenance of water quality in lakes, streams and wetlands." The motions sought to change "shall ensure" to "shall strive to ensure."

Speaking to the last point, William Shulba, the Trust's senior freshwater specialist, expressed support for leaving the wording unchanged. He reminded the committee that the Trust has effective mapping tools and a commitment to protect fish habitat.

Despite this expert opinion, the wording for all three points has now been changed to include "strive to." What used

to be a requirement has become an aspirational goal that can easily be ignored.

With months to go in the review process, there is still time to object to the constant erosion of the draft document and ask that protection of the natural environment be the top priority. Send your comments to islands2050@islandstrust.bc.ca.

WAYNE & DOREEN HEWITT,
SALT SPRING

5-star service

I suffered a terrible fall last week and was in a lot of pain.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the doctors and nurses at the Lady Minto Hospital where I received wonder-

ful treatment. Nothing was too much trouble and I was seen to and cared for in a very timely manner and received nothing short of five-star treatment!

RUTH HARPER,
SALT SPRING

Division

Last week's Question of the Week was whether we were happy about the federal election. My vote is YES. If Trudeau doesn't have a majority of people backing his policies (i.e. for vaccines, etc.) then our country will be even more divided.

T. GILLEN,
SALT SPRING

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Buzzwords unpack a lack of linguistic imagination

Here are the first couple of lines of a song written approximately a century ago: "Pack up all my cares and woes, here I go, singing low, bye bye blackbird."

Compare these lyrics to those of another song that has about the same vintage: "Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag and smile, smile, smile."

What do both these songs have in common? Obviously, they both refer to the act of packing away negative feelings and concerns in order to allow a more hopeful and optimistic state of mind to appear.

So much for the act of packing. After the hundred years or so since these tunes were popular, we find that nobody packs anymore. The buzzword making the rounds today is "unpack." I guess you can still unpack your suitcase or groceries, but the word is used mainly to describe what you do with thoughts, fears, feelings, emotions, frustrations and grief.

"Unpack" has replaced words we once used, such as analyze or examine, to describe the process of breaking down concepts into their component parts in order to better understand them. In fact, it's a rarity today to hear an interview with any kind of authority on anything without having the word "unpack" pop up.

That's not to say that unpacking is a spanking new digital creation. No, even William Shakespeare, back in the 16th century, had his protagonist, Hamlet, proclaim "unpack my heart with words" as he attempted to deal with his malaise of inaction. So even though the word has been around for a long time, it's the overuse of the word and its "buzzwordiness" that irks this listener.

Another buzzword making the rounds recently is "journey." Nobody ever takes a trip anymore. No, a simple walk down to the corner 7-Eleven for a litre of milk is now described as a mystical, life-altering journey of self-discovery. Coffee and a donut at Tim Hortons is a mind-expanding journey towards actualization of your identity. Even your morning stumble through the kitchen to check for leftovers in the refrigerator is now a door-opening journey to reconcile past experiences.

Don't get me wrong. I understand that new words and expressions come into use while others become archaic and fall



Shilo Zylbergold

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

into the language waste basket. Currently, there are approximately half a million words in the English language, although I remember when I was a teen that I could get by on a couple of dozen monosyllabic words and a few grunts.

Some words explode on the scene, splash themselves into every conversation, and then exit stage left almost as quickly. When was the last time you heard "groovy?" Or "grok?" Have you recently had the occasion to feel "uptight?" How good does something have to be before you describe it as "outasight?" While once pervading every other nook and cranny of our language, expressions such as "I can dig it" and "weapons of mass destruction" are now only heard as the butts of jokes.

Other overworked expressions seem to find a way of sticking around no matter how tired and hackneyed they get. At the end of the day, when will people stop using "at the end of the day" instead of simply saying "finally?" What's wrong with saying "now" instead of "at this point in time?" Can we please stop saying "moving forward" and acknowledge the fact that forward is the only direction that time knows how to move?

When it comes to overworked clichés, especially here on Salt Spring, "wellness" takes the proverbial cake. If I hear that term used instead of health one more time, I'm going to have to realign somebody's chakras. Another buzz-phrase that gets my goat is "think outside the box." Hey, if you so appreciate the art of originality, how come you can't come up with another expression that means to think unconventionally?

Let's look at the word "grow." I like to garden. I spend much of my time growing carrots and beans. It takes sunshine, water and good soil nutrients to get an excellent harvest. I have no idea what it takes to

grow the economy, grow your business, or grow the community. Yet, politicians spend half their campaign speeches extolling the virtues of all these abstract nebulae they promise to grow.

Lately, an expression that has elbowed its way to the front of the buzzword line is "the new normal." Ostensibly, this expression implies that some novel behaviour or phenomenon has replaced another previously accepted one and is now looked upon as normal. For instance, wearing a mask when entering a bank may be considered the new normal, whereas a decade ago it would have got you a sentence of 10 to 15 years with time off for good behaviour.

Some words make it into the English language by piggybacking on words that are already accepted. For instance, "indigenous" is a term used to describe something or someone native to or belonging naturally to a specific place or locale. Because some people tend to think they will appear more intelligent if they use words containing more syllables, words as "indigenouness" and "indigenounity" have wormed their way into our lexicon. It's only a matter of time before we start hearing "indigenounityness" bandied about.

I can only guess at the meanings of some other recent terms that are banging at the door to get into the English language. "Bouncebackability" could be a measure of the quality of a basketball or possibly the resilience of someone who has received a hundred consecutive job application rejections.

When it comes to "eco-bling," your guess is as good as mine.

