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STRONG STATEMENT: Shellyse Szakacs hangs red dresses in trees in Centennial Park on Monday to honour missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals as part of Red Dress Day in Canada. Dresses remained up in the park all day, and other island residents also expressed support by hanging red dresses on their properties.

COVID-19

School mask mandate expanded

Kindergarten to Grade 3 students now included

BY GAIL SJUBERG
 DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

As COVID-19 cases increase in schools throughout B.C., public health and government officials have expanded the order for mask-wearing in schools to include students in kindergarten through Grade 3 until the end of the school term, at least.

Before the new school year began in September, provincial health officer Dr. Bonnie Henry ordered that all school staff, plus children in grades 4 through 12, wear masks in indoor school settings. Mask use for younger students was encouraged as well, but not mandated.

At a Friday joint news conference, Henry and education minister Jennifer Whiteside said that new data about rising COVID-19 transmission in schools had prompted the change.

"This additional step gives parents and staff more reassurance about the safety of the school environment," said Whiteside.

In the Gulf Islands School District, superintendent Scott Benwell confirmed the new mask mandate would be followed as of Monday, Oct. 4.

"The layers of protection mandated by the province are put in place to enable schools to remain open and to assist in the overall management of the COVID-19 pandemic," he said.

While a few COVID-19 cases were recently confirmed in the school system on Salt Spring, Island Health officials had determined last week that issuing a potential exposure notice was not necessary.

Adria Kray, co-chair of the District Parent Advisory Council, was supportive of the new provincial mask measure.

"Younger students will be more protected by this decision, and I hope parents are supportive of this measure to help further protect the school community from exposure to SARS-CoV-2, as there have been recent cases in our schools already. We need to utilize all the measures we can to help see us through this pandemic, including the vaccinations for students aged five to 11, when they are available."

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Kray said students have been excited about the return to school and resuming extracurricular activities, "which is great for social and emotional health."

However, she said, some school practices could be improved, including "reducing crowding and clarifying guidelines about when masks are removed, such as when students are eating and drinking,

during high-intensity activity, and singing or playing wind instruments.

"We need to protect our children from contracting this virus, not only for the potential of acute disease but also to reduce the potential of long-term chronic issues that we will likely not know the implications of for some time. As much as we would all like to, we cannot let our guard down yet, and we need to work together as a community to get through this."

Whiteside encouraged people to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

"We know the best protection for kids in our schools . . . is for everyone who is eligible to be vaccinated."

Henry asked parents to do daily health checks and keep their children home if they are ill.

She also said that as of Thursday, 82 per cent of British Columbians aged 12 and older had received two doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

HONOURS

Four RCMSAR members earn awards

Salt Spring's Nic Futter gets Volunteer of the Year kudos

BY MARCIA JANSEN
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Four local volunteers have received awards from the Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue (RCMSAR) organization.

Nic Futter was honoured as Volunteer of the Year, and — together with Tom McKeachie — was also awarded a Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA) Leadership Medal. Brad Grindler received a CCGA Administrative Excellence Medal, and Melissa Hayward was the recipient of the New Member Award.

The five awards represented a big haul for RCMSAR Station 25, which is based on Salt Spring Island.

"We not only have a great team on the water, we also have people that are very successful in applying for funds and grants at our station. We also do a lot of fundraising, that's how we keep our equipment up to date. I think that's one of the reasons why we are doing so well on Salt Spring Island," said Futter, who joined Station 25 in 2010 and has since volunteered thousands of hours by leading rescues on the water and organizing training activities for other crews.

"A friend of mine was in the unit when they did a recruiting drive. He thought that I would be a good fit, and he was right. It became my passion to teach



PHOTO BY STEPHEN HINDLEY

Celebrating recently bestowed Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue awards are Station 25 leader Ken Squirrel, Brad Grindler, Nic Futter, Tom McKeachie and Melissa Hayward.

new people to be safe on the boat. And while we do serious work, it is also a lot of fun. Not everyone has the chance to drive a 450-horsepower boat where somebody else puts the gas in for you," he said with a wink.

Futter combines his volunteer work for RCMSAR with a full-time job at Slegg Lumber in Duncan. "When I still worked on the island, I was on call during the day because my employer thought my work was valuable and didn't mind missing me for a few hours. Now that I work off island, I am on call at night and on weekends."

Throughout the pandemic, when most of the world slowed down, RCMSAR volunteers were busy meeting increased calls for help as more British Columbians took to the water than in previous years.

"Luckily, the waters around Salt Spring Island are pretty

sheltered, and the calls we get are not often life and death situations. Most of the time we help when boats have broken down and getting kayakers safely back to shore. We also assist with the search for missing people, like the one time we were looking for a person who died of suicide and left a note. That really got to me. But most of the time, we have happy outcomes. It is very gratifying."

Melissa Hayward was honoured to receive the New Member Award.

"There are many new members at Station 25 who are more than deserving of such a recognition," Hayward said. "So I feel my acceptance of this award is on behalf of all my fellow 'new crew' members. They all go above and beyond to create a strong and unified team that I'm proud to be a part of."

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A Sept. 28 online panel and community discussion event called All Our Voices was not a presentation of the Concerned Salt Spring Island Residents group, as mentioned in last week's Driftwood, but of an ad hoc citizens' committee consisting of Mielle Chandler, Mairead Boland and Dawne Cressman.

Southern Vancouver Island & Gulf Islands COVID-19 case data:

NEW REPORTED COVID-19 CASES

	Week of 8/29 - 9/04	Week of 9/05 - 9/11	Week of 9/12 - 9/18	Week of 9/19 - 9/25
Southern Gulf Islands	7	13	10	4
Saanich Peninsula	25	22	32	13
Greater Victoria	97	118	200	168
Langford to Port Renfrew	51	27	36	33
Duncan Area	75	129	91	80
Chemainus to Nanaimo	56	62	51	56
Total	311	371	420	354

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Pathway contributors celebrated



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

Seated on a new commemorative bench by Portlock Park are, from left, former CRD director Wayne McIntyre and Partners Creating Pathways member Gary Lehmann, and, standing, from left, PCP members Peter Lamb, Donald McLennan and Philip Grange. See the online version of this story at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com for more photos of the event.

Numerous partners thanked for role in creating network

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Island Pathways hosted a joyful thank-you party on Friday, celebrating not only a new section of pathway near Portlock Park but also the completion of the Ganges Village Pathway Network.

According to Jean Gelwicks, who chairs the Partners Creating Pathways (PCP) committee of Island Pathways, a much larger event had been planned before COVID hit.

A pathway network has been a desired part

of the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan for years and the various volunteer, government, contractor and other partner groups finally made it happen, she said.

"Island Pathways takes thanking people seriously," said Gelwicks, "and we owe thanks to all the people from the past and into the present for their support."

An important part of Friday's celebration was acknowledgement of the Shaw family, whose bequest to the Salt Spring Island Foundation has resulted in the Shaw Family Community Fund and several substantial grants being disbursed from it to the community. The pathway from Portlock Park to the beginning of St. Mark's cemetery, spearheaded by Island

Pathways, received a \$100,000 Shaw grant from the foundation. New signage on the pathway by Portlock Park detailing the Shaw family was also unveiled on Friday, as was a commemorative bench built by Island Pathways/PCP member Donald McLennan.

SSIF chair Brian Lawson also attended Friday's event.

"I know you are always thanking us, but we also thank you for having us partner with you. You guys do all the work. We just give out the money."

Former Capital Regional District director Wayne McIntyre was also on hand at the celebration. He was acknowledged by Gelwicks for contributing \$200,000 of Community Works gas tax funding to the pathway in its early stages.

PCP work crew members were given special thanks by Gelwicks.

"They are a bunch of no-nonsense, hard-working, positive, dedicated beyond belief, knowledgeable, capable and patient bunch of volunteers."



NOTICE OF PROJECT

Emcon Services will be undertaking repairs and construction of **Walkers Hook Road** starting **Oct. 4th**. Construction will take place during the hours of 7:00am to 3:00pm. At this time there will be delays, a full construction schedule will be developed and advertised as the project progresses.

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Notice is hereby given to the owners of land within the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District that nominations for three trustees will be received between:

**9:00 a.m. Friday, October 8th, 2021
and 4:00 p.m. Friday, October 22nd, 2021**

During which period the nomination documents shall only be received during the office hours of Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Ganges Fire Hall, 105 Lower Ganges Road, or arrangements may be made to file nomination documents by phoning Anthony (Tony) Kennedy at (250) 537-8815.

The Trustee positions are for a three-year term commencing at the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday November 22nd, 2021 and terminating at the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held in the year 2024.

