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**GRAVEYARD BASH:** Jazzy DJs "Gnomeo and Juliet" spin Halloween tunes for students at Salt Spring Elementary School's annual pumpkin soup festivities on Monday. More than 200 pumpkins grown by students were harvested this year. See additional Halloween photos on page 7.

## ROAD SAFETY

# Cyclist recovering after collision

Incident highlights need for vehicle driver awareness

BY GAIL SJUBERG

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A 23-year-old Salt Spring cyclist is recovering from a collision with a vehicle last Wednesday, where riding cautiously and wearing a helmet likely saved his life.

Kio Grooms was riding his electric bike to meet his mother in Ganges when witnesses saw a vehicle cross in front of him as he was reaching the bottom of Ganges hill.

Robin Jenkinson was about 100 metres behind when the crash occurred. She said she saw a blue van turn into the driveway that accesses some residences across from Seaview, although didn't see where the vehicle originated from.

"Basically, the man turned into the driveway, just as Kio came right there and he kind of got

T-boned by that. It was so shocking. I pulled over right away and called 911 and then went down to help."

Salt Spring RCMP say the van driver has been cooperative with police, and thanked community members for assisting on the scene.

When Grooms didn't show up by 3 p.m. for their planned 2:45 meeting time, parent Jennifer Middleton said she had a bad feeling.

"I drove to go looking for him . . . and then I saw all the first-responder vehicles and the backed-up traffic. Because I couldn't drive there I pulled over and started walking over there and asked a spectator, 'Do you know what happened? Was it a young man on a bike?' And they said 'yeah, a young man and a bike.'"

Salt Spring Fire Rescue Capt. Warren Nuyens gave her a ride to the hospital as it was already

known that Grooms would be transferred to Victoria from Lady Minto Hospital by air ambulance.

Middleton said there was some concern because while her son was on the ground it appeared he may have been having a seizure. But testing indicated that was not the case. He also suffered no broken bones.

"The doctors said all the tests came back really good, and that it's just soft-tissue damage and a concussion at this point," she told the Driftwood on Saturday.

Grooms was still "very sore" she said, but in good spirits.

His bike helmet was seriously damaged.

"I am absolutely sure that if it wasn't for that helmet it would be a very different story."

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ME	2256	2.4	7.9	DI	2148	1.0	3.3
3	0556	1.1	3.6	7	0459	3.0	9.8
	1343	3.4	11.2		0938	2.2	7.2
TH	2021	2.0	6.6	MO	1517	3.2	10.5
JE				LU	2218	0.7	2.3
4	0106	2.4	7.9	8	0554	3.2	10.5
	0659	1.4	4.6		1030	2.5	8.2
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## HOUSING

# Lawsuit launched over Seabreeze

Hospital foundation files civil claim against Community Services

BY ROBB MAGLEY  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A dispute over the former Seabreeze Inne spilled over into court last week as one Salt Spring Island charitable society filed legal action against another.

Salt Spring Island Community Services (SSICS) is being sued by the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation (LMHF), which has owned the Seabreeze property since March. In a notice of civil claim filed Wednesday, Oct. 26, LMHF asked the B.C. Supreme Court for an injunction and damages resulting from SSICS and "its agents and representatives" allegedly trespassing at the former hotel.

The foundation is also seeking a declaration by the court that SSICS is wrongfully in possession of the property, "and that the plaintiff is entitled to vacant possession," as well as a writ of possession and legal costs.

A second part of the lawsuit is aimed at nearly a dozen named and unnamed individuals allegedly occupying rooms at the Seabreeze; in that action, LMHF is seeking a similar injunction against trespassing, declaration of wrongful possession, and writ, but no damages or costs.

In its claim, LMHF alleges neither its lease agreement with BC Housing nor that agency's earlier lease with former property owner 1035525 BC LTD gave the Provincial Rental Housing Corporation (PRHC) — the property-holding entity administered by BC Housing — rights to enter into the sort of residential tenancy



The Seabreeze Inne, purchased by the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation to provide housing for hospital staff, is the centre of a new lawsuit filed against Salt Spring Island Community Services and several individuals allegedly occupying rooms there.

agreements governed by the province's Residential Tenancy Act.

Asserting its entitlement to possession of its property, LMHF argues both leases only granted PRHC the right to use the Seabreeze for transitional or emergency shelter accommodation; neither of those kinds of housing arrangements are covered by the Act. Trespassing and damages occurred, according to the filing, after occupants remained and SSICS allegedly continued providing services at the Seabreeze after the lease ended, despite a notice of trespass.

LMHF purchased the former hotel with the intent of renovating it, once vacant, to provide housing for hospital staff; the lawsuit alleges the foundation suffered damages as a result of the trespass, including "being unable to renovate the Seabreeze Inne to provide much needed housing for health care workers on Salt Spring Island, and the threatened loss of a major grant if construction of the housing for health care workers is delayed."

SSICS executive director Rob Grant

declined comment on behalf of the agency, due to the pending litigation, but said SSICS was aware of the lawsuit and would be responding.

Three people living at the Seabreeze made applications for dispute resolution to B.C.'s Residential Tenancy Branch in September, seeking an order confirming the Residential Tenancy Act applied to their living situations; that hearing is set to come before an arbitrator in December.

BC Housing made a request this month to the board of trustees of the North Salt Springs Waterworks District (NSSWD) for 12 months of temporary water service to the residential units at 154 Kings Lane — intended as a stopgap housing solution for people formerly living at the Seabreeze. Those units, according to BC Housing, are anticipated to be vacated as supported residents are moved to 161 Drake Road when that project is complete — in 2023, BC Housing said. NSSWD trustees tabled the request Thursday, Oct. 27, to seek legal advice before responding.

## UTILITIES

## NSSWD water tolls to rise in 2023

Simplified billing, fewer tiers meant to encourage conservation

BY ROBB MAGLEY  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Changes in projected expenditures will drive an increase in customer costs at Salt Spring's largest water provider — although rate hikes won't be as steep as earlier estimates suggested they might have been.

The North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) approved its budget, assessment, taxation, tolls and charges bylaws Thursday, Oct. 27, setting new rates and making changes to the bills water users will see next year in their mailboxes.

"Part of what's changing is the structure," NSSWD financial officer Tammy Lannan told the district's board of trustees. "We went from 22 [ratepayer] classes to 10, which really is simplifying it for the customers, as well as the district."

The other change will be reflected in what those customers ultimately pay for water service. Revenues are designed to offset budget expenses, and like most organizations, NSSWD is projecting higher costs for 2023 than in previous years. An earlier forecast that predicted requiring a larger increase was fortunately not borne out by further budget impact analysis, and Lannan said staff are confident the smaller increase — as presented to trustees — would be sufficient.