Nobody asked me, but my most recently hated buzzword expression is "good question" or "that's a great question." It is usually used by people who have been asked a question for which they have no answer. It is employed as a stalling tactic in the hope that in the second or two it takes to utter this phrase, something will come along to save them from the inevitable embarrassment that is about to become evident. Something like a gigantic asteroid unpacking itself into planet Earth. At which point, all of these irritations of mine become absolutely moot. Unpack that thought into your eco-bling.



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SMOKE ACROSS THE WATER: Dense smoke from the Mount Hayes wildfire near Ladysmith on Vancouver Island is seen from Salt Spring Island on Thursday evening. The fire was deemed under control by Sunday, but with 73 hectares (180 acres) of land already burned.

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Dorothy's request

My dear friend, Dorothy Cutting, asked me to write this message from herself to our Salt Spring community, a community which she loved with great passion. Her words also reflect her endless love for Canada.



DOROTHY
CUTTING

Dorothy passed away on Monday, Aug. 16, as many of you may know.

While saying my goodbye to her the day before, she asked me to impart something near and dear to her heart to the Driftwood so it can be shared with all of us.

I am honoured to be able to do this for her. Although I am sad that she has left us, I am inspired by her strength, bravery and determination to do things in her own way. Those of you who had the pleasure of knowing Dorothy know she always did things her own unique way!

Here are the words she asked me to share. They come from the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which she was given by Canada when she became a citizen. Her hope is that we all share and embrace the responsibility bestowed upon us in this beautiful nation of ours.

"As a Canadian, you must uphold the principles of democracy, freedom and compassion, which are the foundation of a strong and united Canada."

With much love from Dorothy.
CINDY AKERS RABSON,
SALT SPRING

Compassionate heritage

When Dorothy Cutting came to Salt Spring, she didn't plan to stay long. But she fell in love with this place, this community and felt that love was returned handsomely.

She was wracked with foreboding about the ecological catastrophe we are bringing down on ourselves, and helped make this part of the world one of the most aware and committed to action of any.

But it wasn't the climate crisis that she focused on, directly, in her last days. It was compassion.

Compassion was part of her identity as a Canadian. She had her citizenship certificate, which underlined how Canadians have a duty to uphold the principles of democracy, freedom and compassion, framed. And when the wording of the certificate was changed, during the Harper era, it felt to her that part of our Canadian identity had

been betrayed.

In a world as hot and bothered as ours, calling for compassion might seem futile. But we know that even some Nazis helped victims of the regime (e.g. Oskar Schindler). Surely, the least we can do is what musician and activist Pete Seeger suggested, in his later years: "Taking the opportunity to talk with people I disagree with . . . that's a skill we all should learn." Even without a banjo like Seeger's, a "machine that surrounds hate and forces it to surrender," we can look for ways to help compassion overcome the injustices and heartbreak of this world.

We know that our MP Elizabeth May, who considered Dorothy to be a second mother, is committed to work to get compassion back into the citizenship certificate statement. In honour of Dorothy, let's look for ways to live up to that part of our heritage.

JAN SLAKOV &

JOANNE MONTRICHARD,
SALT SPRING

Island's natural beauty fading fast

Though I now live on another Gulf Island, my family roots run deep on Salt Spring. My great aunt was Helen Ruckle, whose family's conservation foresight helped ensure Ruckle Park is public land today.

I have been distressed over the years to see all the development occurring on this beautiful island to the detriment of the natural environment.

How sad to read in last week's Driftwood that the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee is enabling a large resort at the end of Fulford Harbour. The truly incomprehensible aspect is that a septic variance was approved against the advice of the Islands Trust staff, including the Trust's freshwater specialist. These are the people who actually have expertise in the complex matters of environmental protection. What expertise do trustees have to disregard such advice?

I remember the old pub at this location and always hoped the site could be restored as a fully functioning estuary. Granting the variance was a most egregious error that will certainly further pollute the adjacent streams and harbour.

Who will pay the price when things go wrong as they surely will? The environment and the taxpayer will, not the developer. A solution must be found to protect this rare and precious ecosystem.

Trustees' disrespect for the "preserve and protect" mandate is impossible for me to understand. I grieve for Salt Spring whose natural beauty is fading fast as the island follows the same growth pattern as other communities in the province.

JENNIFER MARGISON,
GALIANO ISLAND



PHOTO BY JILL TARSWELL
VOCAL: Some 180 people rallied outside the Salt Spring RCMP station on Monday afternoon to protest alleged police brutality at the site of the Fairy Creek blockades on Vancouver island, which many Salt Spring residents have been involved in.

Trans youth supported

BY THE DAISSI BOARD

We on the board of Diverse and Inclusive Salt Spring Island, our island's LGBTQ2SIA+ community organization, wish to publicly respond to discussions going on across our island about some very public incidents which have been deeply disturbing for those of us who are trans, and our allies, within the queer community and beyond it.

We have no desire to repeat and address in a detailed way the deeply upsetting content, nor to make this about calling out individual people, when the more troubling fact is that incidents of transphobia are all-too-widespread on Salt Spring, and insidious transphobic beliefs are present in all parts of our community.

We must have a zero tolerance policy for transphobia. In saying that, we are all painfully familiar with the inevitable responses, with hand-wringing concern about free speech and the honest debate of ideas. There are, indeed, interesting conversations to be had about gender and the construction of biological sex, but they do not begin with the assertion of a fixed hierarchy, unscientific statements about the nature of human biology, and sentimental appeals for a return to the way things used to be — and, in fact, never really were.

Those whose gender and sexual biology varies from the norm have always been present in society, and throughout the natural world, but our existence is routinely denied, minimized or pathologized. What is different now from the world some of us grew up in is that the attempts to suppress our existence and limit our behaviour to uphold a false reality are failing. We are, all of us, confronted with new possibilities for what gender, sex and sexuality might mean, and the possibility that things could have been different all along. This is destabilizing, and can feel rightly unsettling, but that calls for us to develop and learn, not to retreat into what we were raised to believe, and to condemn those who stir up cognitive

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dissonance for us about the truths we thought we knew.

