

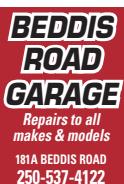
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Brothers Lucas and Ronin take a smile break after visiting prize-winning sheep in the livestock barn at the Salt Spring Fall Fair over the weekend. For more fair photos, see page 11 of this paper, and our Harvest Time special publication published on Sept. 25.

LAND USE

Trust wrestles with enforcement

Complaint-triggered bylaw investigations lambasted in review

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

As local officials continue a review of Islands Trust bylaw enforcement policy, trustees and staff are grappling with seemingly fundamental questions, including when to take action — and when to do nothing.

The land use authority's current policy came under fire in 2023, as residents voiced concern over issues of transparency, fairness and heavy-handedness in how the Trust worked to gain compliance with its bylaws. Things came to

a head after the provincial Ombudsperson's office issued a list of recommendations last fall. In March of this year, trustees officially kicked off a review process with the goal of "restoring public confidence."

That project sits, for the moment, with the Trust Council's Regional Planning Committee (RPC).

"It's our job to make sure the system supports fair, just and effective bylaw enforcement policies for all of the islands," said Denman trustee Sam Borthwick, who chaired the RPC meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 4. "I think blind adherence to guidelines is a hallmark of a system that's too overwhelmed to show discretion."

Local governments have generally wide discretion on whether, when and how to take enforcement action on their own bylaw contraventions — a discretion historically exercised often, if unevenly, in the Islands Trust area, usually due to community desires or simply because of limited resources.

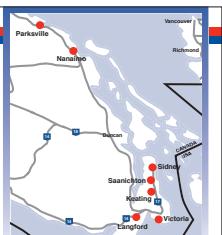
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Workers guide the business end of a concrete boom pump, directing it into foundation forms at the site of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District's future fire hall Thursday, Sept. 5.

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Bus caution urged

Expanded school routes surprise drivers at Bishop's Walk corners

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With students back in school and school buses back on Salt Spring's roads, officials are reminding island drivers to be on the lookout for both.

An expansion of service this year includes new routes reaching previously unserved communities, district officials said, including one for students residing at Salt Spring Commons, where a bus route up Charlesworth Road to Bishop's Walk seems to have caught some in the neighbourhood of Charlesworth and Cudmore roads by surprise.

"We've had a few issues with motorists speeding down the hill and being surprised by the bus coming up around a few of the curves," said Gulf Islands School District director of

operations Colin Whyte, "resulting in a near miss or two."

Whyte said bus drivers exercise a great deal of caution going around those corners, as the lines of sight there can be short — and he urges other drivers to do the same, especially during school bus operating hours.

"We're hoping to minimize the chances of an incident," he said, "and want to continue to be able to serve the students at the Commons."

Additional expanded service includes a new route up Collins Road, Whyte said, turning around at Mount Erskine Drive.

In addition to caution on corners, B.C.'s Motor Vehicle Act requires drivers to come to a complete stop when approaching a stationary school bus with its red lights flashing — including traffic from both directions, according to provincial officials.

Bus service in most Salt Spring neighbourhoods begins with the first students picked up shortly before 8 a.m.; afternoon buses generally run from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

HOUSING

Trust gaining access to rental registry info

Staff linking with data on short-term rental hosts and platforms

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The walls are closing in on unpermitted short-term rentals in B.C., and now enforcement officials in the Gulf Islands will have a powerful new tool at their disposal: data from a mandatory province-wide host and platform registry.

Islands Trust planning services director Stefan Cermak told Regional Planning Committee members Wednesday, Sept. 4 that staff will soon be able to access the B.C. government's new short-term rental data portal — a first-of-its-kind in Canada, created to support local governments with monitoring and enforcement of short-term rental regulations.

"I was just informed this morning that indeed, after much haranguing, we will get access to that," said Cermak. "What that means and what the implications are I'm not 100 per cent sure, but we will be signing an information-sharing agreement with the province, and we will have access to that data."

Short-term rental platforms with

1,000 or more listings in B.C. are already required to share information about their listings directly with the B.C. government on a monthly basis; that data is not disclosed to the public, according to provincial officials, but must include a host's name, address and contact information, as well as listing details, booking histories and business licence numbers if available.

"We will be signing an information-sharing agreement with the province."

STEFAN CERMAK
Planning Services director,
Islands Trust

Cermak said the province had previously told the Islands Trust they would not have access to the portal, due to lack of business licensing for rental hosts, but after some back-and-forth have apparently agreed to grant it. Cermak said staff would be consulting with bylaw enforcement officers to see "how that plays out."

Different islands may still see varying degrees of enforcement, depending on how they've prioritized short-term rent-

als. Gabriola Island, for example, not only prioritizes enforcement on non-compliant vacation rentals but was the only Local Trust Committee (LTC) to opt-in through the province on a principal residency requirement for them, which means enforcement could be conducted through provincial channels.

Meanwhile, Salt Spring Island's LTC dropped proactive enforcement against short-term rentals back in April, citing confusing rules and limited staff resources. Salt Spring trustee Laura Patrick has said opting into the principal residence requirement without addressing "underlying problems" in the island's regulations would likely not help the housing shortage on her island. Short-term rentals are not permitted on Salt Spring, although bed-and-breakfast operations as home-based businesses are allowed on much of the island.

According to B.C. officials, smaller platforms with fewer than 1,000 rental listings will soon be required to share the same information — "by late 2024," according to a provincial information sheet, meaning that by early 2025 the province expects all short-term rental hosts and platforms to be in the database. Not playing by the rules could result in administrative monetary penalties and court-filed compliance orders, according to the province.

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'These are your bylaws,' asserts enforcement staff

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But local governments can also, by design or otherwise, impose upon themselves a duty to enforce through the language in their own bylaw statutes. The Islands Trust's current bylaw compliance and enforcement policy states investigations "may be commenced" in response to complaints, a wording that some trustees believed should imply a choice on whether to proceed. However, through legal review, it seems staff have found that "may" in that policy means "must" — and trustees struggled to agree.

"To me, 'may' is very specifically a word that allows you to exercise some discretion," said Borthwick. "And I think it's really important for us as an organization to be discretionary; one of the really wonderful things about the Trust is that because we are a smaller body, we have the capacity to look at things on a more bespoke basis."

But "may" is often interpreted as "must" in legislation, particularly where the word confers an authority; both the Trust and the Capital Regional District (CRD) have regularly cited their obligation to respond to bylaw complaints. And, according to bylaw compliance and enforcement manager Warren Dingman, it is the local Trust committees (LTCs), not staff, who are the actual authority.

"These are your bylaws," said Dingman. "I can't say I'm not going to investigate a complaint against your bylaws without proper direction and policies."

Moving forward, he said, if Trust Council or LTCs want to add discretion for staff, they need to do so explicitly.

"We need it in the policies, and we need it in writing," said Dingman. "I can't just say I have the authority to do A, B and C when in fact no such legal authority exists."

Trust Council lacks not just clear policies on discretion, according to a staff report, but about several other issues that have been points of community contention — such as what sort of advance notice needs to be given before inspecting someone's property, what defines a "minor" contravention and when complaints are frivolous or lack substance.