"The rate structure is, for Tier 1, \$1.06 per 100 gallons," said Lannan, explaining the most common residential rates. "That's a two per cent increase from 2022's rates; right now it's \$1.04 for 100 gallons."

The district will charge more per gallon as consumers use more in a billing cycle; the \$1.06 rate applies for the first 6,000 gallons used, after which the price goes up. Previously, Tier 2 began after 7,000 gallons.

"Tier 2 is 25 per cent above Tier 1," said Lannan, "and then Tier 3 is 25 per cent above Tier 2."

Tier 3 now starts at 12,000 gallons. At Tier 4 — which comes into effect once a user passes 24,000 gallons bi-monthly — the rate of \$2.59 per 100 gallons represents a 45 per cent increase over Tier 3. And from May through October, all rates beyond Tier 1 are double what they were in the winter.

"For farm and Class 1 and 2 institutional service, there have been no seasonal rate changes," said Lannan. "And that's stayed the same for this review." There will be a two per cent meter charge increase for some institutional customers, she added.

Farm and institutional tiers skip the 12,000 to 24,000 gallon quantity, starting their Tier 3 at 24,000 gallons and Tier 4 at anything over 60,000 gallons.

The structure change to four tiers, as well as lowering the first tier across all classes to 6,000 gallons, was a direct result of the water toll review, and direction of the board, Lannan said.

"I'm excited to see this," Lannan told trustees. "I think it's not only simplifying it for the customer, but is also helps

incentivize conservation, and makes it easier for the customer to see what they can do, to get down to that next tier and see the difference it's going to make for them."

Lannan said staff were looking at continuing on each year lowering that first tier, to "get to a level everyone's happy with, trying to get everyone to look at their habits and make that [tier] just their essential use."

In other changes, the cost of shut-off service — which includes NSSWD personnel returning to a property to turn water back on after work is completed — is being raised to \$100 to more accurately offset the cost to the district of that service.

"Every year, we just keep doing the analysis to make sure we're covering costs," said Lannan, adding the district still recommended people install their own shutoff valves to save those fees.

The capital construction fund reserve surcharge will also increase from \$10 to \$15 per unit. The new tolls and charges will be available to view at [northsaltspringwaterworks.ca](http://northsaltspringwaterworks.ca).



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

**SMOKY SKIES:** Smoke from a backyard burn fills Ganges skies on Friday, one of many fires that people started after the recent rainfall. However, Salt Spring Fire Chief Jamie Holmes issued a statement reminding people that the burn ban for hand piles had not yet been lifted as the ground was still dry. It was due to be lifted today, Nov. 2, at 12 noon. Everyone burning debris outdoors needs a permit from the fire department.

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## FOLLOW-UP STORY

# Theft victim warmed by produce bonanza

Pensioner urges connection between island's needy and gardeners

BY ROBB MAGLEY  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An outpouring of support — and produce — has re-stocked a Salt Spring woman's food stores, after her garden was stolen from the ground in front of her home one night in mid-October.

A few of the island's benevolent sleuths figured out where the 82-year-old lived, she said, despite the Driftwood agreeing to her request to withhold her name; several boxes of produce and supplies arrived at her doorstep.

"I never thought in the world that anyone would give me something, or that they would have so much extra," she said. "This is showing the generosity of Salt Spring. Not one ounce will go to waste, I assure you."

The theft occurred at night between Oct. 15 and 16 at the woman's home off Garner Road; the plot was on a flat piece of ground

where she could tend her garden using her walker, and was visible from the road.

Despite the loss of a season's work, the woman expressed sympathy for whoever felt they needed her garden badly enough to clip fence wire and dig it up in the darkness.

"Nobody would steal your garden unless they needed it," she said. "So that goes to show there must be people out on the street hungry, living out of their cars or who knows what. And with the prices of everything!"

The Driftwood fielded many phone calls and email messages from readers looking to help. The woman said she was well-situated for the winter herself now, but that others may not be — and perhaps, she said, gardeners and others who had extra and felt moved by her story could hold onto that feeling and consider who else on the island might benefit.

"I definitely have enough right now, it will help me a lot," she said. "If they want to give something, I'd ask for it to be to help these people a little bit. That would be wonderful."

One organization on Salt Spring Island that connects extra fruit and vegetables to people who need them is the Copper Kettle Community Partnership. For information or to donate, call 250-537-5863.

# Cyclists' rights explained

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She said Grooms is also aware of the need to slow down when coming into Ganges, so was not travelling at a high speed.

Middleton said she is grateful to all who assisted on scene, and for community support and expressions of caring that resulted. She particularly appreciated the response to an update she provided on the Salt Spring road and ferry report Facebook page.

"I felt really, really touched and moved. I felt very cradled, very cared for. It was a great stress reliever for me to get to see all that care. And then I passed it on to Kio, and that really meant something to him."

Middleton said that the incident has not deterred her son from wanting to ride his bike again, which

Jenkinson, as facilitator for the Cycling Salt Spring group in Island Pathways, finds heartening. Their group is also welcoming Grooms to an upcoming meeting.

"If too many people are scared away from cycling, we will never make safe cycling islands, you know, because the more cyclists on the road, the more aware people are of them," she said.

She recommends cyclists make themselves as visible as possible with bright clothing and flashing lights on their bikes, and that drivers make extra efforts to be aware of cyclists and pedestrians.

Salt Spring has only a few hundred of metres of designated bike lanes, she notes, so cyclists are entitled to travel on the main part of the road.

"The roads are designed

to be shared by cyclists and walkers and cars within the white lines," she said. "People keep saying, 'Those cyclists didn't stay on their side of the white edge line, the shoulder line.' Well, that's a shoulder line, that's not a bike path. That's the edge of the road. And so the cyclists have a right to be on the road just like the cars. So if people can realize the roads are 99 per cent shared transportation corridors, they need to be aware that they are sharing them with cyclists and walkers and drive appropriately and slowly enough."

Efforts to include Salt Spring in the Salish Sea Trail Network to create a cycling corridor on southern Vancouver Island have been underway for several years. A current Action Network online petition addresses the issue and seeks more signatories.



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Our next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at the Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island.

The proposed meeting agenda is usually available one week prior to the meeting and may be obtained at the Islands Trust office or on our website.

Visit our website at: [www.islandstrust.bc.ca](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca)

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**Proposed Bylaws 181 and 183**  
**Rezoning to permit the development of up to 10  
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Subject Property Address: 375 Village Bay Road  
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Application: MA-RZ-2020.1 (Mayne Island Housing Society)

## PUBLIC HEARING

MAYNE ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

What are Proposed Bylaws 181 and 183 about?