Too often we see our children and youth being named as a cause for concern and caution, even as those who claim to be speaking to protect them put them in harm's way, deny their lived experience, and seek to work against their self-exploration, self-expression and liberation — and even against their safety in our community. Demanding that younger generations constrain their existence so that we can maintain our illusions about the world is unacceptable, and when this is done in a way that makes children vulnerable, subjects them to bullying or makes them feel unsafe when around adults in positions of leadership in our community, that is destructive. It is destructive for those children, and it diminishes those adults who are deprived of the opportunity to learn from those who are growing up in a world full of more possibility than many of us ever dreamt possible.

The pandemic has frayed all of our nerves, and stretched our resources thin, but if we are the community we claim to be, we will work to be kinder and gentler with our youth, and to give less airtime to reactionary, hateful views which deny the lived experience of our trans and queer population, young and old.

There is so much to be learned here, and DAISSI is interested in facilitated conversations where all members of the community can have opportunities to have deep conversations about challenging realities. There are very real discussions to be had about how our ideas about social gender and biological sex have been shaped by colonialism, by our political systems and by patriarchy.

We want to provide a forum for those conversations — which are not conversations about whether trans people should be "allowed" to transition, or to exist in public, or any of the other absurd and hate-

ful conversations that mask themselves as intellectual discourse, but are nothing more than hate. We want to experience our collective awakening to the wideness and the wildness of the natural world, and to have the opportunity to listen to the voices of our youth who are experiencing and creating a new world. It is a gift to glimpse the wonder of the world as it really is, and not as we imagine it to be, and it is invigorating to see the future through the eyes of those who will make it. We hope that once the post-pandemic normal emerges, you will join us for some conversations and talks in which we can all share a deeper experience of the bigger picture.

Until then, and always, we want trans individuals across the island, of all ages but particularly our youth, to know that there are many of us who are committed to walking this journey together. We do it clumsily at times, but we make efforts to do our best, and we begin always from a place of honouring, respecting, and loving one another, and our lived experience. If you feel alone, you are not. If you fear that the world is turning against you, and that those who work for your extermination are winning, it is not so, and we will not let it be so. Hateful speech may make a lot of noise, and it always bears more heat than light, but the truth of your existence, of our existence, will not be erased.

And to our trans youth especially, know that we stand with you. We are committed to the transformation of our community, and we will have your back as you speak and live your truth. Tell us what you need from us, and know that we will continue to work to transform this community, and to reject transphobia in all its guises as it so often — too often — appears in our community.

May we walk together into a better world than the one we have known.

DAISSI board members are Jean Burgess, Karen Cunningham, Juli Mallett, Shellyse Szakac and Bill Turner.

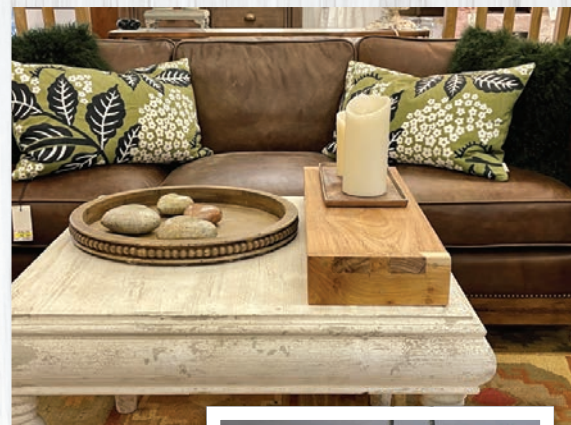
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WORK FLOW: Sarah Jim of the WSANEC Nation adds to the Coast Salish mural project taking shape outside the Salt Spring Public Library on Monday. The mural is being produced by Quw'utsun artist Charlene Johnny, who is mentoring young artists of local Indigenous communities. Partnering with the library to facilitate the project are Stqeeye' Learning Society (Xwaaq'um Project), Salt Spring Arts Council, the Gulf Islands School District's Indigenous Education Department, MLA Adam Olsen, the Capital Regional District and funders the Salt Spring Island Foundation and the Philip and Muriel Berman Foundation Fund, (which is held by the Vancouver Foundation).

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Outdoor concert series on tap



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Salt Spring musical acts appearing at free concert evenings at Centennial Park this summer are The Myrtle Sisters, left, and The Buck Dodgers Stringband.

Salt Spring Arts presents free local music Aug. 26-28, Sept. 9-11

Live musical performances will return to Centennial Park just in time for the end of summer thanks to a free concert series presented by Salt Spring Arts.

The Summer Outdoor Concert Series features back-to-back evenings of live music for two weekends, with shows running Thursday to Saturday, Aug. 26 to 28 and Sept. 9 to 11 from 6 to 8 p.m.

"There has never been a better time to support our music community, and here we get the chance to celebrate 15 local acts with six free concerts in the park," Salt Spring Arts states in a press release.

Salt Spring Arts previously hosted six evening concerts in Centennial Park in 2019. The series showcased touring B.C. musicians with local opening acts. This year's concerts focus entirely on Salt Spring Island musicians and groups.

The Summer Outdoor Concert Series presents a diverse

collection of musical acts, showcasing genres from punk rock to traditional bluegrass and more. This coming weekend's concerts will feature local acts Éliisa & Blair, Sharon Bailey (Thursday), Hownd and The Buck Dodgers Stringband (Friday) and S.K. Wellington and The Myrtle Sisters on Saturday.

The September weekend event will include more live local music, including a special Nashville-style writers' round hosted by Valdy on Sept. 10.

