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FLOWER SALES: Kina Shaak, left, and helper Melia Valdivielso set up in the market on a recent Saturday, selling their springtime wares and enjoying the sun and the crowds in Centennial Park.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Lions' donation sets skatepark project on track

By GAIL SJUBERG
Staff Writer

A huge cheer flew from the Kanaka Road Monday afternoon as a Salt Spring Lions Club gift of \$100,000 to build a new skatepark on the site was announced.

The donation means that construction can likely begin July 1.

"We're putting the finishing touches on the planning work and we want to be done by the end of September," said Salt Spring Skatepark Society executive member Micah Booy.

The project was chosen to mark the Lions' 45th anniversary on Salt Spring in September.

"We wanted to do a community project that celebrated this, and the skate-

park and the whole of the development with the school board area seemed to fit into our agenda," said Lions past-president Steve Somerset.

The idea was first brought to the club by member Gayle Meek, with skatepark society members then making a presentation, which included a topnotch video made by Ryan Fogarty.

Somerset said the idea was unanimously supported by the Lions membership.

He observed that the club's increasing number of younger members has had a welcome impact.

"The project really came about as a result of our newer, younger members in the club, like Gayle . . .

SKATEPARK A3

Hectic weekend kicks off the tourist season

The Victoria Day long weekend is traditionally one of the busiest on Salt Spring Island.

This year is no exception, with 32 men's and women's soccer teams set to converge on the island for the 19th annual Salt Spring Challenge Cup tournament. Games will be played Saturday and Sunday on the Portlock Park, high school and middle school fields, with the finals set for Monday.

Another large contingent of visitors arrives by boat for the 30th annual Round Salt Spring sailing race. The Home and Haven tour of island homes and gardens — an ArtSpring fundraiser — draws even more people here on Saturday.

The May 20 opening of ArtCraft is another sign that the tourist season has begun, along with the return of the Driftwood's four-page Visitor section, which contains tourist information and the What's On calendar of events through the summer months.

Parents save Phoenix from budgetary plucking

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Doors will remain open at Phoenix Elementary since trustees adopted a parent-developed budget at the Gulf Islands School District board meeting on May 12.

"When people get around an issue and say, 'What can I do?' the positive spin is amazing," said school board chair May McKenzie.

Last month, cash-strapped school trustees voted 4-2

to relocate the alternative education program away from its Drake Road site to become a school-within-a-school in a desperate effort to save \$138,000.

But that motion was rescinded at the board meeting on Galiano Island last Wednesday after a group of parents and school staff made an alternative proposal.

"They worked really hard and submitted a budget plan to us that would cover that

\$138,000, and then some," McKenzie said.

The Phoenix group proposed a plan to fundraise \$7,500; make facility improvements worth \$5,000; increase school enrolment to full capacity, generating an additional \$99,000; add more international students for \$12,500; and make modest staffing reductions for the remaining \$36,500, she said.

Parents and staff at Phoe-

nix are "absolutely thrilled" about the board turn-around, said principal Shelly Johnson.

"We have another year to prove ourselves," she said.

"Though this process has been painful at times, it has really revitalized us in some ways. I think next year will probably be our best year. Parents have realized the value of the place."

A couple of parents looked at budgetary figures

provided by the district last month, came up with a plan of their own and presented it to the board two weeks ago, she said.

"They realized the numbers weren't quite as dire as they appeared and if we did a few things around here, we could actually turn those numbers around to be favourable for the school district."

The school pledged to increase regular enrolment

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Local discards benefit firefighters in Kabul

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Cast-off personal safety gear from the Salt Spring Fire Department will find a new home with desperate firefighters in Afghanistan.

“Their department has been devastated and it’s been difficult to remain safe doing their jobs,” said island fire chief Dave Enfield.

Accordingly, Salt Spring sent approximately 15 old helmets and familiar yellow sets of protective clothing as part of a project organized by chief Bob Beckett of the Langford Fire Department, Enfield said.

“Langford has been able to patch up things and put back reflective strips.”

But Enfield didn’t want to boast about the island’s small part in the project.

“You feel guilty giving this stuff to them.”

He described how island firefighters carefully taped up the box of donated gear to hide the contents: threadbare pants and coats deteriorated beyond Canadian safety standards, battered helmets and boots devoid of liners, some suspenders and balaclavas, and a box of mismatched leather gloves curled with age and rough use.

“Frankly, this is stuff that should have been thrown in the garbage.”

But it’s better than the gear they’ve got in Afghanistan and new equipment is prohibitively expensive, he noted.

“In today’s firefighter standards, it’s stuff we wouldn’t wear,” said Langford Fire Department Lieut. Geoff Spriggs.

“All of it will withstand a fire scene. The stuff is very workable.”

Outfitting a firefighter with new regulation “turn-out” gear costs approximately \$1,600. Quilted heat-protective clothing with water-resistant and non-flammable Nomex shells costs \$1,100 alone.

After 23 years of war, Kabul was down to three fire trucks and devoid of protective clothing until Canadian soldiers repaired three more vehicles and Langford sent 70 sets of turn-out gear last year, along with humanitarian and educational supplies donated by the Colwood Rotary Club.

“Basically, they have nothing,” said Spriggs.

Expanding on last years’ program, Langford sent another 100 sets of turn-

out gear, 25 self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) units, extra air bottles and a nearly new compressor to refill air tanks this month.

A new SCBA unit costs \$3,200 in Canada, extra air cylinders are valued at \$700 and a new air compressor runs \$15,000 to \$30,000.

Spriggs, Beckett and another Langford firefighter will also fly to Afghanistan at the end of the month to spend five days training the Kabul fire department on the equipment.

“We’re basically a go. We’re just waiting for that final confirmation.”

In addition, the Canadian Armed Forces and Canadian International Development Agency have dedicated \$130,000 to renovate a firehall and buy hoses, nozzles and tools for repairing trucks.

Incidentally, international aid is nothing new to the Salt Spring Fire Department. Islanders sent some non-conforming firehoses to a fire department in the Caribbean back in 2001.

And the Salt Spring Fire Department intends to save out-of service equipment and gear for donation to needy places in the future, Enfield said.

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from the current 35 to 42 for full capacity, increase enrollment of the District Learners Partnership Program (DLPP) by eight students and increase their international program by four students.

“Our whole community has learned a lot about how democracy can work,” Johnson said.

The community leapt forward to save the alternative school by registering 43 students over a two-week period. Some families even moved to the island to attend the school, she said.

“I have quite a long list of potential registrants for next year in a very short time without too much promotion,” Johnson said.

She doesn’t see a problem finding another eight students for the DLPP, which currently provides home-school support for 23 students.

“My advice to anyone who wants to join Phoenix is to call the school as soon as possible.”

Johnson expressed admiration for the parents who put so much work into the plan to save the school.

“Some of our parents set aside their really busy lives and put in I don’t know how

many hours to make this happen. We all owe them a debt of gratitude.”

Phoenix parent Tim Marchant joked about avoiding allusions to the school’s namesake myth.

“I don’t want to say, ‘Rising from the ashes.’ I’ve never said that because Phoenix has never died.”

With a background in engineering, problem solving and financial analysis, Marchant was instrumental in developing the new proposal in cooperation with school staff and district administration.

“The biggest thing is that Phoenix has been full historically and this year it was not.”

Another central budget issue is that students have come and gone from the school over the course of the year but the province only counts enrolment on one date.

“It’s like trying to dock at low tide.”

Parents at Phoenix did not realize how important enrolment on the September 30 date was to funding, he said.

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FOUR-WHEELED APPRECIATION: Skateboarders and Salt Spring Skatepark Society members said thanks to Lions Club executive members for a \$100,000 Lions Club donation for a new Kanaka Road skatepark with a signed skateboard gift Monday.

Photo by Gail Sjuberg

SKATEPARK: “Now is the time”

From Page 1

They have the good ideas and know what the community needs. So it’s a great win-win situation.”

Skatepark society member Bruce Ruddell said the specific facility design makes it appropriate for various age levels and skill abilities, and also incorporates green space.

While the Lions’ contribution means the skatepark facility itself can be completed, other parts of the overall park-area vision still need funding. Between \$20,000 and \$50,000 must still be raised to complete the park for families and people of all ages.

John Millerd, another longtime society member, said securing the Kanaka Road location was key.

“A lot of skateparks have been built on the fringes of a community, and it was important for us to bring the skatepark into the centre of the community.”

Spectrum Skatepark Designs owner Jim Barnum has already completed the design, which Booy and others are thrilled with.

“It’s going to be a real destination park. It’ll be one of the best in B.C. for sure,” he said.

Booy has worked to establish a real skatepark on Salt Spring since 1994 when he was 14.

The skatepark concept and even the current Kanaka Road site has received strong community support through the years.

“All of the people who said they wanted to help — now is the time,” said Ruddell.

Anyone wanting more information or to get volunteer pledge forms should call Booy at 537-5636.

For financial contributions, call Ruddell at 537-1330.

Tent caterpillars march on

By JENNIFER MCFEE
Staff Writer

Pesky tent caterpillars are plaguing Salt Spring this season as they eat their way across the island.

These pests, named for the tent-like nests spun on branches to protect their eggs, snack on leaves of shrubs, fruit trees, willows and alders.

Chris Schmah, owner of Foxglove Farm and Garden Supplies, said the problem is cyclical.

“Every seven to 10 years they get a little bit ahead of the predators. The year following, the predators usually catch up by the end of the season. The follow-up will be five or six years of nothing.”

According to Schmah, wasps are the main predator of the furry, brown critters.

“A dandruff-sized small white egg is laid on the head of the caterpillar. The larva of the wasp goes into the caterpillar and kills it.”

He said the tent caterpillar population is moderately heavy this spring. “We’ve seen worse. It may get worse next year or it may not.”

He said homeowners can control the insects with two products. Trounce is a con-

tact insecticide that has to be sprayed directly on the caterpillars.

The organic alternative is to put the naturally occurring bacteria bacillus thuringiensis (Bt) on leaves the caterpillars will likely eat. Once they ingest the bacteria, it interrupts their normal digestion process. They stop feeding and die.

“While we can control them in our home garden, they’re still out there in the forests,” he said. “They can reduce tree growth, but they can’t usually kill a tree that’s more than five years old.”

Rick Starke of Salt Spring Island Pest Control offers other solutions.

“If you can reach the nest, cut the branches and burn it,” he said. “But you have to be careful with fire bylaws. You can also wrap it in black plastic and just leave it out in the sun.”

Pest Control Services owner Larry Cross said his company does not do tree spraying.

“Pesticides are not the answer,” he said. “If anyone wants to spray, I’d say to use soapy water because it’s nicer for the environment.”

Cross said people can also

apply a band of Tanglefoot, a glue-like substance available at hardware and gardening stores, around the trunk of an affected tree.

“Then [the caterpillars] can’t migrate unless the tree they’re on is touching other trees.”

Cross said most people just accept the fact that these caterpillars come and go.

“It’s their turn to do their thing. It’s when they’re crawling across the picnic table and into the salad or they fall out of a tree into your hamburger, then they’re a pest.”

Tent caterpillars will eventually turn into moths, which don’t cause direct damage. They do, however, lay eggs for next year.

“We’re going to have moths like crazy,” said Cross. “If you don’t have windows with screens on them and you have lights on, you’re going to have a house full of moths.”

Schmah said there are some benefits to this spring’s infestation.

“It’s all part of the natural cycle,” he said. “The weakening of the alders allows the coniferous trees to get more sunlight. It reduces the competition.”

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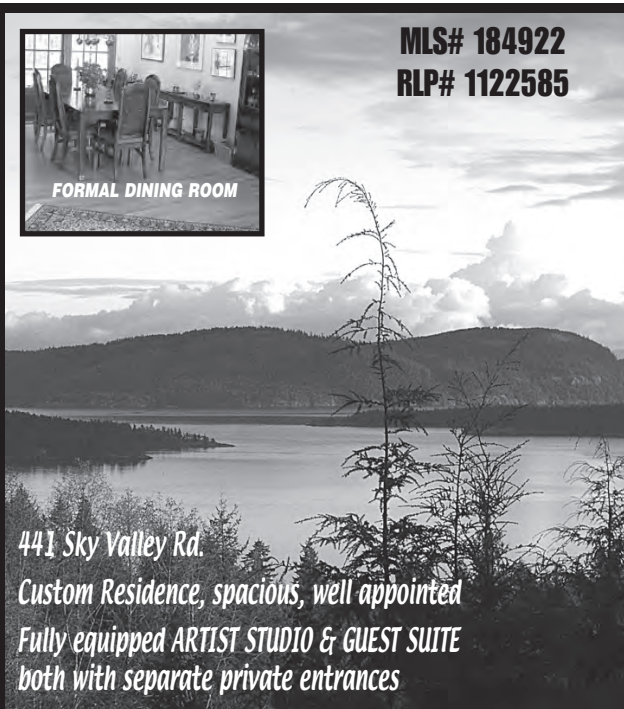
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Four-day school week decided today

Plans to implement a four-day school week around the Gulf Islands will be decided by a trustees in a vote at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) today, following feedback collected from the community over the last month.

“Politically and philosophically I see both sides,” said board chair May McKenzie. “I feel the money is the money. And the money isn’t going to fall out of the sky. Philosophically, I believe in Canada the money should be falling out of the sky.”

Faced with a budgetary shortfall of \$1.1 million caused by declining enrolment and provincial underfunding over the next two years, the Gulf Islands School District hopes to save \$400,000 by adopting a shorter week with longer

school days.

“We literally have looked under everything and turned everything inside out.”

After a series of meetings at schools throughout the district, McKenzie outlined the community response island by island.

“Mayne and Saturna feel that the process is clear to them that they see the four-day week is the least of the worsts. Galiano and Pender don’t want it. Salt Spring is a little harder to read because we didn’t get that many parents out to the meetings.”

She estimates public support at 40 per cent for the four-day plan, while 60 per cent appear to oppose the move.

“Mostly they’re just saying they’re against it. This is the frustrating part, we’re not getting a lot of suggestions.”

The few ideas proposed in recent meetings have not met the complex economics of the situation, she said.

“Most of what we got from some of the communities was to just keep up the political protest and file a deficit budget.”

Other groups suggested that the district proceed cautiously to reduce expenditures over the two years.

But that plan would primarily see staffing reductions to save \$350,000 next year and a further \$750,000 the following year, she said.

“It’s tough having laid off seven [teachers] the year before and seven the year before that.”

While \$350,000 would only translate to approximately 3.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions, there are no jobs that could be cut without significant impacts to education.

“It would mean increased class sizes across the district and loss of programs, particularly at the high school. The following year, the \$750,000, it would be quite widespread.”

Consequently, trustees and senior administrators have been “looking at the nitty gritty” of what a four-day week could look like, McKenzie said.

Bus schedules, water taxi schedules, school schedules and the structure of high-school courses have all been under investigation, she said.

A tentative schedule at GISS will see school start at 9 a.m. and end at 4:15, she said.

“Because of the shuffling of the buses, a couple of the elementary schools might be a little earlier. But on average, it’s at the end. They’re all just a little bit different.”

But McKenzie maintained that the four-day-week proposal will not be resolved until the special board meeting vote at GISS noon Wednesday (today).

“It’s not over till it’s over. We’re still looking at every angle.”

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The owner collected the money on Monday after she identified the amount of cash and the type of folder. The RCMP wanted to publicly thank the money finder for her honesty and integrity.

RCMP REPORT

In other police news:

- Salt Spring RCMP found several impaired drivers during road checks last week.
- Police issued five 24-hour driving prohibitions and one 12-hour prohibition for a new driver at a roadblock at Central on Friday night.

Another man was charged with impaired driving at a Central roadblock Thursday and a man was charged with impaired driving at a roadblock near the Harbour House Saturday.

- A 37-year-old male received minor injuries during a single-vehicle crash on Beddis Road at 10:25 p.m. Friday.
- The driver also received a 24-hour driving prohibition and a 90-day administrative driving prohibition.
- A Warren Langley sign valued at \$1,600 was found in some blackberry bushes after it was reported stolen from a B&B in the 200 block of Fulford-Ganges Road on Monday.

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Political pioneer dies at 100

The Outer Gulf Islands’ first regional director to the Capital Regional District Board died May 7 at the age of 100 on Salt Spring.

Joan Sennett Purchase was a long-time Pender Island resident who dedicated much of her life to community affairs, serving not only as regional director but also in establishing the new Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital and later its extended care wing.

She was a hospital board member and its chair, and was made an honorary life member of the hospital society in 1977.

She also served on the B.C. Regional Hospital District in 1967, and was involved in the movement to establish the Islands Trust.

Purchase was active in the Pender Island Chamber of Commerce and St. Peter’s Anglican Church.

She moved to Salt Spring Island in 1981 and to Greenwood care facility in 1998.

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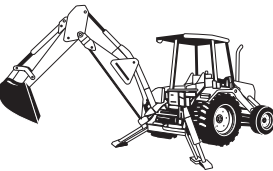
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By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Fireworks won't fly over Ganges for Canada Day unless somebody steps up quickly to provide finances for the event.

"We don't have any money to do fireworks," said Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce manager Perry Ruehlen.

"How we ever got involved in it to begin with, I have no idea."

In recent years, the Chamber of Commerce applied for grants in aid from the Capital Regional District (CRD) to pay for fireworks displays that cost between \$3,000 and \$4,000, she said.

"I didn't feel that was the

highest priority for the grant in aid," said CRD area director Gary Holman.

The CRD provided \$4,000 for fireworks last year, but only after informing the Chamber of Commerce and the Salt Spring Fire Protection District that a full grant would not be available this year, Holman said.

"Last year, I didn't feel it would be fair for me to alter the funding, so I didn't. This year, I've indicated to the Chamber and the fire district that I'd still be willing to contribute \$2,000 and we'll see what happens next year."

There are other projects, such as a parking study, he'd rather see the CRD and Chamber of Commerce work

together on, he said.

"I do realize that the Canada Day celebration is an important event for people and I see the argument for the CRD to continue supporting it at some level."

A quick internet search found that the Canadian Heritage ministry provides funding for Canada Day festivities, including cake and fireworks displays.

"If they phone us, we can send a grant application," said Canadian Heritage ministry administrative assistant Sheila Travers.

The Salt Spring Antique and Classic Car Club already sent an application for Canada Day event funding, she noted.

Unfortunately, her office did not receive an application for fireworks before a March 31 deadline.

Some 11 local firefighters are set to begin training in fireworks safety, at a cost of \$1,100, but there may be no fuses to light by July 1, if funding doesn't fall from the sky.

"It takes a crew of 20 guys to set them off," said fire department captain Patrick Beattie.

Neither the fire protection district, nor the Salt Spring Firefighters' Association is prepared to provide money for the display.

"We have too much hassle raising money for Hallowe'en fireworks," Beattie said.

"The fire department absorbs the cost of training, transportation and permits for the fireworks displays."

Firefighters hold a fall fair fundraiser to pay for the Hallowe'en event and members still have to help pay for festivities out of their own pockets, he said.

Beattie estimates the cost of this year's event at \$4,500 and he's hoping to hear word if the community will be able to raise money in time for a June 10 permit-application deadline.

If individuals or organizations are interested in helping create a Canada Day fireworks display, contact Perry at the Chamber of Commerce (537-4223).

Punctured-tire court case falls flat

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and implemented a peace bond to separate the two people.

In other court news:

• Judge Quantz rejected an islander's guilty plea to reckless driving charges after the man denied responsibility to the incident during testimony.

"I wasn't doing donuts. The tire just popped when I drove on the beach. There were sharp rocks," the defendant said.

"Try that story with the trial judge," Quantz said.

The islander was accused of taking a vehicle without permission on November 24 and driving it off Collins Road onto Bader's Beach, causing significant damage, before it was driven back to town with flat tires.

The local man will appear in court to begin the trial process next month.

• An islander might have sighed with relief after Judge Quantz deferred ruling on charges of failure to provide a breath sample.

Quantz decided to wait until he received written submissions about case law regarding "unequivocal failure or refusal" to supply a breath sample.