Bylaw No. 181 (Official Community Plan Amendment) – Designates the proposed multi-family rental housing portion of the parent property from Rural designation to Rural – Multi-family residential (R-MR) designation.

Bylaw No. 183 (Land Use Bylaw Amendment) – Enables the creation of three lots from the 10 acre parent property. The property is proposed to be split zoned to enable the creation of two new zones. One new zone (Comprehensive Development Three (CD3)) will support the development of 10 units of affordable multifamily rental housing on 3 acres. The second new zone R(f) will enable the subdivision of the remainder of the lot into two lots within the Rural Zone.



How do I get more information?

A copy of the proposed bylaws and other information are available on the [Current Application webpage](http://Current Application webpage) and, at the Islands Trust office at 200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC, V8R 1H8 from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays, after October 28, 2022.

### Submissions

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# OPINION

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### EDITORIAL

## Safer travels

**U**nfortunately, another flag can be added to the injured cyclist map maintained by longtime cycling infrastructure advocate Brenda Guiled.

Earlier this year, Salt Spring resident Guiled presented her map in conjunction with raising awareness about the need for Salt Spring Island to be included in the Salish Sea Trail Network. That would see dedicated cycling lanes built between the Vesuvius and Fulford ferry terminals, including the island in an official southern Vancouver Island-area loop.

Fortunately, when a van crossed in front of a young man at the bottom of Ganges hill on Oct. 26, the bike rider's helmet took the brunt of the impact and he was not severely injured. As well, all of the support provided by people on scene and expressed by community members afterwards has helped the family cope with a traumatic event.

It's easy for both cyclists and drivers to imagine themselves being either the cyclist suddenly confronted with a vehicle in front of them, or the driver who did not see the bicycle and rider.

Robin Jenkinson of the Cycling Salt Spring group of Island Pathways was one of the people providing assistance that day, and offers good advice for everyone to follow. She says cyclists should make themselves as visible as possible by wearing bright clothing and installing flashing lights on the front and back of their bikes. She urges drivers to slow down and be on the lookout for cyclists, who are entitled to use the roadways. Drivers need to train their brains to be looking for not only other vehicles but cyclists and pedestrians as well when they are ready to make a turn or driving on a windy road.

A wider paved shoulder is part of the plan when Fulford-Ganges Road is supposedly repaved from the bottom of Ganges hill up to Cranberry Road this summer, which should be an improvement. But it is not the same as a bicycle lane.

Everyone is encouraged to help promote safe cycling and the benefits of including Salt Spring in the Salish Sea Trail Network. A petition is available for signature on the Action Network site.

As the preamble to that petition states: "Completing the network's only 'broken link' — Salt Spring Island — would also solve a terrible safety problem keeping cycling from being a part of our lives, like it was only a generation ago."

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PARKER

## Drug deaths: time to act

BY DARLENE GAGE

Our community has lost two very young women to tainted drugs in the past weeks. A loss felt deeply by the many who knew and loved them.

These are not isolated incidents, but rather part of a growing trend on Salt Spring and elsewhere that is dooming those who suffer from addictions to a death sentence.

Where Salt Spring is lagging behind other communities is in our almost utter lack of response to this growing threat, and it's time that we turned our attention to this and learned how to deal with it. Just continuing to believe that we are a small, rural community that does not have "city" problems is ignoring the signals all around us that the world is getting more and more unequal and many more people are falling through the cracks in our systems.

If we listen to those who use non-prescription drugs on Salt Spring, and look at the examples of communities who have seen success in their responses, here is what we know helps:

Ensuring a safer supply of drugs by cracking down on known "bad" dealers. Folks here know exactly who those people are, so let's listen to them and ask our local RCMP detachment to act.

Providing fentanyl tests and naloxone kits free of charge to whoever asks for them. Lots of folks won't go into a pharmacy or hospital, but they will go to friends. We've provided Covid vaccines to whoever wants them, and way more people are dying of tainted drugs and overdoses in B.C. than of Covid. Why are we not responding accordingly?

The local Mental Wellness Initiative organized by the Salt Spring Health Advancement Network saw hundreds of island-

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ers gathering over a period of months to begin to figure out the best ways we as a community can support mental wellness for everyone. What

was the number-one thing to come out of those consultations? The need for peer support and peer volunteer counselling initiatives. This would see new and previously trained volunteers being available to help friends and neighbours deal with mental health issues and crisis response, and could include basic safe drug supply response for those able to do so. Our current professional counselling services are not sufficient to meet the growing needs. People often wait many months to see someone and are lucky to get a few sessions. Folks in crisis can't wait. Peer support and volunteer counselling could be a real response to a real problem.

The last thing I'll mention here is the need for a safe, warm and consistent place for people to gather during the day – in particular those who don't have secure housing. We've talked about it for years, and a few attempts have been made to find a suitable spot. It's called "harm reduction" – and it starts with reducing the health and social harms that comes from addiction.

Without a place to be, people will continue to suffer and die in isolation and despair. We all know that it is community and connection that help all of us get through our rough patches. Where is that place of connection here on Salt Spring, besides in the cold, rainy parks?

I realize that this issue is a complex one, with no simple solutions. But there are strong lessons we can learn from other communities and from those who are living with addiction right here. I am calling on this wonderful community to listen, to learn and to act.

### THIS WEEK'S POLL QUESTION:

Should Salt Spring be part of the Salish Sea Trail Network?

Yes  No

### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you feel impacted by the issue of a toxic drug supply on Salt Spring?



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# ISLAND VOICES

## LETTERS to the editor

### LTC position on cell tower a step back

I see that Salt Spring Island has once again taken a step back in time ("Trustees defend tower decision," Oct. 19 Driftwood).

The opponents of the proposed cell and emergency communications tower have convinced local government to tell the company that is proposing to build the tower that they must cease and go back to the drawing board and find a new site, one where nobody can see it.

I was attacked by one of the opponents of the now no longer permitted site, who said I obviously don't live near the site where the tower is going to be built, would not see it and so it did not affect me.

I would like to say that I have long hated telephone poles and all the wiring strung between them and have advocated we start putting all that wiring underground. I cringe every time I see masses of wiring running along the side of the road.

But I realize that people need their hydro and those who still have them, their land lines.

We also need better cell-phone service and people like ambulance drivers need better radio reception. It is long past time to end those "dead zones."

I am sorry we will likely have to wait

another couple of years to get better two-way radio reception and cell service in parts of Salt Spring Island.

**GREG MIDDLETON,**  
SALT SPRING

### Horse association raises awareness

A few of the many horse riders on Salt Spring gathered at the Gulf Islands Horse Association horse riding arena at the Farmers' Institute on Saturday, Oct. 22. (See photos on page 12 of this paper.)