The Election to be held on **Saturday, November 20th, 2021** at the **Ganges Fire Hall, 105 Lower Ganges Road** from **9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Advance Voting will be held on **Wednesday, November 17th, 2021** at the **Ganges Fire Hall, 105 Lower Ganges Road** from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Only persons who are qualified electors of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District may hold the office of Trustee. Qualified candidates must be nominated by two duly qualified electors of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District. Nomination forms may be obtained at the Ganges Fire Hall or from Anthony (Tony) Kennedy, Returning Officer (250) 537-8815.

Those persons eligible to vote at this election will have the following qualifications:

1. Be a Canadian Citizen
2. Be eighteen years of age or older
3. Be a resident in the Province of British Columbia for at least six months prior to the election day
4. Be an owner of land located within the boundaries of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District
5. One vote is also allowed for each board or corporation that owns land within the Fire Protection District. The Board or Corporation must designate one person in writing to act as an authorized agent to vote on its behalf.

If more than one person is registered on title as an owner of land, then each owner may vote providing they meet the qualifications set out above. No person may vote more than once with the exception that they may vote as an authorized agent and personally if they own land on a personal basis.

Dated at Salt Spring Island, B.C.
this 22nd day of September 2021

Anthony (Tony) Kennedy
Returning Officer

Capital Regional District



Lyall Harbour/Boot Cove Water Service Committee

Notice of Annual General Meeting Cancellation

In the interest of public health and safety during the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Capital Regional District Board has waived the requirement to hold Annual General Meetings for 2021.

Consequently, the Lyall Harbour/Boot Cove Local Services Committee Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2021 is hereby cancelled.

Committee Membership Opportunity

In lieu of the AGM, and pursuant to Bylaw No. 1875, real property owners or residents in the Lyall Harbour/Boot Cove Water Local Services Area are invited to nominate themselves or another real property owner or resident who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area to stand on the committee for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2022.

Total membership on the committee is six (6), including the Electoral Area Director, four (4) real property owners or residents who are prepared to represent the Local Service Area, and the current holder or representative of the holder of Conditional Water License No. 26480.

Nominations are being accepted for the following two (2) vacancies:

- Two (2) residents or real property owners who are prepared to represent the Local Service Area.

Nomination Instructions

When submitting your nomination, please include the committee name in the subject line, your full-name, telephone number and residential address along with the nominee's full-name, telephone number and residential address.

New appointments to the Lyall Harbour/Boot Cove Water Local Services Committee will be made by the CRD Board based on the Electoral Area Director recommendation.

The deadline for nominations is **Friday, October 29, 2021**.

Mail or email your submission to:

Attention: Electoral Area Director, Southern Gulf Islands
479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC, V9B 1H7
Email: iwsadministration@crd.bc.ca

Bylaw No. 1875 is available for viewing on the CRD website at www.crd.bc.ca

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EDITORIAL

Miles of gratitude

It wasn't that long ago that walking on off-road pathways in and around Ganges was not an option.

It used to be that the only way to travel on foot in our community was on roads or on the narrow and often-crumbling road shoulders in uncomfortable proximity to speeding vehicles. Consequently, when many people considered their transportation options, they chose to drive, rather than walk; and enjoying a pleasant walk near Ganges was not an option.

Almost 30 years ago a Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) task force recommended that a network of pathways in the Ganges area be planned and built, a concept that then made it into the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan. Eventually, Island Pathways — a volunteer group first formed in 1988 — took up the charge to create the off-road pathways required.

THE ISSUE: Salt Spring pathways

WE SAY: Thanks to all partners

With the desired network completed — and then some — it was time to have a celebration and give thanks on Friday, Oct. 1 in a corner of Portlock Park near the most recently completed section of pathway between Central and Baker Road. Jean Gelwicks, chair of the Partners Creating Pathways (PCP) committee of Island Pathways, used the analogy of "it takes a village to raise a child" to illustrate her reason for widely expressed gratitude. She noted instead that "it takes a community to create a pathway," and thoroughly thanked a big list of contributors, including the Salt Spring Island Foundation and the Shaw Family Community Fund, Capital Regional District staff, the transportation and parks and rec commissions, past and present CRD directors, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, many other individuals and organizations who donated funds, time and services, and the pathway users themselves.

Gelwicks gave the warmest thanks to the PCP volunteer work crew, whose efforts and skills have saved island taxpayers countless dollars in engineering and construction costs. As PCP member Donald McLennan told Friday's celebration, a new section of the network was tackled each year between 2008 and 2017. Amazing.

Thanks to Island Pathways and all of its partners, Salt Spring is a healthier, happier and safer community, and is reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the process.



Time to champion the truth

BY BOB COX

"Falseness flies, and the truth comes limping after it."

If you think that quote comes from someone studying the spread of misinformation through social media, think again.

Jonathan Swift, author of Gulliver's Travels, wrote those words in 1710, more than 300 years ago.

The quote has been rephrased and repeated many times in many ways. It is often misquoted and attributed to someone else. One version — "a lie can travel around the world and back again while the truth is lacing up its boots" — is often wrongly attributed to everyone from Mark Twain to Winston Churchill.

The quote is so popular because it is so true. It is human nature to spread and believe falsehoods. The truth always has an uphill battle.

After all, false claims are much more interesting. That was true in the 1700s just as it is now.

A study released recently on user behaviour on Facebook during the last U.S. presidential election found news publishers known

VIEWPOINT

for putting out misinformation got six times the amount of likes, shares, and interactions on the platform as did trustworthy news sources, such as CNN or the World Health Organization.

The truth may limp, but it is a powerful force once unleashed.

Publishers who traffic in misinformation have been repeatedly shown to be able to gain major audiences on social media platforms.

You can blame Facebook and other social media, but it's the humans behind the messages who are putting out the falsehoods and spreading them.

The antidote was born in Swift's time. The first daily newspaper — The Daily Courant — started publishing in England in 1702. The first North American newspaper — The Boston News-Letter

— was started in 1704.

Since then, newspapers have evolved into trusted sources of information, relaying to readers the truth about what is happening in their communities. By doing so, they have changed human history — from spurring revolutions to advancing human rights.

The truth may limp, but it is a powerful force once unleashed.

Canada's newspapers are celebrating that power during National Newspaper Week, which runs from Sunday, Oct. 3 to Saturday, Oct. 9. This year's theme is "Champion the Truth," how the trusted journalism of local newspapers powers communities.

By supporting your local newspaper, you can do your part to champion the truth. If you already subscribe, thank you. If not, subscribe today and help make falsehoods fly away.

The writer is the publisher of the Winnipeg Free Press and chair of News Media Canada, the national association representing the print and digital Canadian news media industry.

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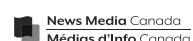
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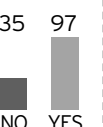
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Is expanding the school mask mandate a good idea?

Yes No

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should federal electoral reform be examined again?



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OPINION { QUOTE OF THE WEEK: }

“You guys do all the work. We just give out the money.”

BRIAN LAWSON, SSI FOUNDATION CHAIR

SALT SPRING SAYS

WE ASKED:

What are your concerns about climate change?

JAN SLAKOV



At its deepest root it's about our relationship with each other and that includes not only living beings but the inanimate environment as well.

DYLAN LAISTER



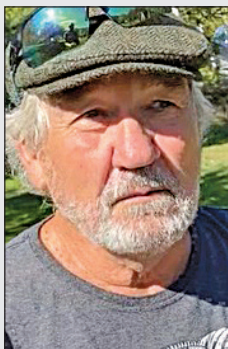
My main concerns are that as climate changes, populations will shift, food scarcity and water availability might become issues . . . it's a really long list.

JAQUELINE WIGHTMAN



We need to move forward and . . . help the people who don't have money and can't help the world because they don't have the opportunity to be able to.

IAIN PENNINGTON



I think the important thing to realize is that this is a global thing . . . No matter what we do, unless they change elsewhere, we are going to be stuck with the same problem.

OONAGH DUNCAN



My concerns are that people are going to die in floods, in fires, with starvation, it's pretty serious. We should all be very alarmed.

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

Superficial process

Shortly, the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee will vote on the development permit for a destination resort at Fulford Harbour estuary, perhaps the most environmentally sensitive area on the island.

In terms of community outreach, I can only remember a sign on the property some time ago saying “Welcome to the Vortex” — more like a promotion for New Age spirituality than the largest commercial development ever proposed for south Salt Spring. There was no reference to the project plan.

Unfortunately the Islands Trust did not require the applicant to hold an open house or public meeting in the Fulford community to inform the public about the details of the proposed project. Such a requirement is standard procedure in most jurisdictions, as is the requirement for a development permit sign explaining the project design with links to further information.

The result is that few south-end residents know about the project and its magnitude and environmental impacts.

The septic variance approval, on which the project hinged, was manoeuvred through an administrative process that does not lend itself to broad public input. Most residents will not be aware that valid concerns from experts, including Trust staff, regarding water usage, septic disposal and flooding have been discounted by trustees in favour of the developer.

A project of this size requires a much more extensive review with active outreach to local residents, as well as a truly independent analysis of the environmental impacts and possible mitigation measures. The process so far has been superficial and inadequate and must be revisited.