"We all know how difficult this past year has been for all of us, especially the arts community," the Salt Spring Arts Council states.

"These events are designed to support a broad array of entirely local talent, bringing Salt Spring together in a central location — from families to seniors, tourists and everyone in between."

All concerts are free with donations collected to support the presentation of the series. Audience members are encouraged to bring blankets, lawn chairs and snacks to enjoy a full evening out.

To see the complete schedule, visit www.ssartscouncil.com.

LadyMintoHospitalFoundation NEW EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT



JACKIE SHRIVE
CAMPAIGN TEAM MEMBER

Over the years, we have benefited enormously from the Emergency Department—grandkids with a bead up the nose, concussion (sailing), broken elbow (tennis), etc. The need for an Emergency Department large enough for more sophisticated equipment and patient privacy is essential to better serve our growing community. I am proud to be part of the Capital Campaign team charged with raising the necessary funds.

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CELEBRATIONS

Hike highlights expansion of Mount Erskine park

BC Parks Foundation hosts Aug. 30 event

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Community members are invited to participate in a special hike taking place this Monday, Aug. 30 to celebrate the successful addition to Mount Erskine Provincial Park.

A unique partnership between the BC Parks Foundation, BC Parks, local volunteers and donors brought about the acquisition of a 2.5-acre triangular parcel of land earlier this summer, allowing continued public access to the park from the southern approach and the spectacular views of the Salish Sea along that stretch of trail.

"This purchase accomplishes several objectives," said Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club president Charles Kahn, who was active in the purchase campaign. "First, it secures the trail connection from Toynebe Road through

to Collins Road by connecting Manzanita Ridge Nature Reserve and Mount Erskine Provincial Park. Second, this trail connection provides the only direct public link for residents of the Cranberry Road area to enjoy the provincial park.

"It is great how everyone worked so closely together to expand Mount Erskine Provincial Park, and especially the volunteers and donors."

ANDY DAY
BC Parks Foundation CEO

"Finally, the new piece of land provides beautiful views both to the north over the ocean and to the south over the

Shepherd Hills and the magnificent Cranberry Valley."

The fundraising partnership marks one of just a few purchase campaigns BC Parks Foundation has endorsed since it started operating three years ago as an independent body devoted to supporting provincial parks. The foundation handled receiving donations and outreach to significant donors, one of whom was able to come up with a large donation at the last minute to complete the project. Government agency BC Parks handled the purchase agreement and will formalize the addition to the park boundaries.

The foundation has acknowledged the volunteers who spearheaded the campaign to purchase the plot, "most notably Charles Kahn and Gary Quiring, who were steadfast champions and fundraisers." Betty-Ann Kruger and Sheryl Taylor-Munro were also named for their help with grant applications.

"It is great how everyone worked so

closely together to expand Mount Erskine Provincial Park, and especially the volunteers and donors," said foundation CEO Andy Day. "Their gift will fill the hearts and souls of everyone who experiences that magnificent view, for generations to come."

"We are so grateful to everyone who contributed to making this happen," said Quiring, who reported he and Kahn had a very positive response from islanders over several months of phone calls, emails and word-of-mouth requests.

Donors and other members of the public can commemorate the purchase by joining some of the volunteers and staff on a celebratory hike on Trustees Trail this Monday starting at 9:45 a.m. Local craftsman and Island Pathways member Donald McLennan has built a cedar bench that will be officially unveiled at the event.

Interested attendees are asked to RSVP through the webpage <https://buytickets.at/bcparksfoundation/551634>.

what's on this week



Wed. Aug. 25	Thur. Aug. 26	Fri. Aug. 27	Sat. Aug. 28	Sun. Aug. 29	Mon. Aug. 30	Tue. Aug. 31	Wed. Sept. 1
<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Besse's Will. ExitStageLeft Productions and Graffiti Theatre present a new play by Jeffrey Renn starring Renn and Christina Penhale. 7 p.m. Tickets & location info at www.exitstageleftproductions.com.</p> <p>Susan Cogan and Sue Newman. Live at the Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Salt Spring Museum at Bittancourt House. At the Farmers' Institute grounds. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.</p> <p>Library Summer Camp. Games, crafts and more. SS Public Library on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Ages 5-8 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; ages 9-11 from 1 to 3 p.m. Advance registration required: 250-537-4666 or kpowell@saltspringlibrary.com.</p>	<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Lend Me Your Ears. An exitStageLeft Productions and Graffiti Theatre tour-de-force performance of an actor's life lived with the words of William Shakespeare put together and performed by Scott Hylands, with musical stylings by Jekka Mack. 7 p.m. Tickets & location info at www.exitstageleftproductions.com.</p> <p>K-Tones. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.</p> <p>Open Mic & Jam. At the Legion. 7 p.m. (Preceded by the meat draw at 5 p.m.)</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Salt Spring Museum at Bittancourt House. See Wednesday listing.</p> <p>Library Summer Camp. See Wednesday listing.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>StoryWalk. Self-guided family activity from SS Public Library through Mouat Park toward the Rainbow Road Pool. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p>Salt Spring Museum at Bittancourt House. See Wednesday listing.</p> <p>Ask Salt Spring. This week's guest is members of the Livable Roads for Rural Saanich group. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. United Church Meadow.</p> <p>Dungeons & Dragons Camp. A Salt Spring Public Library event. 1 to 3 p.m. Groups of 5, multiple campaigns, advance registration required through nsadouski@saltspringlibrary.com.</p> <p>Friday Games Night. Board games gathering at the Salt Spring Public Library. 6 to 10 p.m. Limited numbers. Sign-in required.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Saturday Market in the Park. Saturday market runs in Centennial Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p>Pride is Alive - Walk & Wheel. A leisurely walk for people of all abilities starting from the Fernwood Road Cafe at 1 p.m. with a return back to the cafe's picnic tables for goodies. Registration is essential. Please RSVP to save your spot at www.prideallyear.ca.</p> <p>StoryWalk. See Friday listing.</p> <p>Movie Matinee. Family-friendly movie at the Salt Spring Public Library. 1 p.m.</p> <p>Salt Spring Museum at Bittancourt House. See Wednesday listing.</p>	<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Besse's Will. See Wednesday listing.</p> <p>Peter Prince. Folk/world music that moves body and soul at Shipstones. 5 to 8 p.m.</p> <p>Tom Hooper. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>StoryWalk. See Friday listing.</p>	<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Tyler Lieb Trio. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Mount Erskine Provincial Park Addition Celebration. Celebratory hike on Trustees Trail at 9:45 a.m. RSVP to https://buytickets.at/bcparksfoundation/551634.</p> <p>StoryWalk. See Friday listing.</p> <p>Dungeons & Dragons Camp. See Friday listing.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Tuesday Farmers' Market. Weekly market of fresh produce and food/drink products at Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.</p> <p>Library Summer Camp. See Wednesday listing.</p> <p>ONLINE</p> <p>Salt Spring Local Trust Committee. Monthly trustees meeting via Zoom. 9:30 a.m. See the Islands Trust website for Zoom link to participate or simply to watch.</p>	<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Nicky Mackenzie. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Library Summer Camp. See last Wednesday listing.</p> <p>Salt Spring Museum at Bittancourt House. See last Wednesday listing.</p>
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EXHIBITIONS

