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News of the west side of Vancouver Island

New golf course opening

• **The DeMamiel Creek Golf Course** – now owned by SEAPARC – was officially opened on Tuesday, July 5 under bright noon-hour skies. The brisk wind did not deter about 100 people from showing up. Barbecued burgers were enjoyed by all.

SEAPARC Chair Mike Hicks was pleased to officially launch this new recreational asset for the Sooke area. SEAPARC manager Steve Knoke was beaming as the new activity unfolded under his watch.

Attending from the District of Sooke were Mayor Maja Tait, Councillor Rick Kasper, Councillor Brenda Parkinson, and CAO Teresa Sullivan.

To prepare for the opening, about six weeks of daily maintenance of the 9-hole 3-par golf course was undertaken.

Green fees are \$15 (\$10 youth, \$40 family). Pull carts and clubs can be rented.

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<< SEAPARC Manager Steve Knoke (left) and SEAPARC Chair Mike Hicks at the official opening of DeMamiel Golf Course, on a sunny July 5.

The venue was privately owned before SEAPARC managed to swing the purchase of it as part of a land deal for \$999,000. Land purchase financing was approved by voters in Sooke, East Sooke, Otter Point and Juan de Fuca, following a referendum April 30.

Hicks says the golf course will remain as a revenue generator for at least five years. The venue is open daily. www.seaparc.ca

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Scorching hot real estate

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Single Family Home Sales June 2016 ~ Focus on the Western Communities

Area	Raw Average	HPI +/-
# of sales	\$ HPI Adjusted	2016/ 2015
Langford	\$591,579	+ 9.3%
91	\$465,500	
Colwood	\$588,868	+ 9.2%
34	\$517,800	
Sooke	\$439,777	+ 7.0%
56	\$382,700	
3 areas as above	\$540,075	+ 12.1%
	\$473,333	
Greater Victoria	\$758,146	+14.4%
	\$593,700	

Selected comparison by West Shore Voice
Developed from data at www.vreb.org

• **Something wrong with this picture?** Housing prices have skyrocketed upward, way out of proportion with the general cost of everything else.

No other expense in the Canadian economy has shot upward like the price of housing in BC, particularly in the Lower Mainland and the south Vancouver Island area.

Clearly the action of market speculation by those with resource has occurred in the hottest market areas, as there is no sensible economic factor for housing price increases that are far outstripping the currently very low rate of inflation.

In the overall Greater Victoria area, the benchmark (data adjusted) price for single-family homes in all map areas was 14.4% higher in June 2016 compared to one year ago. When the actual sales are tallied and averaged out over 585 transactions in June, the actual average sale price of a house in Greater Victoria was \$758,146 – that's 21.7% higher than the \$593,700 benchmark that the Victoria Real Estate Board (VREB)'s MLS promotes as the price

Call to ARTISTS & FOOD VENDORS for Art in the Park

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of a single family home. For the western communities of Langford, Colwood and Sooke, the average actual sale price was \$540,075 in June 2016, which is 12.4% higher than the benchmark of \$473,333 for these areas combined.

The benchmark (House Price Index or HPI) is a data-adjusted figure to incorporate factors that the VREB considers influential on a buying decision and/or livability in that area, including proximity to consumer services, schools, transit and recreation.

The three western communities of Langford, Colwood and Sooke saw a total of 181 sales in June 2016. That represents 30.9% of all 585 sales in Greater Victoria last month. Due to the relative affordability of this region – being somewhat away from the core (Victoria, Saanich, Oak Bay), sales are strong.

In Langford the actual sale average of \$491,579 in June 2016 (91 sales) was 21.3% higher than the benchmark promoted by VREB. HPI factors are making Langford housing prices appear (on first blush) to be much lower than they really are.

In Colwood the actual average of \$588,868 (34 sales) was 12.1% higher than the benchmark. This HPI percentage is on par with that of overall Greater Victoria.

In Sooke the actual average of \$439,777 (56 sales) was 13.0% higher than the benchmark. The HPI level of \$382,700 makes Sooke sound more affordable than it really is. Factors to push down the HPI figure would include travel-distance to jobs, big-retail and medical.

For the sake of current homeowners, it would be favourable for the market not to 'correct' (drop significantly or crash). For those who can only dream of affording a home, BC Premier Christy Clark said last week that her government aims to improve affordability in the months ahead. **WSV**

When the dog bites...