"For whatever reason," said Dingman, "unlike every other jurisdiction in B.C. that has a bylaw enforcement policy, the Islands Trust never developed a policy to deal with vexatious, frivolous or repeat complaints. It just didn't exist."

That near-automatic response — with complaints triggering investigations — has amplified neighbour disagreements and strained budgets on several islands, according to staff. A high number of complaints about possible bylaw infractions in Ganges Harbour last year put bylaw enforcement's transportation budget over the top with water taxi costs there, and a whirlwind of 132 complaints in the first three months of 2024 on tiny Mudge Island caused enough turmoil to prompt rare correspondence to the RPC from the Mudge Island Community Association.

In earlier years, according to the association, there had been as few as six complaints on Mudge in a year. Even once it had seemingly been determined that just a few individuals had made all 132 complaints, according to Gabriola Island trustee Tobi Elliott, every complaint had a file opened.

"And that led to more community members feeling targeted," said Elliott. "I'm talking about elderly people who've lived in an unpermitted house for 50 years, and suddenly they're like, 'Do I have to move?'"

Denman Island trustee David Graham expressed relief the system was being reviewed, saying any island could find itself facing such a "test" of the bylaw system.

"They could have driven around [Denman Island] and probably found 100 infractions and sent that along to the bylaw enforcement, and they would've been swamped," said Graham. "Can you imagine the chaos that would ensue if someone on every island decided to do the same thing?"

MENTAL HEALTH

RCMP, health team proposed

Program could provide follow-up help for vulnerable islanders

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's RCMP detachment commander is hopeful a proposed mental health response initiative can launch soon on the island, creating a partnership between professionals that might offer longer-term help for people in crisis — beyond what law enforcement is structured to provide.

Still in very early planning stages, the program would be modelled after Island Health's successful Car 54 partnership in Nanaimo, according to Sgt. Clive Seabrook; it would provide emergency response to crisis calls related to mental health situations where a health specialist and an RCMP member would respond together.

It's a way to provide intervention and connections to community services and supports, he said, because often the tools police have at their disposal haven't been a good fit.

"Right now, we just have the Mental Health Act to rely upon," said Seabrook, outlining the early discussions at the ASK Salt Spring gathering Friday, Sept. 6. "The only way police can really take action under the Mental Health Act is if a person is going to hurt themselves or somebody else."

Even with extensive training in responding to mental health situations — and a near-constant tempo of such calls providing a lot of on-the-job learning — law enforcement is by design reactive, Seabrook said, and occasionally one

person's problems will have an outsized effect on the community.

"Sometimes there will be someone who is off medication, or they're new, or they just don't have all the supports they need," said Seabrook, "and then we get 15 to 20 files in a week on that one person."

The proposed kind of partnership with Island Health would provide structure by which police could have initial contact someone in crisis, then contact a designated health care professional who would continue to follow up alongside an officer.

"Whether that be in a car, or we go out on our boat and into the harbour," said Seabrook, "to say 'hey, how are you doing and what do you need?' And with that health history and expertise, we can provide them medical advice, or connect them with long-term solutions — instead of that person constantly struggling."

"Like everything for Salt Spring, it'll probably be some hybrid (of the different programs)."

SGT. CLIVE SEABROOK
Detachment commander,
SSI RCMP

program piloted in Victoria called Priority One focused on people in crisis who mostly were homeless and banned from housing and/or shelter services for disruptive behaviours, including violence. Seabrook said the solution for Salt Spring Island would likely involve using varying strategies from multiple programs.

"Like everything for Salt Spring, it'll probably be some hybrid [of the different programs]," said Seabrook. "But that's something we would hope to have in place here in the next few months."

ONLINE SECURITY

ArtSpring email compromised

Public asked to report suspicious messages to police

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A security breach at Salt Spring's largest community arts venue sent some email and e-transfer payments elsewhere, according to staff, as police urge the public to keep a careful eye out for suspicious messages.

In a notice sent Tuesday evening, Sept. 2, ArtSpring executive and artistic director Howard Jang said the email address used for e-transfer payments "ead@artspring.ca" had been

"targeted and compromised" in August, which resulted in communications — and some e-transfers — being fraudulently redirected.

"We became aware of this over the long weekend," wrote Jang, "and are currently working with authorities to secure our system."

Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Clive Seabrook confirmed with the Driftwood that

there was an active file received from ArtSpring, and from what was known so far it seemed staff had taken all the correct steps, such as monitoring emails and bank accounts for suspicious activity.

"When something doesn't look right, [people and organizations] need to report these incidents to their financial institutions and the police as soon as possible," said Seabrook. "It is this type of due diligence that stops these types of things from happening and/or minimizes losses when they do occur."

The email in question has since been locked, according to Jang, who said anyone who sent an e-transfer during August — or who had received any suspicious email seemingly from ArtSpring asking to verify accounts or confirm information — should report it to ArtSpring administration by calling 250-537-2125.

The breach does not affect the purchase process for tickets, memberships or donations facilitated through the organization's website or at the centre's box office, according to ArtSpring.

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EDITORIAL

Best darn thing ever

Some traditions just never get old, even if they were initiated in the 19th century.

We're talking, of course, about the Salt Spring Island Fall Fair, which was for many years (or possibly decades) held on the third weekend of September, until its switch to the second weekend in 2022. And with this year's fair coming as early as possible in September and in blistering heat on Saturday, Sept. 7, there wasn't a strong sense of autumn in the air.

However, what was the same as ever was the feeling that residents had emerged from a summer of semi-isolation and letting visitors dominate the island, coming from all corners to share their exhibits or take in their favourite events — from the zany zucchini races to the sheepdog demonstrations, from the pet parade to the tractor pull — to listening to fabulous local musicians, socializing in the beer garden or at the various non-profit and business booths. The number of food vendors was back to pre-Covid levels, with something for everyone's tastes and desires, including the wildly popular offerings of the Pie Ladies' of the Salt Spring Island Women's Institute.

If one ever fears that we are becoming a community of retirees, the fair reminds us that young ones and families form a huge part of our spirit and energy. Somehow, the same old thing always manages to be the best darn thing ever; but even then the fall fair committee of the Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute is always trying to find ways to improve the fair. Making it possible to register and pay for entries online is one positive change brought in this year; as was a project to ensure compostable materials were kept out of the waste stream, for example.

Congratulations must go as well to the Gulf Islands Horse Association for a fully revived two-day horse show in the ring they worked hard to rehabilitate, with support from the Farmers' Institute and other partners.

Speaking of support, if you enjoyed the fair and want to ensure it can keep getting better, consider volunteering with the Farmers' Institute in some capacity throughout the year, or for the fair itself next year.

It takes hundreds of volunteers to make the Salt Spring Fall Fair happen. With enough hearts and hands on deck, it really can keep getting better, while reminding us that we are still a strong and resilient, close and quirky rural community.