- **This Land: Artworks in Monochrome** features work by Sibeal Foyle, Lucas Wolf, Anna Gustafson, Jim Holyoak, Esme Hedrik-Wong, Jan Smith and Julie Kemble as the Showcase exhibition at Artcraft at Mahon Hall daily until Aug. 29.
- **Tree Stories - Oil Paintings by Cheryl Long** show in the exhibition space at Salt Spring Gallery until Sept. 1.

EXHIBITIONS

- **The Art Connection** group exhibits at the Salt Spring Public Library program room through August.
- **Artcraft**, the summer-long show and sale of work by Gulf Islands artists and artisans and regional Indigenous artists, runs at Mahon Hall daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

- **The Salt Spring Photography Club** presents **Eclectic Visions**, an online exhibition accessible at <https://ssphotog.ning.com/page/eclectic-visions> and open for viewing until Aug. 31.

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COURSEWORK

Buddhist teachings aid climate support

Eight-session EcoSattva course begins Sept. 7

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

People who are experiencing fear and grief related to the global climate crisis may find a way to move forward through the new field of “ecodharma,” which combines Buddhism with ecological activism.

An ideal opportunity to dive into the topic is coming to the community this fall via the Salt Spring Zen Circle. The organization is hosting an online study group that will explore how Buddhist teachings and climate psychology can support people through the crisis brought about by climate change. The group will follow One Earth Sangha’s EcoSattva training course, comprising a series of videos featuring leading voices in ecodharma, as well as background materials and suggested meditation practices. Eight sessions are offered on alternating Tuesdays beginning Sept. 7 and ending Dec. 14.

“The devastating effects of climate change are being felt around the globe in increasingly dramatic ways ... Many of us ask ourselves how we can face this reality without getting overwhelmed by grief, and how we can be agents of change without being consumed by anger or frustration,” information from the Salt Spring Zen Circle explains.

The sessions will be facilitated by Bill Henderson and Gabriela Persson. Henderson is a well-known musician, a Member of the Order of Canada, and a Zen practitioner. Persson has done research in astronomy and bioengineering, and practices Vipassana and Zen.

Henderson told the Driftwood he took the EcoSattva course himself during the spring and found it so valuable he’s now helping bring it to others.

One of the messages that has stuck with him, he said, was the idea that “as 10,000 years of climate unravel, there’s never been a better time for internal balance.” Finding a way to cultivate personal well-being and to effect positive change in the world are equally in scope.

Participants will meet online every other week to discuss the materials presented in the videos watched on their own time and other concerns they may have about current events surrounding the climate crisis. An important part of program for the creators is the development of sangha (community) where members can share concerns and support each other in their individual responses to climate change.

Henderson observed the question of how to deal with the psychological impacts of the climate crisis has not been addressed much in the public sphere to date.

“It’s mostly about the mechanism causing this and how do we change it,” he said, while noting the personal burden of climate change can be overwhelming. And even those people who think about the issue and try to be good climate citizens have some sort of carbon footprint.

While Buddhist teachings are central to the course, Henderson said previous experience with Buddhist practice is not necessary. Basic instruction in meditation will be provided to anyone without prior experience.

The lectures that provide the base for the weekly discussions are given by people in multiple fields, including scientists and psychologists. The chapters include topics as wide-ranging as “mind and resilience” to “compassionate reflection.” Another session addresses how the climate crisis intersects with racism, patriarchy and colonialism.

While bridging cultural gaps to understand others’ perspectives is an important aspect of the program, Henderson said



PHOTO BY ELLEN VESTERDAL

BUOYANT SMILES: Community partners show off the new Kids Don't Float station stocked with children's personal flotation devices at Fernwood Dock. The station was installed by Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue Station 25 volunteers in collaboration and with financial assistance from the Capital Regional District and the Salt Spring Foundation committee Foundation of Youth. From left are RCMSAR members Chris Levan, Tim Slaney and Jerry Fitzpatrick and CRD Parks maintenance supervisor Kirk Harris. The station joins three others established on Salt Spring and Galiano islands.

“I think a lot of people look at Buddhism as a way to take shelter from things and not take on thorny issues, but that’s not it.”