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• **"When the dog bites, when the bee stings..."** ... so goes a lyric from a song in *The Sound of Music*.

When a dog bites someone in communities served by the Capital Regional District (CRD), the Animal Control department hopes the incident will be reported. The 24/7 phone line for animal complaints in Langford, Colwood Sooke, Metchosin, Highlands, and the Juan de Fuca area is 250-478-0624.

"Even if it's a minor bite, we keep a record and build a history on an animal," says Coral Henderson at CRD Animal Control. There's a six-month window to make your report.

"When a dog incident is reported, we hope to rely on a previous history," says Don Brown, Chief Bylaw Officer, CRD. In some cases a dog will be declared dangerous, and the pet owner will be asked to post a Dangerous Dog sign in front of their house. After an appropriate time, the danger-status is reviewed, says Brown. If a person whose dog has been declared dangerous moves to a new location, they must notify CRD. At present there are about 40 to 50 dogs on the CRD's dangerous dogs list.

All dog-owners in the CRD area must have a licence for each of their dogs. Any dog that is running loose can be seized.

"We do a lot of patrolling in Sooke," says Brown. Overall in CRD about 600 dogs per year are taken to the pound. "But people come pick up their dogs pretty fast," he says. On average, a stray dog that is picked up by CRD animal control ends up in the pound about 1 to 2 days.

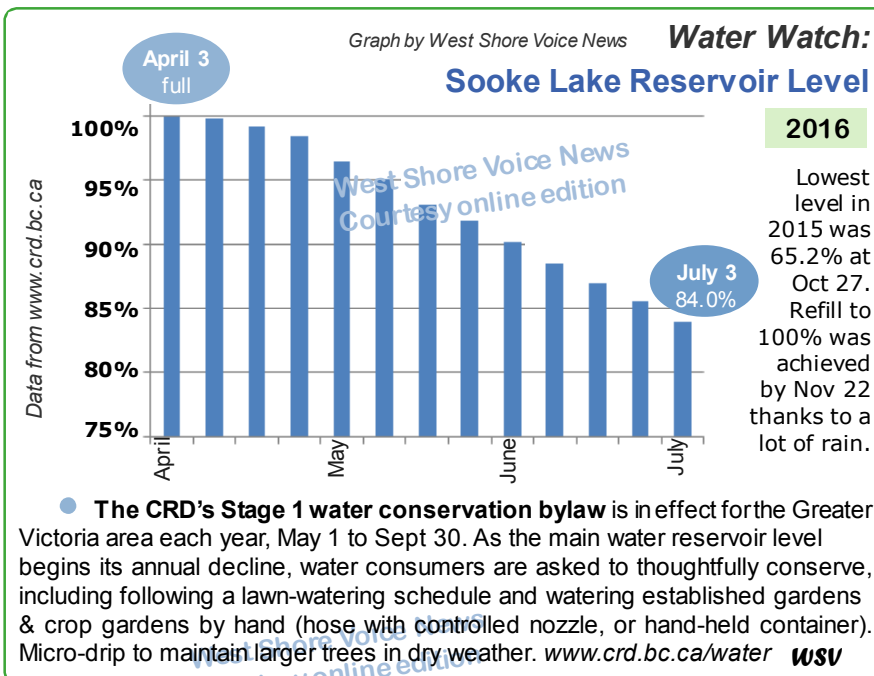
In Sooke there are presently 12 dogs on the CRD's dangerous dog list, including one new one this year. The municipality gets a copy of the list and knows the locations of these animals.



CRD animal control vehicles in Colwood.

Responsible pet ownership is the way to go, says Henderson. "The owner must be responsible for the dog's actions," she says. A muzzle and leash are recommended for dogs that tend to be aggressive. If dogs get easily agitated when people approach a house, the dog should not have access to the front door area of a house, says Henderson. "But it's easy to train that out of them," she adds.

Bylaws in Langford, Colwood and Sooke require that dogs be on a leash when being walked. **WSV**



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EDITORIAL

Editorials aim to explore broader issues of concern to communities, economy and society as a whole.

Political correctness sets infection in motion: biting blogs make it worse

Like a biological epidemic, the scourge that it is to be politically-correct at every breathing moment of one's life is serving to cripple the well-being of a fluid and functioning local community and broader society.

What people are afraid to say and do, and what the Internet may unearth about them to a future employer or whatever, is causing a new form of socio-political paralysis.