Along with friends, dogs and a donkey, rode into town to draw attention to three things.

Firstly, we wanted to show our gratitude for the creation of the new Salt Spring community park on Mount Maxwell and all the incredible fundraising that purchased the land. We, as the horse community, are continuing to donate towards the future trail development and infrastructure cost for that park.

Secondly, we wanted to show that a strong horse community exists here on the island, with diverse interests and goals, but all sharing a passion for horses, ponies, donkeys and the gifts that they offer us.

Lastly, the ride was held as part of two days of working equitation experience in the Farm-

ers' Institute arena. This is a fun, challenging, low-impact sport developed in Europe and spreading like wildfire in North America. (More information is available at Working Equitation Canada: [www.workingeq.ca](http://www.workingeq.ca). Obstacles were set up in the arena where riders had a fun, guided experience, learning the basics, with friends and new friends.

People can learn more about our group at [www.giha.ca](http://www.giha.ca).

**SUE HIGGS,**  
GULF ISLANDS HORSE ASSOCIATION

### BC Ferries data shows subsidy rates

When we line up at the terminal and get our wallets out to pay, what most don't understand is how heavily BC Ferries subsidizes our inter-island ferry services.

They are all subsidized by both the provincial and federal governments. The main routes attempt to break even. It's part of our road network in our unique province.

Interestingly, Route 6 (Vesuvius to Crofton) is the least subsidized in the network of small island routes. There's a reason why the cost difference is significant between Fulford and Vesuvius — distance and size of vessel, to name a couple of issues on operating costs — but we pay the same fee on either route.

Here's some interesting comparisons from

the data contained in the recent Performance Term 6 Submission to the BC Ferries Commissioner ([www.bcferrycommission.ca](http://www.bcferrycommission.ca)), made by rounding up Salt Spring's population to 11,700 and the Southern Gulf Islands' to 6,100:

Fiscal Year 2022 subsidies for Route 6: \$422 per year, per individual; for Route 4 (Fulford to Swartz Bay): \$922 per year, per individual; and Route 5/5a (Southern Gulf Islands): \$3,823 per year, per individual.

In 2023, when the cost of the new Salish Heron kicks in on Route 5, the number is \$5,128 per year, per individual. Interesting comparison; in contrast, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) spends \$111 per capita for our 269 kilometres of roads.

What we really need to happen is to see what MoTI spends per km on other rural communities when it comes to road maintenance. I'd start with Saturna Island, population 465 (259 full time residents).

They have the Queen of Cumberland doing their non-stops, complete with snack bar and all-weather protection. The vessel carries roughly 80 vehicles but with the ramps down 112. The New Salish Heron (\$95 million to build) — to be commissioned on a full-time basis soon — carries 138 vehicles and rounds out the two-ferry service to the Southern Gulf Islands. Staffing requirements have been the holdback this past summer.

**DG COURTNEY,**  
SALT SPRING

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

**"I am absolutely sure that if it wasn't for that helmet it would be a very different story."**

JENNIFER MIDDLETON, MOTHER OF CYCLIST KIO GROOMS

## Islands Trust governance may be confusing but at least it's not insane

Einstein had it right: "The more I learn, the more I realise I don't know."

I'm quite partial to a decent democracy which is why I turned out last month to put the Islands Trust in its place. It's not that I don't like what it's doing, it is simply that I don't have the faintest idea what it is doing. Or how.

Oh, I certainly know all about its mandate to Preserve and Protect (or is that the Mounties?) but somewhere amid all the Preserving and Protecting it seems to have lost sight of the fact that there needs to be at least a modicum of Developing and Compromising.

This is a well-trodden road for me, the Trust and what it's up to, so I voted for a pair of excellent candidates whom I figured would maybe agree that there is a bit of space between the trees and shrubbery to put a roof or two over someone's head. If I can quote that political genius Herschel Walker, the single-figure IQ Senate candidate for Georgia, "Don't we have enough trees around here?"

One of my chaps got in, while the other was cast aside but as it turned out, after much very diligent research, I'd managed to entirely

misunderstand how the Islands Trust operates. It's complicated, but in my innocence I'd thought I had a reasonable grasp of the political mechanics that keep the Trust's dozen or so islands in harmony.

The truth is that I worked myself up into a bit of a lather because I figured that the trustees from all the other piddling little islands that make up our scrappy archipelago could tell Salt Spring what to do! Imagine it! The trustees of Lasqueti Island, population 399, which as far as I know doesn't have a paved road let alone yellow lines, nor an impressive collection of pedestrian crossings, holding some kind of authority over OUR island? Or the idea that the two Gambier trustees (Population: Hardly anyone) who were awarded their seats on the Trust by acclamation, presumably over a family dinner, could decide that potholes are fine because they get by with cart tracks, so who needs tarmac?

Although I realize that if a Lasqueti trustee becomes chair of Trust Council and of our local Trust committee then that person would have decision-making powers here, each island is a little bit autonomous, although the trustees do occasion-



**Paul McElroy**  
+ ANOTHER THING

ally get together over coffee and muffins to sort out stuff that collectively affects all of the islands.

Anyway, we missed the opportunity to take proper management into our own hands by voting down the chance to become a municipality a couple of years ago, so let's hope the local community commission will inject at least a modicum of sensible representation into Salt Spring governance, but I won't be holding my breath. It is just one more Band-Aid on a situation that has Salt Spring in a headlock and keeping its 12,000 inhabitants in the thrall of a handful of indignant greenies.

But that's enough Salt Spring governance which, in the grand scheme of things, hardly matters a toss. Nothing will change, at least not in my lifetime, so I'll just sit back and fret about the spectacles down

south and in the U.K. instead. Now THAT'S politics at its most stupid!

Here on Salt Spring, there may be candidates you disagree with or even disapprove of, but there are, as far as I can tell, none that are downright bonkers. Eccentric, maybe, but stark staring mad?

Marjorie Taylor Green, for instance, a choice piece of work who is as venomous as she is wantonly deceitful, one of the dozens of Republican candidates who have taken mendacity to new depths. So deceitful, in fact, that Donald Trump is considering her as a running mate in 2024.

Or Herschel Walker, who, in a real world, would be hard-pressed to get a job as a lamppost let alone a seat in the Senate and yet there are apparently millions of Americans who would actually vote for this damaged former jock who can barely construct a sentence and flaunts a Walmart sheriff's badge like a toddler at a pre-school show-and-tell. If it weren't so brazenly cynical, it would be funny. The Republican mandarins would sooner put this poor buffoon into office where he will suffer daily humiliation at the hands of his opponents than risk their opportunity to con-

trol the Senate. It is almost impossible to contemplate electoral victories for many of the Republican candidates, but in the face of the truly rancid, impenetrable partisanship of politics down there it isn't inconceivable that Trump could hold off his inevitable prison sentences long enough to run again for the presidency. God bless America because they're going to need it.