BILL HENDERSON
Salt Spring Zen Circle member

he didn’t realize how much of the course would be about working on oneself. Participants look deep within before learning how to move forward with a better sense of agency.

“You’re really personally dealing with a lot with this. There’s a lot of emotions,” Henderson observed. “I think a lot of

people look at Buddhism as a way to take shelter from things and not take on thorny issues, but that’s not it.”

The study group will be capped at eight participants; if interest is high Henderson expects future sessions will be offered. Cost is approximately \$140, with some partial and total scholarships available. The Zen group says no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

“We really just want people who are interested to be able to join in,” Henderson said. “There’s a quote from the eight sessions that I really liked that ‘it’s better for 1,000 people to take one step than for one person to take a thousands steps.’ That’s the spirit of the thing — we’re all in this together.”

For more information or to register, email bcislands.ecosattva@gmail.com or call Marion Pape at 778-265-4567. A basic course outline and rationale can be found at oneearthsangha.org.

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LADY MINTO HOSPITAL

Islander shares ER experience



PHOTO BY COURTESY BRUCE CAMERON

Bruce Cameron on a Mount Maxwell hiking trail. Cameron collapsed in the parking lot of Lady Minto Hospital from a heart attack in 2016. He urges people to contribute to the campaign for a new emergency department.

'Preparation meets opportunity' at local hospital

BY BRUCE CAMERON
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

According to the Roman Senator and philosopher Seneca, "Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity." I am living proof of that centuries-old adage.

At age 56, when I was experiencing persistent discomfort across my shoulders and ribs, I put it down to a recurrence of acid reflux, which I had experienced years ago prior to my permanent move to Salt Spring Island. But when the pain persisted during that September of 2016, I asked my brother and sister-in-law,

who — fortunately — were visiting us from Toronto, to drive me to Lady Minto Hospital to get checked out. In retrospect, I thought at the time that I might be overreacting and wasting valuable emergency time and resources on a minor inconvenience. Little did I know I was on the verge of death.

Days later, lying in the ICU cardiac wing of the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria, the puzzle pieces slowly came into focus. When I exited the vehicle in front of the Lady Minto Hospital emergency doors (my brother, Jim, thankfully insisted on driving), I collapsed onto the pavement. A nearby nurse coming off shift immediately sprang into action, administering CPR and calling for a crash cart. Fortunately, a paramedic team had just dropped

off a patient and was nearby with a mobile crash cart, which pumped currents through me not once but twice, to restart my heart.

Once I was stabilized at the hospital, using a procedure that saved not only my life but also most of the function of my heart, a helicopter transported me to Victoria where hours later an operation inserted two stents into my artery.

A widow maker. That's what they call the type of cardiac attack I experienced. Aptly named, it is a sudden blockage of the left anterior descending artery, stopping almost all blood to the left side of the heart and causing sudden death. As a pollster and statistician, I rolled around in my mind the odds of survival as I recovered over the next few months. My research suggests only about seven per cent of people survive such an event. One in 14, I was one of the lucky ones, due to the skill, training, quick response and life-saving equipment at Lady Minto Hospital.

Four years later, after a rigorous heart and blood examination, my cardiologist said rather matter-of-factly that I was lucky (there's that massive little word again) that CPR was administered so quickly and that the blood-thinning procedure was enacted right away at Lady Minto. Going forward, with a healthier diet, exercise and some heart protective drugs, he said, the initial quick response had been fortuitous: I still had some scar tissue on the left side of my heart, but its function remains surprisingly good given the trauma of a widow-maker attack.

Luck had something to do with my survival, but I would have been one of the 13 out of 14 that didn't survive if not for the dedication and preparation of the staff at Lady Minto Hospital emergency department.

Editor's note: The above article forms part of the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation campaign to raise the remaining \$2 million required to build a new emergency department at the hospital.

VOLUNTEER EFFORTS

Saanich roads group visits Salt Spring

Livable roads initiative ongoing

This Friday's ASK Salt Spring session will welcome members of a Saanich organization called Livable Roads for Rural Saanich (LRRS).

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the United Church Meadow, the visitors will share their group's story, from the reason for its formation to its strategies and successes.

According to Gayle Baker of ASK Salt Spring, LRRS was created as a result of a 2017 public meeting and works to improve rural road safety for all users in Saanich.

Major concerns are:

- heavy commuter use at speed;
- excessive speeding, including park and school zones;
- unsafe passing of both vehicles and vulnerable users;
- aggressive bullying behaviour;
- accidents (including those not reported);
- use of non-truck routes as truck cut-throughs;
- lack of enforcement;
- lack of a responsive approach from the municipality;
- loss of neighbourhood safety and livability;
- knowledge that these narrow winding roads are improperly designated with a default speed that is too high.

"Over the years, LRRS has learned that the quick fixes such as a new sign, a speed check, more data collection or a few letters are not sufficient," said Baker. "Instead, they work towards a culture shift in which these narrow winding rural roads become shared pavement that is safe for all users: cyclists, pedestrians, equestrians and vehicles."

Baker said achievements realized through collaboration include new signage in various areas, inclusion of a section of rural Saanich in their Active Transportation Plan, a speed reduction pilot project, agreement to remove rumble strips from shoulders of a paving project and participation in a safety walk.

Ongoing activities include multiple engagement modes, including a monthly bulletin to more than 150 readers, a website, Facebook page, regular submissions to local media, an incident report page, and numerous presentations to decision-makers, such as mayors, police, councillors, traffic committees and engineering staff.

"LRRS volunteers also take an active role in elections, publicizing candidates' levels of commitment to rural road safety," said Baker.

"Volunteers have learned that this is a long game with few quick victories," she added. "They continue to work hard, always watching for opportunities and acting strategically to enhance the value of their rural areas by increasing rural road safety."