Close to home in Sooke, lately there's been a temporal outrage online about whether one of the District Councillors (Kerrie Reay) was in cahoots with the most recently hired CAO (Teresa Sullivan). Hiring committee chair had worked with hired employee in a past incarnation. Did they know each other? Sure. Does that mean the one who hired is benefitting? Maybe, but how so? Does that automatically mean the one who was hired is unqualified for the job? No. Does it look a bit 'like a duck' (as one blog contributor put it), as in the perception creating the reality? Well, it sure does look awkward and probably could have been handled more carefully from a public perception perspective. But if the municipality ended up with a well-qualified person in the CAO hot seat with no untoward benefit (payout or favouritism) to the hiring chair, does the flutter of 'duck feathers' really matter? Roll with it, people!

To continue the metaphor – do ducks of a feather flock together? Generally speaking, yes, when the opportunity arises. Very likely the hiring chair and CAO have political and/or administrative perspectives in common if they have cooperated on ventures in the past. It doesn't mean that either of them has not



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done or is not doing their job of serving Sooke's best interests.

It would be wonderful if this town could energetically focus on what is really important. Wouldn't it be more productive for all available attention to be focused on the economic well being of small businesses, families and 20s-something youth who are struggling in this horrid post-recession globalizing economy?

For sure, this 2014-2018 Council is not perfect – no Council ever is. But drilling down on those who do their best to serve is no way to elevate this community above the poor reputation Sooke often gets in broader circles. Damage to the entire community is generated by the poisonous swirling sludge that is often found in blog-response pages where emotion and uninformed ideas only stir up dirt and trouble. An attentive community deserves better.

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west side of the island

Summer 2016: earth, wind, rain and fire

The soil is dry, the wind for over a week has been hot and moistureless, the rain is sparse (a bit fell on July 7 and 8, on this west side of the island), and fire is always a concern under these drought conditions.

Last week the BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources declared a Level 4 Drought (the highest level) for Vancouver Island. On top of the usual requirement for less outdoor watering of plants and lawns, it expects restricted indoor water use by households. In the Capital Regional District (CRD) area of south Vancouver Island, the water supply in the Sooke Lake Reservoir allows municipal areas to enjoy continued Stage 1 water conservation (designated days for lawn watering, watering established shrubs and veggie gardens with a controlled nozzle or container, and micro-drip for larger trees).

"Combined with the steady wind we have been getting, conditions are right for a fire to become significant should one occur," says Chris Aubrey, Langford Assistant Chief Fire Prevention. "A good indicator of how quickly a fire can spread in these conditions was on June 27 with the series of brush fires in View Royal," says Aubrey. "The one we attended with them along the side of the highway was able 300 ft long and about 50 ft wide. It grew to that size in a matter of a few minutes. Should the fires have been in a more remote area it would have been difficult to control quickly. It is vital that we all take caution as a single incident could spread rapidly and quickly endanger homes and lives." WSV

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Sooke Chamber aims to revamp awards process

Public input is invited by the Sooke Region Chamber of Commerce about their annual Business Excellence Awards process. Following discussion and review over the last two months and two board meetings, Chamber president Kerry Cavers says "it is time the awards evolved".

Concerns that have surfaced include how the nominations are made available (including categories), criteria for being nominated, choice of judges, and cost/format of the awards dinner.

The survey is online at:
<https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/XPiOe> WSV

Arts funding oversight shifts to SPA

Any grant funding for arts organizations in Sooke now falls under the purview of the District of Sooke's Sooke Program of the Arts (SPA) Committee. It happened so smoothly at the June 27 Sooke Council meeting, that even SPA Chair Drew Johnston sought followup confirmation. CAO Teresa Sullivan has confirmed to West Shore Voice News that in future not just visual arts but also music organizations will go through SPA for funding requests and project input. This is likely good news for the Sooke Community Arts Council, Sooke Fine Arts Society, Sooke Philharmonic Society, Sooke Harmony Project, and others whose bids require a creative ear. WSV

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Be 'car care aware' for your summer road trip

If your summer vacation plans include a road trip, the last thing you want is to have unexpected car trouble to leave you stranded at the side of the road, ruining all the fun.

A pre-trip vehicle check is the best way to be car-care-aware and ensure that your car is ready to get you to your destination, says the Great Canadian Oil Change.