Meanwhile, in the U.K., they are frantically rearranging the deck-chairs on the Titanic after its most recent and very interim captain deliberately ran it onto the iceberg because she thought it was for the best.

Her unelected replacement is the millionaire husband of a billionaire wife, so you can bet Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and Mrs. Sunak are in somewhat less of a panic over their electricity bills and mortgage payments than the rest of the nation.

Could have been worse. There was a moment when it seemed Boris Johnson might actually have been resurrected like a frozen woolly mammoth, but thankfully he was talked out of it.

And suddenly the Islands Trust doesn't seem such a bad idea after all.

## VOLUNTEER NOW TO HELP PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY!

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PHOTO BY RON PITHER

**FOR THE BEES:** Free milkweed seed pods outside the Salt Spring library by local farmer and beekeeper Ron Pither publicize the importance of forage flowers for pollinators. Pither recently rescued the pods from property once owned by the late Donna Martin and Michael Hogan, who he knew well through various community ventures.

Please note that the  
Gulf Islands Driftwood office  
will be closed on Friday, Nov. 11  
**Remembrance Day**  
and will re-open 9am - 4pm on  
**Monday, Nov. 14.**

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## Active Vessel Traffic Management: Phase Three Engagement

Share your feedback by November 30



The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is designing an active vessel traffic management system to manage marine traffic flow for commercial ships bound for the Port of Vancouver to promote enhanced ship safety and environmental protection, while also reducing the effects of ship movements and anchorages on local communities.

Between November 1 to 30, we invite you to learn more and provide feedback on:

- The draft anchorage code of conduct
- Our approach to information sharing and complaint resolution

### How to participate and share your feedback

Drop by an open house on Pender Island, Cowichan Bay and/or Ladysmith:

- November 15 (Pender Island) – 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Pender Islands Community Hall, 4418 Bedwell Harbour Road
- November 16 (Cowichan Bay) – 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Cowichan Station, 2375 Koksilah Road
- November 17 (Ladysmith) – 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Diamond Community Hall, 4962 Christie Road

Attend an online information session on November 22 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Read the discussion guide and complete the online survey at [portvancouver.com/avtmengagement](http://portvancouver.com/avtmengagement).

To learn more or register for the online information session, visit [portvancouver.com/avtmengagement](http://portvancouver.com/avtmengagement) or email us at [avtm@portvancouver.com](mailto:avtm@portvancouver.com).



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## HARM REDUCTION

# Drug-check team visits

Friday at Community Services

BY DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A pop-up drug-checking event is taking place this Friday, Nov. 4, which is timely due to recent local toxic drug deaths.

The Substance UVic group will set up at the Yellow Sub (basement of the Community Services building at 268 Fulford-Ganges Rd.) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The free and confidential service sees drugs analyzed to identify the main component and its approximate quantities. As well, cutting agents and fillers are identified, along with the presence of unexpected drugs, including fentanyl.

Additional harm reduction info is available, as are monthly reports on trends the group is seeing through drug checking.

For more information see [substance.uvic.ca](http://substance.uvic.ca).

# Peer support workshop offered

Visiting expert shares  
communications  
expertise

BY DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Community Health Society will present a workshop this month in an effort to help islanders become better equipped for conversations surrounding mental health, substance abuse and homelessness.

Presenter Robyn Priest will facilitate When You Don't Know How, a four-hour participatory workshop, on

Thursday, Nov. 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lions Hall.

The course provides discussion and tips to help participants who may encounter people with mental health and/or substance-use issues, or people who are homeless — and feel unsure how to support or have a conversation with them. Organizers invited people on Salt Spring to bring questions, thoughts and comments.

Priest is co-founder of Live Your Truth, a mental health and peer support education and strategy firm. Her post-graduate work involved social research methods, public policy and

health care, and she has developed mental health and peer services for more than 20 years and in 10 countries.

While on island, Priest will also be spending time with members of the Salt Spring Community Health Society board, members of the Salt Spring Health Advancement Network and its Mental Wellness Initiative organizers, as well as others involved in community mental health care on Salt Spring.

For information and to register for the Nov. 17 event, visit the [saltspring-communityhealth.ca/upcoming-events](http://saltspring-communityhealth.ca/upcoming-events) website.



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A bony dude at the Lions' weekly garage sale helps advertise the Lions Club's Pumpkin Toss event, set for Sunday, Nov. 6 at Lions Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hot dogs and drinks will also be available.



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

Ashton Scaglione, 3, left, and his brother Vaughn, almost 7, greet visitors to the historic Ruckle Farm Alfred House in their Halloween costumes on Sunday. The boys' parents and grandparents had organized a Halloween Bone-anza event at the house, with treats for kids, sales of bones and organ meats, and bone broth-making tutorials for adults.



PHOTO BY ROBB MAGLEY

Costumed Salt Spring Elementary students launch into an impromptu "juggle off" Monday, Oct. 31, during the school's annual pumpkin soup festivities. As they enjoyed their soup and scones, students also made smoothies using pedal-powered blenders and danced to Halloween-themed music.

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**CHORAL MUSIC**

## Viva Chorale marks Remembrance

Songs of hope and conflict part of Nov. 12-13 concerts at ArtSpring

BY ROBB MAGLEY  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A pair of choir performances at ArtSpring offer music marking Remembrance Day and honouring all victims of war.

Viva Chorale! choir director Caroni Young said the program will present selections that focus on soldiers and all who are affected by conflict through music. Two performances of the choir's "Remembrance" concert feature a choral suite from *The Armed Man: a Mass for Peace* by Welsh composer Karl Jenkins. Six movements instead of 15, Young said it was a "slightly reduced" version of the work, originally written for a full symphony orchestra and choir.

"It's about remembrance and peace, really an anti-war piece," said Young, "even though the title is about an armed man."

The work was originally written to honour families involved in the crisis in Kosovo, according to Young; its performance premiere was, coincidentally, on Sept. 11, 2001.

"The melody is actually from a medieval French folk song, 'L'homme armé,'" said Young, "and that song was so popular at the time that it was taken up by the church — used in religious ceremonies — and many composers have used it as part of larger works. It was very popular at the time, people would know it to hear it."

Contemporary audiences would find familiarity in the music, even as the lyrical matter became more challenging. Jenkins' gift, she said, was to make these traditional-rooted compositions feel modern and emotionally engaging.