The man failed to make a reading on an alcohol-screening device during two attempts when he was stopped for speeding by RCMP on August 23 last year.

"When I approached [the police officer] a third time about blowing into the screening device, he told me I was wasting his time," the defendant said.

"The part that's troubling me is whether it was a rea-

sonable attempt to comply," said Quantz.

"The line has to be drawn somewhere. You can't have 25 tries," he added.

• Colin Ward received a \$690 fine and a one-year driving prohibition when he pleaded guilty to impaired driving charges.

RCMP officers found Ward's vehicle in a ditch on December 12. He admitted to alcohol consumption and provided breathalyzer readings of .125.

Editor's note: the Driftwood prints the names of all defendants aged 18 and older who are found guilty of charges, either by their own admission or by result of a trial. Names are withheld in cases that are incomplete and in those cases where charges are dropped, peace bonds result or defendants are not found guilty.

A relationship break-up received public airing in the Ganges Provincial Court-house after a local woman was accused of puncturing her ex-boyfriend's car tires and taking antiques he valued between \$150,000 and \$250,000.

Appearing in her own defence, the woman argued no knowledge of the tire-puncturing incident, said her ex-boyfriend failed to pay her a \$50,000 debt and that he had withheld and/or damaged possessions she valued at \$20,000.

"Somebody here is not telling the truth," said Judge Ernie Quantz.

But the purpose of the court process is to determine proof of Crown charges, not who is most truthful, Quantz said.

Consequently, the judge dropped criminal charges for lack of concrete evidence

Diver testifies at Cap Rouge II inquest

A Canadian Coast Guard diver described his efforts to save trapped islanders aboard the Cap Rouge II during testimony at a coroner's inquest that began Monday.

Diver Rick Foreman testified that he spotted a hand through a window after the dive team was prohibited to enter the overturned vessel as a result of coast guard policy at the time.

Divers used a boat pole to pull Salt Spring's Tony Head from the ship's wheelhouse and bring him to the surface. The islander still had colour in his cheeks, Foreman reported.

Coast guard crews attempted to revive Head and transported him to shore by hovercraft but he did not survive the incident.

Five islanders, two of them children, were killed when the fishing boat capsized on August 13, 2002. In addition to the death of Head (33), the community of Galiano Island lost: Kathleen Mabblerly (37), her daughter Amanda (12), her son Wyatt (9) and cousin Rod Wilson (40).

Ben Mabblerly, husband and father to three of the victims, and Head's father, Charlie Head, both survived the capsizing.

Coast guard crews arrived on the scene within 19 minutes after the vessel rolled near Steveston but they were forced to wait 90 minutes for a navy dive team.

A diver with 30 years experience, Foreman told the inquest that he has not been able to work as a coast guard diver since the incident.

Coast guard dive policy changed after the Cap Rouge tragedy to allow divers to enter overturned vessels at their own discretion.

The inquest is expected to continue over the next two weeks.

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Flagger urges drivers to slow down

By JENNIFER MCFEE
Staff Writer

As summer approaches and island traffic increases, the need to reduce speed is becoming an arresting issue.

Christina Long, owner of local traffic control business Flash Flagging, said the problem of speeders on Salt Spring is getting worse.

"I see such impatience in people," said Long. "Where are they going that they're in such a hurry? The grocery store?"

She said the problem is caused in part by people who have moved to Salt Spring from other places.

"They're bringing their fast ways with them. I live here and all the people that

work for me live here. That's why I care so much. There'll be some fatalities if things keep going like this."

Long said people often speed through construction and school zones, where the speed limit is 30 kilometres per hour.

"Drivers legally can't go faster than 30 from the time they see the sign on their side of the road until they see the back of the sign on the other side of the road."

Richie Harold, general manager of JJM Maintenance, said drivers need to be especially careful in the spring.

"It's the time of year because of the weather and long daylight hours that

you're going to run into work zones. Everybody's got work to do on those roads.

"We've had our share of accidents in traffic control areas. We've had cars be rear-ended because drivers aren't paying attention. Even though it's double the fine in a work zone, people are pre-occupied," he said.

Harold said drivers need to slow down, see what is obstructing the road ahead and pay attention to the traffic control person.

Salt Spring RCMP Corporal Dave Voller said speeding is a problem in any community.

"We don't have the long, straight highways that lead to very high speeds. But

unfortunately, with ferries, people feel like they have five minutes to get to Vesuvius and they push it."

He said that speeding, however, is not the only problem. The RCMP also pull people over for driving too slow.

"Sometimes it's an indication that they've had too much to drink. Sometimes they're lost. Sometimes people that come to Salt Spring drive around gawking, miss signs and end up going 60 when the limit is 80."

Voller said he wishes he could "wave a magic wand" to make the traffic problems disappear.

May 17-24 is Canada Road Safety Week.

Driver checks part of Road Safety Week

Salt Spring joins the rest of the country in marking Canada Road Safety Week, a national campaign to make Canada's roads the safest in the world.

It's an RCMP initiative to remind people that an essential part of the enforcement job is saving lives and reducing injuries on roadways through educating the public in safe driving practices.

"The deaths, pain and broken hearts that result from carelessness behind the wheel can be prevented," said Salt Spring detachment commander Sgt. Mike Giles in a press release.

"Police agencies across the country are collaborating on this project because they have seen more than enough of that, and because they know that the involvement of the driving public is essential to achieve safer streets and highways."

The May 17-24 week was strategically chosen since it is the first "summer" long weekend.

On Salt Spring, said Giles, police want to prevent any more injuries or deaths resulting from vehicle collisions.

"That's why, in support of Canada Road Safety Week, we will be conducting numerous road checks and vehicle

stops during this week.

"We want the public to be aware of this initiative. We are taking this opportunity to remind drivers and passengers on Salt Spring to consciously consider safety whenever they get behind the wheel."

Giles reminds people to buckle their seat belt and ensure youngsters are properly restrained in vehicles according to their age and size.

He also emphasizes other road safety imperatives.

"Don't drink and drive — ever. Pay attention to the road at all times and obey speed limits."

Revised Gulf Islands hiking bible to be launched May 27

When a writer and outdoors enthusiast creates the definitive Gulf Islands hiking guide, there's not much more he can do in that field — until an update is required.

It's been almost 10 years since Charles Kahn first wrote Hiking in the Gulf Islands, but a number of things have changed since then.

The revised, 2004 edition of Hiking in the Gulf Islands — An Outdoor Guide to B.C.'s Enchanted Isles, has just been released by Harbour Publishing.

The book includes clear maps showing trail locations, the distance and estimated time required to complete the hike, route difficulty and "quality" ratings and special features to look for along the way.



Hiking book author Charles Kahn

Shore and road walks, and kayak and canoe routes are also suggested.

With the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve now being established, the book contains several references to the reserve.

Next Thursday, May 27 at Salt Spring United Church, Kahn will launch his new book with a slide show presentation and book signing at 7:30 p.m. as part of the monthly Trail and Nature Club meeting.

Carolyn Stewart from Parks Canada will also be there to discuss the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve and seek input from those attending.

A meet and greet with refreshments is set for 5 p.m.

Kahn will present full-colour slides of the scenery and hikes in his book, and will be happy to answer questions and sign books.

Kahn is also the author of Salt Spring Island: The Story of an Island.

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Lions choice benefits all

For 10 years local youth and adult supporters have tried to establish a bonafide skatepark facility on Salt Spring.

One of those individuals, Micah Booy, has even maintained his determination to see a park built for an entire decade — through adolescence and into adulthood.

Thanks to the Salt Spring Lions Club’s \$100,000 commitment to the Salt Spring Skatepark Society announced this week, the long-desired dream will be fulfilled.

Anyone who has bought a Lions Club burger at events like the May long weekend soccer tourney, or items from the weekly Lions garage sale at the hall in the last few years can justly feel they have helped build the skatepark.

While the major financial boost is obviously appreciated, the partnership also creates new and valuable ties between island youth and a long-established club.

Lions were looking for a way to mark their 45th year of service on Salt Spring, and they have definitely picked a winner.

The Kanaka Road project could also not fly without continued, solid support from the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Gulf Islands School Board and numerous individuals and businesses.

The Ministry of Transportation even pitched in to reduce Kanaka Road’s sale price following some controversy about the issue last year.

While the Lions’ generous contribution ensures the basic skateboard structure can be built, another \$20,000 to \$50,000 is still needed to complete the entire park area, envisioned as an all-ages complex next to SIMS and Salt Spring Elementary.

Just as making the park required dedication from people of all ages, the completed project will be there for everyone to enjoy.

As skatepark society executive member Bruce Ruddell says, all those people who have offered time, labour or materials to the project in the past are urged to step up and fill those pledges and good wishes now.

Dose of reality added to HEU misconceptions

By AMANDA MCLEOD, CATHY MARCANO and 10 others

In reply to Peter Vincent’s May 12 column, we would like to point out a few facts he doesn’t seem to be aware of.

He compares us to the grocery cashier who is on her feet for the better part of eight hours a day, “save a couple of coffee breaks and a half-hour lunch.”

We too are on our feet for the whole of our shift, except for two 15-minute coffee breaks and a half hour for lunch.

Sometimes we may not get these breaks if it is too busy and we just have to keep going. We never stay in one place, but move around continually in order to get everything done.

In the dietary department there

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are constant phone calls from the acute care floor with diet changes, new patients, special requests regarding meals (which we are always happy to oblige) and others to let us know about allergies a patient may have.

These requests and orders often come at meal times and can be as obscure as a cardiac/diabetic/vegetarian combination diet, which is challenging to fill at the last minute.

We are responsible for making sure the patient gets the correct diet their doctor has ordered and that there are no mistakes. If the

patient has an allergy and we give them the wrong thing it can be a matter of life and death.

In our hospital we are fortunate to be able to make a lot of things from scratch and we make an effort to do this as often as we can. Many of us have worked there for 20 to 30 years and feel we have earned the right to have annual vacations, sick time and special leaves.

Most people don’t use the 18 days of sick time a year but it is there if you need it. That way you don’t have to come in and spread your germs around a building full of people who are already unwell or elderly.

In the dietary department we have to take special precautions to avoid coming in contact with such things as SARS, Norwalk virus

and the so-called Super Bug. We are paid more than a dishwasher in a restaurant because we have to be aware of these things and cannot let down our guard at any time.

In the laundry department we are also exposed to the aforementioned diseases/viruses.

We have to be aware of used needles coming in with the soiled laundry, as well as other things you probably wouldn’t want to deal with, such as feces, vomit, blood and urine.

We wash about 1,200 pounds of laundry a day in our hospital, including the OR, ER, maternity and isolation wards and all personal laundry of the residents.

We have to have shots in case we come in contact with hepatitis B because this is one of the many

job hazards.

Oh — and by the way, most people who work for any of the bigger companies on Salt Spring also have medical and dental benefits and some are a better package than the HEU.

And, in regard to our “big three holidays,” we work with a skeleton staff on those days so the minimum number of people actually get paid for it, and we don’t get a day with pay as well.

Get your facts straight next time, Peter.

The two above-named writers, plus Deanna Jenkins, Dovenee Steele, Pat Robertson, Michelle Boyd, Pat Coates, Karen Stunder, Trish Byron, Betty Rae, Kathy Thiele and Elaine Huser are members of the HEU on Salt Spring.

‘Dangerous game’ to report on complaints against RCMP

By ROBERT FENSKE

A dangerous game is being played out on our island, and we all stand to lose!

For most of us living here, we feel fortunate and blessed. We live in a safe, secure and peaceful community; and we are a “community family” that pulls together and supports each other in times of difficulty.

Some would say we are unique on Salt Spring because of that community spirit.

But, like all communities, we often face the realities of life’s challenges. Drug and alcohol abuse, sexual and domestic assault are all too common within our community.

Many of us donate our time to help “victims” of these tragic events and work

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to establish preventative programs.

I suspect for most of us, though, we are unaware of the challenges faced by members of our community whose job it is to deal with the unsavoury and dangerous incidents that occur here on Salt Spring.

I am talking about the awesome and critically important role undertaken by our local RCMP. 24/7, these members of our community work for us; to keep our island safe, secure and peaceful. It is often a difficult job at best and a life-threatening job at worst — 24/7!

It is disturbing and frightening for me to read of “police abuse, brutality and even assault” purported by members of our community.

It is even more disturbing to witness how these alleged events are being reported. It should be clear to anyone who can read that one of our RCMP members continues to have his name reported in the paper as if he is our local “bad cop.”

It sickens me that recent “reporting” in both local newspapers seems to once again be sensationalizing events.

This type of reporting gamesmanship is dangerous for our community and I for one want it to stop. Reporting of this type can only deeply hurt members of our RCMP and I can only

imagine how difficult it must be for those members to do their difficult jobs.

Sgt. Mike Giles summed it up concisely for me with his comments in the May 12 Driftwood, “. . . if he gets dragged through the public mud . . . some constable out there is going to be too afraid of that scrutiny on him or her, to take the correct action in these cases. And someone is going to end up dying because the police aren’t doing their jobs.”

Almost as a postscript, the Monday, May 17 CBC 8 p.m. news reported from Cobourg, Ontario. A police officer responded to a 911 call at a residence. A 21-year-old occupant was inside with an explosive device. The officer was killed. He was 39.

Is there any wonder why our local RCMP officer was cautious responding to his 911 hang-up call on April 9, 2002.

Now is the time my fellow community members, to show your support for our local RCMP and the work they do. How can you do this? Pick up your phone and call the RCMP (537-5555) and express your support. Please do it now.

Also, write letters to our local papers supporting our RCMP members and to request more balanced reporting and to eliminate the sensational reporting aspect that seems to be periodically creeping into our papers.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident whose father was a 25-year member of the RCMP.

Your letters are welcome

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 400 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication, and anonymous letters are not accepted.

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: Do you think speeding drivers are a problem on Salt Spring?



Laurie Daniel (Chemainus)
“I know high gas prices aren’t slowing drivers down.”



Mike Varey
“Only for slow drivers like me.”



Forrest Aldrich (Washington)
“I have no idea since I don’t drive here.”



Erin Hornell
“I know some people who speed, but I don’t do a lot of driving, so I don’t really notice myself.”



Gloria McEachern
“Sometimes it can be a problem. If we had something for the kids to do here on the island, maybe they wouldn’t have to gun it around.”

Letters to the Editor

Fourth option

After trying to make a decision on PARC’s aquatic facility survey, I came to the conclusion that there should have been Option D — none of the above.

Why does Salt Spring Island need a six-lane lap pool? Other communities in B.C. and Alberta with similar populations find four-lane pools more than adequate. Smithers, Tumbler Ridge, Gold River in B.C., Cochrane and Taber in Alberta to name a few. I’m sure there are others.

Why are we prepared to spend a lot of money on an outdoor facility which has to have maintenance 52 weeks a year and is used 12 or 13?

Swim clubs are an important part of any community but contrary to popular belief they do not in any way cover the cost of operation.

The ones that do are the moms and dads who bring their preschoolers to play in the pleasantly warm shallow water of the tots pool, sprays, slides and other fun facilities while they sit at pool side or join the kids in the fun.

Any day of the week at Commonwealth pool in Saanich compare how many people are using the 50-

metre pool and how many are using the leisure side.

I have some experience with aquatic facilities, having produced architectural working drawings and supervision on the three facilities in B.C. mentioned above, as well as the drawings for the leisure side of Commonwealth pool.

On the political side of this I have great concern with an unelected board making decisions on taxpayers’ money. The fire department has an elected board. Why not PARC?

STAN TEITGE,
Fulford Harbour

Most obvious

Unless the third option on the PARC survey — outdoor pool — is another word for “lake” (it isn’t), I’m afraid that the most obvious and simplest of options hasn’t been presented or properly considered. I don’t question the therapeutic or conditioning benefits of indoor swimming and hot-tubbing for the elderly, the Stingrays swim team and others who pine for this project.

I simply can’t understand why the whole community continually fails to address the deplorable lack of public

space on our lake shores.

How can we even consider indoor facilities when public access to lakes, at best, amounts to little more than a few unattractive and unsafe road allowances?

Cost estimates in the millions and millions for any facility are millions more than it would cost to acquire and remediate land alongside several island lakes (north, central and south) — land which would be available for generations to come, without any operating deficit.

Why family access to fresh water is discouraged on this island is simply beyond me. It appears, sadly, to be a peculiarity of our planning and development culture: this bias for complex and expensive solutions to even the most basic of human needs; to create organizations and bureaucracies that formulate plans which serve to legitimize and entrench their own existence; and to build and develop in a manner that seldom acknowledges the natural environment and landscape in which we live.

DAVID GREIG,
Salt Spring

Clear thinking

“Surreal” says it well.
My compliments to Chris

Dixon for clearly and accurately setting out many of the concerns about the pool debate. (May 12 Driftwood letter.)

We really need this type of clear thinking rather than the constant “bickering” between Ssplash and PARC and their respective supporters.

How can we have any faith in either of these organizations launching a major project like the pool considering how they have been conducting their “campaign”?

Considering the economic challenges facing our community (education, health care, housing, etc.), is this the appropriate time to be spending upwards of \$6 million in capital funds and increasing our annual costs by \$600,000 to operate the pool?

I also share Dixon’s concerns about the accuracy of the numbers — projections usually being well understated (look at 2010 as an example, one year after its approval).

Rather than undertake what could easily be considered a frivolous expenditure at this time, the most appropriate action would be to simply replace the Shelby

pool at the time it needs to be done.

A community must manage its affairs and live within its means just as we do with our personal finances.

BEN GOODMAN,
Salt Spring

Suggestion

Regarding Peter Vincent’s article about “budget pain,” I wish to point out that journalists are expected to dig out their own facts.

We get plenty of innuendo from the rest of the media.

May I suggest, for a start, a comparison year-by-year of the present Liberal government and the previous NDP administration for the following budget categories: deficit/surplus, credit rating, and personal and corporate tax rates.

Also, a comparison with other provinces as to dollars spent on education, health and social services would be enlightening.

I look forward to another article.

FRANK MONAGHAN,
Salt Spring

Questions

We moved to Salt Spring in September of 1978. A few years later, during some controversy, a letter appeared in

the Driftwood admonishing “newcomers” from writing their opinions until they’d been here at least 25 years!

So — you can imagine how impatiently I’ve been waiting for my chance to write! I realize I’m technically a few months short of being “legitimate” . . . but here are some questions:

- How many of the present residents of Salt Spring know that residents were once able to vote for PARC commissioners? It seems to me, at this point in time, we need to practise all the democratic rights we possibly have available to us.

- How about limited terms of office for PARC commission members? Did they disappear with the vote?

- Does anyone know if, when responding to the PARC Pool Survey, the commission will accept write-ins for the Ssplash option for an indoor pool?

Will those votes be counted? Is the pool survey representing the joint review committee of Ssplash and PARC members? Is the pool survey valid if it doesn’t include this fourth option?

DEBBIE MAGNUSSON,
Salt Spring

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Island is ideal spot for meeting One Tonne Challenge

Marion Pape and Elizabeth White pulled together a well-attended, well-run, inspiring Salt Spring Island Community Energy Strategy meeting on Saturday, May 8.

The purpose was to suggest do-able projects under eight main headings, then choose one favourite in each category and plan how to implement them. The overall goal is to cut down on energy consumption on the island, by burning less fuels and eating more locally grown foods. Individual efforts, with community support, will make it happen.

I almost didn’t go to the workshop — to save energy.

The energy savings would be two-fold: one, I could put my calories into finishing my new

SPRINGBOARD BY BRENDA GUALED



house, and two, I’d leave my vehicle parked for the day, rather than make a long trip up island. I could have arranged a ride with someone who was going anyway, or I could have hitchhiked, but that would have taken forethought and effort — another sort of energy.

Only with some last-minute nudges from Marion, Elizabeth and the Driftwood, so I could report on the gathering, did I decide to drive my fairly fuel-efficient car to the Community Gospel Chapel.

About 60 attendees worked

intensely and with great goodwill from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We finished on task and on time thanks to Jill Thomas’ brilliant herd-riding. I gave a neighbour a ride home, after doing some chores in town, which assuaged my conscience somewhat.