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Dorothy Cutting

Dorothy Cutting, beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend, passed away Monday, August 16, 2021. She celebrated her 90th birthday in March of this year. Dorothy is survived by her son Duncan, daughter-in-law Lai, daughter Melissa, son-in-law Steve, grandchildren Jeff, Ryan, David, and Ann, and great grandson Greyson.



Dorothy was born in Denver, Colorado, and grew up in Warrenton, Virginia. She loved scuba diving, becoming the first female diving instructor in the State of Florida. In 1965, she took off from Fort Lauderdale, Florida on a cross-country camping trip with her children, discovering a passion for the outdoors that inspired her for the rest of her life. Dorothy loved sea kayaking and was completely fearless. She took many solo kayak trips to the Baja Peninsula, Costa Rica, Belize, and all around the San Juan Islands and Canadian Gulf Islands. In 1990, at age 59, Dorothy won 3rd place in the Sound Rowers Race, Women's Single Kayak division. She was an avid sailor, discovering Salt Spring Island, which became her beloved home in 1992.

Dorothy was catapulted into activism by the Chicago riots during the 1968 US Presidential election. Outraged by police violence against protestors, Dorothy became a Precinct Committee Person, and then a volunteer lobbyist for the Washington Environmental Council. Dorothy was a champion for the environment, working tirelessly to protect the shorelines of Washington State, on initiatives to limit nuclear arms, to raise awareness of climate change and to preserve the beauty of Salt Spring Island. In 2002, she drove across Canada in her hybrid Honda to bring a copy of Bob Hunter's book on climate change to every member of the Canadian Parliament. Island Trust recognized Dorothy in 2010 with the Community Stewardship Award for her West Coast Climate Equity website and climate change education work. Dorothy's focus the last several years has been on her wonderful organic garden, a place of beauty and peace.

Dorothy became a Canadian citizen July 3, 1998, the greatest honour of her life. One of her final wishes is to have the following language added back into the Certificate of Canadian Citizenship:

"As citizens, you must uphold the principles of democracy, freedom and compassion that are the foundation of a strong and united Canada"

Her family would like to extend their deepest thanks and appreciation for the loving kindness and care Dorothy received from her many wonderful nurses, as well as their gratitude to Dr. Slakov and Dr. Butcher for their loving ministrations at the end of her life.

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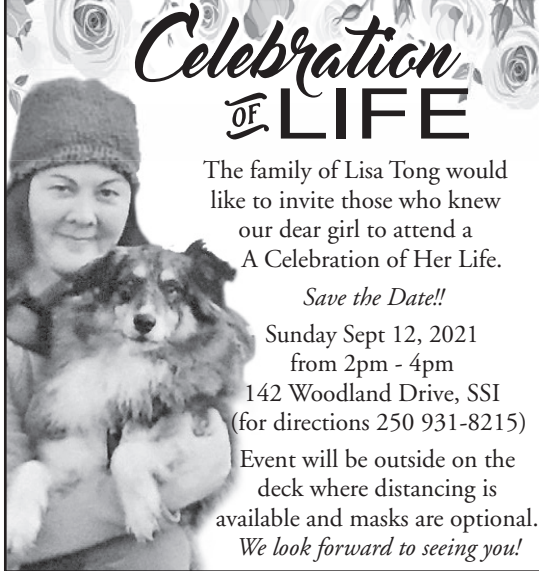
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The Sun, now in Virgo as of August 22, brings its solar energy to Mercury and Mars already in Virgo. The sign of critical thinking and analysis, Virgo often manifests as a strict adherence to empirical facts. In its lower or most basic expression, Virgo simply organizes the facts into logical compartments. In its higher expression, Virgo is associated with holism which can basically be understood as all the parts functioning with all the other parts, whereby the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. Holism in its most material expression can be recognized as a machine that requires every part in it, in order to function as it is intended.

Venus in Libra in its most basic expression, meanwhile, activates the appreciation of beauty and harmony. On a more social and political level, it is synchronizing with the aspiration towards fairness and justice. Of course, these are ever subject to perception and interpretation, which are also subject to spin. In like manner, the higher principles of holism present the aspiration to realize the higher ideal socially and politically. As it is, compartmentalization of perception is an ever-present factor.

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)

Although summer only officially ends at the equinox in later September, Virgo time tends to redirect our focus to more practical matters and away from the fun-in-the-sun aspirations of Leo. Positively, your focus has shifted to fix, repair, improve and refine. This may apply to your home, your health, your primary relationships or your lifestyle, in general.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)

You have entered a creative cycle. The early signs of this began when Venus entered Virgo weeks ago and was then followed by Mars and Mercury. Now, the Sun brings its vitalizing influence to this focus. The main issue is that you may have to give more than you would like. The solution may be to hire out or at least seek inspiration in order to activate your resolve.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

Digging deep close to home has been an active theme for some weeks now. This has and continues to include a purging and purification process. Depending on your situation, the focus may be external, but it may also be directed internally as with a cleansing process. The focus may also be directed to your perceptions, interpretations, attitudes, habits and emotional attachments.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

The desire to create a more beautiful, healthy and satisfying home environment is a motivating factor currently. Your focus is strong and your energy levels are high in this regard. Returns from prior efforts have been coming in steadily all year. These will be revealing just how diligent you have been. Either way, invest your energies as creatively and constructively as you can.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

Establishing a more realistic foundation in your overall lifestyle is underway. How you interpret realism depends on you, your life circumstances and your dreams and goals. Either way, your sights are set on the future and you are feeling both inspired and pressured to make changes, especially in your public and professional life.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

The Sun in your sign is a strong indication that you are in the mood to take new leads and initiatives. These probably began back in July and have been active ever since. A discernment process revealing who you are and are not, based on what you want and do not, and are willing to do, or not, are all featured in this sifting and sorting process.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