COLIN COE,
REGINALD HILL ROAD

Gratitude

Regarding Shilo Zylbergold's Sept. 29 Nobody Asked Me But column titled Lesser of Two Evils Beats Hot Conspiracy Theories: Thank you for being brave enough to express what many of us are feeling.

CORRIE HOPE FURST & WENDY JUDITH CUTLER,
SALT SPRING

Consultants not needed

In response to last week's “Trust opens wallet for public input” article, the Islands Trust executive still seems to not get it, or are they creating a \$150,000 smoke screen to salvage and push through their draft policy statement?

What really upset me and a lot of other people was that the proposed draft statement was very draconian and could be harmful to local communities and their official community plans and land use bylaws. This draft policy statement would handcuff local Trust committees and their OCPs and LUBs, all without any local consultation.

We do not want an expensive consultant. Communities want consultation directly with the Islands Trust planners and local Trust committees, at face-to-face town hall meetings, to find consensus on what they want and any changes to their local bylaws.

The \$150,000 would be much better spent on sending the planners, who are already on the payroll, to the various island communities.

Once that consensus is found, the planners can then go back to Victoria and create a policy

statement that will accommodate all those communities and their bylaws.

The OCPs, LUBs and the local Trust committees are what protect the Gulf Islands, along with the very unique charm of each and every Gulf Island.

This is the way the present policy statement was created and it has served us well over its duration.

We do not want some cookie-cutter, restrictive, bullying policy statement that suits the wealthy conservancies, with no thought to the local people who really protect and care for their island and its way of life.

JOHN MONEY,
SATURNA ISLAND

Support girls

Oct. 11 is the UN International Day of the Girl. This is a day to make a commitment to honour and protect our girls and young women world-wide.

Let us give them the love, support, encouragement and opportunities they need to realize their full potential, not only for themselves but for the benefit of our interdependent planetary community of life.

RALPH MILLER,
SALT SPRING

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Pile of almost-useless gadgets keeps growing

It must be the plague, a COVID isolation thing, because for some inexplicable reason I keep buying stuff online. Useful stuff as I think about it for the usual 20 seconds before hitting the Buy Now button, but entirely without use by the time it's been delivered, unpacked and properly examined.

The sandwich press I bought just this week is a case to point.

I'm not saying it's large, but I may have to move the fridge into the garage to make some room for it. I never thought to check the measurements, I just knew I wanted it because it has more knobs and dials than the flight deck of a Concorde and in my world you can't have too many knobs and dials. It will also come in handy if I ever decide to grill an ox or cook burgers for the entire island.

But the dumb folly of my most recent shopping misadventure is in the name — “sandwich press.” It's a device designed almost entirely for the purpose of making toasted sandwiches, large sandwiches from actual bread with larger fillings of actual food which, for someone with some minor weight issues, is like setting up a still for an alcoholic. Panini, for instance, is Italian for a sandwich the size of the Colosseum stuffed with a week's groceries and grilled on a sandwich press like mine. And there is little point in owning the Ram 3500 of panini presses if you don't make paninis.

Oh, and to supplement the sandwich press I've also just bought a set of stainless-



Paul McElroy
+ ANOTHER THING

steel rings designed to make perfectly circular fried eggs because, as you will probably know, no one likes a scruffy fried egg. They will also be handy for making symmetrical pancakes, which don't figure high on a Weight Watchers menu either.

Anyway, I have the wretched thing now and will keep it in the garage, risking a hernia each time I move it into the kitchen to cook my perfectly circular egg on it.

You'll be interested if not entirely surprised to know that I am also the new and proud owner of an Apple Pencil, which possibly ranks as the world's most expensive piece of plastic on an inch-per-dollar basis. In the way of all-things Apple, it was beautifully packaged so I may just keep the box it came in and ditch the pencil.

I suppose it does have a function if you have the slightest inclination to art, but in my case it might just as well be a pneumatic drill and is little more than a posh pointer that needs charging now and then. True, you can write on your iPad where it turns handwriting into type, but I don't think I've handwritten anything in the past 30 years beyond the occasional

begging letter. Besides, keyboards turn type into type . . .

But the Apple Pencil is merely the most recent sop to my Apple addiction, a pathetic but pathological compulsion to own everything Apple (except the eating kind, of course, because I mostly don't do fruit. Or vegetables if I'm honest). Consequently, my home is an Apple emporium, a shrine to Steve Jobs, and I've been paying through the nose for Apple phones, tablets, computers and things you stick in your ears for decades.

And always getting it slightly wrong. I don't think there has been a single occasion that I haven't bought a new Apple product only to have the company announce three weeks later the arrival of a newer, better version. I'd been the proud owner, for instance, of an iPhone 11 for about 20 minutes before Apple announced the arrival of iPhone 12 and a few months after that iPhone 13. Can you imagine my humiliation! Not one, but TWO whole iterations behind the eight ball. Not only that, but no sooner had I bought my Pencil than Apple announced Apple Pencil 2, so now I am doubly humiliated and can only make phone calls in a closet where no one can see my inferior phone and sneer at my antiquated Pencil.

Although for the life of me I cannot imagine what the new Pencil does, but for the price I'd at least expect it to write this column for me while I'm having dinner.

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Make better decisions

I am a Fulford resident and property owner concerned about the proposed Vortex development and the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee approval process resulting in a variance granted to decrease septic setback distances from Soule Creek and Fulford Harbour.

The Trust staff did not support the variance as it was contrary to land use bylaw and official community plan provisions for water quality protection. The development property is adjacent to Fulford Creek, the largest fish-bearing stream with one of the largest salmon runs in the southern Gulf Islands. The creek contains coho and chum salmon as well as cut-throat trout and is one of 14 sensitive streams in British Columbia listed by the provincial government. Decisions made on this property need to consider the environmental impacts on the creeks that flow into the Fulford estuary supporting hundreds of overwintering waterfowl. Harbour porpoises, California and Steller sea lions feed on salmon and other fish in the harbour, attracting Bigg's orcas that hunt on the resident seal population. A

humpback whale was recently seen along the east shoreline.

The responsibility of the SSILTC should be as environmental stewards making decisions in the best interests for the local community and resident wildlife depending on Soule and Fulford Creeks and the estuary that may be negatively impacted by a septic system vulnerable to flooding. Development that is appropriate for the challenges of a changing climate and preserving environmental quality for the future should be an important consideration on this sensitive site rather than allowing decisions to be influenced by the nostalgia of patrons of the previous Fulford Inn and pub.

MARIAN PORTER,
REGINALD HILL ROAD

Listen in order to heal

Everyone in all levels of government and bureaucracy across this vast land now called Canada has a responsibility to begin a new honest dialogue with all First Nations people.

They must listen and finally hear what they require to begin and continue to heal as a people, and for all of us that continue to struggle with the history of this place now called Canada.

May the great mystery

MORE LETTERS

which is love and all that is good finally "Allow your hearts to put the truth in your mouth and speak the words" at last. With that a new beginning will result.

DAVID MERKE,
SALT SPRING

Put aside FSA tests

I am writing to you on behalf of the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association about the government's decision to once again direct school districts to administer the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) tests to our students this year.

Teachers believe that FSA testing is not useful nor helpful. This is particularly true during a pandemic when stress levels are already heightened. Teachers need to use valuable in-class time to focus on teaching and learning rather than spending hours administering a test.

The FSA is not a reliable method of measuring an individual child's progress and was not designed for this purpose. Teachers have long advocated for better ways than the FSA to see how the B.C. school system meets the learning needs of individuals and groups.

Teachers use a wide variety of formal and informal methods to effectively assess student progress and to meet individual student needs. The FSA tests do not count toward children's marks, and they do not help students learn or teachers teach.

Teachers are concerned with the misuse of data from these tests. FSA data rarely results in more funding and resources to meet our students' needs. However, the Fraser Institute has used the data to unfairly and inappropriately rank schools.

The Gulf Islands Teachers' Association believes that parents who make an informed decision to ask that their children not write the tests should have their wishes respected.

IAN MITCHELL,
PRESIDENT,
GULF ISLAND TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Concerns fall on deaf ears

I have just completed a survey on the pool ("rec centre") expansion that is being put out by the Capital Regional District.

However, I do not believe that the area needs to expand in order to be receptive to community needs. There is a deaf ear to parents with small children and others here in the community that has nothing to do with expansion of

the physical building. For example, there has long been a need for some kind of showers here for those who are underhoused. However, the showers at the pool are short and not warm, and are meant for only a certain group of community members — not the underhoused.

Another issue is that when I most needed the pool for my young children, it was full of adult groups using the pool.

After some time, my kids got older, and I don't need somewhere to take them in the mornings and I do not worry about these things anymore. It's not because they are not important, simply because I no longer need the services.