In real terms, I added a bit more greenhouse gases to the Earth’s atmosphere, and I helped outline a plan to publish a green guide to buying and selling island real estate, which will cost several trees and attendant pulp and paper pollution. To the Earth, whatever the cause, the price is the same, although I can justify every bit of it. Does it get better than that?

Well, actually, we all know that it does. If we’re going to take, for example, the One Tonne Challenge, which is to individually reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by one tonne in a year, then

we have to raise our every move to consciousness, rethink habits, prioritize activities and make some tough choices.

I can justify ‘x’ amount of pollution for something dear to my heart, like trying to reduce pollution, while others can justify, with equal passion, whatever it is they have to do to have a life.

But my cause is more important and holier, I can say and it is, it really is. Yours is a piffle, mine’s a mission. Except it’s socially unacceptable to say such things.

This is where community comes in. When the only consensus is that anything (legal) goes — if you can swing it, hey, then do it — then an energy-saving group’s priorities are just another option.

How can they argue that the things they advocate and do, which suck up energy and foul

the planet, are all-round better than other ways of burning up resources? They can, if we put some judgement back into the ranking of activities and their importance.

This implies smiling on some choices and being silent, at best, about others.

The most positive way to impart energy-saving values is to build some bandwagons and start a parade. That’s exactly what Marion and Elizabeth are rallying Salt Spring to do. It’s not only smart to be energy wise, it’s all about belonging, working together, and having fun.

I believe that this island is exactly the right place to showcase how to do this. And the day I can get to important meetings as easily as driving, but not drive, will prove it.

mail@bguiled.com

More letters

Wonderful

Last year I participated in the Ssplash run. It was the first time I had ever done a run and I found the whole event quite wonderful and positive, so much so that I have been training for the event this year, which takes place on May 30.

But you don't have to be a runner to participate (and believe me, I don't define myself as a runner!) Walkers are welcome too, and there is a fun run for the children.

So grab a friend, or your walkman, and come run/walk on the 30th. Information is available at the Chamber of Commerce (including pledge sheets if you want to raise even more money for the indoor pool), or at ssplash.org/events/. It's a wonderful event!

Hope to see you there.

JEAN SOUTHGATE,
Salt Spring

Join run

The Salt Spring Island 10K, Half Marathon and Kids Fun Run is on Sunday, May 30 at 11 a.m. and we

encourage islanders to register, earn a T-shirt and conquer Fernwood hill.

The start/finish line, late registration and awards are at Fernwood School.

Pre-registration is preferred and guarantees your T-shirt size, so go online at www.splash.org or mail in the registration from the brochures located at the Chamber of Commerce office.

All proceeds go to Ssplash for an indoor pool on Salt Spring.

Routes of both the 10K and Half Marathon are the same as last year — run/walk down Fernwood Road, go left along North Beach Road half a kilometre to the turn-around and then back past the dock and along Walker's Hook Road.

The 10K turns around just before Fort Street, runs back along Walker's Hook Road and up Fernwood to the school and finish. The Half Marathon route will continue past Fort Street up Walker's Hook hill, along Stark Road and through Acheson Road to North End Road.

Turn right and head north past St. Mary Lake and continue along North End Road to North Beach Road. Down the hill and continue along north Beach Road past Fernwood dock to just past Hedger Road. Turn around and back to Fernwood Road and go up the hill to a well-deserved finish.

Run/walk facing traffic at all times, watch for uneven road surfaces, wear brighter clothing and please be aware of traffic at all times. There will be four staff water stations along the course and I recommend the half marathoners take a carbo gel one hour into the run.

There will be a great mix of top-quality runners and first-time novices and everyone in between. Draw prizes, refreshments and the adrenaline rush of crossing the finish line are all included in the entry. Join us in breathing deep the sea air and enjoying our beautiful island.

RICK LAING,
Salt Spring

Disappointed

I am writing to you from New Mexico. My family recently purchased a home on Starks Road and will be moving to Salt Spring this summer. Our two daughters will be attending the public schools, one at Fernwood Elementary and one at Salt Spring Island Middle School.

My husband and I have spent many years looking for the right place to raise our girls and about two years ago decided on Salt Spring.

We have spent a good deal of time researching many aspects of the island, with education being a top priority. On a visit last spring we toured all the schools and spoke with teachers, principals and parents and came away very impressed. Education on the island was a major decision in why we chose Salt Spring to relocate to.

We are leaving the United

States for various reasons and we are taking our move quite seriously. The education system in the U.S. has been going downhill for years and we do not see it turning around any time soon. Sadly, the priority of education is not important in our country any longer.

With all this said, my husband and I were extremely disappointed when we read in the Driftwood about the cuts to education and the school board's plans for a four-day school week. Changing to a four-day week will have such a dramatic effect on education and the community. It will create a serious domino effect that will continue to tumble the school system downward.

If the board thinks its enrolment is low now, just install this plan and watch it fall. We would not have considered Salt Spring if it had a four-day week already in place.

It will attract no new families and lose existing families that will either struggle with daycare or find alternative options. There are many ways to skin a cat and with such a bright and active community on Salt Spring there has to be other alternatives.

Education is not a luxury, it's a necessity and we owe our children excellence.

It is so easy to see that a four-day week is so wrong — so why do it?

Here in the U.S. we have seen what happens to children as the education system cuts and cuts and believe me it will be more costly to fix the problems it creates then to find the money now to support excellent education.

Thank you for listening and we look forward to joining your community.

CINDY and GARY BROOKS,
Placitas, New Mexico

People interests

The old left-right political model no longer makes

sense. Dividing political parties into "left" and "right" simply serves to give the jaded Liberals a free ride as a "least harmful" middle party.

A more meaningful division is into parties which represent corporations and parties which represent people.

Both Liberals and Conservatives have sold out to the corporations. In their obsession to buy low and sell high, corporations are forced to drive down labour costs (i.e. wages) and pay lowest possible prices for resources. They must then wastefully transport their products to wherever they can maximize profits. This system has already destroyed farms, forests, communities, third-world countries and whole ecosystems.

Voters should seriously consider voting for a party that recognizes the interests of people rather than the interests of corporations.

TOM WRIGHT,
Mount Belcher Heights

Pool needed

Having vacationed on Salt Spring Island at spring break, I couldn't help but hear and read about some of the arguments surrounding the issue of building an indoor pool.

We in Jasper have had an indoor pool now since 1989 and I was one of the nay sayers about building a pool. I felt we live in a pristine environment and there were lots of activities for everyone and we just didn't need the cost of a pool to have our taxes skyrocket.

What a mistake and thank goodness for people with vision. We have three sons who've spent countless hours recreating in our local facility. All are totally proficient in water. My eldest just completed his NLS and spent many winter hours training for the spring kayaking season in the pool.

My aging husband races home from work and over to the hot tub for some relief from aching joints in the hot tub and steam room. Many locals have recuperated from sports injuries in the hot tub and length pool. The tourists swarm to the pool.

Our indoor pool was built on the site of the old outdoor pool. We've had countless groups visit and rent the facility after hours. It is a great gathering place for so

many of our town youth in the evenings. Within a year of its construction I had to pinch myself and thank the good lord there are people with vision.

Your island has a population two to three times that of Jasper and you would benefit enormously from an indoor public pool.

To date I think our design is one of the best and please feel free to inquire and look at the plans. We have a water-slide for kids; a wonderful wading area separated from the lap and recreation pool; a nice big hot tub that holds 30-35 people; and a steam room. It is used by all ages and is a great facility.

Good luck to you visionaries. Salt Spring needs an indoor pool!

JACINTA BROEMELING,
Jasper

Be consistent

Discrimination is when someone is judged because of race, sex or where he or she is from.

In my case, there was a school dance on Friday at Salt Spring Island Middle School. I was kind of scared to go in because I hardly knew anyone.

I was just about to walk in when a man standing at the front door asked me "Do you go to the middle school?"

I said, "No. Why?"

He said, "The dance is for SIMS students only."

I told him that my friends had invited me. He said that I was not allowed in.

There were so many different things I could have said, but I just said, "Fine," and left. On Saturday, I found out from friends that kids from the high school and Phoenix went to the dance. Other home schoolers also attended. I believe that all students in grades 6-8 should be able to attend SIMS dances.

There is not a lot for young people to do on Salt Spring Island outside of school and extra curricular activities. All students should be encouraged to go to dances, no matter where they go to school, whether it is at SIMS, Phoenix or if they home school.

I believe that SIMS should be consistent. Either they should make sure that everyone at the dance is from SIMS, or open the dance to all students in grades 6-8.

Anything else is discrimination.

KIERAN FREY,
Fulford

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Hobbies: Bible studies, gardening.
Home finished/unfinished: Rented.
Favourite people: My family and church family, Salt Spring Islanders, and everyone — Jesus died for all.
Favourite read: The Bible.
Best thing about SSI: The kindness of most of the people, especially our customers.
Worst thing about SSI: Wrong priorities.
Best place to kiss on SSI?: At church.



DERRICK'S
ISLAND PICS

RANTS & ROSES

RANTS

Rants to the Driftwood for printing Peter Vincent's ignorance in the last issue of the paper.

Rants to the ranter (May 12) who thinks we should all drive at the "posted 80 km/h speed limit" on Fulford-Ganges Road so that he/she can catch the ferry on time! Much of that road is NOT posted at 80km/h. It ranges from 40-60 km/h on the many winding curves. Perhaps he/she should plan his/her departure times better to allow for a safe, rather than a frenzied arrival at the dock.

Dear driver, if you are racing the clock to get to the ferry terminal, you are putting

us all at risk. AW

ROSES

Roses to Sylvia Lowman, Amy Buchwald, and Noni Fogarty for their absolutely gorgeous rendition of "Shenandoah" at the SSS Concert. There was the biggest gasp/sigh when you were finished before the thunderous applause. Everyone was buzzing about how incredibly beautiful and moving it was after the concert. Will you be performing together in the future? Please let everyone know where and when!

To Richard Murakami and Wally — a garage full of rainbow-coloured roses for their kindness in going the extra mile for me at 4:45 last Friday afternoon. I came to visit a dear friend and arrived on this beautiful island with squealing brakes and shattered nerves. These two wonderful fellows assessed the problem, fixed my brakes and had me on my way to my friends' home in

record time — nerves intact! Thank you so much, you are truly the best!

Tartan-coloured roses to the bagpiper who is still serenading us across the water. AW

Roses to the staff at Thrifty's. They are always so cheerful and helpful, even at the end of a long busy day.

A very big bouquet to the very kind lady who saw me in trouble on Atkins Road, trying to pull a heavily-loaded wagon on the hill, and getting pulled into the ditch. She parked her car and ran to my aid, leaving her four kiddies in the car. Not only was it kind to me, but a wonderful lesson in compassion and caring for the children to consider.

Roses to the girl who rescued our little black dog on Fulford-Ganges Road and to her mother who cared for our dog all afternoon, and especially to the SPCA for being open on that Sunday afternoon and reuniting us!

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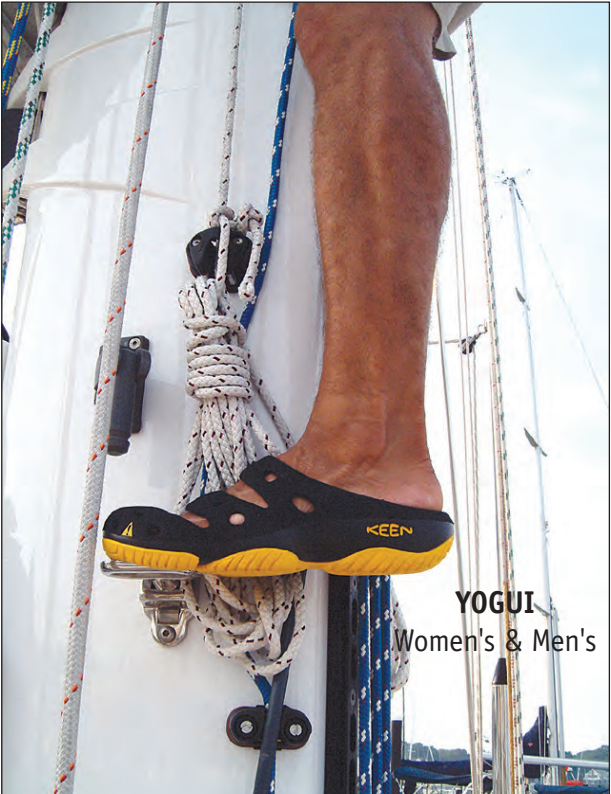
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John 3: 3 & 6

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(6) "Flesh gives birth to flesh, but Spirit gives birth to Spirit."

WINSOME WHITE
PLEASE READ:
1 COR. 2:14

More letters

Real facts

I would like to direct some remarks to the May 12 column written by Peter Vincent concerning Hospital Employees Union (HEU) wages.

As scheduling for Greenwood is one of my duties, I believe that I am a little more familiar with the HEU and BCNU contracts than Mr. Vincent.

Let us examine the case of the housekeeper he believes is so overpaid. For \$18.90 (\$16 with a 15 per cent cut) an hour, the daily housekeeper has to clean 52 rooms, each with a bathroom, plus three public bathrooms, a nursing station, staff room, and handrails throughout the building in 7.5 hours.

This is not the dusting and vacuuming done in private houses by cleaners; most of these bathrooms require regular heavy cleaning.

She works in an environment where infection control is a necessity.

During these duties, the housekeeper has to contend with many interruptions from residents with dementia or physical health needs that demand immediate attention.

At the end of her 7.5 hours, the housekeeper goes home exhausted, only to repeat the day four more times each

and every week.

This housekeeper does not work statutory holidays and, therefore, does not receive the \$449.96 for the three "big stats" a year.

This is an inaccurate figure, which should have been \$384.38. With a 15 per cent cut, the "big stats" actually will gross \$280 and they are worked by the weekend housekeeper, who works statutory holidays in addition to her regular Saturdays and Sundays. Therefore, her average bi-weekly wage (for 30 hours) will be \$480 gross. And this shift starts at 5 a.m.

I am not sure what Mr. Vincent is referring to when he says HEU workers get 18 days sick leave and a rebate if they are not used.

As this bears no resemblance to the facts, I will not try to explain the formula that is used. I would note, however, that WCB injuries incurred in the health care industry far outstrip injuries in any other industry; perhaps a little "danger money" is not so out of order.

With respect to the 600 on firing workers, that is 600 full time equivalents and there are not many of those in the health-care system. Most people work part time and therefore this translates into approximately 1,000

positions.

Already, 6,500 workers have been fired.

They have been fired so that COMPASS (a British company) and other multinationals can pick up our health-care industry piecemeal. The money is not staying in B.C.

Mr. Vincent may check all the above. He will find they are facts, not insensitive meanderings.

MUZZ WYATT,
Woodland Drive

Herb change

Just a few words of praise for those who signed a petition last summer — Bill C420.

It makes herbs and supplements food now and no longer drugs. Also, supplement suppliers can share information about their products with customers legally without fear of government interference or penalties. This bill passed October 22, 2003.

For websites for those who want to choose responsibility for their own health and freedom to choose natural products, here are web pages for three consumer groups in Canada: www.canadian-coalitionforhealthfreedom.ca, www.freedomofchoice-canada.ca, www.friendsoffreedom.org.
MARGARET MCLAUGHLIN,
Salt Spring

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Check out What's On!
Page 10 in
The Visitor Section

WOW!

Four-day 'madness' can't be tolerated by island families

By HELEN SCHNARE

This is a rather trying time for us Gulf Island parents.

I came to Galiano Island to become a mother. Fourteen years ago our first born, Kimberly, was 10 days old when we moved here.

A friend of mine here (also a mother) said to me once, "Galiano is a gift to small children."

She was right, and ours have thrived — but now I believe that our island — Galiano — is a gift only for the very young.

Despairingly, I find myself appalled (along with many other Gulf Islands mothers) at the grim and very real prospect of the imposition of a four-day school week in September 2004.

This is being forced upon every school in our district, with instruction offered from Monday to Thursday only. Our children's education is to be shortened every week by a day with longer holidays in between.

Each of those remaining four instruction days is to be crammed and lengthened by an hour.

On Galiano Island, the declining numbers will mean increased multiple grades in each of just two classrooms.

Then, incredibly, as our Galiano students "progress," a further two hours water-taxi riding-time must be added to each remaining school day. This is just to get our older Galiano kids to their respec-

tive schools and back!

How can such a move be educationally sound? We are told it is either this or the school board has to cut teachers, remodel school populations and/or close some altogether.

None of these avenues towards their education is acceptable, especially in the face of our property and school taxes increasing.

As mothers, we are looking at a serious and permanent change in our lives and those of our children. Their education cannot be a compromise. This is deplorable.

Effecting these cuts will degrade, undermine and erode education on all of the gulf islands for the foreseeable future beginning this Fall.

The School Board is succeeding in steamrolling this four-day week measure through.

They have already had the audacity to print ahead and send out to every parent the 2004-2005-school calendar the day after their last board meeting a month ago. We have now been given the prerequisite 30 days' notice of intention. By majority vote our school board members have already given their agreement to proceed.

Compounding the issue is the board's insistence on making two years worth of cuts all at once now rather than spreading them out over a longer period of time.

Why is this happening? It is a mixture of a wholly inadequate school-funding formula dictated from our government, the law that dictates school boards cannot submit unbalanced budgets and entrenched politics at the school board level.

If the present government is the dog at fault with an inadequate funding formula then our school board is its tail.

It is blatantly obvious after all the so-called "consultative" Outer Island meetings that an overwhelming majority of parents do not support a four-day school week.

This is madness and it cannot be tolerated.

At a meeting on Wednesday, May 19 at noon at GISS, the school trustees will make concrete their final decision. I believe the exercise will be a rubberstamping declaration.

How many families will consider coming to any of our islands to raise a family in the face of an inadequate education? This is taxpayers' money being managed badly on our behalf.

There isn't a hope of our being our children's best advocates, when our only recourse is the ballot box at the end of a year hence — by which time so much damage will already have been done.

The writer is a Galiano Island parent with two students at SIMS.

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Water protection activities get CRD support

By **GARY HOLMAN**
CRD director

The provincial government has not yet acted on the CRD Board request to mandate low-flush toilets for new construction in the regional district, but the CRD Electoral Area Services Committee has made a similar request of all CRD-operated water utilities.

The CRD water department currently provides a rebate for water-saving devices, funded from their own revenues. Local water districts could also fund such a program.

The Salt Spring Water Council has been meeting regularly over the past 18 months, prioritizing strategies to protect and conserve our water resources.

I will provide the water council with a grant in aid to better enable it to carry out its mandate. This would include support for activities such as water-quality sampling in drinking water lakes, watershed management planning (including the Cusheon Lake plan now underway), the proposed CRD septic system monitoring program and the Islands Trust-Natural Resources Canada groundwater mapping project.

NAPTE

For the past several months, I have been working with the Islands Trust's new CAO, Linda Adams, CRD Parks and Finance staff and the CRD Electoral Area Services Committee to gain CRD support for the Islands Trust Natural Areas Protection Tax Exemption (NAPTE) initiative.

The CRD Board has now given its consent to the enactment of NAPTE, which will provide a property tax reduction if owners protect environmentally sensitive lands with a conservation covenant.

Islands Trust Council can now pass the required bylaws

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at its next meeting in June.

Solid/liquid waste

The Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) has been considering options for chipping of wood waste on Salt Spring. The 18-acre Burgoyne Bay septage disposal site (purchased by the CRD in 2003) has some cost, location and other advantages for chipping of wood waste. As a result of a joint meeting, the solid and liquid waste committees have recommended the start-up of a composting pilot project on the Burgoyne Bay site.

SWAC has recommended funding from the CRD solid waste program to help support this project. If the pilot is successful, we can "recycle" our liquid waste as soil enhancement on agricultural and forest lands, and can also reduce liquid waste transport costs to the taxpayer.