"It's nice to do a larger work with multiple pieces by the same composer, so you're really digging into their ideas," said Young. "So our first half is all by Karl Jenkins."

The second half features songs of love, from countries that have experience with war and conflict; included are a setting of a Ukrainian prayer, arranged by Andrea Ciona, as well as a movement from Eric Whitacre's *Five Hebrew Love Songs* and a "gorgeous" setting of a Syrian song arranged by Shireen Abu Khader.



DAY IN THE LIFE PHOTO OF SSI PHOTO BY ROB LOWRIE

Viva Chorale! director Caroni Young leads her choir at the Canada Day concert in Centennial Park this year. The group's next concerts are on Nov. 12 and 13 at ArtSpring.

"That was rearranged by one of the directors of the Toronto Children's Chorus," said Young. "I'm really looking forward to that one, it's just a beautiful text. The basic translation is, 'if I pass on, my voice will remain, my songs will remain.' Sort of keeping the hope, and continuing to fight for what is right."

Performances will take place Saturday, Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 13, at 2 p.m. Tickets are available on the ArtSpring website at [www.artspring.ca](http://www.artspring.ca).

"This concert will be a beautiful way to remember our veterans and to reflect upon the current global issues," said Young.

The final concert of the year after "Remembrance" will be a holiday food bank fundraising event Friday, Dec. 16; admission will be by donation.

For more information, see [vivachoralesartspring.com](http://vivachoralesartspring.com).

**CONCERT PREVIEW**

## Victoria Baroque performs at All Saints

Eight musicians present  
Transcending Encounters

SUBMITTED BY SS BAROQUE

Islanders can enjoy a concert presented by Salt Spring Baroque called *Transcending Encounters* at All Saints next Friday, led by sought-after orchestra leader and Tafelmusik violinist Julia Wedman.

Beginning at 2 p.m., Wedman will lead eight musicians from Victoria Baroque in a journey of exquisite, imaginative and unique Baroque works, taking listeners through riveting musical depictions of soldiers on the battlefield, dance-driven and hauntingly beautiful instrumental suites, and a mesmerizing and thought-provoking work called *White Man's Cattle* by Indigenous composer Cris Derksen.

Wedman grew up in Saskatoon. After studies at UW, Indiana University, and the University of Toronto, she joined the Tafel-



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Orchestra leader and violinist Julia Wedman, who will perform as part of an eight-member Victoria Baroque group at All Saints on Nov. 11.

musik Baroque Orchestra in 2005 and quickly developed a reputation for her solo performances with the group. In addition to being featured regularly on the group's home series in Toronto, Wedman has performed solos on tours in Canada, the U.S., Germany, France, Mexico,

Puerto Rico, China, Korea, Japan, Australia and New Zealand. She is a member of I FURIOSI and the Eybler String Quartet, whose discography includes music of Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven, as well as rarely heard gems by Franz Aspilmayr and Vanhal.

In addition to the Derksen piece, the Remembrance Day program will include Henry Purcell - *Dance Suite from King Arthur*; Heinrich Ignaz Franz Biber - *Battalia*; Vanessa Chartrand-Rodrigue - *Battalia* (after Biber's *Battalia*); Elizabeth Jacquet de la Guerre - *Overture from Cephale et Procris*; and Henry Purcell - *Pavane & Chacony*.

Performing with director Wedman are Christi Meyers, violin; Elyssa Lefurgey-Smith, violin; Tyson Doknjas, violin; Mieka Michaux, viola; Joshua Gomberoff, viola; Amy Laing, cello; Natalie Mackie, violone; and Christina Hutton, harpsichord.

Tickets are \$25 and available at [www.saltspingbaroque.com](http://www.saltspingbaroque.com) or at the door.

The Salt Spring Baroque website also details upcoming concerts.



# ISLAND LIFE

## ECOLOGY

# Reflecting on 10 years at the broom removal site

Commitment to maintain broom-free spot pays off

BY JANE PETCH

NATIVE PLANT STEWARDSHIP GROUP

I am inching across the steep hillside, an axe in my hand, my quarry half hidden behind an ocean spray bush. Definitely I need cleats. Cutting broom here on this broom removal site seemed much less precipitous 10 years ago.

Members of my Native Plant Stewardship Group are scattered along this Long Harbour hillside, searching for escapee Scotch broom plants and newly sprouted seedlings. The escap-

ees, it turns out, are either camouflaged, or were badly cut in previous years, just high enough for the photosynthetic stem to sprout again.

We will pound in a few stake markers to find out whether cutting in the fall is as effective as cutting in the spring when the broom is in bloom.

This work over 10 years has paid off. Native plants are returning to this cleared hillside: baldhip roses, monkey flower, blue-eyed Mary, yarrow, miners lettuce, willow and ocean spray. We see Oregon grape, with its bright yellow blossoms that provide early nectar and pollen for bees, and later berries for birds, spreading down the hillside.

Qualicum Beach, which adver-



PHOTO COURTESY NPSG

From left, Lyle Petch, Cathy Young, Deborah Miller, Jane Petch, Carolyn Horsburgh, Anna Ford, Frances Hill and Jean Wilkinson at the Long Harbour Road site with results from a broom-clearing day.

tises that it is almost broom-free, Long Harbour Road shows us. It confirms what our demo site on

is possible to get rid of broom,

and take back our roadsides and properties. Many Salt Springers at our Invasive Weed Drop-offs tell us similar stories.

Today, it takes us an hour and a half to clear the slope. In 2012, after MainRoad gave us permission to set up the broom removal demonstration site, it took two days of hard work, and multiple truckloads to clear an area a quarter of the size we have monitored today.

This morning our take-away is five large garbage bags of cut broom destined for the Blackburn Road transfer station, which now takes these invasives; that and the great satisfaction of seeing a more fire-safe broom-free hillside with so many native plants now recovering and thriving.

# what's on this week

Wed.

Nov. 2

## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Tea a Tempo: The K-Tones.**  
Recital at All Saints church. 2:10 p.m. Followed by optional tea and treats.

## ACTIVITIES

**Dia de los Muertos.**

Community gathering and ofrenda at Bullock Lake Farm. 5 to 9 p.m. RSVP required through [www.dosamorestortilleria.com](http://www.dosamorestortilleria.com) as space is limited.

Thur.

Nov. 3

## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Macbeth.**  
An exitStageLeft Productions and Graffiti Theatre show at the Farmers' Institute. 7:30 p.m. (PG 14 recommended).

**Joshua Beamish: MOVETHECOMPANY.**  
Dance show at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

**Open Mic.**

At the Legion. 7:30 to 10 p.m.