Chris and Tim at Great Canadian Oil Change in Langford recommend the following pre-trip checklist before hitting the road this summer:

- Check **filters and fluids**, including engine oil, power steering and brake and transmission, as well as windshield washer fluid and antifreeze/coolant. Dirty air filters can waste gas and cause the engine to lose power.
- Check the **hoses and belts** that can become cracked, brittle, frayed, loose or show signs of excessive wear. These are critical to the proper functioning of the electrical system, air conditioning, power steering and the cooling system.
- Check the **brake system** and make sure the **battery connection** is clean, tight and corrosion-free.
- Check the **tires**, including tire pressure and tread. Underinflated tires reduce a vehicle's fuel economy and uneven wear indicates a need for wheel alignment. Tires should also be checked for bulges and bald spots.
- Check that the **gas cap** is not damaged, loose or missing to prevent gas from spilling or evaporating. WSV

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SD62 wraps up 2015-2016

During the evening of June 28, at their final public board meeting of the 2015-2016 academic year, Sooke School District 62 (SD62) trustees and senior staff wrapped up or summarized a number of items of the business of providing public education services to the families of Langford, Colwood and Sooke. Among other things:

Capital Bylaw approval (3rd reading) - including roof repair at EMCS (\$464,380) and two new buses (\$330,409).

Custodial review - staff and CUPE met bi-weekly for 4-5 months, identifying all square-footage, existing resources, and any areas of difficulty.

Transportation update - first year with firm deadline (June 24) for bus rider registration (2016-2017), with some spots reserved for new families arriving over the summer. Same number of routes as previous years. Parents get confirmation of pickup location. Fees up \$50/rider over last year.

PACE Performing Arts Academy - \$60 fee approved for 2016-2017.

Global & Intercultural Studies 12 - new course available outside the timetable (at Journey & Spencer).

South Island Partnership (SD62 & Camosun) ongoing success. Of 3,702 SIP students to date, 24% followed up immediately to attend Camosun; 44% within 3 years; 42% in 10-year period 2004-2014. **WSV**

Sooke School District 62

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Finger on the pulse, full of beans

Sooke Fall Fair Sept 10 & 11, 2016

Got pulses? Around the world there is a lot of interest in growing pulses, and using them as part of a healthy diet. 2016 is the International Year of Pulses, a UN effort to increase awareness and understanding of the challenges faced by pulse farmers, and to position pulses as a primary source of protein and other essential nutrients. Sooke Fall Fair 2016 "has its finger on the Pulses, but we are full of Beans". www.sookefallfair.ca

Pulses include beans, chick-peas and lentils. They are low-fat, high fibre, and a good protein source. Pulses generally contain about twice as much protein as found in whole grains like wheat, oats, barley and rice. Any protein from pulses or grains is 'incomplete'. They must be combined with other partial or complete proteins to gain a complete protein benefit (e.g. other grains/pulses, peanut butter, milk or cheese). **WSV**

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Another privacy breach at Island Health

~ Editor, West Shore Voice News

Another breach of patient file privacy was made public by Island Health on July 8. They were quick to point out it was similar in nature but separate from the two breaches that were announced on June 14.

Island Health patients whose files have been viewed in an unauthorized way are being contacted, says Island Health.

While the July 8 news release professed outrage by Island Health CEO Dr Brendan Carr, it has not yet been made evident by the regional health board that a deeper look is being undertaken. What drives health record privacy breaches is the big question. Is it about training insufficiencies, not enough 'fear factor' (repercussions), a degree of corporate culture erosion, and/or simply that there could be financial or personal gain from the pilfered info combined with operational procedures and computer software that allow for easy access? **WSV**

Protecting your eyes in summer sun

Notes by Dr Louise Morin, Optometrist | WEST SHORE VOICE NEWS

Your eyes are potentially exposed to damage simply by going outdoors in bright summer light. Over time, the sun's rays can seriously damage the eyes and surrounding skin, sometimes leading to vision loss and conditions from cataracts and macular degeneration to eye and eyelid cancers.

Some daily protective strategies can help keep our eyes and the sensitive skin around them healthy. It helps to know about certain types of light from the sun that can cause damage:

Ultraviolet A and Ultraviolet B light: Ultraviolet A (UVA) and ultraviolet B (UVB), powerful, invisible rays with wavelengths shorter than visible light, are the most dangerous parts of sunlight. They can cause cataracts, eyelid cancers and other skin cancers, and are believed to play a part in macular degeneration, a major cause of vision loss for people over age 60. In addition, UV rays can prematurely wrinkle and age the skin around the eyes.