SWAC will be recommending to the CRD Board against a blue box program for Salt Spring. Discussions about cost-effective delivery of recycling services using our depot system will continue.

With authorization from the Islands Trust, the Lee Hill transfer station was licensed by the CRD in late January 2004. The operator now meets the minimum requirement of the bylaw (i.e. leak-proof storage containers and impermeable surfaces for any sorting) to ensure no escapement of leachate from the site. Laurie Hedger is working voluntarily with the CRD and the water council to manage issues such as stormwater runoff, which are not subject to CRD regulation.

CRD staff have also instructed the Blackburn Road transfer station opera-

tor to remedy some deficiencies with respect to its operations.

Pool

Despite the controversy regarding the PARC survey on pool options, it is important to return this survey since it will provide the basis for an infrastructure grant application.

Although the joint PARC-Splash committee has now been dissolved, I am still hopeful that these parties can continue to work together towards a successful referendum in the fall.

I believe there are some strategies that could reduce tax impacts and increase the chances of taxpayer approval, and I cannot support a referendum question at the CRD Board without full discussion of these issues.

I am proposing a public workshop involving key stakeholders, all of the local elected reps and PARC to discuss the survey results and tax-reduction strategies.

Building inspection fees

The CRD Electoral Area Services Committee has recommended increases in building inspection fees by approximately five per cent in 2004. Between 25 and 30 per cent of building inspection costs are currently subsidized by taxpayers.

Building fees in the CRD have not increased since 1997.

Transportation

The Salt Spring Island Transportation Society has completed a study of public transit options. BC Transit has indicated that provincial support for new transit systems has been frozen, but the society and I believe we must continue to explore ways to establish a basic system. I will be providing grant-in-aid funding for the transportation society to help it secure possible public and private partnerships.

Anyone interested in joining the society or its board should contact David Bolton at 537-5578.

At my request, the CRD Board has agreed to delay consideration of the proposed Arnell Park land swap with the Ministry of Transportation (MOT) until I am able to organize a public information meeting with MOT to discuss Stewart

Road upgrading options, to be announced soon.

Housing

The Greenwoods' assisted living project has recently received funding approval from BC Housing.

CRD staff were instrumental in securing a property tax exemption for the facility and in resolving other planning issues with Lady Minto/Vancouver

Island Health Authority, on whose land the project will be built.

Members of the CRD Housing Corporation (CRDHC) and I will be meeting with Islands Trust and community groups this week to discuss ways in which CRDHC can assist with affordable housing initiatives on Salt Spring, including the possibility of a pilot project.

Thrifty Foods discovers unintended consequences can be beneficial

CURRENCY CORNER



by Jim Scott

"I had no idea. No idea!" said Dan Lee of the consequences of his decision to pay out Thrifty Foods' community chest donations to island organizations exclusively in Salt Spring Dollars.

Thrifty's community chest is a program where customers designate a community organization they want to support. Thrifty Foods records these requests and then pays (out of the store's gross revenues) one percent of the customer's purchase to the designated group. Ganges Village Market has a similar program in its 'Save-A-Tape' program. Both programs are examples of locally owned businesses contributing to the community in response to community wishes.

Dan said he made the decision in January to use only Salt Spring Dollars because he understands and supports the role complementary local currencies play in strengthening living, local economies.

The decision led to more work for Debbie Brandow who administers the community chest program. She has to contact the recipients by phone and ask them to come into the store to pick up their Salt Spring Dollars and sign a receipt. It takes a bit more effort on the part of the recipient groups as well. They have to designate a representative who then has to travel to the store to pickup the gift. A faceless "cheque -in-the-mail" was much easier for both parties.

Here in May, the response is favorable on both sides. The community organizations are happy to see Thrifty's so genuinely community-minded. Debbie likes the fact she gets to talk to people directly. She feels more in touch with the community.

The new interaction has lead to a real bonus for Thrifty Foods. Their paying out in Salt Spring Dollars has added a whole new dimension to Thrifty's community presence. A dimension that advertising and marketing dollars alone could not have provided.

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Rotary makes literacy gift

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Earlier this month, the Salt Spring Rotary Club gave a paperback dictionary to each Grade 4 student on Salt Spring, Saturna, Mayne, Galiano and Pender islands, amounting to about 100 books.

School District 64 superintendent Wendy Herbert said the students are proud to have received the gift.

“The response has been wonderful,” she said. “It’s so good for students learning to read and trying to understand words. They have expressed that they are delighted.”

Herbert’s husband Doug, secretary of Salt Spring Rotary, said the idea came from the Rotary Club in Duncan.

“They have been doing this for a number of years and we thought it was a great idea. We thought it was a win-win thing. Our hope is that this will become a yearly occurrence.”

He said that next year they hope to distribute the dictionaries in the fall.

‘Sardines’ fast for fundraiser

About 90 Gulf Islands Secondary School students took part in this year’s 30-Hour Famine last Friday, organized by the Community Services Committee of the Leadership program.

Pledges raised in the past several years helped build a school in Africa.

Grade 12 Leadership student Jacquie Harkema said the money raised this year will go towards digging wells and working on the drinking water supply in order to prevent disease.

“The majority of students didn’t sleep,” said Harkema. “Everyone lined up in sleeping bags like little sardines in the multipurpose room, watching movies all night.”

She said they also sang

karaoke, played volleyball and soccer and listened to music.

When the fast ended Saturday evening, the hungry students feasted on a meal of spaghetti and bread cooked by Grade 12 student Tyler Roodenburg, with the help of parent supervisors.

Dinner supplies were donated by Thrifty Foods, Ganges Village Market, Embe Bakery and Salt Spring Island Bottled Water.



A TOAST: Toastmasters District Governor Margaret Witla presents a plaque to the local Toastmasters’ group via club president Chuck Goruk. The event took place during the group’s charter party held Saturday at Salt Spring Seniors Centre.

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Why is the entire cost of site preparation of \$1.3M allocated to the swimming pool?

Site preparation is the necessary first step before any facility can be built on the Rainbow Road property. Nothing can happen until the utilities are brought to the site, engineering and geotech work is completed, the grading and filling of the site is completed and the administrative process of obtaining proposals and quotations is completed. Site preparation costs are shown independent of the actual facility costs and the costs are then added together to reflect the total impact of the project on our taxes. It is not a case of the pool carrying the site costs but rather fully accounting for the required tax increases for the project.

Why should the PARC office cost be included?

The rationale for the offices is one of efficiency and practical long term planning. PARC offices are estimated at one fifth of the total cost of offices and change rooms. Space for lifeguards and other pool staff must be provided for in addition to other future athletic activities. The Rainbow Road recreation centre is the most practical location for PARC administrative staff for many logistical reasons including duties at the recreation centre. The Portlock building and change rooms could be returned to the Soccer Association who originally built them for their and other field sports headquarters.

Are PARC's cost figures high?

PARC's numbers are inclusive of all the costs that will be incurred beyond the actual construction costs in order that the facility can function. PARC's cost figures include such things as an increased contingency to help offset escalating material costs and the approximately \$350,000 for equipment, furnishing and other soft costs that will be required in order to actually use the facility. Capital costs have been derived from the Roy Report and direct price quotes.

Operating costs are based on reports by independent consultants hired by PARC and Ssplash respectively. Both consultants have agreed on the findings that provided a cost comparison of union or contracted labor. PARC's figures are based on a union operation.

The consultant's figures are in line with actual budgets and tax subsidies of pools within our cost area. PARC's duty is to make sure its estimates are conservative and represent all potential costs.

How can we reduce our costs?

If we obtain the full \$2,000,000 infrastructure grant, the annual tax on the average home (\$314,000) would be reduced by about \$40. The PARC survey shows this saving. If we could obtain significant corporate and/or private capital donations we could save financing costs. Local suppliers and contractors could help with discounts or donations.

Why a six lane, rather than a four lane pool?

A six-lane pool allows more flexible programming. Sufficient pool space is required to offer lane swimming while swimming lessons, aqua fit, rehabilitation classes, or leisure swim are underway. This will increase both revenue and the usability of the pool. It also provides space for such things as safety training for kayaking and scuba diving. Six lanes better accommodate the two local swim clubs and are required to host competition meets.

Is PARC promoting any of the pool options?

No, the job of the Commission is to determine as best it can what needs the community has expressed, determine what those needs are likely to cost, and present the facts to the taxpayer for their decision. PARC has endeavored to determine the options that best reflect the long term needs of our growing community and is seeking direction from the community as to how to proceed.

What happens if the survey results are 1/3 for each of the three options?

The main purposes of the survey are to establish the parameters for applying for the \$2 Million Federal/Provincial infrastructure grant, and to help PARC frame the referendum question. If the majority of the vote were for an indoor facility (Options A or B), PARC would then have to decide which indoor option would stand the greatest chance of delivering a successful referendum.

THE DEADLINE FOR MAILING THE SURVEY IS FRIDAY, MAY 21ST, IN THE PREPAID ENVELOPE PROVIDED.

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CELEBRATION: Landscape artist Simon Camping and his wife Anna celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with friends and family at an open house event on Saturday afternoon.

Photo by Jennifer McFee



Relationship work at Toltec workshop

A June 11-3 workshop offers people a chance to uncover and resolve the hidden issues in their relationships through the leadership of Toltec master Allan Hardman.

The New Relationship — Five Agreements will explore what is possible in relationships of all kinds when no one takes anything personally, and when “there is no drama, no hurt feelings, no blame.”

The workshop runs at Lions Hall, beginning on the Friday night for a two-hour session, running all day Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday. (Drop-ins are also welcomed to the Friday night for a \$20 fee.)

Hardman is a gifted spiritual counsellor and Toltec master personally trained by don Miguel Ruiz, author of The Four Agreements and The Mastery of Love.

Hardman is described in press material as “a born teacher, whose piercing insight and compassionate humour create a loving environment that supports growth on the path to personal freedom.”

For more information about the workshop, call Liz Forrest at 653-2046, or send an e-mail message to redearth@saltspring.com.

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National park input gathered

Carolyn Stewart, the park and community planning coordinator for Gulf Islands National Park Reserve (GINPR), will be on Salt Spring May 27 to talk about the new national park reserve.

Stewart is making the presentation in conjunction with the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club meeting and the launch of Charles Kahn revised Hiking in the Gulf Islands book.

It takes places at the United Church beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The management planning program, interim management guidelines (known

as IMGs) and how people can provide input and advice into the IMGs will be on the agenda.

“Interim management guidelines are the first planning product that will be developed for the new national park and they are meant to address critical operational issues and guide management decisions in the first several years until a management plan is completed and approved,” said Stewart.

“Work is just beginning on these and GINPR is looking for community and public input.”

She said GINPR is par-

ticularly looking for input regarding what the vision for the park should be, what people believe are the most short-term critical issues for the national park reserve and how they would like to see those issues dealt with.

“Parks Canada must address the maintenance of ecological integrity, management of culturally significant resources, provision of visitor use opportunities — what and where, presentation of natural and cultural themes and messages to increase public understanding and appreciation of park values,” said Stewart.

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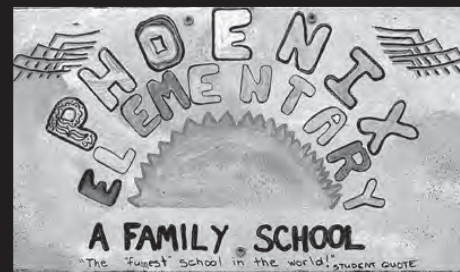


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Local boys host close minor baseball games

Salt Spring boys hosted Chemainus for tightly-contested minor baseball games at Portlock Park Sunday.

"It was a great experience for our guys," said Salt Spring coach Gord Hollingsworth.

Many of the Chemainus team of nine and 10 year olds had played together since T-ball age and had developed considerable skill around the infield, Hollingsworth said.

Salt Spring won the first exhibition game 14-13 but lost the second game 15-14, he said.

"Our games couldn't have been closer. Ours was won in the very last inning."

Local eight to 13-year-old boys are normally divided into two teams to play intramural games on the island. They made one team for the exhibition game but older

and younger students didn't participate.

"They were nervous for the first couple of innings but then they calmed down and played some great ball."

The islanders had great pitching from Jordan Berry, Matthew Hollingsworth, Joseph Sweetnam and Clayton Upex to give balance to the games.

"Those guys kept us in it," the coach said.

But the islanders also made some great infield plays, he said.

"Eric Peterson, playing short stop, caught a line drive hit to him. He made a fast catch to stop two or three runs."

Salt Spring players normally play three- to four-inning games while Chemainus plays six-inning games, he noted.

"Our guys were getting tired but kept it together for some really close games."

As a result of Salt Spring's

fine showing, the team was invited to play off-island teams every weekend in June, Hollingsworth said.

There are some 20 boys minor baseball teams in the Duncan-Nanaimo region.

"It was a huge success. We got nothing but compliments from Chemainus."

Hollingsworth wanted to thank the umpires, assistant coach Tom Upex, cook helpers, the Ssplash concession volunteers and Ganges Village Market for donating food to the event.

LETTING GO: Minor league boys baseball player Jordan Berry pitches the ball as Salt Spring takes on Chemainus in a doubleheader exhibition event at Portlock Park on Sunday.

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SSplash races take their mark

Registration is sprinting on track for another successful Ssplash 10-kilometre (10-K) run and half-marathon fundraiser set for May 30.

"Our numbers are climbing as we speak," said run organizer Ben Cooper.

Some 70 people had already registered for the Ssplash (Salt Spring Indoor Pool Society) event as of Monday, he said.

Cooper estimates that the run will attract the same number of participants as last year.

In 2003, 200 runners raised over \$3,000 toward an indoor pool in Ssplash's inaugural race event. There

were 89 runners in the 10-K run, 86 participants in the 21.1-kilometre half marathon and 40 children in a one-kilometre fun run.

Adding to the options, Ssplash formed a 10-K walk and a half marathon walk to create five events this year.

"The kids' fun run is on again. They will get a ribbon and treats. There will be draw prizes for them too," said Cooper.

Organizers have found 25 sponsors to donate draw prizes for participants in all the events.

"There's been stunning donations from the local community."

SSplash will also award a \$150 gift certificate from House Piccolo to the fundraiser who collects the most pledges. Participants can also look forward to a new T-shirt designed by island-raised Mike Deas.

"It features a runner running over Salt Spring."

The 10-K run will follow the same route from Fernwood Elementary along Walker Hook Road to Fort Street and back as last year. Half-marathoners will once again take a longer route around North End Road.

Volunteers from Salt Spring Search and Rescue will marshal the course and water stops are planned for every five kilometres.

Registration forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce, Curves, Ganges Village Market, North-End Fitness and Thrifty Foods.

Pledge forms are at the Chamber of Commerce.

"We're having T-shirts and goody bags for people who pre-register," Cooper added.

Runners can register and collect pledge forms on the Ssplash website (www.splash.org). Anyone with questions about the event or registration can call Ben Cooper (653-4282) or Rick Laing (537-9542).

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10:00 am	7:00 pm	11:10 am	8:10 pm
11:40 am	8:40 pm	12:10 noon	9:10 pm
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July 1 car show unfolding the Salt Spring way

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All the plans are a go for the Third Annual Salt Spring Antique and Classic Car Show and Shine scheduled for Canada Day in Centennial Park in downtown Ganges.

The Salt Spring Antique and Classic Car Club decided to try opening up the event this year to off-island entrants.

Cars of all classes from very old antiques to the latest in classic cars and hot-rods will be on show.

It was proposed to try doing things the Salt Spring way. If you have not attended a car show recently, the usual fare for entertainment at these shows is a local band performing '50s rock and roll music.

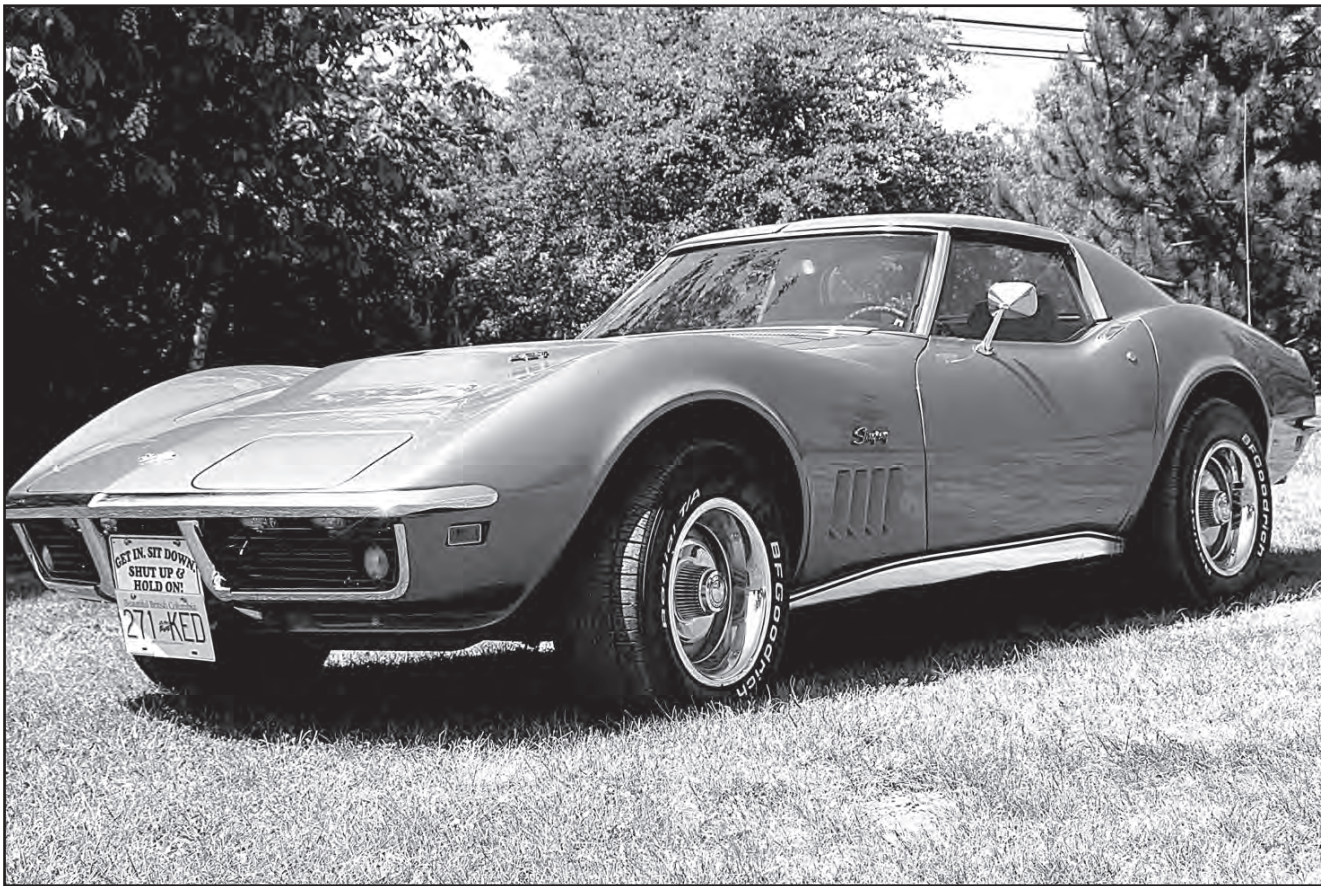
We have so much talent on this island it was decided to ask Valdy to host the show for us — and he agreed.

We also have YJP on tap to provide some jazz. We also expect to see Stacy Burke, our own Salt Spring Idol, to appear for a few songs with the band.

Local buskers Martin Thorn and Brian Box will also be providing some entertainment.

Pre-registration is now heating up and we have several cars from off island already registered for the event.

Show sponsors Salt Spring Auto Parts and the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce have been very helpful in making sure the July 1 event is the finest car show ever seen on the island.



This 1969 Chevrolet Corvette with 427-cubic-inch, 435-horsepower engine was the 19th Corvette to roll off the assembly line in 1969 and contains several 1968 parts left over from the previous year's production. The car was the first Corvette to be shipped to Canada in 1969 and was purchased by Tim McBride in 1980. "I've had it longer than my wife," he says and, in fact, it was the car in which they had their first date. The Corvette will be on display at the Applied Skills Fair at Gulf Islands Secondary School on Friday, and at the Salt Spring Antique and Classic Car Club's annual Canada Day Show and Shine in Centennial Park on July 1.