You have entered a contemplative cycle. Stepping back to think carefully regarding your priorities is likely. Yet, you also feel inspired to express yourself in new ways. Thus, your imagination is probably fully activated. Creative inventiveness is part of this plot. However, you may be contending with health issues or feel distracted by worry due to personal and social instability.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

Gaining a more accurate understanding of where you are at now in your life in light of both larger cycles of personal and social/collective changes is a central theme now. Either way, you feel determined to take action. One of the main obstacles is your own imagination. At worst, you may feel overwhelmed. This is the time to feel the fear and do it anyway.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

Changes in your public and professional status and outlook are underway. You may be undergoing a process of critical analysis and review. Making improvements is featured and may include some form of reconstruction. Either way, your social network is likely to be extra active of late. Expect this social dynamic to continue, increase and deepen in complexity.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

You are in a rather philosophical mood. You want to better understand the human condition and the complexities of the current and ongoing social and global crisis. Assuming a more balanced and diplomatic posture is contributing to pushing you to break free of assumptive conclusions. In the deepest reaches, you will review why you believe what you do.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

A cycle of change and transformation continues and deepens now. Your deepest needs associated with a sense of stability and security are featured. These may refer to your home and living situation. Yet, the emphasis may be directed to realizing a sense of security beyond the material. For best results, identify what constitutes a realistic, creative dynamic.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

For a peace-loving dreamer, you sure can be a warrior at times. This is one of those times and will continue for some weeks yet. Success now depends on your ability to think critically and creatively. As well, your ability to accept and embrace change and transformation and, moreover, to take an active lead to realize it without injury to yourself and others is the mastery you are meant to realize now.

Fall Fair FOCUS



All livestock displayed or entered at the Fall Fair must be tagged. This is a mandatory regulation that applies to all fairs.

- All entries are subject to a veterinary inspection upon arrival Friday Sept. 17 between 3:30pm and 7:30pm.

Pet Parade...NEW THIS YEAR...

- All pets need to be registered with an entry form from the catalogue.
- Deadline for entry form is Saturday Sept. 11. No entry fee is needed.

See page 40 of the catalogue for classes and the rules that apply.

See you at the Fair Sept. 18 & 19!

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SOCCER

Full soccer season set to unfold

Program details paint the picture

Yes, it has been a long wait, but finally Salt Spring United Soccer Club can announce a regular soccer season will get underway in September. It is an exciting moment for all our members and local soccer enthusiasts to see the program back up and fully running with games against Victoria opposition once again.

For those of you who have not signed up yet, here is what our program offers:

Team Programs

- a) Tots Program: ages 2-5 years, boys and girls, basic skill development in a fun atmosphere on Saturdays. No games.
- b) House Program: ages 6-9, boys and girls, advanced skill development on Saturdays. Small-sided games.
- c) Euro Program: ages 10 to



Malcolm Legg
SOCCER
ROUND-UP

12, boys and girls, small-sided games against Victoria opponents, no standings or points, training done during the week.

d) Full-sided Programs: ages 13 to 17, boys and girls, full 11-a-side format, Victoria, Duncan opponents, training during the week.

All teams currently have spaces available for more players.

Register at www.saltspringunited.com. For help or questions on registration contact Maggie at maggiemayrn@gmail.com.

Fall Academy

Open to all boys and girls 7 and up, held every Friday (two exceptions) starting Sept. 17 to Dec. 17. Held at Portlock Park, with extra training for the keen soccer player or just those who want to improve their skills. Training done by Josip Bratanovic (technical director), Ciaran Ayton (academy coach) and several guest coaches.

Register at www.saltspringunited.com or contact Ciaran at ciaranayton@gmail.com.

Referees Program

Open to all boys and girls 11 years and older. Basic course for small-sided soccer will be offered this fall (TBA). Training by Malcolm Legg (head referee) and assistants Daniel Squizzato and Dan Margolese. Six training sessions during season. Refs are paid and club provides uniform and equipment.

Register at www.saltspringunited.com or contact Malcolm at mallegg@shaw.ca.

Dates to Note

- Sept. 11: Ice Breaker Tourney – season start-up with small-sided games and skills

challenge for all kids, concession, prizes and a shirt garage sale. Schedule to come.

- Sept. 17: Fall academy begins at Portlock Park. Extra training for youth who want to improve their skills and have fun doing it. Times TBA.

- Sept. 18: League play for boys/girls U-14 to U-17 begins.

- Sept. 25: League play begins for girls/boys U-10 to U-13. House and Tots programs begin at Portlock.

- Sept 26: SS United involved with the Rotary Plank in the Park fundraiser at Portlock Park. Prizes to be won for all who participate and extra prize draws by SS United for all soccer youths who enter. Concession open for goodies.

- Sept 29: SS United AGM at a time to be determined in the evening. Club presents its program for 2021-22 and budget for approval and the executive will field questions from the floor. Special prize draw for all members that attend.

Other Notes

Of course there is always more. SS United is still looking for more executive members to help us with our program. Contact Malcolm at mallegg@shaw.ca if interested or to volunteer.

Interested in coaching? Contact Josip at jbratanovic@shaw.ca to find out where we can use you.

Interested in track suits, jackets, bags, etc.? Contact Greg at gstaicesku@gmail.com.

The fall season will run until the middle of December and restarts with the winter program in the middle of January, which leads to cup play and tourneys as well as the Spring Academy. April brings the Windsor Plywood Spring League soccer program and our wrap-up tourney in late April.

It's a long season but we are glad it is back and we can offer a full program to the youth of Salt Spring. Our program is player driven and the executives' goal is to provide the best and most fun soccer experience for Salt Spring youth that we can.

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