High-Energy Visible Light (HEV light)/Blue Light: HEV light (high-energy visible light in the violet/blue spectrum) is a potential contributor to cataracts and other serious eye maladies. Blue light can damage the retina over time, leading to macular degeneration. The retina is the membrane where images are formed and transmitted to the brain. The macula, the region of sharpest vision located near the center of the retina, is the most likely area to be damaged.

The fairer your skin, the greater your age, and the lighter your eyes, the higher your long-term risk - especially if your work or recreation involves prolonged sunlight exposure. Light eyes are at increased risk for skin cancer and certain eye diseases because they contain less of the protective pigment melanin.

Protective eyewear is important.

- Eyewear should absorb and block 99% to 100% of UVA and UVB light, and ideally also guard against HEV light.
- Eyewear coverage should be sufficient to shield the eyes, eyelids, and surrounding areas. The more skin covered, the better. Wrap-around styles with a comfortable, close fit and UV-protective side shields are ideal.
- Look for eyewear durability and impact resistance.
- Polarized lenses will eliminate glare, especially when driving, but also out on the water, where reflection greatly

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magnifies glare. Continued glare can cause fatigue, headaches, and even migraines. **WSV**

Other summer eye protection tips:

- **A hat** with at least a 3-inch brim all around can block up to half of all UVB rays from your eyes and eyelids. Hats or tinted visors also help block UV from entering your eyes from above.
- **Using sunscreen** on your face is also important, as sunglasses and hats cannot cover your entire face.
- **Seek shade** when outdoors, especially between 10am and 4pm when UV rays are strongest. Sources: Skin Cancer Fdn, National Eye Institute, Skin Cancer Foundation Journal **WSV**

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Sooke Fine Arts in 2016: 30th-year celebration, modernity by jury

The 30th Sooke Fine Arts Show and art sale (July 22 to Aug 1) will likely attract the interest of about 8,000 visitors as in previous years, possibly more, given the anniversary factor. Hence, no surprise at the highest-ever number of entries this year - just shy of 1,500 works of art submitted for adjudication.

"The Sooke Fine Arts Shows is a grand achievement made possible by hundreds of passionate volunteers and the undying enthusiasm of the arts community," says Catherine Keogan, Executive Director, Sooke Fine Arts Society.

This year about 375 works will be on display in the show, selected from among the contributions by artists across the coastal islands of BC. Each year the jurors are chosen from beyond the Sooke community, as a way of looping in a larger view to a local show and providing a degree of impartiality.

Each year the show takes on a distinct flavour, resulting largely from the tastes and perspectives of the jurors. This year expect a degree of modernity.

• **Ben Reeves**, BFA (UBC), MA (Chelsea College of Art & Design, UK) is a Vancouver artist and teacher, with a conceptually and materially-based drawing and painting practice. "His work depicts the hallucinatory everyday, and explores how pictures function even as he is making them." He teaches at the graduate level at Emily Carr University.

• **Diana Thorneycroft** is a Winnipeg artist who depicts Canadian identity in her photo exhibits that have been seen across Canada, the USA and Europe, as well as in Moscow, Tokyo and Sydney. She has received numerous awards including from the Canada Council, the Manitoba Arts Council and the Banff Centre for the Arts. She taught for 25 years at the University of Manitoba's School of Art.

• **Michael Warren**, BA in Art History (UVic) feels that art is a major part of how culture is expressed. He owns and directs the Madrona Gallery in Victoria with "fresh and enthusiastic insight". He offers experience with a wide breadth of institutional, commercial, conventional and contemporary genres. He has studied traditional and avant-garde contemporary Inuit art.

The Purchaser's Preview Night on Thursday, July 21 affords an opportunity to acquire the best hot picks and mingle with fellow art enthusiasts. Tickets are \$30, and can be purchased online. www.sookefinearts.com **WSV**

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Music in the Park - concert by UnderTow. Sun July 10. 2 to 4 pm. Free at Veterans Memorial Park, Langford. www.cityoflangford.ca

Blood Donor Clinic. Mon July 11. Church of the Advent, 510 Mount View Ave, Colwood. www.blood.ca

Galloping Goose - Sooke Connector Trail. Mon July 11. Official opening 11:30 am. North end of Sooke River Road Park. All welcome. www.sooke.ca

District of Sooke Mon July 11. **Regular Council** 7pm. Webcast & agenda: www.sooke.ca