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ALL SHINED UP: Michael Murray's 1967 Meteor Montcalm convertible soaks up the rays on Walker Hook Road. It will be one of many cars on display at the Salt Spring car club's show and shine at Centennial Park on July 1.

Centennial-year Meteor an all-Canadian classic

When Salt Spring's car club hosts its third annual Canada Day car show and shine at Centennial Park this year, at least one "all-Canadian" car will be there to celebrate the occasion.

Michael Murray's maroon 1967 Meteor Montcalm convertible was conceived, built and sold only in the Canadian market by the Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited and came out in the country's centennial year.

Its registered owners manual even highlights the centennial on its cover.

"I find it especially interesting because it is a Canadian car and even moreso because it was made in 1967, the year of Canada's centennial," said Murray.

The 18.5-foot-long convertible has a Mercury body and Ford Galaxie interior, and running gear shared by both the Mercury and the large Ford. The trunk is almost big enough to shelter a picnicking family should they be surprised by a sudden rainstorm.

It's powered by a 390-cubic-inch, four-barrel car-

buretor, 315-horsepower motor — and yes, it consumes a lot of gas, which is why it won't be seen on the road much this summer.

Murray's car was originally sold in Victoria by Carson Fleming Motors, the predecessor of today's Suburban Motors.

(The Carson Group still owns Suburban Motors and four other automotive dealers in Victoria and the Lower Mainland.)

Only 980 of the Meteor Montcalm convertible model were built in 1967 and Murray has no idea how many may be left in running shape.

He hasn't found any on the Internet or at the various car shows he attends every year.

Murray was intrigued by the Canadian Ford concept when he came upon a book published in 1993 called Monarch Meteor by R. Perry Zavitz. It details the history of Ford of Canada's vehicles built between 1946 and 1981.

He then set his sights on acquiring an all-original

Meteor of some type, with the ultimate being a convertible.

While looking through the Times-Colonist collectible car classified ads four years ago, he spied the privately owned convertible for sale.

According to Zavitz, the Montcalm convertible retailed for \$3,663 in 1967.

For Murray, there's nothing like cruising on a warm summer night with the top down.

Unfortunately, he said, his wife doesn't share his enthusiasm for windy car rides and degrades the whole experience by always keeping a blanket near at hand.

Meteors were built from 1949 to 1961 and then from 1964 to 1976.

Murray has in the past owned a 1966 Mustang coupe, a 1967 Mercury Cougar and a banana-yellow 1972 Mustang Mach I acquired in a moment of madness while practice-bidding at a Lower Mainland auction.

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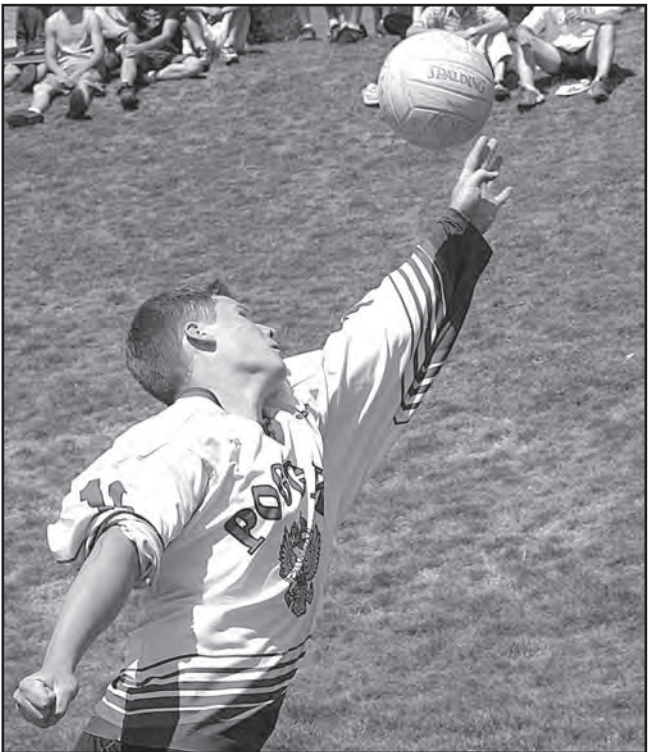
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ONE FOR THE RUSSIANS: Outdoor volleyball action continues at Gulf Islands Secondary School as a player on the Russian team dives and reaches for the ball. The volleyball tournament, which runs until May 21, features five-person teams that include a teacher, senior girl and boy, and junior girl and boy.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Cannonballs fall at Ultimate tourney

Salt Spring's Fine Young Cannonballs (FYC) co-ed Ultimate team took a pounding from elite-level teams at Udder Bowl in Nanaimo last weekend.

A non-contact disc sport, Ultimate sees a team of seven players throwing and catching a disc (or Frisbee) over an 80-metre field, where they attempt to score points by catching the disc in a 20-by-40-metre end zone.

There are currently 56 teams in the Vancouver Ultimate League and eight teams in the Victoria league. Tournaments in the region see players travel from Oregon, Washington, Alberta and the Yukon.

Ranked dead-last in the C-pool, Salt Spring found themselves cast into the deep waters of the A-pool at Udder Bowl when the 20-team disc tourney was reconfigured with four less teams at the last minute.

Drop-outs also saw Salt Spring pick up seven play-

ers from the Nanaimo host team, Easy, who had difficulty adapting to the 10 islanders' freestyle play and lack of strategy.

FYC's first game was with last year's tourney winners, Lawn Party of Calgary. A previous meeting in 2002 saw Salt Spring fall 13-0 in record time so a 13-2 loss could be measured as a minor victory this year, said FYC captain Mitchell Sherin.

Highlights versus the cricket-white-clad Calgarians saw Salt Spring's star disc handler Asher Squire throw an incredible inverted hammer to his brother Elan in the end-zone to score the first island point.

But the tough matches just got tougher. FYC met Idle

Hands of Vancouver for their second game and fell 13-1. But Salt Spring can take consolation that Idle Hands won the 2001 Canadian National Championships in Edmonton.

A third game Saturday saw the islanders face Tabasco from Seattle for another 13-2 loss. But the team rallied under guidance from Kim "Kimstress" Dalton for strong play against Tippy (of UBC) to take a 13-9 loss in the afternoon, probably Salt Spring's best showing of the tourney.

Refreshed after a swim, minigolf and lazer tag Saturday night, Salt Spring was re-cast into the B-pool Sunday. But the relentless pounding continued as the islanders' fell 13-3 against Vancouver's Puravida.

A consolation semi-final saw the islanders reconfigure their game for a dignified 13-6 loss against Richmond's Ho Billionaire Tournament Edition.

Newest Salt Spring player Sarah Simpson showed incredible prowess versus Ho to make an impressive defensive block that scored Salt Spring's last point in the game. Islanders will be massaging muscles and nursing bruises until their next tourney, the June 5-6 C-Fest in Vancouver.

Salt Spring's ultimate team meets to practise and play pick-up games 5 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays at the Salt Spring Elementary field. New players are always welcome.

Locals dominate disc tourney

Disc golfers from as far away as Hamburg, Germany came to duel with locals at the Seventh Annual Hart Memorial Tournament at Mout Park on Saturday.

"It was an absolutely smooth tourney," said Salt Spring Disc Golf Association president Scott Chapman.

Top local player was Dustin Chamberlin, who blasted through the advanced-men division with an 88 (16 under par) and an ace on hole #7. He won a three-foot tall bamboo tonal pin created by course co-designer Josh Hart.

Visitor Jay Sams placed second (and also won the

closest-to-the-pin competition), while islanders Braeden Simmonds and Nic Futter took third and fourth.

Top player overall was Vancouver's Glen Oliviero, who won the men's open division with an 84. Salt Spring's Dean Crouse placed second with a 92 and Ed Calendar took third (96).

Top woman player was tourney organizer Tanya Van Ginkel (112), followed by Joan Gignac (113) and islander Brook Holdack (114).

Salt Spring's Shelley Mahoney won the amateur women with a 119 to beat visitors Sarah Davis (123) and Becky Campbell (128).

Local legend Ted "Collection Plate" Hickford came back from a two-stroke deficit to win the open masters division with a 92. He edged out Vancouver players Dave "Hank" Stropky and Mike Graff (ace 13) who tied at 94.

An islander also won the advanced masters when Paul Linton carded a 97 to beat Kent McFadden (99) and Keith Chevier (100).

Hamburg's Marcus Hent won the amateur men's title (109) followed by Eric Stork (117), Joe Fortune and Terry Cooper. Ryan Jones won the juniors with a 111 over Philip Elsser.

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CONFIDENCE BUILDER: Tom Berry and the Division-5 Reserves “went easy” on Salt Spring FC’s Division-1 team to take a 6-2 loss in an exhibition game at Portlock Park Sunday, said Reserves coach Mike Brown. The two teams are preparing to host the Challenge Cup next weekend.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Howe honoured as soccer director

Salt Spring’s Bob Howe was voted executive member of the year at the Lower Island Soccer Association annual general meeting (AGM) on May 16.

Among his many contributions to the Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association (SSIYSA), Howe was particularly commended for his work on the club’s new 50-page handbook, said SSIYSA president Ken Byron.

The SSIYSA director and coach was also chosen for his organizational efforts and for setting up the association’s storage facility.

Byron invited other community members to join Howe on the executive in their upcoming AGM, slated for June 7.

“We’re looking for some new faces to help our executive.”

Skilled directors like Howe help to make the job easy, Byron said.

After five years serving as the SSIYSA president, Byron will not seek re-election.

He’s been with the association since 1980 as a coach and a director. He intends to continue coaching and serving as a director.

The SSIYSA AGM is set for 7 p.m. June 7 at the Gulf Islands Secondary School library.



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Rockliffe sweeps Mid-Islands track

Island speedster Lowell Rockliffe blasted past the opposition to capture first place in three events at the Mid-Island Track and Field Championships in Duncan on May 11-12.

Rockliffe won the 800-metre, 1,500-metre and 3,000-metre events held at Chesterfield Park.

Fellow Grade 9 Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) student Carolyn Pomajzl also nabbed second place in the 1,500-metre race.

Consequently, Rockliffe and Pomajzl qualified for the Island Championships at the University of Victoria on May 18 and 19 (today).

“I’m not a coach. I just sign them up,” said GISS track and field sponsor teacher Eleanor Cocker.

“They’ve trained themselves. They had the gumption to do it on their own.”

Rockliffe entered the event as part of his triathlete training for the upcoming B.C. Summer Games in July, he said.

“My triathlon stuff really prepared me because all three events train your whole body. They rub off on each other,” Rockliffe said.

He celebrated Pomajzl’s achievements at the track event. The two Grade 9 runners have trained and raced in other events together, on

occasion, he said.

“She was racing against girls older than her. ‘Rock on’ Carolyn.”

Last year Rockliffe competed in five triathlons and numerous other races.

This year, he’s already placed second in the junior men’s division at the University of B. C. triathlon and competed in several long-



Track star
Lowell Rockliffe.
Mitchell Sherrin photo

distance races over the winter and fall as part of the Island Running Series.

“I haven’t done track for two years so it was fun to get out there.”

He particularly enjoyed the 1,500-metre race.

“Partly because it brings me back to when I got third in B.C. three years ago.”

Now local track stars Pomajzl and Rockliffe are hoping to place in the islands while Rockliffe sets his sights on the provincials once again.

Once he’s clear of the track Wednesday, he will prepare himself to race in a triathlon in North Vancouver on Victoria Day.



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Sailing race expects huge turnout

A record number of boats are expected to participate in this year's Round Salt Spring sailing race.

According to a Salt Spring Sailing Club press release, more than the 120 boats entered last year are expected to take the challenge this weekend.

The 30th anniversary of the race will be celebrated beginning Friday night with a chili dinner and social evening for the

racers, who are mainly from off-island. On Saturday morning, after receiving their instructions, racers head off from Ganges Harbour at 10 a.m., sailing south and then around the entire island, inevitably encountering fickle winds and surprises.

Many boats don't arrive back in Ganges until after dark.

Sunday sees the sailing club hold its famous lamb barbecue wind-up lunch with prizes for the winners.



THEY'RE OFF: Spinnakers set in a northwest wind, Yeoman and Electra start the Salt Spring Sailing Club's Walker Rock race. Electra (Roger Kibble) won the race, followed by Yeoman (Phil Hume) and Final Dash (David Wood).

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Girls softball teams hone skills in games

Salt Spring Stars girls softball team saw lots of action in three close games last week, coming out with a win and two losses.

The Stars fell 12-8 to Duncan in a home game Thursday. Offensive highlights saw Erin Foster and Carolyn Pomajzl with RBI triples in the second inning, and Rosalie Baldwinson with the same in the final inning.

In plays by pitcher Devon Craig, first baseman Rosalie Baldwinson and Katie Haydon on second base, the third inning saw the first three Duncan batters out for an ultra-quick inning.

On Saturday the Stars split a double-header at home against Langford.

Solid hits by Stephanie Lundy, Craig and Colleen Hillis saw three runs scored in the first inning of the first game, and adept defence and offence combine for a 12-9 win.

Parent reporter Barb Robinson noted excellent catching by Katie Villadsen and several players demonstrated great sliding to score at home plate.

The second game was an "edge of the seat" thriller, with both teams taking turns in the lead. Salt Spring was ahead 12-11 in the top of the sixth, when Langford managed to bring in the maximum five runs and throw the challenge back to the islanders.

The Stars were able to notch three of the runs needed, for a 16-15 final.

Robinson said Craig did a "super job" striking out batters in the game.

A grand slam home run from Kayla Pultke and two

home runs from Carrysa Kinnear helped propel the younger Salt Spring mites softball team to a 16-2 win over the Shur Power Electric Marlins on May 13.

Defensive highlights saw Cori-Lee Kitchen get a runner out unassisted at third base.

Parent reporter Dionne Kitchen noted the offence of Cypress Dawes-Knowles and Abby Rothwell.

"Thanks to Roy's coaching, our team has really started to gel," said Kitchen.

The senior mites girls softball team picked up two wins in play last week.

The team beat South Island Cedar Siding 14-3 in Crofton on May 10, and triumphed in a close 17-15 game against Duncan White Spot Dolphins on Monday night.

On May 10, big bats came from Katie Temmel with a home run, a Chloe Sjuberg triple and solid hits from Elizabeth Anderson, Alanna Hillis, Sarah Robinson, Nicole Oakley, Alex Crandall and Abbie Sherwood.

The team also notched some defensive feats. Hillis caught a pop-up and then tagged her base to make a double play.

Alexandra Kliaman stopped the ball at second and tagged her base for a force-out.

During the May 17 game, Sarah Robinson belted three home runs, including a grand slam in the first, and slid to home base for one. Crandall had a triple and Temmel a double, with all other players earning singles.

Alex Crandall and Alanna Hillis also teamed for three outs with Hillis playing first base, catcher Robinson got a pop-fly out and Temmel managed a force out too.

Charity tourney golfers net \$350

Members and guests of the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club raised \$350 in the May 14 Heart and Stroke Foundation Charity Tournament.

Linda Woodley won low net ladies in the nine-hole category and David Paul won low net men nine holes.

Grace Murchie won low net ladies 18 holes and Gary Coulter won low net men's 18 holes.

In other golf news,

Barry Scotton placed first in the Medal Play event on May 13 with net 68. Reg Winstone came in second place with net 70. Gary Coulter placed third with net 71. Patrick Dalton, Randall Cunningham and Bruce Watkins placed fourth, each scoring net 72.

In the high handicap division 19 and over, closest to the pin (KP) winner for #2 and #11 was Reg Winstone. Ralph Quick won for KP #6 and #15.

In the low handicap division 0 to 18, Barry Scotton won KP #2 and #11. Manny Braovac of Galiano Gulf Club won KP #6 and #15.

On May 11, 19 golfers in

GOLF TEES

the Business Ladies League came dressed in pink for the annual Pink Flamingo event. Maureen Rowell covered her golf cart in pink balloons to win the Finest Feathers prize.

Brett Savin won low gross, followed by runner-up Dora Reynolds.

Joanna Barrett was the winner for low net, followed by runners-up Femmy Schuurmans and Brett Savin.

Brett Savin won both KP and putt pot.

Closest to water winners were Tricia Simpson on #4 and Dora Reynolds on #7.

At the May 10 18-hole Ladies Division Irons Only event, Janet Butler won low gross with a score of 104, followed by Rita Balanchandron with 109.

Femmy Schuurmans won low net with a 78 score. Marg Cade was the runner-up with 79.

Janet Butler was the putt pot winner with a score of 31.

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OFF TO THE CARNIVAL



Visitors had loads of fun at the Salt Spring Co-op Preschool's carnival held Sunday at the Farmers' Institute. At far left, Juliette Smith is in charge of the pony ride; while at left, Oystercatcher's Barry Kazakoff, Jocelyn Johnston and Chris Voller dish up lunch.



Above, Marco Khalil of the local coast guard is seen in a boat with Molly Divers; while below, Joshua Funfer makes a new friend.



Derrick Lundy photos



Entertainment at Sunday's preschool carnival included headliner Allison Crowe, above left; and firethrower Harvest, of Harvest and David.

Serendipitous happenings land Moses on Salt Spring

"Who's that?" I asked my friend who was waving at a bearded man passing by her Brinkworthy window.

"Richard Moses," was the reply. "Have you read his book?"

I had not. She surveyed her well-stocked bookcase and produced a slim volume. "You can borrow it if you like."

I glanced at the book's front cover: By Degrees — Around The World by Tramp Steamer by Richard Moses. On the back was a small colour picture of the author, with a synopsis of his varied career as "social worker, teacher, librarian, musician, broadcaster, taxi driver, driving instruc-

THROUGH MY EYES WITH PAT GOULD



tor, sailor, newspaper columnist and inveterate scribbler." They left out "ice cream parlour employee and incarcerated convict." This was a guy I wanted to interview.

We began over cups of tea at my dining room table. I turned on the tape machine, sat back and listened. The agreed-upon 90 minutes flew by as he leaped from one bizarre episode to another,

recounting a life-time of serendipitous happenings.

Moses was born in New York State, the elder son of a Methodist minister.

"We moved around a lot," he said. "Later I could seldom be content for more than a couple of years in any one place. I'm ready to move anytime."

He paused for a long moment. "Except this place.

It's kinda getting to me. Been here eight years now. Looks like I'll stay."

His college years were a mix of attending, not attending, switching majors, switching direction, in spite of which he eventually

emerged with an education. And an attitude. Contrary type, some might have thought him.

He set out to become a psychiatric social worker, with time out from university to serve in the military .

... as a conscientious objector. The idealistic young student had spent much time examining the issues of war versus peace. A pacifist was born.

RICHARD MOSES B2

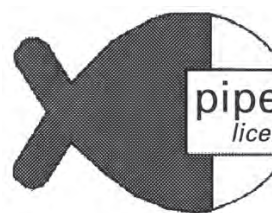
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An educational session on building envelope problems and remedies is set for the next Salt Spring Island Builders Guild meeting on Thursday, May 27.

Harvey Goodman, a building envelope specialist and engineer has seen the tragedies of improper construction.

“The term ‘building envelope’ may sound technical,” said Goodman, “but it’s just a way to describe the parts of a house that keep the cold and rain out. It sits beside many of the parts that keep the house standing. Get it right if you want to stay warm, dry and have the roof above your head.”

To prove the point of how easy it is to get it wrong, Goodman will present slides showing bad details people often design and build and the damage associated with them.

The presentation will also include a discussion of rain-screens, drainage cavities and other components of good practice, design and construction.

A common theme will be the mantra, “follow the water down and find the design weakness.”

“Though rainscreens are now standard fare on multi-residential projects, the day is very quickly approaching when building codes, warrantee providers, and/or insurers will require their use on single-family houses,” Goodman advises.