There is such a deaf ear from those providing services on Salt Spring to those who actually need the services. It is still the case, though, that the CRD continues to spend money to expand and they do so for a boutique community who they serve, and they continue to show either a deaf ear or an unfriendliness to those who need any kind of support here on Salt Spring Island.

This is a very sad state of affairs and I do not suggest any expansion until the listening and inclusion of all of our community members is worked on. However, I also do expect that I will be shown a deaf ear with this letter.

JENNY MCCLEAN,
SALT SPRING

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Magic Lake Estates Water Service Committee

Notice of Annual General Meeting Cancellation

In the interest of public health and safety during the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Capital Regional District Board has waived the requirement to hold Annual General Meetings for 2021.

Consequently, the Magic Lake Estates Water and Sewer Committee Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2021 is hereby cancelled.

Committee Membership Opportunity

In lieu of the AGM, and pursuant to Bylaw No. 2339, real property owners or residents in the Magic Lake Estates Water and Sewer Area are invited to nominate themselves or another real property owner or resident who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area to stand on the committee for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2022.

Total membership on the committee is seven (7), including the Electoral Area Director and six (6) real property owners or residents who are prepared to represent the Local Service Area.

Nominations are being accepted for the following three (3) vacancies:

- One (1) resident or property owner of the Magic Lake Estates **Water** Local Service Area
- Two (2) residents or property owners of the Magic Lake Estates **Water and Sewer** Local Service Area.

Nomination Instructions

When submitting your nomination, please include the committee name in the subject line, your full-name, telephone number, residential address along with the nominee's full-name, telephone number, residential address and the service you are nominating for.

New appointments to the Magic Lake Estates Water and Sewer Committee will be made by the CRD Board based on the Electoral Area Director recommendation.

The deadline for nominations is **Friday, October 29, 2021.**

Mail or email your submission to:

Attention: Electoral Area Director, Southern Gulf Islands
479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC, V9B 1H7
Email: iwsadministration@crd.bc.ca

Bylaw No. 2339 is available for viewing on the CRD website at www.crd.bc.ca

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Port Renfrew Utility Services Committee

Notice of Annual General Meeting Cancellation

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Consequently, the Port Renfrew Utility Services Committee Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2021 is hereby cancelled.

Committee Membership Opportunity

In lieu of the AGM, and pursuant to Bylaw No. 3281, real property owners or residents in the Port Renfrew Utility Services Area are invited to nominate themselves or another real property owner or resident who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area to stand on the committee for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2022.

Total membership on the committee is five (5), including the Electoral Area Director, three (3) individuals who shall represent the Port Renfrew Water Local Service Area, Port Renfrew Sewer, and Port Renfrew Street Lighting Local Service Areas, and one (1) representative of the Pacheedaht First Nation when a services agreement is in place, pursuant to Bylaw No. 3281.

Nominations are being accepted for the following vacancy:

- One (1) resident or real property owner who is prepared to represent the Port Renfrew Water, Sewer, and Street Lighting Local Service Areas.

Nomination Instructions

When submitting your nomination, please include the committee name in the subject line, your full-name, telephone number and residential address along with the nominee's full-name, telephone number and residential address.

New appointments to the Port Renfrew Utility Services Committee will be made by the CRD Board based on the Electoral Area Director recommendation.

The deadline for nominations is **Friday, October 29, 2021.**

Mail or email your submission to:

Attention: Electoral Area Director, Juan de Fuca
479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC, V9B 1H7
Email: iwsadministration@crd.bc.ca

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NDP and Greens should join political forces

By GREG SPENDJIAN

INDEPTH

Another election has come and gone. Almost nothing will change as a result. It will continue to be all talk and little action for the Liberal party and Conservative party when it comes to the two major issues facing the country, and indeed the world: the calamity of climate change and rising social and economic inequalities.

I have long believed that a different strategy towards the electorate is needed by the more “progressive” parties in the country, the New Democratic Party and the Green Party. Simply put, they should broaden their appeal by joining forces while at the same time seriously reconsidering their strategies.

The Canadian populace has regrettably not bought into the present narratives of either the NDP or the Green party. Amazingly enough it is the very conservative right-wing People’s Party of Canada which attracted serious additional support going from 1.6 to five per cent of the vote this election. The Green party’s portion of the vote dropped from 6.5 to 2.3 per cent, while the NDP increased its share of the vote slightly, from 16 to 17.8 per cent.

The Green party elected two Members of Parliament. I am fully supportive of the attention the Green party brings to the issue of climate change. But they are by and large a one-issue party, or at least are perceived to be so. What impact will the two MPs have? Virtually none I suspect. The climate catastrophe is here and now. We do not have the luxury of waiting for decades for the number of Green MPs to increase enough for them to become politically relevant.

At one point it was argued that if we had some form of “proportional representation” in our elections rather than the “first past the post” system, a stand-alone Green party would increase the number of MPs elected and thereby be able to influence the policy agenda. With Justin Trudeau having reneged on his promise in 2015 to introduce electoral reform, and with that subject not even being raised during this election campaign, electoral reform is for now a dead issue.

The NDP has some useful pol-

icy proposals for dealing with equality and social justice issues, but has never fully addressed climate change and other environmental issues. It does not seem to be able to garner enough support on its own to be an alternative to the two main parties. The party does not have enough seats to accomplish anything other than to support the Liberal party in whatever policies the latter chooses to bring to parliament.

The NDP and the Green party need to have the courage to both re-imagine themselves and to join forces as part of a new political strategy.

One might speculate on the reasons that the NDP and Greens do not join forces. It has been argued that Green party membership does not really “lean

left” at all. Some refer to the fact that our very own Elizabeth May worked in Brian Mulroney’s government as evidence that she and the Green party generally would not support anything that smacked of “democratic socialism.”

The Green party platform says nothing about changes being needed to the economic system, which is at the root of our problems. One political commentator even suggested that many of the lost “green” votes this election went to either the Conservative Party or the PPC. The explanation given is that many “greens” see themselves as “libertarians” and want less overall government intervention rather than more. If this is the case, we are in even more serious trouble than I thought.

The NDP in turn has not shown its full commitment to address climate change comprehensively. It has also not offered a full-throated challenge to the workings of the neo-liberal economic framework. The party shies away from even using the term “social democratic” to describe itself, either because its leadership thinks this might cost the party votes, or because the party really

does not question the current system.

And yet, I would defy anybody to put forward a coherent argument that the two meta-problems I identified above — climate change and social and economic disparities — are amenable to solution within the existing socio-economic paradigm. Radical alternatives to our current systems of production of goods and services and the distribution of benefits of economic activity need to be invented, tested and broadly adopted. This is the only way for us to move towards a better future, one characterized by social, economic and ecological well-being.

The NDP and the Green party need to have the courage to both re-imagine themselves and to join forces as part of a new political strategy. They should form a new party, one which is radical, green, participatory and social democratic. Such a party would, in my view, stand a better chance of offering and promoting viable and relevant solutions to our biggest problems than the existing stand-alone parties will ever have.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident.

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Skana Water Service Committee

Notice of Annual General Meeting Cancellation

In the interest of public health and safety during the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Capital Regional District Board has waived the requirement to hold Annual General Meetings for 2021.

Consequently, the Skana Water Service Committee Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2021 is hereby cancelled.

Committee Membership Opportunity

In lieu of the AGM, and pursuant to Bylaw No. 3133, real property owners or residents in the Skana Water Local Service Area are invited to nominate themselves or another real property owner, resident or other person who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area to stand on the committee for a two (2) year term commencing November 1, 2021.

Total membership on the committee is five (5), including the Electoral Area Director, three (3) real property owners and one (1) resident, real property owner or other person who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area.

Nominations are being accepted for the following vacancy:

- One (1) resident, real property owner or other person who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area.

Nomination Instructions

When submitting your nomination, please include the committee name in the subject line, your full-name, telephone number, residential address along with the nominee’s full-name, telephone number, residential address and the service you are nominating for.

New appointments to the Skana Water Service Committee will be made by the CRD Board based on the Electoral Area Director recommendation.

The deadline for nominations is **Friday, October 29, 2021.**

Mail or email your submission to:

Attention: Electoral Area Director, Southern Gulf Islands
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Email: iwsadministration@crd.bc.ca

Bylaw No. 3133 is available for viewing on the CRD website at www.crd.bc.ca

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Sticks Allison Water Local Service Committee

Notice of Annual General Meeting Cancellation

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Consequently, the Sticks Allison Local Service Committee Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2021 is hereby cancelled.

Committee Membership Opportunity

In lieu of the AGM, and pursuant to Bylaw No. 2558, real property owners in the Sticks Allison Water Local Service Area are invited to nominate themselves or another real property owner who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area to stand on the committee for a two (2) year term commencing November 1, 2021.

Total membership on the committee is five (5), including the Electoral Area Director, and four (4) owners of real property within the Sticks Allison Water Local Service Area.