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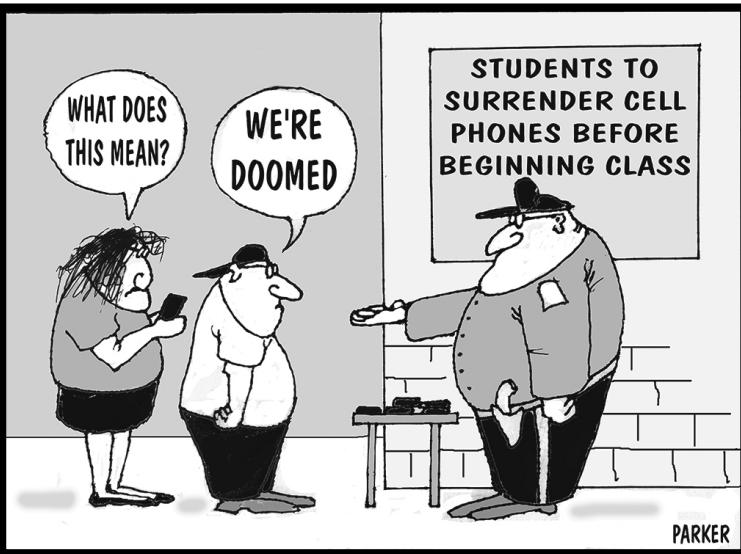
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Address traffic problem

BY MYNA LEE JOHNSTONE

This is a warning to the Salt Spring Local Community Commission, Islands Trust trustees and every islander.

The volume of traffic and congestion in and through Ganges this summer is now intolerable and dangerous. It has to be dealt with. It will only get worse with each coming year.

By noon on many days, all of the parking lots and spaces are full, while roads are full of vehicles trying to pass through, or with drivers circling about looking for parking.

When I was a Salt Spring transportation commissioner we noted the difficulties in Ganges and of course other parts of the island. We had delegations come pleading for crosswalks. One commissioner submitted a thorough study of problems for persons with mobility issues, including no sidewalk space and misplaced crosswalks. We had entire neighbourhoods asking to get the speed reduced in their area. I did a petition to have the speed reduced through Ganges and on up to Atkins Road. This is a high-density area for seniors and includes our hospital area.

My conclusion is that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has been absolutely delinquent in addressing all this.

Yes, finally this spring, a short bit of road through Ganges was reduced to a 30 km/h speed limit, but after Rainbow Road the drivers can escalate all the way up past Atkins Road.

Not only are pedestrians complaining about the speed but drivers trying to turn out onto the main road are having long waits because of the volume of

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traffic and speed. For persons living along the route and in Ganges, the noise and fumes are a daily health hazard.

So what can be done about this?

Several years ago, a park and ride system was proposed. This would require shuttle services. Country Grocer is providing a shuttle vehicle picking up customers to shop and bringing them home.

A very active rideshare app with drivers signing in with destinations and times would help.

I believe a community-run fleet of vans, with some even electric powered, going about the island would be the ideal. This could be initially set up with financing from many organizations.

We know from the Capital Regional District Active Transportation Network Plan study that in 2017, only 1.7 per cent of islanders cycled, 0.7 per cent used transit, six per cent walked and 88 per cent drove or were passengers in a car. The average household does 5.15 trips per day and individuals 3.5. That makes for a lot of traffic. There are over 11,000 registered vehicles here.

An Uber-style local system could happen. Possibilities and solutions exist. It will take much community goodwill and care to attend to this.

The island could become a popular role model for other places talking about sustainability and having an environmental mandate.

The writer is a former Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission member and advocate for active, safer and healthier transportation.

THIS WEEK'S POLL QUESTION:

Does Salt Spring need to reduce its vehicle traffic volume?

Yes No

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ISLAND VOICES

SALT SPRING SAYS

WE ASKED:

What did you bring to the Food Share at The Root today and what are you hoping to take home with you?

This Salt Spring Says is part of the Lighter Living initiative presented by Transition Salt Spring.

ABEY SCAGLIONE



I came to connect with community and share food. I love that produce remaining is donated to the food bank. Everyone should have access to real food.

MOE WENDT



I brought cherries from my trees hoping I might find people that like the taste so much they will come and help pick. I love to connect with people around food.

SAM TARASOFF



I brought a batch of rhubarb. I would appreciate some kale, but the cabbages look pretty attractive. I just love this program.

ANDY KERN



We brought a butt load of garlic scapes. I was hoping to have some nice conversations with people and to learn about the current state of gardening on the island.

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LETTERS to the editor

First roosters . . . now kids?

In response to the disturbing outcome of the rooster case, I wanted to add some other things to consider. While some may argue that this is simply a matter of noise, I believe the issue runs much deeper.

This situation is not just about farming or the sounds that come with it; it's about the growing intolerance in our society. The implications of this precedent are alarming, especially for those of us living in rural areas within the Capital Regional District. There are countless stories from Metchosin and other agricultural zones where the very essence of rural life is being threatened by complaints that disregard the broader impact on the community.

Personally, I have experienced this intolerance first-hand. This year, a complaint was made against my family for the noise of my children playing outside on our multi-acre property. We also have goats, chickens and geese. So first it was farm animals and now it is children?

It's troubling that people seem to have lost the ability to tolerate the everyday sounds of life around them, especially in areas traditionally known for their agricultural roots. We need to consider the bigger picture and remember the value of living in harmony with our neighbours. A little more understanding and tolerance could go a long way in preserving the character of our community.

HAYLEY BROOKES,
SALT SPRING

Woodland Drive homes should take precedence

I've been reading a lot of writing supporting the keeping of roosters as if the entire poultry initiative on Salt Spring Island is now threatened because a judge ruled that Woodland Drive is not an appropriate location for someone to keep roosters.

I've driven along Woodland Drive many times, and no matter how it has been or will be zoned it is definitely not farm country. It falls between semi-rural and residential. Unless people actually have driven along that road and seen the homes in proximity to each

other, they really have no visual sense of the situation.

In any case, the issue is not connected to the keeping of hens, those producers of eggs which will keep coming to feed us whether there are roosters about or not. Hens' eggs do not need to be fertilized. And where will those hens come from? From properties more suited to poultry husbandry on a larger scale, complete with one or more roosters.

What came first, the chicken or the egg? What came first, the Woodland Drive homes or the rooster? Those homes in which people who want to have an undisturbed night of sleep live were there first.

TOBY FOUKS,
SALT SPRING

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"I think blind adherence to guidelines is a hallmark of a system that's too overwhelmed to show discretion."

SAM BORTHWICK, DENMAN ISLAND TRUSTEE, ON THE ISLANDS TRUST BYLAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY REVIEW

Are we ready for real representation in Victoria?

BY JASON MOGUS

My family moved to Salt Spring 11 years ago, in part because of the incredible nature, but also because of the community, with its values of progressive action and social change.

Having worked in national and international politics and advocacy, I was struck, however, by how this was such a solidly "Green Party island." Of course not everyone here is a capital G Green, but the dominant political organizing work and leaders for the last decade are really pro-Green.

Personally, I've never really found a political home with any of the parties. I've been a reluctant supporter of both the BC NDP and BC Greens at times, but I am feeling like it's time for a change.