The guild meeting and presentation begins at 4 p.m. in the Capital Regional District boardroom. Call Cheryl at the Community Economic Development Proejct (537-4219) to reserve a spot. Cost for non-guild members is \$7.

Last month’s guild meeting saw structural engineer Greg Slakov describe the engineers’ professional organization, and how to minimize engineering costs and problems.

Alternative cooperative arrangements with consulting engineers were discussed at length and showed lots of promise.

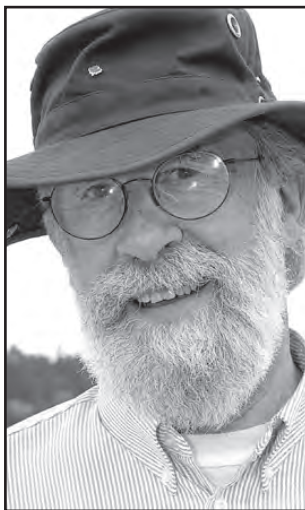
RICHARD MOSES: *Constantly breaking the rules*

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In the army he learned to drive ambulances and acquired rudimentary medical skills, whereupon he was posted to Germany and assigned to a military hospital psychiatric ward. For diversion he turned to the French horn, which he had long studied, and at the end of his stint, decided to forego psychiatry. He enrolled in Syracuse University’s music program. Six months later he knew that the musician’s life was not for him. Instead, he would concentrate on saving the world.

New York City, 1957, Cold War era: Publicized air raid drills were held from time to time. Richard was strolling in Manhattan when the siren sounded. Wardens immediately directed people to the nearest subway, designated safe from any atomic attack. Richard declined, whereupon he was arrested and sentenced to 30 days in prison.

Once sprung, but unrepentant, he returned to Syracuse where he was hired by the New York State Peace Council to travel around the State, giving talks on (what else?) peace. A year later he returned to university and in 1960 graduated with a degree in sociology. He became a



Richard Moses

Photo by Derrick Lundy

psychiatric social worker. But not for long.

In disagreement with many philosophies being touted, he decided that maybe teaching was his true calling. A summer course at a state school launched his new career-teaching fourth-grade students. Alas, his methods were considered non-conformist. Besides which, he was, in his own words, “constantly breaking the rules.” Oh, my.

Now what? He moved to Rochester, got a job in a “fast food joint,” drove a taxi, then



CHILD FIND PRINTS: Delaney Johnson’s fingerprints are recorded by Child Find worker Crystal Dunahee as part of a clinic held Saturday in the Thrifty Foods parking lot.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

heard about a training program at the Rochester Public Library, where he met another librarian, Elizabeth. They married and produced son Daniel.

Following the initial library training he enrolled at Rutgers University and earned a Masters degree. Richard Moses, librarian. For awhile. His job took him to Rhode Island where he headed the regional library system. Daughter Jennifer was added to the family.

“I was fired from that job,” he says with a grin. “I wanted to show classic films in the library and picked the controversial Birth of a Nation (a vintage movie), which was decidedly racist and got the Black community up in arms. But it was a part of history, for heaven’s sake, and I wanted it to be discussed after the showing.”

Then one of the outraged members of the board said he would resign if the picture was shown and all hell broke loose. Oh well, I’d been there a lot longer than my usual stint in one place. It was time to move on.”

A Canadian acquaintance told him about Canada — about which he had only a vague concept. Serendipity again: the New York Times advertised a job opening as chief librarian in Oakville, Ontario. Richard promptly applied. Oakville had a symphony orchestra; he had a French horn. He was hired at “one of the best libraries in Canada.”

Fast forward 12 years.

Once again, a film was his undoing. This time it was I was a Naked Civil Servant, about the life and times of the controversial Quentin Crisp. The board said “No,

you can’t show that in our library.”

Richard: “This is a library. We don’t censure things. If I can’t show the film it means you have no confidence in your librarian and you’d better find someone else.” They did. (Note: Somewhere in here he and Elizabeth parted company. Are you following this?)

While at the library he started a radio station for the blind, and visited a station in Toronto, to extend the programming. Why, he mused, couldn’t he be a disc jockey on that station’s classical music program? Why not, indeed? Enter Richard Moses, BA. MLS. D.J.

When that phase ended after 12 years he joined a travel agent who was organizing a week-long train “mystery tour” from Toronto to Vancouver. She needed someone to act as narrator. Richard was the man.

During a stop-over in Banff he happened upon a classical music program coming from Edmonton. He called them. Were they looking for a host for that program? Indeed, they were. (Did I mention serendipity?) Eight Edmonton winters passed, during which time he met and married Ellen, then slipped once too often on the icy streets. He persuaded Ellen that they should move to the coast, to an island called Salt Spring that he had read about.

The Salt Spring Brass Quintet, Salt Spring Concert Band, ArtSpring, Eggheads Society, weather and a wife who lets him go off on a four-month round the world junket on a freighter.

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Topnotch website tips at free course

Crafting an effective website is the focus of a free May 25 workshop by e-commerce expert Michael Linehan.

“A website can be much more than a simple contact point providing a few pages of information,” states a press release. “It can be — in and of itself — a powerful sales tool.”

The E-commerce and Internet Marketing workshop, sponsored by the Community Economic Development office, will clarify the nuts-and-bolts of what is needed for e-commerce.

“The workshop looks at the low-tech approach of a simple site, at using e-bay,

and at full-blown e-commerce systems. You’ll learn about different payment systems, shopping carts and searchable online catalogues. You’ll look at different possibilities, their pros and cons and their costs. You’ll learn how to evaluate what’s best for you, and how to best integrate your e-commerce into your overall sales and marketing efforts.”

The workshop runs at Lions Hall from 7-9 p.m.

Linehan is a web marketing specialist and owner of two businesses which use e-commerce in different ways.

For more information or to RSVP, contact the CED office at 537-4219.



PERFECT FIT: Salt Spring Island Middle School students Olivia Morgan and Alice Paveley try on new bike helmets donated by Island Pathways on Thursday. Forty-five middle school students received bike helmets through the Helmets for Life program, which received additional funding from the Legion Branch 92 and Salt Spring Foundation. *Photo by Jennifer McFee*

Food obsessions explored at May 30 seminar

One of the most-talked-about health topics will be addressed head on with an end-of-the-month seminar called *Why Are We Getting Fatter?*

“We live in a culture that is both overweight and undernourished,” notes a press release from event organizer Helani Davison.

The seminar, set for Sunday, May 30 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. at Lions Hall, will address the food obsession in North America on both an individual and collective level.

Davison, certified addiction counsellor, will present an overview of the obesity epidemic that affects

everyone directly or indirectly, drawing from personal experience and extensive research.

Her two-part talk consists of *Junk Food Junky*, which describes the problem, and *If Fat Could Speak*, which addresses the solution.

Also speaking are Dr. Ralph Miller, a holistic psychologist, as the key-note speaker on the subject of *Food, Mood and Well-being*. Miller offers a multi-disci-



Helani Davison

plinary, holistic perspective and strategies for freeing oneself of social and personal barriers to natural health and well-being.

Joy G. of the Victoria branch of Overeaters Anonymous will speak on her recovery process through the application of the 12-step spiritual program.

Davison said the seminar will be helpful to anyone who struggles with weight issues or food-related health problems.

Health care professionals, family members and concerned citizens will benefit from the seminar which describes the complexities of this current global health

problem from the contribution of the food industry, to personal issues that affect both physical and mental health.

A display table will include up-to-date information handouts and recommended books. A question period will follow the seminar.

Local retailers have pulled together to sponsor this community project, including Thrifty Foods, Natureworks, Curves, Salt Spring Books and naturopathic physician, Dr. Teresa Strukoff.

Anonymous donors have also offered contributions.

For more information, contact Davison at 537-8978 or helani@saltspring.com.

Islanders’ individuality at home and garden tour

This Saturday marks the annual Salt Spring home tour, when people get a chance to see unique homes and gardens hidden from everyday view.

Home and Haven, a fundraiser for ArtSpring, runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. People can pick up their maps and badges at ArtSpring.

“It’s a self-guided tour, so people can go at their own pace,” said ArtSpring executive director Paul Gravett. “People can start with the home of their choice and choose the order in which they see the homes.”

Anyone taking the tour will be impressed by the contrast in the homes, furnishings and properties, which emphasizes the individuality of islanders.

Salt Spring residents “often think we’re all cut

of the same cloth and on a tour like this you realize how diverse we really are,” said Gravett. “We may have commonalities somewhere but we are still very much individuals. And the homes are often chosen on that basis.”

“These are not supposed to be the most luxurious homes on Salt Spring. The goal is to show the individuality. In almost every single case you get a sense of the individuality of the owner and I think that is part of the fun of it.”

Most Salt Spring homes

and properties are hidden from casual view, he notes, so it’s not easy to take in the design and horticultural sights while on a drive or a neighbourhood stroll.

“It’s not like walking down a Toronto street where you can see all the homes and the architecture and what kind of landscaping has been done. And often you can peek in windows if the curtains are pulled back. On Salt Spring you rarely get that opportunity.”

“The home tour is like the

Secret Garden. You get to go behind that stand of trees and see what’s there — And otherwise it’s just not possible to do.”

The home tour would also not be possible without at least 80 volunteers helping run the show. They will be ready to answer questions and direct visitors at each property.

Home and Haven tickets cost \$25 or \$45 for two and are available through the ArtSpring box office (537-2102).

HIGH ROLLERS

Following are high scores in recent Special Olympics bowling league action at Kings Lane Recreation.

Monday, May 3: Stuart Elliott, 189, 150; Gloria Dale, 223; Mahjor Bains, 241, 152; Sharon Way, 153, 192; Terry Swing, 140, 163.

Monday, May 10: Gloria Dale, 164, 150; Stuart Elliott, 156; Carlos Manzano, 148, 193; Sharon Way, 148, 181; Jason Newport, 174, 149; Mahjor Bains, 157, 184.

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Matchmaker Yente (Sharon Bronstein) has good news for Golde (Lynda Jensen).



Teyve and Golde's daughters are played by Karen MacAllister, Jessica Bambrough, Jekka Mack, (and on alternating nights) Alexandra Kliaman, Emmy Lyytikainen, Jessica Kliaman and Zolena Weeks.



Teyve (played by Sid Filkow) kicks up a storm with a Russian dancer during one of the play's funniest scenes.

Nothing held back in sweeping Fiddler production

By **SUSAN LUNDY**
Staff Writer

Toss out any excuses, find your calendar, and make yourself a date.

Fiddler on the Roof is a must-see — worth every penny of the \$12/\$20 ticket price and every minute of the three-hour-long show.

Director Rachel Jacobsen has pulled off a sleek, highly-entertaining rendition of the classic play. It's funny, moving and visually splendid.

Amid all the dancing, singing and witty commentary is a story that shows strength in adversity, love that crosses boundaries, ties that weave

family and community, and drama that teeters between traditional values on one side and a new world sitting firmly on the other.

It's a story everyone can enjoy, and Active P.A.S.S. has held nothing back in turning out a sweeping production.

Brilliantly choreographed by Sue Newman and Andrea Rabinovitch, with choral direction by Jean Knight, the dance and song numbers sizzle. Watch for the high-stepping Russian dance in the first act's bar-scene, breathtaking movement at the wedding and a crazed, fast-paced dream sequence.

Anchoring the entire show is the bang-on performance of Lynda Jensen as Golde.

"It was like she wasn't even acting," noted my 10-year-old, referring to Jensen's smooth presentation of wife and mother.

With a subtle use of body language, strong delivery of lines, rich singing voice and comic antics, Jensen emits the tangle of emotions worn by a woman caught between age-old traditions and love for her daughters.

Similarly, Sid Filkow is convincing as Teyve, moving between funny debates with God and the touching melodrama of a man whose strong beliefs are repeatedly tested.

Filkow uses his well-honed ability to deliver comic lines, but also reveals deeper layers of Teyve's character. I really felt Teyve's sadness, especially during a moving farewell scene with his daughter Hodel, played by Jekka Mack.

This scene is also memorable because it features Mack's exquisite singing — one of many highlights named by the two adults and three kids travelling home in my car after the show Saturday night.

Aside from the all-round performances of biggies Filkow and Jensen, we especially liked: Jekka



BEHIND THE SCENES: Make-up designer Kate Bragg applies cream to Martin Thorn's face in preparation for Saturday's Fiddler performance.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Mack's singing; Benjamin Davison's dancing; Patrick Cassidy's begging; Oni Freeman's screaming; Brian Grady's quivering; Karena MacAllister's and Jessica Bambrough's acting; Martin Thorn's ability to shave and take 15 years off his age; Kristy Cramer's fiddling, and Sharon Bronstein's match-making.

Bronstein stole a lot of hearts in her role of Yente (also played by Susan Cogan), giving it a delightful dramatic flair; and roof fiddler Cramer was perfectly cast for her role.

One of the great things about community theatre is picking out all the people you know personally.

In a production this size,

you might see your daughter's French Immersion teacher, a fellow board member, your friend's daughter, a young adult you've watched on stage as child, and whole families like the Kliamans who decided to get involved.

"Now we know what they've been doing for the past six months!" enthused a Fiddler patron in the intermission of Saturday's sold-out performance.

Indeed. Judging by the sheer immensity of the show, the rehearsal schedule must have taken over households.

Fiddler's 65-member cast is surpassed only by the number of production people, amounting to more than 70 behind-the-scenes workers, creating costumes,

make-up, hair, props, backdrops, lighting and effects.

Then there is the nine-member band (directed by Monik Nordine), which holds the production together with sound, creating a range of atmospheric backdrops and foot-stomping fun.

Because the stage and the floor in front of it are used extensively, the band sits onstage, between two building fronts.

I could only see Nordine, but others must have been able to view the entire crew. I found this slightly distracting, especially during Teyve's *If I Were A Rich Man* number, when he seems at times to be singing to the musicians.

My other (oh so mild) complaint is the very start of the show, where the house lights remain on as the players move in from the back and side doors, and the beggar Nachum starts off his lines.

It's disconcerting to have little or no transition from the pre-show murmuring of the audience and the din of the players.

But let none of my quibbles detract from the production or sway islanders from attending.

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From ‘mom song’ to spirituals, honour choir soars in first show

By **ANDREA RABINOVITCH**
Driftwood Contributor

With angelic faces lifted to attend music director Mitch Howard, the Salt Spring Island Honour Choir sang their first full evening of music to a delighted audience of supporters.

An evening that showed off various members’ instrumental accomplishments as well as a varied program of songs, All Saints by the Sea vibrated with their youthful energy to the accompaniment of pianist Jennifer Howard.

Songs the choir members felt a connection with and those that were well rehearsed stood out as the most complete example of their potential.

CBC favourite singer-songwriter Nancy White’s tribute to the mother/teenage daughter relationship — My God, My Mom — was totally within their realm of understanding.

With exclamatory “Gawds” exclaimed after the humiliating actions of the moms or their mere presence in jackets with “enormous shoulder pads” and hair in need of a dye job, the kids acted out their disgust.

They loved the chorus of “but you’ve got the money and you’ve got the keys to the car” and sang with gusto especially in their second version, which they used as an encore.

The concert closer Go Down Moses was another example of youth having a rollicking good time singing. A song that was performed at the Salt Spring Singers concert the week before, they achieved the soulful groove of a traditional spiritual better than some adult choirs.



GAWD: Robyn Millerd shows great enthusiasm as the Salt Spring Honour Choir trades in gowns for teenagers to sing Nancy White’s My God, My Mom. The youth choir’s first solo concert took place to a full house at All Saints Sunday night.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

Probably because they listen to popular music based in African American culture, they nailed the feel.

More classic choir fare like Life Has a Loveliness to Sell (music by Mary Lynn Lightfoot and lyrics by Sara Teasdale) and the Twenty-Third Psalm as arranged by Bobby McFerrin showcased the sweetness of their voices and ability to harmonize. It’s all about the blend and these songs proved that they could do it.

With their debut solo concert, Howard saw fit to offer

more solos to individuals to help gain the chops to bravely sing alone. The soloists all performed with aplomb, showing technical ability, natural talent and emotional styling.

Song for the Mira by Allister MacGillivray and arranged by Stuart Calvert featured soloists Danica Lundy, Amy Zacharias, Kate Parker, and Devon Miles. Each sang a portion that showed a real connection to the pretty song and the emotion underneath it.

Caitlyn Pal’s opening of

once a week to paint it. Visitors to the gallery seemed to enjoy seeing the progress and seeing Jill paint from time to time.”

Jill has called the whale Rose since she painted roses encircling the body of the sculpture, which also doubles as a fountain.

A similar project undertaken in Vancouver last year was highly successful, notes Duart.

Artist Campbell unveils Rose orca

Islanders can take pride in a well-known Salt Spring artist when they view a new public art piece in Victoria.

Jill Louise Campbell painted an eight-foot-high orca unveiled last week in the Bay Centre Mall in Victoria.

The project was organized by the Lions Society of B.C. under the banner of Orcas in the City.

According to Jill’s hus-

band Duart Campbell, the plan will see 50 orcas in total created by various artists.

Jill was approached by the Lions Society to be one of the participating artists.

“Although she has never painted a whale before she thought it would be a wonderful project to contribute to,” said Duart.

“The whale was in our Victoria gallery for a few months while Jill would go in

Leonard Bernstein’s Somewhere from West Side Story (lyrics by Stephen Sondheim) was a lovely rendition of a beautiful song.

When the choir joined her, after a couple of verses, their voices swelled with fervor.

Wood River by Connie Kaldor and arranged by Willi Zwodzesky was another contemporary piece last heard at the Singers concert. A lovely nostalgic song, it connotes a sense of longing the choir interpreted with feeling. Soloist Helena Bryn-McLeod shone.

With flutist Olivia Morgan, pianists Robyn Millerd and Arlo Bryn-Thorn, fiddle trio Sarah Lundy, Helena Bryn-McLeod and Nicole Pal, and Mitch and Jennifer Howard offering instrumental pieces in between the songs, the evening demonstrated that talented youngsters proliferate on Salt Spring Island.

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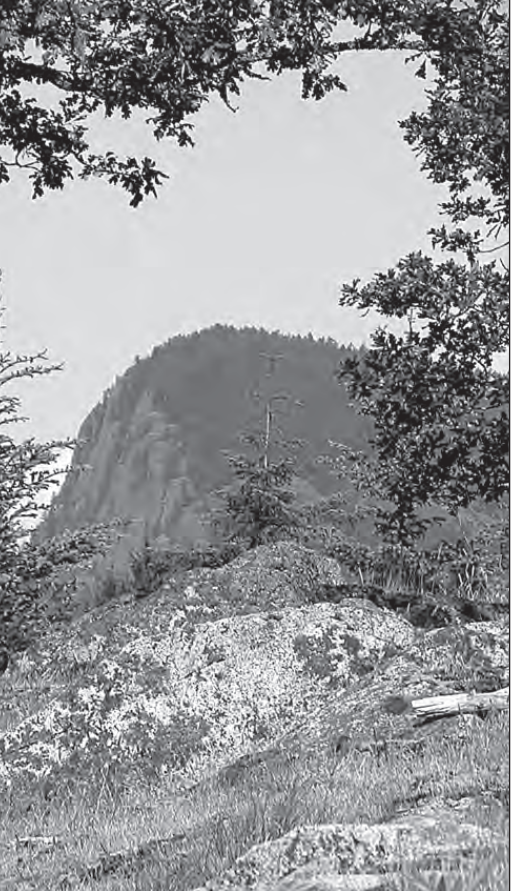
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The master of comedy and wit, Noël Coward, gives us such a good time as he mingles mischief, marriage and mediums in this high-spirited fantasy. (FAExtra: join us for a reception following the July 8 performance)

Uzume Taiko
Friday, July 16 (8:00pm)

Heart-stopping pulses, rhythmic sensitivity and the choreographed physicality of the martial arts create an exhilarating experience that is amazing to see and hear. (FAExtra: meet the musicians and discover their instruments at 6:50pm)

Hypnotika with Maza Mezé
Wednesday, July 21 (8:00pm)

This eclectic gathering of musicians adds to their varied musical menu much exotic flavouring, serving up a tantalizing platter of tidbits and a feast of world music. (FAExtra: meet the musicians and discover their instruments at 6:50pm)

iViva! Venezuela with Eliana Cuevas
Friday, August 6 (8:00pm)

Disarming samba jazz and sexy, sultry salsa. Eliana Cuevas delivers the sounds of Venezuela in an evening of irresistibly beautiful music. (FAExtra: meet the musicians in a pre-concert chat about Latin rhythms at 6:50pm)

George Bowering, Canada's Poet Laureate
Saturday, August 7 (8:00pm)

One of this country's foremost writers, Bowering tells it like he sees it in this stimulating, thought-provoking and witty evening of readings. (FAExtra: meet the author following the reading)

Stuttgart Chamber Choir
Sunday, August 8 (8:00pm)

When you listen to the Stuttgart Chamber Choir, you hear one of Europe's best: "beautifully, balanced sound [and] bright, rich layers of resonance." (FAExtra: reception following the performance)

A Portrait in Jazz: Bill Evans
Wednesday, August 11 (8:00)

The engaging Guy St-Onge trio pays tribute to one of the towering and most influential figures in all of jazz history.