Nominations are being accepted for the following two (2) vacancies:

- Two (2) real property owners who are prepared to represent the Local Service Area.

Nomination Instructions

When submitting your nomination, please include the committee name in the subject line, your full-name, telephone number, residential address along with the nominee’s full-name, telephone number, residential address and the service you are nominating for.

New appointments to the Sticks Allison Water Local Service Committee will be made by the CRD Board based on the Electoral Area Director recommendation.

The deadline for nominations is **Friday, October 29, 2021.**

Mail or email your submission to:

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OPEN BURNING

Fire season not over yet

Wildfires also a risk in fall and spring seasons

BY CAPT. MITCHELL SHERRIN
SSIFR

Islanders have been clamouring to begin backyard burning, but a fire ban continues. "What the heck, why can't we burn?" some might ask.

Yes, Salt Spring has received welcome rain in the last couple of weeks, but this moisture follows a record drought that left the island at increased fire risk.

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue (SSIFR) Fire Chief Jamie Holmes plans to lift the backyard burn ban in mid-October, weather depending. His caution is based on years of experience with brush fires on Salt Spring Island.

"Often Salt Spring gets more fires in the fall and spring than in the summer," Holmes noted.

Out of 96 brush fires in the last 10 years, just over half occurred during the summer. In four

out of the last 10 years, the island experienced most wildfires outside of summer months (including 2019 and 2018).

Prior to backyard burning, islanders are encouraged to obtain a fire permit and check for burn bans. Backyard burning is currently banned but campfires are permitted, and burn barrels may also now be used.

All burning must be supervised, water must be on site and fires must be located away from combustible materials (e.g., buildings, shrubs, trees). Do not burn prohibited materials (plastic, garbage, tires, demolition waste, etc.). Check your burn permit for information about maximum size of burns, clearance distances from combustible items and prohibited burn materials. Permits are valid for each calendar year.

To get a burn permit for campfires, incinerators, backyard burning or land-clearing fires, contact SSIFR (250-537-2531), drop by the Ganges Fire Hall (105 Lower Ganges Rd.) or check the SSIFR website (<https://saltspringfire.com>).

Firefighters wanted!

Info session for interested people set for Oct. 19

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue (SSIFR) is recruiting paid-on-call firefighters and field-incident technicians (FITs) for the first time since 2019.

SSIFR is seeking compassionate, committed, healthy, and capable personnel. Firefighters and FITs are required to attend a minimum three-hour practice session once weekly, and to attend emergency page outs whenever available.

Successful applicants (age 18 or older) will also complete an interview, submit a criminal-record check, provide a driver's abstract and complete a physical-fitness evaluation. Potential applicants are also invited to an open house to learn more about the fire service on Tuesday, Oct. 19. Completed applications are due on Oct. 31.

Recruits begin firefighter training in January 2022.

For more information about becoming a firefighter, contact SSIFR (250-537-2531), drop by the Ganges Fire Hall (105 Lower Ganges Road) or check the SSIFR website ([saltspringfire.com/recruit](https://saltspringfire.com)).





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SSNAP

Contemporary edge honed at show

Gulf Islands artists' exhibit at ArtSpring until Oct. 17

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

While the Salt Spring National Art Prize aims to bring the best contemporary art from across the nation to a small island outpost in the Pacific, the prize founders have always had the joint goal of bringing more exposure to the top-notch artists living and working in this place.

The Parallel Art Show at ArtSpring is therefore an important companion event to the SSNAP Finalists Exhibition, and one that has been evolving to include more stringent curatorial practices. This year the 52 participating artists were selected by a three-member jury. Once again entry was restricted to artists from the Southern Gulf Islands who submitted to SSNAP, with the Parallel Art Show jurors reviewing those same entries. The field of choice was a large one this time, with 150-plus artists submitting over 250 works. As SSNAP founding director Ron Crawford said at the opening reception last Sunday, this was by no means an easy show to get into.

In terms of technique, creativity and sophistication of expression, there is no doubt island artists stack up well against the national scene. At the same time, the islands' unique demographics, geography and culture inspire some particular concerns and ways of looking at the world that both fit into the larger Canadian context and are tied to this specific place.

With our close connection to nature and Green-party supporting majority, it's not surprising that climate change and the destruction of ecosystems are common issues arising in the show. Gillian McConnell treats the topic in Carbon Cycle, an acrylic and multimedia abstract work where black and grey tones underscore the harmful human disruption of organic processes.

Karen Reiss' sculpture A Pipeline Runs Through It depicts a fractured world in reassembled shards of broken ceramic tile, but with the hope that it's possible to remake what's not working.

Jane Kidd's stunning woven tapestry Forlorn deals with the unlearned lesson of the passenger pigeon and the human-caused extinction of species. Her sad pigeon lies breast-up against a brilliant blue sky darkened by a huge flock of birds about to

disappear; decorative borders add a glibly cheerful contrast to the looming tragedy.

Amy Melious also provides a warning with Next Step. The delicately hand-tinted photo composite frames a tightrope act over a scene of clear-cut devastation. In the distance of this wasteland are tiny figures standing on a giant stump. The safety railing suggests this is an image of a tourist site where people marvel over what used to be.

Nature inspires other lines of inquiry as well, and serves as the base for deepening explorations into process and technique. Tree roots provide the metaphor for human introspection during the pandemic in Terri Bibby's lovely textile sculpture Roots: Exposed. The roots radiate from the base in a star pattern in hand-dyed cotton, wool and raffia.

Liljana Mead Martin has a beautifully rendered conceptual piece called The Listener. A charred black length of tree trunk hosts delicate translucent turquoise fungi, shapes that were in fact cast from the artist's ear. The piece draws on speculative fiction and magic realism to consider "our current environmental conditions and the potential for learned exchanges with other forms of life." At the same time as diving into these deep concepts, it is simply beautiful to look at.

Also beautiful in composition and execution is Rosie Schinners' Land Sky Sea piece. Schinners has a distinct style of paper collage, giving well-chosen images more impact through sparing placement against a clean white background, and the application of intense colour saturation. Here, a series of three walking figures in an Eadweard Muybridge 1887 photo series provide the dynamic supports for a brilliant arc of animals and flowers, a joyful parade where the ideal of harmony is manifest.

The impact of the times we live in informs Pender artist Mimi Fujino's luminous lino print Reflecting Back, a scene dominated by a window looking directly onto the slopes of a golden mountainside.

Judith Walker (also from Pender) reflects fears of a dystopian reality in her expressive abstract painting A Cautionary Tale, which features a jarring tower of marks in vermillion over soft grey. Both Kazmear Johnston and John Hoyle express fears and grief of COVID isolation in moving sculptural form: Johnston in a haunting ceramic depiction of a not-quite



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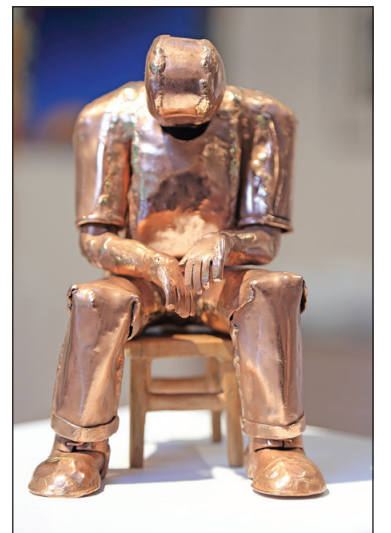
From top: Jane Kidd's Forlorn woven tapestry piece; Susan Benson's multimedia piece The Meaning of Symbols: The Meaning of Memories; and Alone Again, made from copper pipe by John Hoyle.

human face, and Hoyle with the heartbreaking slumped figure in copper pipe called Alone Again.

Younger artists in the show stretching their creative muscles with deep explorations of technique include Mayne Island's April Winter, whose self-portrait photo tableau is a study in colour and clothing as false markers of identity. In this case, seemingly cheerful bright yellow clashes with the artist's facial expression and the rain-wear theme.

Seb Evans tackles the theme of artisans in their workplaces in The Shoemaker in His Shop, based on a historic photo of Victoria. Evans' incredibly detailed woodcut print captures the frenzy of the cluttered room with countless carved lines and the balanced use of positive and negative space.

On the other end of the spectrum according to age and experience, Susan Benson puts all of hers into a masterful installation that combines history, contemporary politics and the deeply personal. Her



meticulous model of a bombed-out home in London speaks to her family's terrifying time in the Second World War. Portraits of her family members in window panes surround the model along with scenes of bombers and Nazi symbols. As someone who can attest that pain and terror have multigenerational impacts, Benson was motivated by her absolute horror that anyone today has taken up Nazi symbols as emblems.

The Parallel Art Show runs daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to Oct. 17. The works are eligible for Juror's Choice and Viewer's Choice awards, which will be announced along with the SSNAP prize winners on Oct. 23.