There's an important election next month in B.C. While most of our attention has been on the U.S. and federal drama, a number of factors are converging to make this what could be the most consequential provincial race in a long time. And what Salt Spring does matters.

Adam Olsen isn't running. I think he's been a great MLA. I really like him and appreciate all he's tried to do for our community, and of course it's been rewarding to help advance reconciliation in a small way by having an Indigenous MLA.

But at the end of two terms, it became clear that having an MLA from a party not only out of power but on the outer edges of it wasn't helping us win material benefits for our community.

Whether it's the Salish Sea cycling trail, affordable housing policies that Salt Spring is constantly exempt from, helping pay for expensive water treatment systems, or even something as simple as garbage cans in town, our community can seem stuck, and on its own. I talk to a lot of younger people who are frustrated to live in a place with such astounding creative capacity but

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where not much really happens to improve our facilities or solve obvious problems.

We have these awesome MPs and MLAs who are great for a chat and to attend a community meeting or rally, but when it comes to the main purpose of government — making laws and accessing funds — are not able to deliver the goods.

What would it look like for us to have an MLA who was part of a governing party, or maybe even a cabinet minister, who could more easily access the attention, resources, and yes, funding, of our provincial government?

Sarah Riddell recently won the nomination for the BC NDP in this riding. I only recently met her, but have been very impressed so far. She's a real go-getter with tons of capacity and energy. In addition to being a Central Saanich municipal councillor, she until recently worked at the Ministry of Health on challenging health files, is a highly engaged mom and even finds time to volunteer at a number of civic groups.

She cares about the same things our community does: climate change, getting health care when and where we need it, addressing inequality and affordable housing for locals. She's gotten real things done on Central Saanich council, and knows how to leverage her elected position to advance real action with real world results. She's also of a younger generation who gets the interconnections between today's tricky issues.

Sometimes it's easy to forget how lucky we are to have a government in B.C. who shares most of our progressive values! For most of my 30 years in B.C. we've had premiers who mostly just cut services while giving handouts to corporations and the wealthy. I've loosely known Premier David Eby since his

days as an activist in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, and I've always respected his intellect and compassion. The NDP has for sure upset a lot of progressives as they hewed to the centre to remain in power in our diverse province, but at the end of the day they have done a lot of positive things.

But perhaps most importantly, like in the U.S., France and many other places, we now have to unite and fight to stop the rise of the far right. Just last month the centre-right BC Liberals/BC United suspended their campaign to support the BC Conservatives. The BC Conservative leader doesn't believe in climate change, but he does believe in a number of wacky conspiracies. He wants to take away freedoms like what kids can learn in school, who people can love, whether we continue to advance Indigenous rights and reconciliation and whether we can stop this world from burning. All that plus make drastic cuts to services and solutions we need.

The stakes of this provincial election couldn't be higher. If we vote for the protest party, if we split the left and allow a Conservative to win, we stand to lose, a lot. Just at the time when the world needs bold solutions, not more division and chaos.

I wonder if Salt Spring is ready for some real change in the form of representation in Victoria. Besides getting an awesome local leader who might be able to access real power and funding, we would also do our part to stop the rise of the far right and their dangerous ideas.

I hope you get a chance to meet Sarah Riddell and I hope more of us open our minds to a new approach. Most importantly, I hope you get out and vote on Oct. 19.

The writer works to support climate, biodiversity and justice campaigns in Canada and around the world.

MORE LETTERS

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Is the sky falling?

Local Community Commission (LCC) commissioner Brian Webster's opinion piece in last week's Driftwood asserts that the Capital Regional District (CRD) noise and animal control bylaws threaten small-scale farming on Salt Spring Island, even though they don't apply to 6,300 acres of Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) land. These bylaws do apply to farming on 7,400 acres of rurally zoned non-ALR land, most of which is in larger parcels where noise and animal control are a non-issue or easily mitigated.

Brian doesn't mention that violations of these bylaws are rare (typically roosters in smaller lot subdivisions), and costly court proceedings even rarer. So it isn't clear how a few such conflicts over a half decade constitute a threat when over 14,000 acres of land are available for all kinds of farming. I understand the "slippery slope" concern, but where's the evidence the sky is falling?

In fact, most small-scale farming activities

and related processing in smaller-lot subdivisions don't interfere at all with the "quiet, peace, rest and enjoyment of the neighbourhood," as stated in the CRD bylaw, including egg production.

Yes our OCP strongly supports agriculture, as it should. That's why I worked with agricultural groups to secure several hundred thousand dollars in gas tax and provincial funding to update the island's Area Farm Plan, develop The Root and establish our first large-scale composting facility. But our OCP also supports Salt Spring's "peaceful and quiet atmosphere" (e.g., see Section A.4.1.3).

The LCC has no authority over these CRD bylaws, but I've invited their input on this issue regardless. As elected officials, the LCC and I have a responsibility to consider all perspectives, including those of impacted neighbours. Unfortunately, Brian's "common sense" solution — to a rarely occurring problem that is non-existent on thousands of acres of underutilized land — negates the experience of these neighbours. Is this good and fair public policy?

GARY HOLMAN,
CRD DIRECTOR

Exercise voting rights

If you are a citizen of a country that allows you to vote, do it.

Urge your family and friends. Help other people register to vote. If you don't know how to register, ask someone to help you.

In Canada, Elections Canada will provide you with information you need.

In the U.S., contact the county seat in the state where you last lived or where your parent(s) last voted.

Whether you are happy or unhappy with the government under which you live, voting is a gift for you. If you really want change, do more to help those elected make the changes you want.

Many people around the world long for the chance to vote. "Use it or lose it" often refers to our body, but could easily be applied to our right to vote. Do what you need to do so you can vote.

DEBBIE MAGNUSSON,
SALT SPRING

Back to masks

I had reason to spend five hours at Lady Minto Hospital early Saturday morning with some worrisome symptoms. Each of the eight individuals who cared for me demonstrated professionalism and kindness (and a couple even humour).

I became aware of their compassion and expertise, but also how very "stretched" they are. Thank you to all eight!

I was surprised and concerned, however, that only two were masked when treating me. So on my return home I did some research. Covid is alive and well and mutating, it appears. Surely a hospital should require their staff to mask, both for their safety and that of their patients?

I had become lazy recently, mostly due to peer pressure, but will resume my "in public places inside" personal decree.

It makes for interesting reading regarding the changing shape of the virus and its transmission. It's worth taking the time to research.

JENNY WAHL,
SALT SPRING



It's Pie Making Season!

Come into the store to get your pie making supplies.

Chocolate Frangelico Cheesecake

Submitted by Linda Koroscil

Crust:

1 1/2 cups chocolate wafers, crushed
1 Tbsp. sugar
5 Tbsp. butter, melted
Press onto bottom of a 10-inch springform pan. Bake 5 min. at 350 degrees.

Filling:

1 1/2 lb. cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup sugar
13 1/2 oz. melted semi-sweet chocolate
1 cup sour cream
5 eggs
3 Tbsp. Frangelico
1/2 cup hazelnuts, toasted and crushed

Reminds me of a great cookery story).