Sooke Night Market. Thursdays. Sooke Region Museum, 5-8pm (to Sept 1). www.sookeregionmuseum.ca
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sell their goods. Live entertainment every week plus food trucks with hot/cold foods and coffee for sale. **WSV**

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Valdy and local singer-songwriter Katrina Kadoski. Sat July 16. 8pm Sooke Harbour House. Tx \$40 The Stick, Shoppers, www.Eventbrite.ca

Music in the Park - concert by Groove Diggers. Sun July 17. 2 to 4 pm. Free at Veterans Memorial Park, Langford. www.cityoflangford.ca

Eagle Arts Summer Day Camp. July 18-22 in Victoria. Film, musical theatre, visual art. For ages 6-10 & 11-14. \$275 for the week. Also pre/post camp \$40. 250-896-4664. www.summerartscamp.com

Communities in Bloom. CiB provincial judges will be in Sooke July 21-23 (touring July 22). Spruce up your front garden or business frontage before then! www.sooke.ca



Growing Local: Bean there, doing that! food production history exhibit (daily to Sept 5) upstairs at Sooke Region Museum (no elevator). www.sookeregionmuseum.ca

Exhibits



30th Annual Sooke Fine Arts Show July 22 to Aug 1 at SEAPARC arena. Event details: www.sookefinearts.com



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Blood Donor Clinic. Mon Aug 1. Sooke Legion, 6726 Eustace Rd. 11:30am-6:30pm. www.blood.ca

Rio Ready. Fri Aug 5. Watch live, 2 pm in the fan zone at Bear Mountain. See events page at www.cityoflangford.ca

Art in the Park. Sat Aug 13. At Ed Macgregor Park in Sooke. 10am to 8pm. Outdoor art sale, food concession. www.sookecommunityarts.com

Sooke Harbour Festival. Sat Aug 20 at Ed MacGregor Park. Paddle board & kayak race, arts & music. www.emcsprograms.ca

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Facelift at Peoples in Sooke

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Since acquiring the Peoples Drug Mart store in Sooke on March 1, new owner John Butler has been adding more inventory and adjusting displays to make the 7,000 sq ft store feel more spacious. Butler says he and his 15 staff have been working hard to set up the revitalized store. Wider aisles and fresh paint are part of the facelift.

Over 3,000 new items have been added including fashion, giftware, toys, summer seasonal items, and a wide selection of purses and bags.

Butler has operated about 20 pharmacies in the last 30 years, all around BC. He is enjoying Sooke, working with his experienced staff, and getting to know the customers. **WSV**



Crabs set free

WEST SHORE VOICE NEWS

Canada Day ended well for 125 crabs. A Sooke RCMP officer was patrolling the area of the Sooke Rotary peer, at 1:15 am in the wee hours of July 1.

"The officer noticed lights in the park area, and proceeded to investigate," says Sooke RCMP Detachment Commander S/Sgt Jeff McArthur.

Seeing the officer, three men attempted to flee and threw crabbing gear into the bushes. They were located a short distance away in their nearby vehicle, and still in possession of buckets of live crabs – about 125 of them. In a nearby vehicle was the wife of one of the suspects.

After some bit of work, 124 of the crabs were measured and found to be undersized; 110 of these were female.

The three men from View Royal (ages 43, 66 & 69) were charged



Spotlight on liberated crustaceans, at night in Sooke.

with various fisheries offences; the 43-year-old woman was also charged. Their first appearance is set for Oct 13.

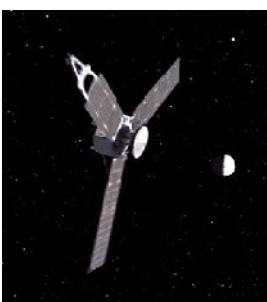
All in all, not the usual sort of incident for RCMP officers.

"The crabs were returned to the ocean and all were expected to make a full recovery," said S/Sgt McArthur.

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Juno now orbiting Jupiter

After a 5-year 1.7-billion-mile journey at about 165,000 kph (starting August 5, 2011), NASA's Juno unmanned deep-space probe reached Jupiter and achieved orbit this week on July 4, 2016. For 20 months the probe (that is 3.5 metres wide and weighs 3,600 kg) will send back data about whether there is a solid core, measure the amount of water and ammonia in the deep atmosphere, and map Jupiter's intense magnetic field. After 37 orbits, hardworking Juno will deorbit into Jupiter in February 2018. www.nasa.gov/juno **WSV**



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