PHOTO BY LISA K. SIGURGEIRSON

CONCERT TIME: Kathy Stack and Tom Bowler will be joined by bass player Bob Delion this Friday, Oct. 8 to celebrate the release of Stack's fifth CD called Sugar & Salt. The show starts at 7 p.m. at Lions Hall. Stack says Sugar & Salt continues her tradition of story telling, extolling Salt Spring characters, and also love songs. Bowler recorded, produced and played on the CD, which contains a variety of styles: folk, folk rock, country and blues. On Friday the trio will play songs from the new CD, as well as some older favourites, with Bowler and Delion also doing one of their songs. Tickets sold at the door. Maximum 50 people and proof of vaccination required.

LIVE THEATRE

Robert Service comes alive on stage

Original play at ArtSpring

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The energy of our season-opener, Wen Wei Dance, is more than matched in Jeffrey Renn's one-man tribute to the great British-Canadian poet Robert Service.

Embodying not just Service, but friends, family, and yes, a bull, the first instalment of *The Life and Yarns of Robert Service* sees Renn instantly change between characters and dialects with seamless ease.

ArtSpring is offering another chance to see part one of Service's glorious youthful tales following the limited capacity seating of the show's inclusion last season. With part two premiering at the end of November we want to bring you right back into the world of the spectacularly popular poet, an immigrant from Scotland coming to Canada at the time of the Gold Rush.



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Jeffrey Renn in *At Your Service - The Life and Yarns of Robert Service (Part 1)*.

Renn has carefully crafted this work from Service's autobiography, *The Ploughman of the Moon*. Born in the north of England in 1874, and brought up in Scotland, Robert Service showed a keen interest in poetry as a child, writing his first verse on his sixth birthday. Inspired by Rudyard Kipling and Robert Louis Stevenson, Service developed

a desire for adventure along with writing, and in 1894 sailed to Canada to become a cowboy in the Yukon wilderness. Following the Gold Rush, Service worked on Vancouver Island, gathering material and experiences that would feed his creative imagination for years.

The wildly inventive Renn performs all the roles through poem, song and story, leaving previous audiences enthralled by his powerhouse performance.

ArtSpring Presents *At Your Service - The Life and Yarns of Robert Service part 1* on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 14, 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m.

People should note that proof of at least one vaccination is required for everyone aged 12+ attending this event. Patrons aged 19+ are also required to show a piece of valid government photo ID. Masks must be worn at all times while at ArtSpring.

ART SHOW

Outsider Art Emerging exhibit on at the library

Art Jam artists

Joining the roster of October art events is the Outsider Art Emerging show in the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room.

The show is being put on by a group of more than 20 artists who attend a grassroots program called Art Jam, which provides a safe, welcoming space for members of the "outsider"

artist community.

"Here we can be defined as creators, rather than by the challenges we face," states a press release about the show. "Much of the work is creation

at its purest — an extension of who we are and what we've been through."

The show runs until Oct. 29, with a brief opening talk from 3 to 4 p.m. set for Friday, Oct. 15.

Capital Regional District



Surfside Park Estates Water Service Committee

Notice of Annual General Meeting Cancellation

In the interest of public health and safety during the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Capital Regional District Board has waived the requirement to hold Annual General Meetings for 2021.

Consequently, the Surfside Park Estates Water Service Committee Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2021 is hereby cancelled.

Committee Membership Opportunity

In lieu of the AGM, and pursuant to Bylaw No. 3131, real property owners or residents in the Surfside Park Estates Water Service Area are invited to nominate themselves or another real property owner, resident or other person who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area to stand on the committee for a two (2) year term commencing November 1, 2021.

Total membership on the committee is five (5), including the Electoral Area Director, three (3) real property owners and one (1) resident, real property owner, or other person who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area.

Nominations are being accepted for the following vacancy:

- One (1) resident, real property owner or other person who is prepared to represent the Surfside Park Estates Water Service Area.

Nomination Instructions

When submitting your nomination, please include the committee name in the subject line, your full-name, telephone number, residential address along with the nominee's full-name, telephone number, residential address and the service you are nominating for.

New appointments to the Surfside Park Estates Water Service Committee will be made by the CRD Board based on the Electoral Area Director recommendation.

The deadline for nominations is **Friday, October 29, 2021**.

Mail or email your submission to:

Attention: Electoral Area Director, Southern Gulf Islands
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Bylaw No. 3131 is available for viewing on the CRD website at www.crd.bc.ca

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Wilderness Mountain Water Service Commission

Notice of Annual General Meeting Cancellation

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Consequently, the Wilderness Mountain Water Service Commission Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2021 is hereby cancelled.

Committee Membership Opportunity

In lieu of the AGM, and pursuant to Bylaw No. 3511, real property owners or residents in the Wilderness Mountain Water Service Area are invited to nominate themselves or another real property owner, resident, or other member who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area to stand on the Commission for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2022.

Total membership on the Commission is four (4), including the Electoral Area Director and three (3) real property owners, residents or other members representing the service area.

Nominations are being accepted for the following vacancy:

- One (1) resident, real property owner or other person who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area.

Nomination Instructions

When submitting your nomination, please include the Commission name in the subject line, your full-name, telephone number and residential address along with the nominee's full-name, telephone number and residential address.

New appointments to the Wilderness Mountain Water Service Commission will be made by the CRD Board based on the Electoral Area Director recommendation.

The deadline for nominations is **Friday, October 29, 2021**.

Mail or email your submission to:

Attention: Electoral Area Director, Juan de Fuca
479 Island Highway, Victoria, BC, V9B 1H7
Email: iwsadministration@crd.bc.ca

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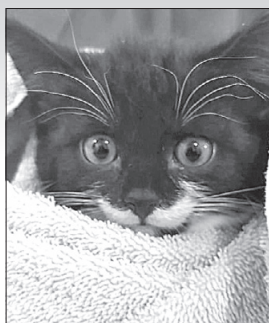


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FOOD SECURITY

Extra produce helps feed island

Kids lead with harvests
and food preparation

BY MARCIA JANSEN
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

October is the month that we celebrate a successful harvest of crops. While lots of people are preparing for lavish Thanksgiving dinners, others are struggling daily to put a nutritious meal on the table.

LEAP Kids, a community-service, project-based education program, has a goal to feed those in need this fall.

Do you have apples that you can't pick? Too many beetroots, squashes or kale? The LEAP Kids (Learning Through Experiential Authentic Processes) are happy to take them off your hands or land.

"Every year we take on projects that are pitched to us by members of our community," said Sarah Etherington, coordinator of the program. "The projects have to benefit the community, or the earth, and it is a bonus if they benefit both. Last year we built a greenhouse for Little Red Preschool, and now the kids voted for a project to recover excess food from farms."

The project is driven by the kids. "They do the harvesting, choose recipes, make labels and do all the cooking and fundraising. It is integrated, hands-on, real-world learning, while doing something good for the community. We know that food insecurity is a growing problem locally. For this project we've partnered up with Salt Spring Harvest and they will distribute the food to those in need."

Five different farms have donated excess fruit and vegetables so far.

"We already have a lot of apples, but we take what we can get. This week we will be making apple pies, crumbles and apple sauce for Thanks-



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Children in the LEAP Kids program with pies and applesauce made from rescued fruit that will help feed islanders who are struggling with food security this Thanksgiving.

giving, but we will continue to make meals, like soups and stews, in the coming months."

Martin Mongard, youth worker at Salt Spring Island Community Services, pitched the project.

"I was inspired by the time of the year," said Mongard, who lets the LEAP Kids use the kitchen at the Core Inn for this project. "The orchards are full of fruit, and sometimes it doesn't get picked because the owners are elderly or they just have too much. It is so sad that all that amazing food is going to waste. That's when I thought, 'Wouldn't it be great if youth, with all their energy, come to help and pick the fruit and use it to make pies and apple sauce.'"

Salt Spring Island Community Services has several food programs to avoid food waste. Second Harvest,

for example, collects food that is over its "best before" date, and fruit and vegetables that have a bruise or otherwise don't sell, from Country Grocer, Thrifty Foods, Natureworks, Barb's Bakery, the Tuesday Farmers' Market and local farms.

"We think that Salt Spring Island is so rich with those big properties and huge mansions," said Mongard. "But a growing amount of people, especially since the pandemic, are struggling to make ends meet and with all kinds of problems, like mental health issues, as a result. That's why it is so important that those programs are in place, and the LEAP Kids project is a welcome addition."

Have excess fruit or vegetables in your garden or orchard? Contact Sarah Etherington at sarahetherington826@gmail.com or 250-221-8986.

VENTURES

Harvest Kitchen finds home at Fulford Hall

Social enterprise
café added to
Community
Services programs

BY MARCIA JANSEN
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

For everyone who has missed the little white container food outlet behind the Core Inn, this month Harvest Kitchen Café is making a fresh start in Fulford.

The social enterprise that is part of the "Harvest" food security programs of Salt Spring

Island Community Services (SSICS) needed a bigger kitchen and found one in Fulford.