**Live Improv Theatre.**

At Mateada Lounge. 8 to 10:30 p.m.

## ACTIVITIES

**Seniors Lunch.**

Enjoy lunch at Salt Spring Seniors every Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

**Poetry Open Mic.**

With featured poet Brian Day at the Salt Spring library program room. 7 p.m.

Fri.

Nov. 4

## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Macbeth.**  
See Thursday listing.

**DJ Skywater.**

At Mateada Lounge. 9 p.m. to midnight.

Fri.

## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Karaoke.**  
At the Legion. 7:30 p.m.

## ACTIVITIES

**Seniors Coffee Time.**

Enjoy social time over coffee at Salt Spring Seniors. 10 a.m.

**Pop Up Drug Checking.**

Substance UVic group at SS Community Services. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**ASK Salt Spring.**

MLA Adam Olsen is the ASK Salt Spring guest in the lobby of the former middle school. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Youth Games Drop-in.**

New: Board games for ages 9 to 13 in the library's program room. 2 to 4 p.m.

Sat.

## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Macbeth.**  
See Thursday listing.

**Saltspring Underground + K-Car.**  
At Mateada Lounge. 9 to 11:30 p.m.

**Marianne Grittani.**

At the Legion. 7:30 p.m.

## ACTIVITIES

**Raised by the Sea: Painted with Tea. Six Generations of Island Painters.**

Briony Penn talks about the art of the Tyrwhitt-Drake/Bridgeman family. Library program room. 2 to 3 p.m.

Sun.

## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Qairo.**

Mateada presents a group known for its original Eastern Flamenco beats at Beaver Point Hall. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

Nov. 4

## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Blues Jam.**

Singers, players and fans welcome at the Legion every other Sunday (alternating with the Jazz Jam). 3 to 6 p.m.

## ACTIVITIES

**Pumpkin Toss.**

Bring your jack o'lantern to Lions Hall, plus hot dogs and drinks. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. By donation.

**Salt Spring Forum: John Doyle.**

The Globe & Mail's television critic and soccer writer speaks on The Golden Ages of Television and Soccer. Are They Over? Or Have They Just Begun? ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

Mon.

## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Salt Spring Folk Club: Gumboots Gala.**

Join Valdy and Bill Henderson and friends for a concert at Fulford Hall. Doors at 6:15 p.m. Show at 7 p.m.

Tues.

## ACTIVITIES

**Spiritual Conversations - Faith & Doubt in our Spiritual Lives.**

Facilitated by Heather Martin and Brian Day at St. Mary's Church, Fulford. 7 to 8:30 p.m. A Star of the Sea event: Register at [staroftheseassi@gmail.com](mailto:staroftheseassi@gmail.com).

Nov. 6

## ACTIVITIES

**Labyrinth: Pilgrimage of the Heart.**

Led by Gyllian Davies at All Saints by-the-Sea. 1 to 4 p.m. Register at [staroftheseassi@gmail.com](mailto:staroftheseassi@gmail.com).

## THE FRITZ CINEMA

**The Woman King** runs from Friday, Nov. 4 to Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. each night, plus a 3 p.m. Sunday matinee. Rated PG. 2 hours 15 minutes.

For more movie info, see [thefritz.ca](http://thefritz.ca).

## EXHIBITIONS

**"I See You Paul Crouch"** — A one-time exhibition of the paintings, drawings, prints and sculptures of the late Paul Crouch at **Salt Spring Gallery**. Wednesdays through Saturdays until Nov. 16.

**The ArtSpring lobby space** features **The Social Landscape** by photographer Seth Berkowitz through November.

**Raised by the Sea: Painted with Tea - Six Generations of Painters on Salt Spring Island.** An exhibit of the art and photographs of the settler Tyrwhitt-Drake/Bridgeman family is in the Salt Spring library's program room until Nov. 26.

Nov. 7

## ACTIVITIES

Nov. 8

## ACTIVITIES

Nov. 9



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## SS Forum: John Doyle

Globe & Mail writer speaks on The Golden Ages of Television and Soccer. Are They Over? Or Have They Just Begun? Sun., Nov. 6, ArtSpring at 7:30 p.m.

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**FIRST POPPY:** From left, Ken Jackson speaks at the second annual First Poppy Ceremony at the cenotaph in Centennial Park on Oct. 28, while Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92 president Bruce Angus distributes poppies to poppy campaign supporters and Legion members. Poppies are now available in island stores and financial institutions, and from volunteer taggers.

## CHARITY

# Operation Christmas Child boxes ready for filling

Community Gospel Chapel event

BY DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Islanders who want to help send "comfort and joy" this holiday season are invited to start shopping for Operation Christmas Child.

Organizer Gail Neumann said the long-running program sees packages sent to children all over the world experiencing poverty, war or natural disasters.

"We'll provide a shoebox and you fill it with toys, school supplies, hygiene items and more," said Neumann. "Add a letter and photo of your family and we'll deliver it to a needy child."

Shoeboxes can be picked up at Community Gospel Chapel on Vesuvius Bay Road. Organizers ask they be returned full by Nov. 13, along with \$10 for shipping.

For more information call Community Gospel Chapel at 250-537-2622 or visit the [www.samaritanspurse.ca/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child](http://www.samaritanspurse.ca/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child) website.

## EDUCATION

# Awards granted

CFUW aids health-care studies

BY DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A pair of bursaries will be going to two Salt Spring residents with involvement in the island's health care field.

The Salt Spring club of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW-SS) has announced that the awards, of \$3,000 each, would go to Amanda Kimmel and Laura Harvey.

The bursary program supports adult women living in the Southern Gulf Islands who wish to return to post-secondary education.

"The committee was very impressed with both applications," said CFUW-SS's Irene Wright, "and pleased that this should help with our community's current shortage of health-care workers."

The award to Kimmel, who currently works at Greenwoods, will assist her in completing her training as a psychology nurse. Harvey is currently working at Lady Minto Hospital and is studying to become a nurse practitioner.

Funds for the bursaries were raised through members and friends of the local CFUW club, and also in partnership with Fraser's Thimble Farms, said Wright.

"Thimble Farms always prepares beautiful hanging flower baskets for this project," said Wright, adding CFUW-SS's gratitude to the community for supporting the winners' further education by purchasing the baskets.

For more information, or to put your name down for one of the hanging baskets coming in spring 2023, call Wright at 250-537-5347 or email [aiwright@telus.net](mailto:aiwright@telus.net).

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## In Memoriam Gifts

**Elizabeth (Bettie) Dickie Pellett**

Jan. 20, 1922 - Oct. 6, 2022

Bettie was famous on Saltspring as a founding (and ending) member of the Puppy Club that met almost every morning at TJ Beans and will also be remembered as a long serving member of the Garden Club executive as well as an early member of the board of ArtSpring. Her beautiful garden was featured in many garden tours.

