

# Mayor talks of ‘very wide circle’

## > FROM A1: SOOKE

“It dropped quickly, so each minute and hour that it dropped — that opened up our search area because it exposed more ground,” she said.

By Tuesday, the receding river exposed previously hidden areas and searchers walking along the shoreline were able to spot a body underneath the water, Farr said.

“It’s not the outcome that we hoped for,” she said. “We’re always hoping to find a live subject. That’s the goal and that’s why we’re here. But at least we have an outcome and we found this boy and his family can grieve.”

The search focused on both sides of the river from Sooke River Potholes Provincial Park to the Sooke basin and included members of search-and-rescue teams from Juan de Fuca, Metchosin and Cowichan as well as firefighters, police, Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue and the Peninsula Emergency Measures Organization.

“We’re all really tired,” Farr said. “We’re really grateful that we have an opportunity to serve this community the way that we do and we’re really glad that we were able to bring some closure for the family and friends involved.”

Sooke Mayor Maja Tait



Sooke RCMP Cpl. Joe Holmes and Juan de Fuca search-and-rescue manager Kathryn Farr. “We’re really grateful that we have an opportunity to serve this community,” Farr says. ADRIAN LAM, TIMES COLONIST

expressed the district’s condolences to the men’s families, friends, co-workers and acquaintances.

“I think for many it’s still a time of shock and a very deep grief,” she said, prior to the discovery of the third body.

“These were ... youth with a

future and all the hope in the world ahead of them. It’s not the news we had hoped for.”

Tait also thanked all the search-and-rescue volunteers and individuals who rallied and brought their trucks and gear to help search for the young men and help their families.

“There’s a very wide circle here,” she said.

The Sooke School District issued a statement offering its condolences to the men’s families and friends.

“They were all a part of our school family, having graduated from Edward Milne Community School,” the district said. “This is a tragic loss and horrific event for the families to have to endure.

“We are supporting students and staff impacted by this loss by ensuring counselling support is available in our schools. Our thoughts are with those who are struggling at this time.”

An online fundraising page set up for the families of the three men had raised more than \$16,000 as of Tuesday evening.

“It is very sad and heartbreaking to have to update this fundraiser with the news that the body of A.J. Jensen has been found,” said a note posted to the page on Tuesday.

“Please take a moment and say a prayer for the families and friends of these three boys. The love of all of Sooke is directed to them in this tragic time — we as a whole are heartbroken.

“Much love to all the search and rescue teams and volunteers for all that they have done. RIP Cory, AJ, and Eric — your community will wrap its love around your families and friends.”

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# How the orca-tracking system works

## > FROM A1: ORCAS

Google used 1,800 hours of annotated audio recordings provided by Fisheries and Oceans Canada to teach a machine model to recognize the sound of an orca and distinguish it from other noises. Google’s technology applies state-of-the-art image classification to spectrogram images, which visually represent sound.

The system feeds audio data to Rainforest Connection’s web interface, which sends notifications directly to Cottrell’s mobile phone.

The non-profit had already developed acoustic monitoring systems to detect the sounds of chainsaws and vehicles in rainforests and send live alerts to their partners in an effort to curb illegal deforestation.

Alerts show where the whales are in real-time and allow marine-mammal managers to determine what direction they’re travelling

in when they’re detected by more than one station in the network.

Cottrell said the technology will improve their ability to monitor sick, injured and distressed orcas, which is essential for assessing their health.

It could also prove useful in the event of an oil spill.

“It there was a spill and you knew the trajectory, you could get in front of that and prevent animals from getting into that area,” Cottrell said.

The program might be able to identify the three different pods

of southern resident killer whales in the future, something only a few individuals can do, Cottrell said.

“If experts are capable of distinguishing them only by listening to the sounds, then there’s a really good chance that we can as well with AI, because that means there’s some quality of the sound that is distinguishable,” said Julie Cattiau, a product manager at Google headquarters in Mountain View, California.

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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5

**The Ministry of Grace** by Tara Beagan at the Belfry Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Tickets at belfry.bc.ca

**2020 Black History Month.** The B.C. Black History Awareness Society celebrates the historical and current achievements of black people in the province with lectures, music and readings and more. Schedule of events for the month at bcblackhistory.ca.

**Shrek the Musical,** Stelly’s Secondary School, 1627 Stellys Cross Rd., 7 p.m. Tickets at brownpapertickets.com.

**University of Victoria Alumni Week,** a week-long celebration of UVic alumni, Saturday through Feb. 7 at UVic; uvic.ca/alumni.

**Butchart Gardens Spring Prelude Indoor Garden and Historical Display** through March 15 at 800 Benvenuto Ave.; butchartgardens.com.

**Lego Exhibition** at the Sidney Museum featuring a wider range of themes including Star Wars, Minecraft, Friends, Harry Potter, Batman and vintage sets. Daily through March 21, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at 2423 Beacon Ave., Sidney. Admission by donation; sidneymuseum.ca.

**Phillips Comedy Night** at the Mint Restaurant, 1414B Douglas St. Every Wednesday, 8 p.m. Tickets at eventbrite.ca and at the door.

**Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo** at ort Theatre, 125 Front St., Nanaimo, 7:30 p.m. Tickets at porttheatre.com. Pre-show chat at 6:45 p.m. in the Harmac Room.

**THURSDAY, FEB. 6**

**The Rocket Man and the Piano Man,** tribute to Elton John and Billy Joel starring Ryan Langevin at Elements Casino, 1700 Island Hwy., 8 p.m. Tickets at ticketmaster.ca

**Victoria Guitar Society** presents classical guitarist Raphaël Feuillâtre at St. George’s Anglican Church, 3909 St. George’s Lane, 7:30 p.m. Tickets at victoriaguitarsociety.ca, Good Earth Coffeehouse, Ivy’s Bookshop, Long & McQuade, Tanner’s Books and at the door.

**Drag, Queers and Beers 4** at Phillips Brewing & Malting Co. The tasting room becomes a runway with performances from three of the city’s hottest drag artists. 7:30-10 p.m. at 2010 Government St. RSVP at theorderofthemoistbrollie.com.

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## CORRECTION

**Kilshaw’s closed in March 2019**

Kilshaw’s Auctioneers closed last year on March 31 after 70 years in business in Victoria. Incorrect information appeared in a story and photo caption on page C1 of Tuesday’s *Times Colonist*.

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