We used the kitchen at the Core Inn, but it became too small," said Simone Cazabon, manager for the SSICS Harvest Programs.

"We knew that Fulford Hall has a giant kitchen in the basement, so we pitched our idea with the board, and they were happy to have us."

Since March of this year, meals for the various food programs on the island have been made in Fulford Hall, where Brody Paine is

the chef and coordinator.

"We upgraded the kitchen, appliances and electrical, and from Monday to Friday we are cooking full-time in the hall."

The meals go to Meals on Wheels, a program that reaches 40 seniors who receive two home-cooked meals a day, the outreach building, the youth outreach programs and the shelter. As Cazabon said, "Everyone who needs a meal can get one."

Harvest Kitchen Café is supplied with veggies, fruit and provisions from the Second Harvest program (see the story above

about LEAP Kids) and the SSICS community garden.

"We use the food to cook our meals, to supply fridges at community housing sites, and if we can't use it, we compost it at our farm."

This month the Harvest Kitchen Café will open at the Fulford Hall parking lot, together with a farm stand. The profits will go back directly to the SSICS food programs.

"We have good coffee and delicious grab-and-go food like donuts, sausage rolls, soups, chilli, wraps and salads, all in compostable containers."

HOUSING

'Generation Squeeze' lives with limited options

Debt load crippling

FINDING HOME

BY AINA YASUÉ
SS SOLUTIONS

for the next eight years (which she estimates as the duration of her schooling), she worries she won't be able to afford housing here, even when she returns with her degree.

Young people in B.C. are feeling squeezed by the cost of living, which for many includes housing and education. Generation Squeeze, a think tank working on inter-generational affordability, reports that debt is now three times higher for Canadians under age 45, compared to the 1980s. Currently, it typically takes a young person 13 years to save a

20 per cent down payment on an average-priced home in Canada. According to Gensqueeze.ca, this is more than double the time it took today's seniors when they were young adults in the mid-70s.

To manage costs, Sigi rents a room from her family at a discounted rate, which takes up 25 per cent of her income. If she were to move out, she would be spending at least double that on rent. Even with the support from her family, she works two part-time jobs while taking courses, to not get over-burdened in tuition debt. On the day of this interview, she had been working for nine days straight, and shared that it took six



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Sigi Fraser.

years to pay off debt accumulated by only 10 months of university tuition and supplies.

Sigi has been searching by word-

of-mouth for a year and about a month ago put up ads online about in order to grant her a quiet place where she can study after long hours working in the service industry. None of the for rent ads she has reached out to have gotten back to her, and she hasn't heard from renters except from a scam artist.

She's thankful for her family's housing, otherwise she'd be forced to live in her car or off island. "That's kind of the reality that I don't think a lot of people have come to see. If our generation didn't have our families to house us, we would be homeless. It would have to be leave the island, live on the street or live in your car."

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The waxing of the Libra triple planet New Moon (Sun + Moon + Mars all at 13 Libra) that occurred on Oct. 6 is now underway. Looking at the chart as a whole, which is the key to understanding the destiny theme behind every New Moon, Venus, the ruling planet for Libra, is in Scorpio, the sign of espionage. Adding to this charged triple conjunction; Uranus is also positioned at 13 degrees, but of Taurus. This is a reflection of the economic reset underway. Mercury retrograde at 20-degrees Libra emphasizes heightened information exchange, nervously shared. Pluto was 'stationary direct' (SD) which means that it was at its most apparent standstill. The outer synchronicity of this stands to be a strong counter push from mainstream authorities to social revolutionary opposition. It is worth noting that the relative state of freedom and democracy we all enjoy currently, or until recently, was hard won by revolutionaries who recognized that freedom traded for security leads to having neither.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)
A dance of diplomacy reveals a mix of high and powerful leaps, graceful pirouettes and brilliant choreography. This metaphor refers to strong communications and exchanges on relationship fronts. The tone and tenor will prove dramatic and palpable. Yet, just as much will be occurring in your subconscious mind, life may suddenly seem surreal.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)
The bull in the china shop metaphor applies now. You are in a strident mood. The greater your conviction, the more righteous you feel. Yet, since life does not judge but does teach by consequences, it might prove wise to review your beliefs or at least to carefully consider your approach before you commit to words and actions.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
Ongoing activities behind the scenes have entered the next chapter and the plot is getting thicker. You want to express yourself fully, yet may also feel the need to do so anonymously. On the other hand, you may be contending with inner blocks that may be manifesting as procrastination or even as self-sabotage. Rest assured, destiny is also covertly at work.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
A rebellious mood is getting stronger. You may even wonder if there is something wrong. It may feel like an aspect of your mind is imploding. This may manifest as impatience or anger, or both. Knowing where and how to best direct your thoughts and emotions is another challenge. Focus on making changes where you can as with your own attitude and approach.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
The New Moon in your career and public life and status sector indicates an emphasis on this area for the coming weeks. The cycle actually began a couple of weeks ago, but now it will advance to the next level. Overcoming doubts and insecurities is featured. Gaining favours by those in positions of power and influence is likely thanks to the role of Venus.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)
The desire to see a bigger picture continues strongly. Yet, you may have to contend with feeling a little lost and confused for a while, due to the role of Mercury retrograde in Libra. It may prove wise to slow down for a while and to redirect some of your focus to more research or, better yet, to begin or deepen your meditation practice.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
Subtly but surely, a transformational process continues within you. Prior self-concepts, attitudes and relationship orientations are featured. This metamorphosis could prove larger and more apparent if other factors of destiny are present. Either way, it will linger into early November, progressively manifesting as a spirited orientation and perhaps even assertion to higher principles of truth and liberty.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)
It may feel as though you have entered a foggy patch. This is requiring you to slow down and to be more deliberate in your thinking and approach. This is not due to a lack of desire; in fact, just the opposite. In some respects, you just want to be left alone from outside distractions and intrusions of any kind. You yearn for peace above all.

CYCLING

Fall GoByBike activities continue

People of all ages encouraged to get on their bicycle this week

SUBMITTED BY ISLAND PATHWAYS BIKE COMMITTEE

Whether it's to work, to school, for fun, for exercise, to stretch your legs between Zoom meetings, to clear your mind . . . No matter the reason, just ride your bike!

During GoByBike weeks — from Sept. 26 to Oct. 10, we can encourage one another to get healthy and help the environment by riding a bicycle and celebrating the joy that cycling brings. Ride solo or form a team. GoByBike weeks are being celebrated across B.C. in over 100 communities, and more than 35,000 people are expected to ride. Log your trips at GoByBikeBC.ca/salt-spring-island to enter the prize draw, track your progress, and see how many greenhouse gas emissions you offset and calories you burn.

For safety, please do wear bright colours, light up your bike and take the lane when necessary.

The B.C. Cycling Coalition shares some



PHOTO BY JAYA LEVESQUE

Salt Spring youth do bike checks before a Maple Mountain outing on Vancouver Island.

great tips and surprising cycling safety statistics in the seventh edition of their Bike Sense guide. For example, cyclists should leave one metre of paved road to their right while riding, and drivers should give cyclists at least 1.5-metre berth when passing. Interestingly, statistics show that the risk of death from cycling is about the same as for walking — about one death per seven million trips. In fact, most cycling accidents don't

involve cars, but those that do (35 per cent) mostly occur at intersections.

This year, Fall GoByBike on Salt Spring features youth bike skills workshops, social rides, and a Tuesday Farmers' Market info and bike swag booth. At several schools, volunteer mechanics are offering free morning tune-ups, and there will be prizes for students who bike even part way. For event details and to register, go to gobybikebc.ca/salt-spring-island/.