Gena Rowlands was in this lovely movie called Playing by Heart. She had her own cooking show. I loved this bit ... the fish was just ready, she opened the oven door, reached in with the flipper, then quick as a wink, flipped that damn fish right onto the floor! She looked right into the camera and quipped, "The best thing about being the cook is that only you know what really goes on in the kitchen!"

Method:

Whip together cheese and sugar, then chocolate, sour cream, eggs, Frangelico and nuts. Bake at 350° F. for about 1 hour.

Topping:

2 cup sour cream
2 Tbsp. sugar
3 Tbsp. Frangelico
Mix topping ingredients together. Pour on the cake when it comes out of the oven and then bake for another 5 mins.
Cheesecakes are best made the day before the party. Whip this up for the love of your life and calories be damned!

Maple Mousse

Submitted by Deborah Osborne

Makes 6-8 servings

*NOTE: you will need a double boiler for this recipe

Ingredients:

1 envelope (7 grams) unflavoured gelatin
1/4 cup cold water
1 cup REAL maple syrup
3 eggs, separated
250 ml whipping cream
1 Tbsp. grated or shaved chocolate

Method:

Soften gelatin in cold water for 5 minutes. Beat or whisk briskly, egg yolks and maple syrup in the top of a double boiler. Cook over boiling water for 10 minutes, stirring constantly. Stir in softened gelatin and cook only until gelatin dissolves. Remove from heat and cool over cold water (a bowl larger than the double boiler with cold water works well).

DO NOT LET THE MIXTURE SET — do next two steps immediately.

In a large bowl, beat whipping cream until stiff peaks form.

When cooled (room temp) fold maple syrup mixture into whipped cream.

In a medium bowl, beat egg whites until stiff peaks form.

Fold egg whites into maple syrup/whipped cream mixture.

Pour mixture into individual serving dishes or large bowl.

Refrigerate to set — at least 3 hours (mousse can be made days ahead).

Garnish with grated or shaved chocolate just before serving.



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Doobie Brothers concert on tap



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Henry Locke, left, and Terry Sheldrake are two of the members of The Doobie Brothers Experience band presenting their show at ArtSpring on Saturday, Sept. 14.

Full immersive experience promised

BY DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Doobie Brothers Experience — described as "the industry leading substitute for The Doobie Brothers band" — is coming to entertain a Salt Spring audience

at ArtSpring on Saturday, Sept. 14.

The group presents all the band's hits from 1970 to 1975, featuring the look-a-likes of Tom Johnston and Pat Simmons with vocal similarities, accurate instrumental work, soaring harmonies and top-flight performances.

"One of the most 'game-changing' song catalogues in the history of rock n' roll is performed to perfection before your eyes and ears," states press material about the show. "Most every rock enthusiast knows the words to China Grove or Long Train Runnin', and those who truly love rock can sing along when Black Water, Dark Eyed Cajun Woman or Jesus Is Just Alright come up in the playlist."

With more than 235 years of collective professional experience among the musicians, "their performances are as close to the real deal as you'll ever get."

Band members are Henry Locke on lead vocals and lead guitar; Terry Sheldrake, lead vocals and guitar; Claudio Fantinato, alto/tenor sax, guitar and percussion; Ron McKee on bass guitar and vocals; Malcolm Grier, piano, organ and vocals; and Gerry Pool on drums and vocals.

The Doobie Brothers Experience: 1970 to 1975 concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are available through ArtSpring, online or through the box office.

BOOK LAUNCH

Universe explored through poetry

Brian Day's The Making book shared at library event

SUBMITTED BY SSI PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Salt Spring Island Public Library is proud to host an event that invites listeners to encounter the cosmos in a whole new way.

On Thursday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. in the library's program room, local poet Brian Day will read from his new groundbreaking epic poem *The Making*.

This masterful work intertwines the scientific history of the universe with myths, folktales and religious stories from around the world, creating a narrative that is both richly evocative and deeply layered.

Reflecting on the origins of *The Making*, Day shared, "I wondered if there might be a way to tell the story of the universe in a way that combined the wonders of science with the imaginative appeal of traditional stories."

This ambitious vision took over a decade to bring to life, culminating in a work that pairs each phase of the universe's evolution with a corresponding story, drawing from Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Greek myths and international folktales.

The work has garnered high praise from literary figures. Salt Spring poet Murray Reiss describes *The Making* as "dazzling" with "fierce and precise" language, while Kittridge Cherry praises the way Day's lyrical poetry "transcends heaven and earth."

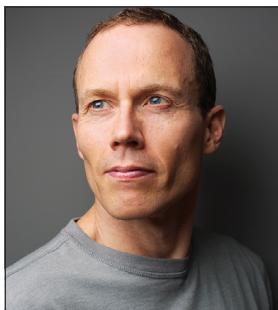


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Author Brian Day.

Day is a familiar face in the community, hosting the Salt Spring

Public Library's Poetry Open Mic and engaging young minds through storytelling in local schools. He is an accomplished poet with four previous books to his name and is the winner of the E.J. Pratt Medal for Poetry.

Don't miss this opportunity to experience Day's rich reading voice as he shares highlights from his extraordinary synthesis of science, history and poetic imagination.

Refreshments will be served, and *The Making* will be available for \$25 cash.

For more information on Day and his work and for sample readings from *The Making*, visit briandaypoetry.com.



Narrative Shift
With Natasha Tony

HELP US UNCOVER THE TALES OF THE Y-CAMP PROPERTY.

Podcast Host, Natasha Tony, is looking for neighbours on Salt Spring to share some history of the Y-Camp property. Curious about stories from First Nations Territory as well as the era of the Bulman farm, YWCA Camp days and stories from the 1990's to present day.

Recording the podcast in early fall 2024. You may be open to being recorded telling a story or you can share a written story that may be read on the podcast or even share a hot tip that we can follow up on!

Contact us directly at: info@elevate-inclusion.com

I would be delighted to hear from you to learn more about this interesting property.

Talk soon!

Natasha Tony
Host of Narrative Shift Podcast

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Project and visual arts grant applications open

SUBMITTED BY SALT SPRING ARTS

Salt Spring Arts (SSA) is now accepting applications for its fall grants and awards programs.

Two categories are available to access funding support for cultural projects and professional development for visual artists.

Project Grants — Deadline: Oct. 31

Assisting groups and individuals in undertaking projects of cultural benefit to the community. SSA's Project Grants have supported local initiatives for many years. Examples of previously funded projects include workshops, concerts and collaborative performances, fostering local innovation, creativity and experimentation in the arts.

In spring 2024, Schuyler Witman was successful in her application for a Project Grant to help fund a theatre arts camp for kids. The camp explores myth, storytelling, dance, music, visual arts and more, learning new skills in the co-creation of a theatrical performance.

Susan Benson Fund for Visual Artists — Deadline: Oct. 31

SSA's Susan Benson Fund was established by local artist Susan Benson to respond to her knowledge of the historical and continuing unique challenges faced by female visual artists. The limited-term donor-directed fund is available to visual artists living on Salt Spring Island who are committed to building their creative careers.

In the fall of 2023, local artist Alicja Swiatlon

received the Susan Benson Fund award, supporting the purchase of specialized materials to help her create a new body of work to share with the community.