Hadley J. Castille and the Sharecropper Band
Friday, August 13 (8:00)

This band serves up a musical gumbo of authentic Louisianan Cajun that captivates and electrifies audiences worldwide.

The Killer B's—2 Evenings of Chamber Music
Saturday, August 14 (8:00pm)
Friday, August 20 (8:00pm)

Celebrate the return of Festival ArtSpring's favourite and finest chamber musicians in two evenings of evocative and unforgettable musical picture-painting. (FAExtra: pre-concert chats at 6:50)



ARTIST IN THE PARK: Jenna Carter takes a little time out for her artwork, enjoying a recent sunny Saturday in Centennial Park.
Photo by Derrick Lundy

Elephant offers tough challenge

Winner of the Palme D'Or for both film and director at last year's Cannes Film Festival, Gus Van Sant's

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Elephant is a heartbreaking recount of a high school massacre almost identical to that at Columbine in 1999.

The first two thirds of the film methodically depicts the typical life of high school students. The camera follows individual students as they walk the halls, bump into each other, attend meetings and classes.

Like Van Sant's previous film Gerry, many shots are long and seemingly uneventful, evoking the everyday monotony of high school.

We've all read the back of the box and know that at some point a couple of kids are going to show up and start shooting. This makes for an almost painful tension within each scene as we wait for the shots and explosions that seem like they may never come.

But suddenly, there they are, Alex and Eric, walking onto campus wearing camouflage gear and carrying full-looking black duffel bags. When one of them warns a student to leave because some serious "stuff" is about to go down, we can't help but think of an identical quote we heard on the news as said by a student at the real Columbine.

Even then, the film loops back into the days of our two malcontents, showing all the possible influences upon them: video games, television, taunts from popular kids, absent parents, isolation. Van Sant, much like Michael Moore in Bowling for Columbine, seems to be saying that there are many factors to the tragedy.

In many ways, Elephant sticks by this message. Sometimes, though, it throws a curve ball. Why are all the characters named after the actors that portray them? Why does one plain girl look in wonder up at the sky at something we never see? Why does a video game the killers play depict the shooting of characters from Van Sant's last film Gerry?

And to what does the title refer? Yes, there is an elephant in the film. But I dare anyone to explain what the meaning of that particular pachyderm might be. Maybe there is no meaning, and it is just a red herring.

Elephant — as a film — may be a puzzle without a solution. I advise anyone seeking an interesting cinematic challenge to give it a try.

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THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

6:00 PM

14 ★★ Pig's Law (2001, Thriller)
A surrogate mother struggles to raise money to keep her family's pig farm alive. Isabel Richer, Sylvain Marcel (2h)

7:00 PM

3 ★★ House of Fools (2002, Comedy/Drama)
A Chechen soldier falls for a delusional patient in a Russian mental hospital. Julia Vysotsky, Sultan Islamov (2h)

8:00 PM

23 ★ The Golden Child (1986, Comedy)
A man tries to rescue an Asian child with magic powers who was kidnapped by an evil cult. Eddie Murphy, Charles Dance (2h)

9:00 PM

3 ★★ Innocence (2000, Romance)
After 40 years apart, a couple embarks on an affair reminiscent of younger days. Julia Blake, Charles Tingwell (1h45)

19 ★★ Baby Boom (1987, Comedy)
A young executive with everything suddenly inherits a baby girl from a distant relative. Diane Keaton, Harold Ramis (2h)

10:00 PM

14 ★★ Love Street (Rue des plaisirs) (2002, Drama) Patrick Timsit, Laetitia Casta (2h)

10:45 PM

3 ★★ Nowhere in Africa (2001, Drama)
A German Jewish refugee family adjusts to a farm life in 1930s Kenya. Juliane Köhler, Merab Ninidze (2h30)

11:30 PM

2 ★★★★★ After Life (1999, Drama)
At a way station between life and death, souls are asked to pick their favourite memories. Aarata, Erika Oda (1h35)

THURSDAY, MAY 20

7:00 PM

3 ★ The Jimmy Show (2001, Comedy/Drama)
A failed inventor embarks on a career as a stand-up comic and struggles to succeed. Frank Whaley, Carla Gugino (2h)

8:00 PM

13 25 ★★ American Pie 2 (2001, Comedy)
After a year of college, Jim, Stifler, Kevin, Oz and Finch reunite for a summer of fun. Jason Biggs, Shannon Elizabeth (2h)

23 ★★ The Hunter (1980, Action)
Follows a modern L.A. bounty hunter who tracks down fugitives who have escaped bail. Steve McQueen, Eli Wallach (2h)

9:00 PM

3 ★★ 2 Fast 2 Furious (2003, Action)
A former officer is recruited to infiltrate a racing circuit in order to redeem himself. Paul Walker, Tyrese Gibson (1h45)

19 ★ 8 Heads in a Duffel Bag (1997, Comedy)
A hit man's suitcase full of severed heads is accidentally switched with a student's bag. Joe Pesci, Andy Comeau (1h30)

29 ★★ Evil Under the Sun (1982, Mystery)
Hercule Poirot looks into the death of a very crabby, popular and egocentric actress. Peter Ustinov, James Mason (2h)

10:00 PM

14 ★★ The Lord of the Rings (1978, Animated)
A good-natured hobbit embarks on an epic journey to destroy a powerful evil ring. Voices of Christopher Guard, William Squire (2h30)

10:45 PM

3 ★★ Darkness Falling (2002, Thriller)
A lawyer investigates her twin sister's puzzling suicide and uncovers a mysterious lover. Jason Priestley, Janet Kidder (1h35)

11:30 PM

2 ★★ Secret Agent (1999)
An American traveling abroad tries to uncover the truth about his brother's murder. Kevin Dillon, Andrea Roth (2h)

FRIDAY, MAY 21

6:00 PM

15 Sharpe's Siege (1994, War)
A regiment attempts to seize a French castle and incite a rebellion in Bordeaux. Sean Bean, Christian Brendel (2h)

7:00 PM

3 ★ Dumb and Dumberer: When Harry Met Lloyd (2003, Comedy)
Two outcasts cross paths with a mean principal and others during their high school years. Eric Christian Olsen, Derek Richardson (1h30)

7:30 PM

19 To Be Announced (1h35)

8:00 PM

11 ★★ Young Winston (1972, Biography)
A look at the early life of Winston Churchill, from his childhood to his first election. Simon Ward, Anne Bancroft (2h30)

23 ★★ The Best Man (1999, Romance)
A wedding celebration is disrupted by a revealing novel which was written by the best man. Taye Diggs, Nia Long (2h)

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454 523	BRAVO	15 News	Dr. Strangelove (Or How I...			15 News	Nine Months (1995) Hugh Grant.		Patch Adams (1998) Robin Williams.		45 News	ArtsMinds										
441 506	HIST	7:00 Birdman of Alcatraz Burt Lancaster.				Timelines: Conflict	Duel at Diablo (1966) Sidney Poitier.		The Day Earth...		Disasters of Cent.		Warrior of Night									
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23	KSTW	B. Bears	B. Bears	Gadget	All Dogs..	News	Lucy	Walker, TR		Santa Claus Conquers the Martians		Mr. Mom (1983) Michael Keaton.										
24	KVOS	Wild Things		Dave Chalk Live		Paid Program		Paid Program		Breaking Away (1979) Dennis Quaid.		McCloud: Enco...										
333 382	KCPQ	Cubix	Martin	Shaman	Ninja	Winx	Kirby	Muscle	F. Cops	Lightning	TWIB	Baseball MLB New York Yankees vs Texas Rangers										
511 390	NEWS	News	Country	News	Business	News	One/One	Antiques Roadshow	News	Culture	W'rldView	ForeignA.</										

Salt Spring

Visitor

A Weekly Feature of the Gulf Islands Driftwood

Visitors keep on coming

Local tourism is on the rise, as Salt Spring Island attracts visitors from all over the world.

According to Chamber of Commerce statistics, 45,000 people visited the Ganges Tourist Information Centre last year, more than double the 20,000 visitors recorded in 1995.

"This April, we had about 500 more [visitors] than last year," said Chamber of Commerce manager Perry Ruehlen.

Ruehlen said that 23 per cent of the tourists last year came from B.C., while eight per cent were from Alberta and 11 per cent visited from the rest of Canada.

Eight percent travelled from Washington, five per cent from California and 11 per cent from the rest of the United States and Mexico.

On a global scale, 12 per cent of visitors came from Europe, five per cent from Australia and Asia combined and one per cent from the rest of the world.

"Spring is busy . . . but August is by far the busiest month"

— Perry Ruehlen

In addition, 16 per cent of people wanting information from the tourist centre were local residents.

Of last year's tourists, 34 per cent spent the day on Salt Spring, 27 per cent spent one night, 17 per cent spent two nights and 10 per cent spent

three nights.

Some visitors stayed longer, with seven per cent for one week, three per cent for two weeks, and two per cent for over two weeks.

Ruehlen said the majority of people came to the Info Centre to ask about attractions, accommodations, adventure and recreation, transportation, public washrooms, restaurants and parks.

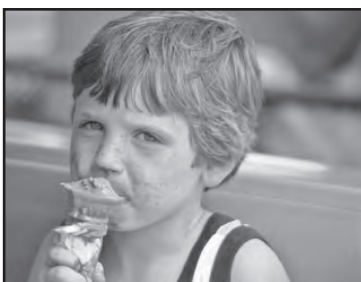
While spring is a busy time for tourists, the island will get busier later in the summer.

"August is by far the busiest month," said Ruehlen.

Chamber of Commerce statistics indicate that, on average, each tourist spends \$191.80 per day.

This Victoria Day weekend, visitors can take in men's and women's soccer tournament action at island fields, the Home and Haven house and garden tour, Fiddler on the Roof, live music at several venues and art shows galore, including the 2004 debut of ArtCraft at Mahon Hall.

See the What's On calendar inside for a complete listing of the week's events on Salt Spring.



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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

WED. May 19	THURS. May 20	FRI. May 21	SAT. May 22	SUN. May 23	MON. May 24	TUES. May 25
Live Entertainment Simply Organic. Free recital of popular organ music, followed by coffee & muffin. All Saints. 10:10 a.m. Stephen Hedley. Tree House Cafe.	Live Entertainment Fashion Show & Luncheon. IODE event at Harbour House, noon. Info: Gwyn, 537-4743. Fiddler on the Roof. Active P.A.S.S. musical at ArtSpring, 8 p.m. DJ Degree 1. At Anise, 9 p.m. Mike & Simone. Jazz, soul & R&B at Tree House Cafe.	Live Entertainment Fiddler on the Roof. Active P.A.S.S. musical at ArtSpring, 8 p.m. Stephanie Rhodes CD Release Party. The Local, 8 p.m. Red Fish. Moby's Pub, 9 p.m. Michael Jerome Brown. Roots & blues at Tree House Cafe.	Live Entertainment Fiddler on the Roof. Active P.A.S.S. musical at ArtSpring, 8 p.m. Lorna Crozier & Patrick Lane. Literary reading at All Saints, 8 p.m. Red Fish. Moby's Pub, 9 p.m. Tom Hooper & the Angry Hippies. Anise, 9 p.m. Michael Jerome Brown. Roots & blues, Tree House Cafe.	Live Entertainment Blues on the Bay. Gene Grooms and guests at The Local, 2 p.m. Barley Bros. Fulford Inn, 6 p.m. Uno Mas. Sunday Dinner Jazz at Moby's, 8 p.m. Valdy. Tree House Cafe. Alan Miceli. Dinner-hour music, Anise.	Live Entertainment Victoria Day with the Barley Bros. Moby's Pub, 5 p.m. Stephanie Rhodes. Other Activities Untamed vocals at Tree House Cafe. Salt Spring Challenge Cup. Soccer tournament finals. AIDS Film Nights. Mondays at the SOLID office, 5-B Creekside, 6:30 p.m.	Live Entertainment Other Activities Open Stage with Tara Hollingsworth. Tree House Cafe. E-Commerce & the Internet. Free CED Workshop. Lions Hall, 7 p.m. RSVP to 537-4219. Hip Hop/Jazz Style Dance. Classes for teens and adults with Andrea Rabinovitch. GISS dance room, 5:30-6:30. SS Genealogy Group. Meets at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 7 p.m. Healing Circle. For all healing practitioners. StarBooks, Tuesdays, 5:15. Welcome to Satsang. Ganges Yoga Studio. Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Other Activities Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Appreciation Tea. Thrift Shop, 2-3:30 p.m. Neighbourhood Drop Inn. Wednesdays at Beaver Point Hall, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Gulf Islands School Board. Meets to announce 4-day school week decision. GISS gym, noon. Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve Walk. A SSI Conservancy event. Call 538-0318 to register.	Other Activities Storytime. Thursdays at Fables Cottage, 11-noon. Pool Tourney. Thursday nights at the Vesuvius Inn. SS Weavers & Spinners Guild. Rug Challenge 4. ArtSpring, 10:30a.m.-noon. Bingo. At Meaden Hall, 7 p.m. Early bird games at 6:30. Grief Support Group. Meets at Croftonbrook, 7 p.m. Info: Margaret, 537-9172.	Other Activities Nine & Dine. Golf & dinner at SS Golf & Country Club. Applied Skills Fair. Open house at GISS, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Rugg Huggers. Baby-parent group meets at Family Place, 11a.m.-1p.m.	Other Activities Home and Haven. Salt Spring Island House Tour. Art-Spring fundraiser. Tickets/info: 537-2102. Salt Spring Challenge Cup. Soccer all day at GISS, SIMS and Portlock fields. Round Salt Spring Sailing Race. Boats leave from Ganges Harbour at 10 a.m. Magical May Muse. Intuitive readings by Doreen Minshall, Carol Spencer & Tanya Lester. 212 Park Drive, 11-4.	Other Activities		

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Cable

SSTV Cable Channel 12 broadcasts this Saturday, May 22, with programming running continuously for 24 hours beginning at 5 p.m.

Salt Spring Writes: 2004 Reading Series — the first in a series of four readings presented by SS Writers & Friends at ArtSpring. This show is hosted by Derek Lundy and features award-winning authors Murray Reiss, Sandi Johnson and Brian Brett, who give voice to a variety of new poems and prose as they stir the imaginations of an appreciative audience.

Dan Jason's Garden — features gardener, heritage seed producer and author Dan Jason as he gives us a tour of the beautiful Salt Spring Centre garden and the headquarters of his Salt Spring Seeds operation. *Produced by Island VideoWorks.*

Exhibitions

ArtCraft opens Thursday, May 20 and features the Debut Showcase of work by new-to-ArtCraft artists and craftspeople. At **Mahon Hall** daily, 10-5. Opening reception on May 20 at 7 p.m.

Susan Pratt and Tammy Hudgeon exhibit May 21-24 at **Pegasus Gallery**. Artists in attendance on Saturday from 1-3 p.m.

Nicola Wheston Studio & Gallery is now open at #5 Merchants Mews. Open daily Wed.-Sun., 11-4:30.

Visual Dialogues — collaborative work by **Judith Borbas and Marlene Smith** runs in the **ArtSpring** lobby space through May.

Margie Korrison shows **My True Colour** paintings during May at **Moby's Pub**.

J. Mitchell Gallery presents work by **Pat and Ken Bennett** and **Lea Mabblerly** from May 21 to June 17.

John Jacques is the featured artist at **Island Savings** until July.

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The building occupies an historic location overlooking an ancient aboriginal canoe portage that once linked Ganges Harbour to the head of Booth Canal. In 1859 the site was included in one of the original lots of the Ganges Harbour Settlement and was occupied by William Issac, a black settler from the United States. The land changed hands and by the late 1890's it was owned by Frank Scott, one of several brothers recently immigrated from England.

The Mahon Memorial Hall was first conceived as an "Agricultural Hall" for the sole purpose of promotion and display of small scale agriculture and orchard produce from all of the Southern Gulf Islands. The idea of a hall was initially conceived at a July 2, 1898 meeting of the Islands Agricultural and Fruit Growers Association (IAFGA) where "the question of building an Agricultural Hall at Ganges Harbour was first brought up". Ganges Harbour was a natural choice as it was easily accessible by boat to those members of the IAFGA who lived on the islands of Mayne, Galiano, Prevost, Pender, Saturna, Moresby, Read, Thetis and Kuper. A committee was struck to look into the possibility.

In 1900, following a very successful Show Fair held outdoors at Joe Nightingales' farm in the Burgoyne Valley, the fifth annual general meeting of the Association decided "that the time had come to build a Hall of its own." Much discussion followed regarding the site for the proposed hall until Frank Scott, a member of the original planning committee, offered "a piece of ground 35 yards by 70 yards for \$40" at the base of a rocky knoll on his Ganges Harbour farm. The directors of the IAFGA were "empowered to go ahead with the building, acquire the site offered by Mr. Scott ...open a subscription list and to do whatever was necessary to build the Hall." Work on the hall may have begun as early as November 1900.

There were delays in construction and by the fall of 1901 the building remained unfinished with a balance of \$112.00 owed to the contractor Reid Bittancourt and Victoria lumber magnate J.A. Sayward. At the October 26, 1901 meeting of the I.A.F.G. Association, held in the Public Hall at Central, it was learned that in addition to this debt, a further \$144.25 was required for siding, eight large windows and a double front door. Old time settler John Booth expressed concern that if the building was not finished "it will blow down this winter." Bittancourt guaranteed the building "to stand as it is for 12 months." Henry Caldwell donated his secretary's salary of \$50 and other directors who had not paid their subscriptions came forward. Two weeks later, on November 6, 1901, the Board of directors held their first meeting in the new, albeit still unfinished, Agricultural Hall overlooking Ganges Harbour.

At this historic meeting the 1901 building committee was "discharged from further responsibility" and another committee created "to raise the money necessary to purchase the land and finish the hall." They were authorized to raise \$1,000 and "instructed to buy the land and spend the money to run the hall to the best of their ability and judgement." Ross Mahon, a recently arrived immigrant, and the bachelor son of a wealthy Irish family, agreed to give a \$1,000 mortgage at 6 % interest to the Islands Agricultural and Fruit Growers Association.

The Agricultural Hall was finished with fir dropped-siding and painted red — the traditional colour of European-American barn buildings and an appropriate choice for an Agricultural Hall. "Barn Red", in addition to being the cheapest available paint of the day, symbolized agricultural prosperity. The colour red is also attributed to the use of ferrous oxide mixed with linseed oil for its preservative qualities.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MAHON HALL

This community hall has always reflected changes in the social and economic fabric of the island and will continue to do so over the next century.



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AN INVITATION

MAHON HALL IS 100 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR. It has served the Salt Spring community well. You are invited to celebrate with us this exciting centennial birthday throughout this year. To start the celebrations, please join us for a birthday party on Thursday, May 20, 7-9 p.m. There will be short talks about the history of Mahon Memorial Hall, time to have a sneak preview of 2004 Artcraft, music and birthday cake, of course. Come and sing Happy Birthday to our wonderful Mahon Hall, heartbeat of our community.