TIDE TABLES at Fulford Harbour

OCTOBER 2021 PST (UTC-8h)

When using Daylight Saving Time, one hour must be added to the predicted time in the table

DAY	TIME	METRES	FEET	DAY	TIME	METRES	FEET
6	0426	2.9	9.5	10	0105	0.5	1.6
	1015	1.4	4.6		0902	3.2	10.5
	WE 1644	3.2	10.5		SU 1326	2.7	8.9
	ME 2254	1.3	4.3		DI 1817	3.2	10.5
7	0530	3.0	9.8	11	0156	0.4	1.3
	1055	1.7	5.6		1021	3.3	10.8
	TH 1703	3.2	10.5		MO 1449	2.8	9.2
	JE 2334	0.9	3.0		LU 1847	3.1	10.2
8	0636	3.0	9.8	12	0252	0.5	1.6
	1138	2.1	6.9		1137	3.3	10.8
	FR 1725	3.3	10.8		TU 1703	2.9	9.5
	VE				MA 1921	2.9	9.5
9	0017	0.7	2.3	13	0354	0.6	2.0
	0746	3.1	10.2		1241	3.4	11.2
	SA 1227	2.4	7.9		WE 1915	2.7	8.9
	SA 1750	3.3	10.8		ME 2023	2.7	8.9

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Wed. Oct. 6	Thur. Oct. 7	Fri. Oct. 8	Sat. Oct. 9	Sun. Oct. 10	Mon. Oct. 11	Tues. Oct. 12	Wed. Oct. 13
<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Blues Sessions Concert: David Mariner, David Gogo and Harry Manx. Beaver Point Hall. 8 p.m. (Doors open at 7:30 p.m.) Masks mandatory indoors; proof of vaccination required upon entry, along with government-issued ID. Limited seating. Tickets at https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/5241341</p> <p>ACTIVITIES Salt Spring Museum at Bittancourt House. At the Farmers' Institute grounds. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Museum will close after that.</p>	<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Wen Wei Dance: Ying Yun. Contemporary dance piece from Vancouver company. 7:30 p.m. Proof of vaccination and government ID and masks required. Advance ticket sales only.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES Salt Spring Museum at Bittancourt House. See Wednesday listing.</p> <p>VIA ZOOM Poetry Open Mic. Featured poet is Marie Specht. 7 p.m. Email programs@saltspringlibrary.com to register for the event.</p>	<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Kathy Stack CD Release Concert. Kathy Stack, Tom Bowler and Bob Delion celebrate the release of Kathy's CD Sugar & Salt. Lions Hall. 7 p.m. Proof of vaccination and government ID required.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES StoryWalk. Self-guided family activity from SS Public Library through Mouat Park toward the Rainbow Road Pool. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Salt Spring Museum at Bittancourt House. See Wednesday listing. ASK Salt Spring. This week's guest is MLA Adam Olsen. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please email ask@asksaltspring.com for the location (due to weather considerations).</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES Saturday Market in the Park. Saturday market runs in Centennial Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. StoryWalk. See Friday listing. Movie Matinee. Family-friendly movie at the Salt Spring Public Library. 1 p.m. Salt Spring Museum at Bittancourt House. See Wednesday listing. Last open day for the year.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES StoryWalk. See Friday listing.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES Tuesday Farmers' Market. Weekly market of fresh produce and food/drink products at Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.</p>  <p>ONLINE MLA Adam Olsen Community Meeting. Via Zoom from 6:30 to 8 p.m. People must register at www.tinyurl.com/SAN-Community-Meeting. Poetry of Harvest and Thanksgiving. Facilitated by Elaina Hyde-Mills. Bring a poem to read that expresses the theme of gratitude or just to listen to poems brought by others and share your response. Online on Zoom, 7 to 8:30 p.m. More info and register at staroftheseassi@gmail.com.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES SSNAP Artist's Talk: Connie Kuhns. Salt Spring photographer and SSNAP finalist Connie Kuhns will show photographs and slide shows. Mahon Hall. 12 noon.</p> <p>VIA ZOOM Gulf Islands Board of Education. Public meeting via Zoom at 1 p.m.</p>	<p>Poetry Open Mic With guest poet Marie Specht Thurs., Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. Email programs@saltspringlibrary.com for the link</p> <p>THRIFTY FOODS Ganges, Mouat's Centre 7:30am to 9pm Customer Service 250-537-1522</p>

THE FRITZ CINEMA
The Sparks Brothers shows at The Fritz from Friday, Oct. 8 through Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. nightly plus a 3 p.m. Sunday matinee. See www.thefritz.ca for more movie info. COVID-19 protocols, including vaccine card and mask requirements, and limited seating, in place.
More info: thefritz.ca



EXHIBITIONS

- Salt Spring National Art Prize Finalists Exhibition runs daily at Mahon Hall from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Monday, Oct. 25.
- Parallel Art Show, a juried exhibition of work by selected Gulf Islands artists who submitted to SSNAP, is in the ArtSpring gallery until Sunday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.
- The Art Jam group presents Outsider Art Emerging in the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room through October.

EXHIBITIONS

- Figure as Index, work by Luther Konadu, the 2019 SSNAP winner, runs at The Point Gallery until Oct. 25, by appointment daily from 1 to 5 p.m. except on Tuesdays.
- Gallery 8 presents East meets West, artworks by David Goatley and James Stewart, Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

EXHIBITIONS

- Salt Spring Gallery presents LIFT, new paintings by Lisa Lipsett, until Oct. 13.
- The Calligraphy Group on Salt Spring exhibits poems, quotations, etc. at Country Grocer's café area on the subject of food during October.
- The Photosynthesis group holds its 2021 show virtually at www.photosyn.ca.



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Out-of-sync Old Boys fall to Gunners squad

Team looks on the bright side despite 6-3 loss

BY FRASER HOPE

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Where to start? How about with a quick review of the season so far for the rejuvenated Old Boys FC men's soccer team.

Coach Graham Tweddle nearly broke the team's finances in bringing on board Pete Wagner, our towering new keeper. But bolstered by the new signing, who immediately jelled with team ethos, style and tactics, Old Boys started the new season by decisively defeating Castaways 48, Bays United and Centaurs 48, all on artificial turf fields.

On arrival at Lochside in Victoria at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 3, the team had the luxury of an empty field for their warm-up session of at least an hour before kick off. It was so much time that two players pulled up with injuries before a ball was kicked in anger. Ronaldo Baretto lower body injury and Mark Aston just returned from business off island further strained a muscle by getting in and out of the hammock on a sunlit beach. Subs were rapidly sinking below the waves, but morale was boosted by Tweddle's presence after a long journey from Prince George.

Perfect conditions: No wind, no rain and no sunshine to blind the goalkeeper. What

could go wrong? Player Mike McCormick bribed this reporter with a BLT sandwich in the expectation of a good match write-up.

But whether it was the turf field or the overenthusiastic warm-up, the Old Boys were being knocked over like ninepins. It was only through a good run down the left wing in attack and a shot on goal by Richard Steel that some sort of team order was restored.

Across into the box from the right wing saw three — yes three — Old Boys lined up for the shot, but an off-balance Stefan Cermak screamed it past the post. A portent of things to come?

An uncharacteristic back pass by Donny Brown to keeper Wagner saw two Gordon Head strikers easily latch on to leave the goalkeeper stranded for an easy tap in for a 1-0 lead to Gordon Head.

Adding insult to injury, within two minutes the Old Boys allowed a second uncontested breakaway for Gordon Head to lead 2-0.

Two goals down within the first 14 minutes of play: This was not the same team that had triumphed so successfully in their first three games of the season.

Not to be deflated, the Old Boys stormed back after a period of constant pressure and a Dave Eadie corner kick allowed Cermak to head a powerful header and pull the lead back to one goal.

When things go bad they go from bad

to worse, and keeper Wagner, undecided if he should pick up a back pass from his own team, decided to do an "Alisson dribble" out of defence and lost to an oncoming GH attacker to increase the score to 3-1.

Dave Toynbee had a chance in the penalty box but seemed to collapse on the turf and the promising attack fizzled out. The half-time whistle could not come quick enough for the Old Boys.

Tweddle marshalled the troops with a cry of "Carry on Boys regardless!" Gradually heads were lifted and the Old Boys seemed to have weathered the storm, boosted by a goal-saving save from Wagner and an Eadie shot that just missed.

Another defensive slip allowed GH to change the momentum and Old Boys down 4-1. Then a failed clearance cannoned off the back of Tweddle to increase the lead to 5-1. Calamity! Calamity Jane (1953 Doris Day and Howard Keel) did not have luck when compared to the Old Boys, although her sharp shooting skills would have been useful.

I decided that with the score at 5-1 and 30 minutes left in the game the report would only make positive observations from this point. It is not raining! No more team injuries! Travelling fans still cheering on the team despite the scoreline!

Anything else? Yes! A powerful McCormick shot followed a delightful (remember

positive reporting) through-pass, which was slightly deflected by a defender but still beat the Gordon Head keeper to cut the deficit.

With the bit between their teeth, the Old Boys increased the pressure, but unfortunately in a GH counter attack Tweddle was judged to have felled the attacker in the box. The penalty kick led to a 6-2 score. Still, the Old Boys strove to the end and a powerful 25-metre Toynbee shot hit the crossbar for Eadie to convert the rebound to make the scoreline a presentable 6-3 at the final whistle.

As always, the Old Boys after consuming a few of the finer tisanes and energy drinks were able to take positives from the scoreline.

"We had them on the rack for the last five minutes." "When you analyze the score in ratio terms, 6-3 is like 3-1, so not so bad?" "Anyhow, if we had none of the calamities we would have won 3-1! So there!"

Aston, who had observed the entire proceedings from the medical bench, observed it gave him a whole new perspective on the team's strengths and challenges. The Old Boys coaching staff are to examine a proposal that all players should at least once sit on the bench and observe and learn!

The Old Boys' next game is on Oct. 17, following a Thanksgiving break next week, and will be played at GISS ffield at 10:30 a.m. versus Gorge 48s.



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