"(This opportunity) allowed me to purchase a roll of canvas to create a cohesive body of paintings that will be exhibited on Salt Spring Island," said Swiatlon.

The SSA has been serving as Salt Spring Island's non-profit arts council for over 55 years, building and nurturing the creative capacity of the community.

For more information and eligibility requirements for the two grant programs, visit saltspringarts.com.

Other Salt Spring Arts calls this season include Artcraft Winter artist registration (with a deadline of Oct. 31) and the 2025 Artist in Residence Application (Oct. 15 deadline).

what's on this week

Wed. Sept. 11

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Subdude. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Gulf Islands Board of Education Meeting. School board office portable. 1 p.m. Or join via Microsoft Teams. See sd64.bc.org for link.

Swing Dancing. Legion. 6 p.m.

What Is Zen? Second in six-week series of talks presented by Salt Spring Zen Circle. All Saints by-the-Sea. 7 p.m.

Getting To Know Our Neighbours. Bruce Logan and Elaine Head present "Vietnam: Economic Juggernaut or A Cesspool of Organized Crime?" SSI United Church. 7 p.m. (with doors at 6:30 p.m.)

Music Bingo. Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

Salt Spring Island Museum. Farmers' Institute grounds. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thur. Sept. 12

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Sasha Rose. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

Open Mic & Jam. With Rough & Tumble at the Legion. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Island Museum. See Wed. listing.

Salt Spring Local Trust Committee Meeting. Meaden Hall. 9:30 a.m. or online via islandtrust.bc.ca.

Salt Spring Local Community Commission Provisional Budget Meeting. SIMS Boardroom. 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. To attend virtually, see the Microsoft Teams meeting link in the agenda on the CRD website.

Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission Regular Meeting. SIMS boardroom. 5 to 7 p.m. To attend virtually, see the Microsoft Teams meeting link in the agenda on the CRD website.

Fri.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Auntie Kate Trio. Tree House Cafe. 6 p.m.

Karaoke. At the Legion. 7 p.m.

DJ Boomtown. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Story Time. In the library children's area. 11 to 11:30 a.m.

ASK Salt Spring. This week's guest is MLA Adam Olsen. Lions Hall. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tribute and Farewell to MLA Adam Olsen. Light finger foods and refreshments at Lions Hall. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

MP Elizabeth May Community Meeting. GISS multi-purpose room. 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Friday Games Night. For ages 13 to 19 in the library program room. 7 p.m. Note: Magic the Gathering players generally meet up to play at these events.

Salt Spring Forum: Rear-Admiral Christopher Robinson, Commander of Maritime Forces Pacific. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

Salt Spring Lunker Derby Welcome Reception. Registration for fishing derby event at Moby's Pub. 5 to 9 p.m.

Salt Spring Museum. See Wed. listing.

Sat.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

David Carl. Tree House Cafe. 6 p.m.

Frank Allen Four. Legion. 7:30 p.m.

The Doobie Brothers Experience: 1970-75. Concert at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Saturday Market. In Centennial Park. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Getting To Know Our Neighbours. Jean Brouard speaks on "Insects that Continue to Amaze!" SSI United Church. 2 p.m. (Doors at 1:30 p.m.)

Sept. 13

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Lunker Derby. Fish from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Awards, BBQ, auctions and after-party with live music at Moby's Pub from 5 p.m. on.

Book Launch: Maria Coffey. Author reads from new book *Instead: Navigating the Adventures of a Childfree Life - A Memoir*. Library program room. 2 p.m.

Film: The Great Salish Sea Heist. With a Q&A with local producers Harold C. Joe and Leslie D. Bland. The Fritz. 3 p.m. See thefritz.ca for details.

Sun.

Sept. 15

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Peace, Power and the Art of Community. A Peace Works! event at the United Church Meadow. Music, poetry, ceremony. Drop in from 2 to 4 p.m.

Jazz Jam. At the Legion. 3 to 6 p.m.

The Filming of Grace Jordan is Shirley Valentine. Stonewell Farm. 3:30 p.m. Check Eventbrite for ticket availability.

Alan Moberg. Tree House Cafe. 6 p.m.

World Caravan Rhythms Presents: Lara Wong and Melón Jiménez Flamenco Ensemble — Confluencias. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

Sunday Sessions With Guest Artists. Moby's Pub. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Terry Fox Run. Ruckle Park Day Use Area. Registration at 10 a.m.; event at 11 a.m. See terryfox.ca/55593 to register/donate.

Mon.

Sept. 16

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Tyger Jackson. Tree House Cafe. 6 p.m. **Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District**

ACTIVITIES

Trustees Meeting. Ganges Fire Hall training room. 7 p.m.

Salt Spring Scottish Country Dancing. All Saints by-the-Sea upper hall. 6 to 7 p.m.

Tues.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Yazoo Brothers. Tree House. 6 to 9 p.m.

Country and Folk Singers and Songwriters. Legion. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Farmers Market. Every Tuesday at Centennial Park. 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

CINEMA

• **Beetlejuice Beetlejuice** is the movie from Friday, Sept. 13 to Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. each night, plus a 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday. See thefritz.ca for more movie info.

ART EXHIBITIONS

• **Shannon Wardroper - The Beholders' Share** is Artcraft's Showcase Exhibition running at Mahon Hall until Sept. 22.

• **Diana Dean: Then and Now** exhibits at Salt Spring Gallery through Sept. 25. Gallery open Tuesdays through Saturdays.

• **Resurgence**, an art exhibition by members of the Indigenous Friendship Circle. In the library program room through September.

• **Artcraft show and sale of work by Gulf Islands artisans** runs daily at Mahon Hall from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Sept. 22.

• **Island Textile Artists group presents Diverse Threads** in the ArtSpring lobby this month.

• **Claudia Schröder-Adams** shows bird photographs from her travels in the Country Grocer Cafe during September.

Terry Fox Run

Sunday, Sept. 15
Ruckle Park Day Use Area
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ISLAND LIFE



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WELL-WISHERS: Gathering to wish longtime Salt Spring resident Michael Wheaton – seated – a happy 96th birthday on Sept. 2 are Kingfisher Cove neighbours, who have a tradition of marking the birthdays of residents who are more than 90 years old with a visit on their special days. Neighbours visiting Wheaton are John and Bridget Metzger, Peter and Maureen Stephenson, Lorne and Colleen Shantz, Linda Woodley, Carolyn Mouat and Colette Hale.

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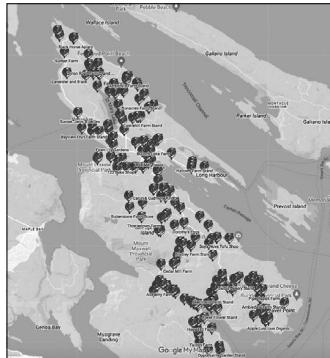
Website resources useful for locals and visitors

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Supporting local food production has never been more important, and it's easier and more enjoyable than ever. Explore the agricultural richness of Salt Spring Island through SSIFarm-Stands.com, a comprehensive portal featuring an interactive Google map highlighting over 200 farm stands across the island.