She was born in Santa Maria, California and grew up in Long Beach and in 1942 married Bob Pellett. After WWII she obtained a Master's Degree in American History and English from what became the Univ. of California and started her career in education. Teaching was her calling which you knew as she was constantly in coaching and cheerleading mode to almost everyone around her. Curriculum development and politics were of particular interest to her. Roosevelt was the first president she voted for and at her passing she was an active member of a Democratic Club in California. Becoming a Canadian citizen was a source of great pride to her. Learning, as well as teaching, motivated her to keep reading. She was an early iPad user and an enthusiastic buyer of books on many topics.

In 1989 she moved to the island to support her sister Dorothy who was ill, liked it and stayed.

Left to mourn are many cousins, nieces and nephews and friends. A Celebration of Life will be held in early December.

**Ingrid Lachmund**

August 29, 1927 - October 16, 2022



Born Berlin, Germany. Lived in Germany, Denmark, Iceland, Namibia. Immigrated with husband Otto and twin sons, Joachim and Wolfgang to Canada in 1960. Operated Conti's Deli in Victoria with husband Otto, then lived on Saltspring Island until her recent death. Predeceased by parents, Rudolf and Charlotte Haagen, sister Gisela and brother Klaus. Survived by sons Joachim and Wolfgang, grandson Mitchell Farley, great grandson Max, brother-in-law Rini in Germany and nieces and nephews in Europe and Africa.

The family wishes to thank the caring staff at Lady Minto Hospital, BCAS team, Dr. Ron Reznick. Special thank you to Barbara Legge, caregiver and friend.

Cremation has taken place. No service by request. Donations in Ingrid's name may be made to Lady Minto Hospital, 134 Crofton Road, SaltSpring Island, BC.

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On November 8 at 11:01 am GMT the Moon will culminate from the Partial Solar Eclipse on October 25th to a Total Lunar Eclipse at 16 Taurus 00. Although when it comes to the impactful power of an eclipse, the Solar Eclipse is the real deal - the true super moon. This is ironic because it occurs at the time of the New Moon and people are usually focused on the grandeur of the Full Moon, which is sometimes experienced as extra large and light and has popularly been given the status of a super moon. But, compared to the potential power of a Solar Eclipse, regardless of whether it is Total, Partial, Annular, or Appulse, the large, epic visuals can be regarded as pretenders. The Lunar Eclipse can also prove powerful and it can indeed manifest as events, but the effect tends to be more emotionally impactful than eventful. The distinction is admittedly subtle sometimes because it comes down to the aspects the event makes to planets and angles in our own Natal Chart.

**Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)** The impact of eclipse season is bound to be noticeable in relation to your finances. Negatively, you could be dealing with issues like having to pay back taxes or possibly even be contending with bankruptcy. Positively, you could be receiving an inheritance or an insurance claim.

**Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)** The Scorpio and Taurus eclipses are, or will invariably influence your relationship life. Perhaps new love is entering your life or someone is possibly exiting the stage. Either way, you are beginning to see the world as with new eyes. Hopefully, any tears are those of joy.

**Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)** The eclipses are triggering you at deep, subconscious levels. The outer effect will emphasize your health and the quality of your lifestyle. There is a reminder that food is your best medicine and includes consuming plenty of fresh water, daily. Focus to flush and cleanse and boost your immune system.

**Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)** An inspirational activation is likely with this eclipse and includes key investments. At worst, circumstances may prove extra dramatic with life and death themes coming to the fore. Either way, your sense of individuality is being activated and is calling for leadership and perhaps courage too.

**Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)** Both your home and personal life and your public and professional life are being activated by this pair of eclipses. New appliances, renovations and family matters are indicated, on one hand, while career and status are being impacted, on the other. Either way, the influences are measurable and powerful.

**Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)** Your perceptions, interpretations, beliefs, and philosophies are all destined to undergo key changes at this time. This process will continue to unfold through spring 2023. Trust that these are destined to occur and are not simply the result of outer circumstances. Most importantly, cooperate with the process.

**Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)** Like your Aries friends, this eclipse pair is having a direct impact on your financial life. You could be experiencing a boost and boon or the result could be a bust. Either way, somehow you could be left with feelings of lack or disappointment. If so, focus on gratitude and making secure investments.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)** A whole new mode of self-expression is being activated by these eclipses. The process of adjustment and building momentum with it could take several months. However, the seeds of change have been planted. These are directly related to or will also influence the significant others in your life.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)** Circumstances currently are pushing you to be more sober and realistic regarding your health. Your diet and lifestyle habits may have to be reconsidered. Yet, the influences may also be strongly triggering you emotionally, as well. Focusing on what you can do while also accepting your limitations will help.

**Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)** Your overall sense of individuality is undergoing important changes. Positively, these are leading you to a whole new scope and focus on creativity. This possibly includes the prospects of generating new streams of income. Do what you love and perhaps it will generate financial returns, as well.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)** Your line of power is being directly impacted by these eclipses. There are indications that positive returns are coming in. Yet, changes in your public and professional life are quite possible as well. Perhaps you are being promoted. Whatever is happening, trust and cooperate.

**Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)** Themes of death or endings and rebirth or new beginnings have likely been a prevalent theme all of your life. Once again, they are coming to the fore as the flow of circumstances pushes you to contend with them. Positively, you are making deliberate changes that amount to strengthening your overall foundation.

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## Legal Notices

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**NOTICE**

**Notice of intention to dispose of a vessel under section 39 of the Wrecked, Abandoned or Hazardous Vessels Act**

**The following vessels are all currently considered to be abandoned.**

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**This notice serves as official notice of the Minister's intention to dispose of these vessels after December 2nd, 2022, 30 days from which this notice was given.** Should you have any questions, you may contact, Transport Canada's Navigation Protection Program at [NPPPAC-PPNPAC@tc.gc.ca](mailto:NPPPAC-PPNPAC@tc.gc.ca) or 604-775-8867 and reference the associated file #.

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# Horses Come to Town



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Above, from left, Christine Steffich on Copper and Jacqueline Sutton on Chiron are seen on their Oct. 22 visit to Ganges, as part of a larger group of Gulf Islands Horse Association members, some of whom are seen below on Rainbow Road as they made their way to Ganges from their new leased riding arena on the Farmers' Institute grounds. The group was celebrating the purchase of the Mount Maxwell community park, as well as a working equitation event they participated in, and wanted to make visible the island's strong horse community. See member Sue Higgs' letter on page 5 for more information about the horse association and the Oct. 22 event.



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