Ranked prominently in Google searches for "Salt Spring Island Farm Stands" and related terms, the site not only provides detailed maps, it also offers information on other island attractions. Recently featured in the 2024 Salt Spring Island Accommodations Group's Island Info Book, which is a widely distributed resource across hotels and B&Bs, it included a full-page ad and a QR code for direct access to the farm stands map website.

Since its launch just over a year ago, SSIFarmStands.com has rapidly gained popularity, accumulating over



SSIFarmstands.com map image showing farm stand locations on Salt Spring Island.

125,000 views.

Farm stand owners on Salt Spring Island can register their stands for free on the sponsor-free and ad-free platform. Each registered stand appears as a pin on the interactive map, showcasing details such as the stand name, location, offerings description, up to 10 photos and contact information (if provided), including e-transfer details where applicable. The site also

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actively engages with the community through its social media presence on Facebook and Instagram, promptly responding to queries about specific farm stand locations and offerings.

Islanders and visitors alike can log on anytime and make all kinds of queries. "Which farm stands in the south end have fresh berries?" "How can I find all the farm stands on Salt Spring?" or "Where's the nearest stand selling lettuce to Ganges?" The @SSIFarmStands team will direct users to the interactive map for precise information.

For a seamless farm stand experience or to register your stand on Salt Spring Island, visit SSIFarmStands.com and start exploring fresh, local produce today.

To learn more about supporting local food producers, Transition Salt Spring invites you to sign up for FREE access to Lighter Living Salt Spring content at tinyurl.com/Lighter-Living. Discover low-effort actions that are good for you, our community and the planet.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Next neighbours series guests announced

Bruce Logan and Elaine Head, and Jean Brouard give presentations

BY HELEN HINCHLIFF

FOR SSI UNITED CHURCH SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The United Church Social Justice Committee's Getting to Know Our Neighbours series continues with Salt Spring Islanders Bruce Logan and Elaine Head as guests on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m.

They will be addressing the question of whether Vietnam is an "Economic Juggernaut or A Cesspool of Organized Crime?"

Logan is a Vietnam War veteran who fell in love with the

Vietnamese people and country. He and Head have authored several books on their experiences interacting with and helping the people of Vietnam, particularly the children.

Doors open at the United Church at 6:30 p.m. Entry is by donation toward the work of the United Church Social Justice Committee. Refreshments provided.

Then on Saturday, Sept. 14 at 2 p.m. (with doors open at 1:30 p.m.), the series guest is Jean Brouard, speaking on "Insects That Continue to Amaze!"

Brouard, who has a farm and orchard on the south end of the island, is well known as a forester, cheese maker, singer and gumboot dancer, and was once equally famous as a "Fulford Day Pie Lady."

Refreshments are provided at both events.

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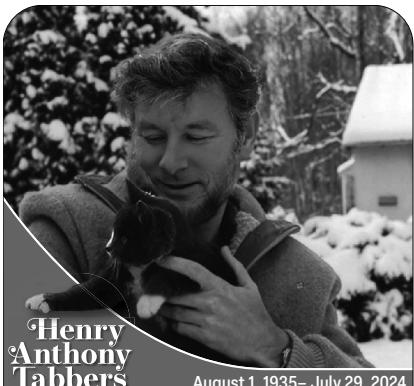
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Henry Anthony Tabbers

August 1, 1935 – July 29, 2024

It is with sadness that we share the news that Henry Tabbers passed away at Amica Beechwood Village on July 29, three days before his 89th birthday. He leaves behind his wife, Carol, after 42 years of marriage and their beloved cat, Ozzie. Also mourning his loss are his brother, John, his sisters, Riet and Wil, and many nieces and nephews in the Netherlands. Henry's eldest sister, Tonnie, passed away in early June of this year, and his younger sister, Ellen, passed away on August 3. This has been a very sad year for the Tabbers family.

Henry and Carol retired to Salt Spring in 1995 after moving from Vancouver, where Henry was a photographer and graphic designer at the Museum of Vancouver. They enjoyed their island life to the full. They had a huge circle of friends and loved entertaining. Henry developed a beautiful garden with lots of food and roses, which were his passions. He had a lovely rose garden bed that he planted and tended at Beechwood Village, too.

They were generous contributors to many local and international organizations in the arts, nature and conservation, public broadcasting, international humanitarian assistance, and animal rescue. Henry was a regular volunteer at the SPCA and sang with the Salt Spring Singers. They loved to travel, and Henry pursued another of his passions by visiting cathedrals in the Netherlands and France to photograph their magnificent pipe organs.

There will be no service at Henry's request. Donations to ArtSpring, Salt Spring SPCA, or an island charity of your choice would be appreciated.



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The Lands File Number that has been established for this application is **Crown Land File #1415573**.

Comments may be submitted electronically via the provincial Applications, Comments & Reasons for Decision webpage at <https://comment.nrs.gov.bc.ca/>. Alternatively hard copy comments may be directed to the Senior Land Officer, Ministry of Water, Land & Resource Stewardship at 142 - 2080 Labieux Rd, Nanaimo, BC, V9T 6J9.

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**GREENWOODS
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NOTICE OF**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: October 2nd, 2024

Time: 10:00 am

Where: SIMS 124 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island

Current members need to pay their annual \$20 membership fee to vote at the AGM. This can be paid by e-transfer or at the door on October 2.

Membership and Voting Privileges: Persons who have reached the age of 19 years of age, who reside in the Gulf Islands, who have made written application for membership in the Society and have paid the \$20 membership fee are eligible to become members of the Society. Applications are available at the Greenwoods office. New members are eligible to vote at the October 2 annual general meeting if their application and fee are received by September 18, 2024.

Volunteers Wanted

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Greenwoods Eldercare Society is looking for community-minded people interested in our mission and the possibility of serving on our volunteer Board of Directors.

We're a locally based, non-profit society, operating extended care and assisted living residences on Salt Spring Island and providing a range of services and programs to the elders of our community.

Our Board is comprised of members with diverse backgrounds who work together to direct and provide operational oversight to our professional staff. We know the value of bringing together individuals with different perspectives drawn from a wide range of backgrounds, skill sets, areas of expertise and experiences.

Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

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If you are intrigued by the possibilities, we are accepting applications from people with relevant experience — such as previous service on the board of directors of a non-profit society, past experience with or a special interest in seniors care and services.

Please send a request for information or submit a letter of interest to:

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	19:33	9	2.74		17:08	10.3	3.14
	20:49	9.1	2.77		22:22	7.5	2.29
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	23:21	8.8	2.68		10:45	2.4	0.73
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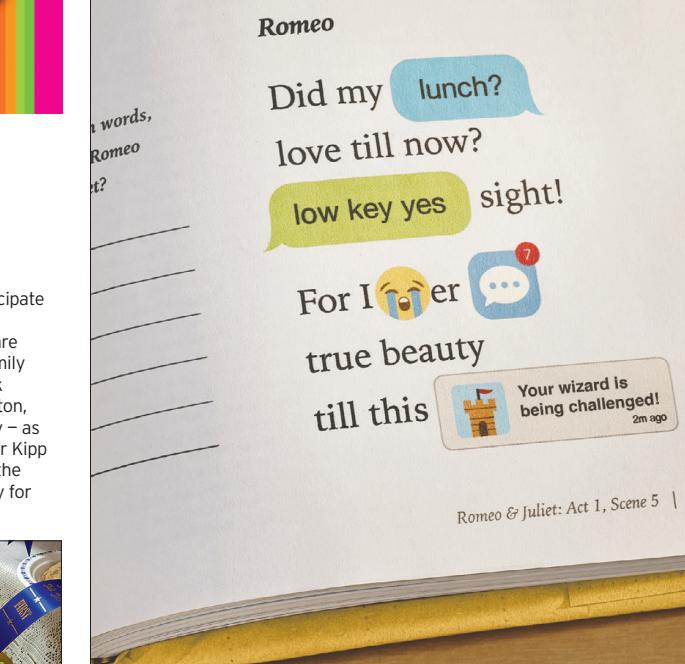
PHOTO BY ROB LOWRIE
Excited to participate in the fall fair's zucchini races are the Williams family – from left, Nick (standing), Weston, Rylee and Emily – as race coordinator Kipp Nash confirms the racers' eligibility for the event.



PHOTOS BY NANCY JOHNSON
From left, Elsie Born's pink chicken She-ra – whose feathers were dyed using beet juice as inspired by the fair's Beauty and the Beets theme – and some colourful junior baking entries.



PHOTO BY ROB LOWRIE
Selling Muffin Madness tickets at the Salt Spring Rotary Club booth are, from left, June Vergalen, Gillian Taylor and Chris Cheeseman.



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Stingrays strike at provincial championships

Hard work pays off with medals and more

BY WILLIAM RITHALER
STINGRAYS COACH

The Salt Spring Stingrays summer swim team wrapped up their busy season with the BCCSA Provincial Championships, held at the University of British Columbia Aquatic Centre from Aug. 15-18.

Every swimmer worked incredibly hard to qualify for this meet, and the results across the board reflected the effort put into training throughout the May to August season to compete at the provincial level.

The Stingrays had 13 provincial qualifiers this year, with seven swimmers between the ages of nine and 17 years attending the provincial event.

Those who qualified by swimming at several regular season meets and the Vancouver Island Regional Meet on Aug. 2 to 4 but were unable to attend were: Cecilia Cabello-Maclean, Mackenzie Slack and Violet Penner — all in the girls OCAT 1 200 freestyle relay, Zoe Sanchez-Wickland in the 100 breaststroke and 100 freestyle and James Penner and Liam Walsh as alternates. Congratulations to these team members!

The provincial championship wrap-up and results are as follows:

Jade Marshall (Div. 2) had a terrific weekend, starting out her 50 backstroke with a time of 44.33 and a 15th-place seeding. By the end of the day, she had cut off nearly two seconds, swimming a 42.81 in her B final, improving her standing to 11th place in the province.



GRACE COLE

Matthias Woodley finished prelims in the 100 breaststroke seeded 13th. He showed a lot of resilience in his final, pushing through adversity and dropping 2.39 seconds from his preliminary swim, improving to 11th place, with a personal best time of 1:15.34. In the boys (Div. 7) 200 IM, Matthias had an awesome finals swim, dropping 2.9 seconds from his preliminary time and finishing in 11th place.

Grace Cole (OCAT 1, Div. 3) raced hard for two individual medals on the weekend. In the OCAT 1 girls' 50 free, she started out seeded second with a time of 33.25 seconds. In preliminaries, she swam a time of 33.55, maintaining her second-place standing. In the final, Grace stepped it up for an awesome time of 32.43, dropping .82 seconds off her time for a gold medal! In the 100 IM, she maintained her fifth place standing throughout, dropping 1.22 seconds for a personal best time of 1:22.43. In the 50 backstroke, she was seeded third, dropping a total of 1.28 seconds, securing a silver medal in the final. Lastly, she placed fifth in 100 free, finishing in the top five in all four of her individual events.

Elyse Walsh had a chance to swim in three events, with the 50 fly being a wildcard swim. This means she was a designated alternate who had to be ready in case another swimmer was needed. Elyse received that opportunity, so she got a bonus swim on top of the two she had qualified in. Elyse placed in the top 20 of both her 50 fly and 100 freestyle swims. I am most proud of the effort and positive attitude

she displayed throughout the weekend. In the 100 back, her effort in the preliminaries and in qualifying for the A final resulted in a sixth-place finish, a huge accomplishment.

Pasley Hayden had a very exciting weekend with many firsts. It was her first provincial swim meet. In the Div. 4 girls 200 IM, she dropped 3.12 seconds from prelims to finals, swimming a best time by nearly a second and placing 12th. The highlight of her weekend was the 100 breaststroke, however. At the start of the day, Pasley was seeded in eighth place with a time of 1:27.96. After preliminaries, she had improved to sixth place with a best time of 1:26.49. In her first A final ever at provincials, Pasley had another incredible swim, with a personal best time of 1:25.5 and a further improved fifth-place finish.

Keegan Otsubo-Papp placed 12th in the boys (Div. 7) 50 freestyle. He dropped 26 seconds from preliminaries to finals. Keegan also had a terrific 100 backstroke. Finishing preliminaries in 11th place, he dominated the B final, winning by a significant stretch and dropping 3.19 seconds from preliminaries to finals for a ninth-place finish. On top of all this, he achieved a personal best in this gritty swim. Finally, his 100 freestyle resulted in a 14th-place finish.

Druehn Pinney placed sixth in the boys OCAT 2 50 fly, in what was a very tight A final (only one second separating the top nine swimmers). In the 100 freestyle, he placed ninth, winning his B final by a comfortable margin. He also placed ninth in 50 freestyle. The highlight of Druehn's weekend was in his favourite event, the 100 backstroke, where he placed third in a very exciting final that was full of excitement and emotion. Achieving

top-10 finishes in every event is not an easy feat, especially in the OCAT division where every swimmer trains year-round. This is a new field for Druehn and his commitment to sport is notable.

Three Stingrays also competed in Vancouver Island Regional Mixed Relays. A regional relay is a mixed event where boys and girls swim together as a team comprised of four members in their division from the entire Vancouver Island region, thus representing their Vancouver Island team.

In the OCAT 1 regional freestyle relay, Grace swam an exceptional anchor leg of 33.04 seconds to move her team from third to second place. Their combined efforts earned them a silver medal.

In the Div. 7 Mixed Medley Relay, Keegan swam a speedy backstroke entry leg of 30.88 seconds. His effort and focus contributed to the team's third-place finish and bronze medals for all.

In the OCAT 2 mixed medley relay, Druehn's backstroke leg led his team to a third-place finish in what would prove to be a very close final, and bronze medals for all.

On behalf of the coaching team, I would like to express my pride in these athletes and my opportunity to coach them throughout the season, and particularly to see them achieving personal goals at the regional and provincial swim meets, representing not only themselves but their teammates. I would personally like to congratulate each and every team member this year for their perseverance and effort, and thank them for the opportunity to play a part in their success.

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