The Agricultural Hall was ready for its grand opening at the 1902 Show Fair of the Island Agricultural and Fruit Growers Association. A large Union Jack was raised over the entrance and outside the building a make-shift flag-bedecked stage was erected for the well-known Kuper Island Band, a brass ensemble of uniformed native students from the Roman Catholic Residential School on Kuper Island, who were invited to help celebrate the grand opening.

On June 9, 1903, Ross Mahon drowned while swimming in Long Harbour in front of his property at what is now Maracaibo. The mortgage on the hall was turned over to his estate which sent a bill 15 months later requesting a \$75 payment on interest due. The Association could only afford to send \$25. In October 1904 the IAFGA received a letter from the executors of Mahon's estate informing them that the brothers and sisters of Ross Mahon had given them authority "to make a present of the Mortgage on the Hall and grounds." There was only one condition: "...that a brass plate bearing the words "Mahon Memorial Hall" be placed on the building." A letter was drafted "to thank the heirs of Ross Mahon for their generous gift...saying also we will gladly agree to put up some brass tablet." On January 11 1905 a special meeting was called to pass on Design for the Mahon' The plaque cost \$40 and was affixed to the building where it remains to this day after being carefully restored some years ago by Laurie Neish. Thus the hall was officially open and debt free in 1904.

Membership in the IAGFGA grew, mostly on Salt Spring Island and by 1912 the organization numbered 192 members representing the male heads of most of the family farms on the Gulf Islands. Outbuildings, including a poultry display building adjacent to the Hall, and a long series of sheep and cattle sheds along Rainbow road were built. Under the guidance of the IAFGA Board of Directors the hall was regularly used by a variety of local and visiting theatre and musical groups as well as other groups and individuals for a wide range of activities ranging from private parties to political meetings. The Show Fair enjoyed great success in the years prior to the Great War drawing up to a thousand visitors from all over the Gulf Islands and beyond.

The First World War changed everything as the younger immigrant men of British Columbia left the repetitive pattern of mixed farming for the centre of adventure abroad. Many never returned. By 1918 the Islands Agricultural and Fruit Growers Association amalgamated with the Farmers' Institute.

In recognition of the growing interest in the Mahon Memorial Hall as a venue for the performing arts, a major addition was added to the Hall in the early 1920's with the construction of an elevated stage on the west side of the building.

In 1926, in response to the need for a high school in the Gulf islands, the Association permitted the School Board of the day to use the poultry display building (better known as the "chicken house") as a high school. For the next 13 years Mahon Memorial Hall served as the high school gymnasium, theatre for school productions and washroom. Other community activities continued when school was not in session. Former students, Ivan Mouat, Mary Inglin and Mary Mollet, recall fondly the many fine drama and musical productions of their high school years at the "chicken house" school.

School activities continued but the Depression years witnessed the end of the annual Show Fair as many island farms moved from commercial mixed farming to subsistence farming. Farmers focused their activities on milk production. As Ivan Mouat puts it, "The big money was in the Creamery." The need for an annual display and promotion of local produce declined except for the occasional "Sheep Show" recalls Mary Mollet.

The desire for an exhibition ground for local farmers gave way to the needs of a growing school population and led to the acquisition of a major portion of what was now the Islands Farmers' Institute grounds for the purpose of building a new Consolidated School (now

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SALT SPRING 100 YEARS AGO

What were things like a hundred years ago, as the Mahon Family turned over to Salt Spring agriculturists the mortgage of the building named for their lost relative? The building had already grown since its first incarnation in 1902, and the debt-free building was more properly to be called Mahon Memorial Hall. In fact, the year 1904 bore an eerie similarity to its successor one hundred years later, as the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council works to ensure the Hall will be available to the community for the next hundred years.

In 1904 Sir Wilfrid Laurier declared that the coming century would belong to Canada. With rhetoric like that can we be surprised that there was a federal election that year? It pitted Robert Borden, the new federal Conservative leader, against Laurier in Borden's first election as opposition leader.



The war of the time was the Russo-Japanese War, in which the Russians were thoroughly trounced. This resulted in much concern on Canada's west coast concerning national defence. Britain was letting it be known it was considering withdrawing the last imperial forces from Canada, at Esquimalt and Halifax, and Andrew Carnegie and Professor Goldwin Smith were certain that Canada's destiny lay in annexation to the United States.

Naturally, with an election in the offing, the BC government and politicians became involved in an attempt to wrest 'Better Terms' for the province from the federal government—and federal politicians visited the coast and promised them. The provincial economy was, by and large, in decent shape. However, the province wanted more say over how the local fisheries were to be run, and agitation from Canadian lumber producers urged the federal government to take action against US producers, who, they claimed were dumping lumber in Canadian markets. Industry was gearing up in Crofton, where a new smelter was about to get into production, processing ore from the Britannia Mine in Howe Sound.

Perhaps hitting closer to home, it appeared that the Okanagan Valley was rapidly becoming the leader in apple production in the province. B.C. apples crossing Canada destined for the Royal Horticultural Show in London that year received praise, prizes and not a little condescension as they wended their way east and were exhibited at various eastern Canada shows. No such parochial concerns bothered the British, who promptly awarded them the gold medal in their category, to the intense delight of the Victoria press. The prize-winning fruit was made up of ten cases each from Kelowna, Lytton and the coast—without any mention as to the origin of the coastal crop. Had Salt Spring lost its importance in apple production by them?

Horror of horrors, there was also a plan to have a quarter million Atlantic salmon fry to be sent from the east to stock the Cowichan and Nanaimo rivers!

Salt Spring news in the Victoria newspapers was sparse. The occasional gossip was reported, particularly school results. However, over that balmy summer a number of day excursions were arranged, with suitable—and flowery—advertisements and satisfactorily glowing reports on their culmination. Both Fulford and Ganges were visited. Lack of private cars was no impediment; either James Dunsmuir's steamer was borrowed, or the local rail network in Victoria delivered passengers to the wharf at Sidney to the steamers Charmor or Iroquois. An August trip coordinated by the Maritime Provinces Association of Vancouver saw groups from the "Terminal City" and Victoria rendez-vousing in Ganges, where there was "an excellent wharf, a beautiful beach, plenty of shade and every facility for sports, fishing and wheeling". The round trip for those taking the train and steamer from Victoria cost \$1.50.

On 21 September 1904 "The Islands' Show" took place in Ganges. An agricultural show that brought in contributors from the outlying islands as well, it attracted visitors from the mainland and from



Malcolm Purvis/Mount Pencil 1904

Victoria. Nearly \$700 were distributed as prizes, and the prize list was too long for one issue of the Daily Colonist. In fact, a battle of fall fairs was the order of the day, with Salt Spring in competition with Chilliwack, Saanich, Cowichan, and the biggest, the provincial one in Victoria, all happening between the 21st and the end of September. Salt Spring's fair was advertised as its ninth, whilst Saanich's, the oldest, was having its 37th.

Thus, one hundred years ago, things were not markedly different than they are now.

Ken Mackenzie



MAHON HALL STILL A COMMUNITY HALL



Breith Feet

Since its inception, Mahon Memorial Hall has been a vital part of the Salt Spring Community—the heartbeat of the community. Individuals and groups use Mahon Hall for a wide variety of functions primarily in the late afternoons and evenings as well as the weekends. Probably you see the flyers and the event write-ups but may not realize just how busy the hall is unless you are passing daily and see the lights on or the activity bursting out the doors.

Most recently the large cast of *Fiddler on the Roof* has been singing up a storm as they rehearse. Some members have even been spilling out onto the front steps. Of course, other theatrical events are regularly held in the Hall keeping up the long thespian tradition of the Hall. Stagecoach Theatre for children uses the hall regularly for rehearsals and

productions. And small productions including one person shows are very popular.

Music in many guises occurs often at Mahon Hall filling the place with sound. Dance classes for children and adults keep the hall stirring with a wide variety of music. Community dances of various kinds are happy here. Many musical events fill the hall with magic, including launches of CDs by some of our very talented islanders. Benefit concerts to raise funds for a wide variety of groups are often held here. Music is used in yet another way during some of the exercise classes held in the hall and African drum dances occur on another evening. The wooden floor and large expanse provide a wonderful setting for these events.

Weekend events are very popular with the latest being the Eco-Sustainability weekend with speakers, information booths and humour. Earlier events ranged from the Wellness Weekends to Peace Works!.

Meetings of various groups also occur in the Hall ranging from the Friends of Salt spring Parks to the GICAC AGM. Basketry students brought their materials, projects and tools for an exciting evening class offered through the new continuing education program. And fundraising auctions are often scheduled as there is lots of room to view the display of

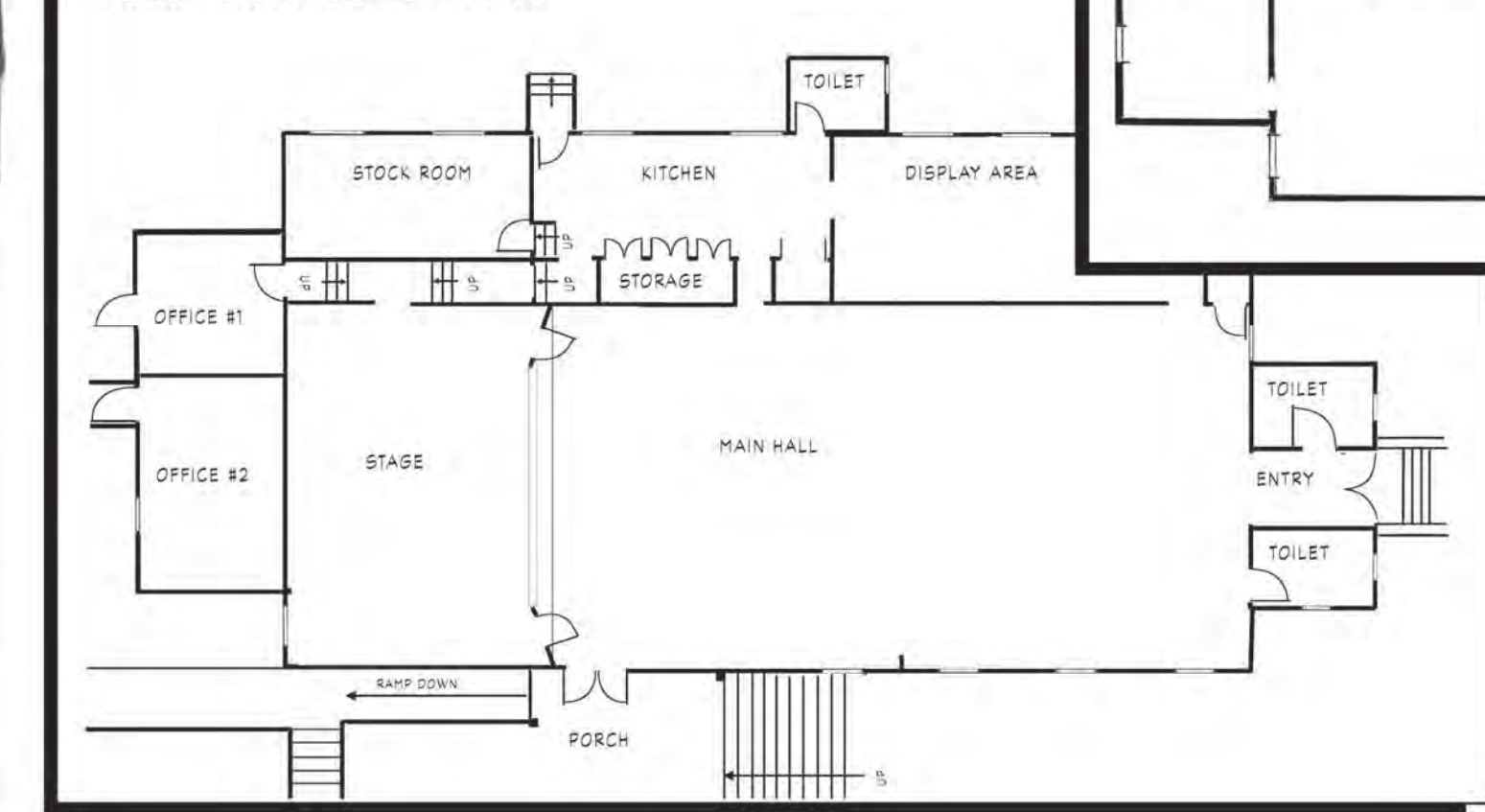
goods as well as participate in a lively auction.

Happy occasions like special birthdays and anniversaries are celebrated here with ingenious decorations that transform the Hall. At other times, people attend more sombre but joyful events as they celebrate and remember the life of one of our islanders.

During the summer months, Artcraft occupies Mahon Hall, much to the delight of the tourists and islanders who shop there. Visitors to the island marvel at the array of quality crafts and arts available to them, and many return annually to do their gift shopping. Artcraft is a place for established artists to show their work and provides a supportive environment for new artists, too. Many island artists benefit which of course supports our whole island economy. The small commission charged provides funding to support the operation of the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council and enables us to maintain and operate Mahon Hall as well as to provide grants and bursaries to individuals and groups in the community.

Lorna Cammaert

EXISTING FLOOR PLAN



THE NEXT HUNDRED YEARS

Mahon Memorial Hall is one of the primary community halls on Salt Spring Island and is an important heritage building. The other halls are Central (1900), Fulford (1930) and Beaver Point (1930). Mahon Hall forms a key component in the life, especially the cultural life, on Salt Spring. After over 100 years of continuous service, Mahon Hall is in need of major restoration work if it is to continue to provide Salt Spring Island with the facility it needs and deserves. With this 100th birthday it is an appropriate time to plan for the next 100 years.

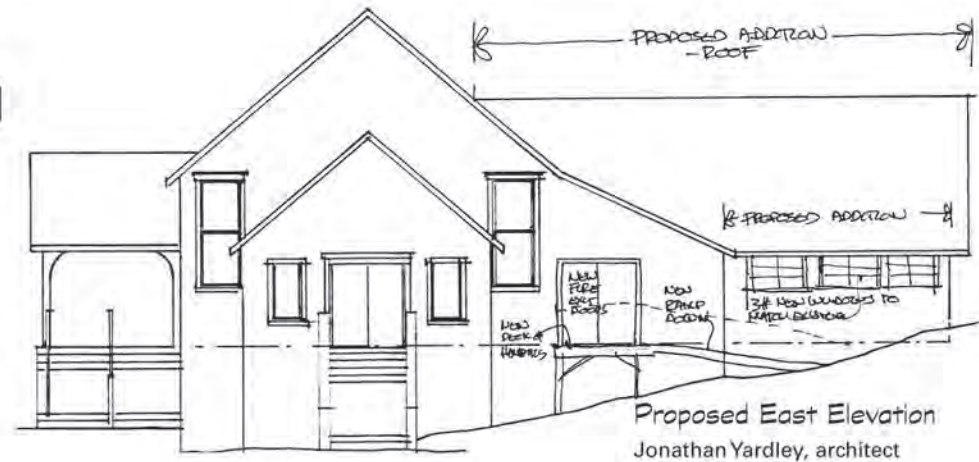
The Gulf Islands Community Arts Council has produced a Strategic Plan which identifies the following aspects which need to be addressed in the renovation of Mahon Hall:

1. Move the washrooms from the front of the building,
2. Increase the number of meeting rooms,
3. Provide permanent storage space for guilds, files, performing arts costumes and equipment, chairs and tables, display units, tables and chairs,
4. Rehearsal space,
5. Kitchen
6. Studio space for large scale projects,
7. Small retail space,
8. Smaller room than current hall for classes, intimate theatre.

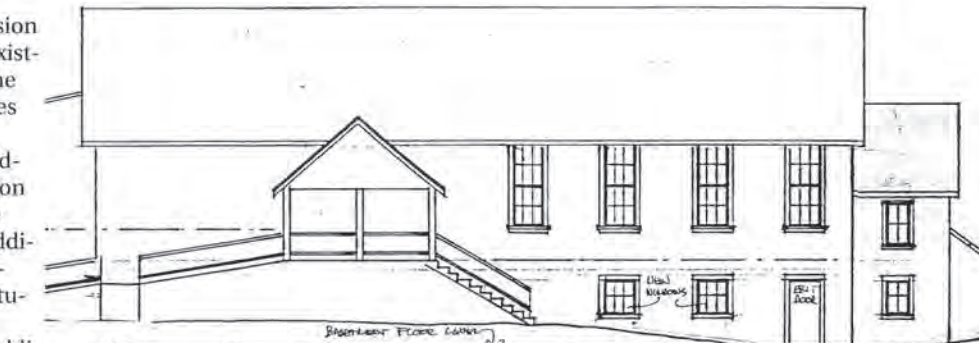
To address these identified needs and to restore the Hall, the restoration and renovation proposal is divided into three main categories:

1. To reorganize the division of spaces within the existing configuration of the Hall to make the spaces more useable;
2. To re-support the building on a new foundation system of which some areas could provide additional full height basement space for both studio and storage use;
3. To provide a modest addition to the north side of the Hall to accommodate a smaller meeting room and desperately needed kitchen space.

By doing this an additional 3,664 sq. ft. of useable area will be created in the basement with 576 sq. ft. added to the main floor. Overall this adds 4,240 sq. ft. to the existing building of 4,900 sq. ft. for a building of 9,140 sq. ft. Site restrictions negate the possibility of any major addition to the building. Therefore the proposal is to utilize the space under the building to provide a much needed increase in useable area and to firmly secure the building to the ground. The end result will be that the building when viewed from the west, south, and east will be exactly as it



exists today except for additional windows and door to the basement level. From the north (rear) the proposed gabled roof addition will have a ridge lower than the main hall eaves



Proposed South Elevation
Jonathan Yardley, architect

In addition to these major changes, the following need to be addressed:

1. Rewire the entire building to the current BC Building Code requirements,
2. Reorganize the plumbing systems to accommodate relocated washrooms,
3. Provide fire separation between the basement and ground floor levels,
4. Install new fire exit passageways and doors to BC Building Code requirements,
5. Install a sprinkler system throughout the building,
6. Carry out grading at the perimeter of the building at the southeast corner to facilitate entering and exiting from the basement level,
7. Remove and rebuild the main entry on the south side of the building,
8. Repair and repaint the entire exterior and interior of the building,
9. Re-roof the building.

Building costs are difficult to estimate in these days of escalating costs, but the best estimate we have is that the restoration and renovation will cost approximately \$500,000. To this end, the GICAC has been able to accumulate approximately \$100,000. A grant of \$250,000 from the Shaw family legacy was awarded although it is difficult to predict when we may see that money. Thus a major fundraising campaign will be launched this summer.

Please join us in keeping Mahon Hall, an important heritage building, alive and well so that it can continue to be the Heartbeat of the Community.

Lorna Cammaert

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Brass and a cappella groups merge for May 28-29 concerts

By JENNIFER MCFEE
Staff Writer

Two groups of Salt Spring musicians are tuning up for a weekend of concerts that combine their tones and talents.

A cappella singers of Indigo and the Salt Spring Brass Quintet will each play a set of musical selections at their 8 p.m. concerts held on May 28 and 29 at Lions Hall.

The nine singers who make up Indigo will kick off the concerts with some of the group's favourite songs, including folk, gospel and pop music.

The group harmonizes the voices of bass Don Zacharias, baritone Bo Curtis, tenors Randy Marchi and Scott Howe, altos Cathy Young and Barb Ruddell, soprano and alto Wendy Vine and sopranos Veronica Hylands and Anne Millerd.

According to Millerd, the concept of Indigo was to

create a co-operative, undirected a cappella group.

"We are definitely performance-oriented," she said. "We love to perform. We take our music as far as we can ourselves, then we bring in an outside coach to listen and critique."

They sing from memory, without using music books when they entertain.

"I write the words on the inside of my glasses," joked Zacharias.

Vine said their concert program is fun and light.

"It's full of really good harmonies. One of the things people notice is the connection between us when we perform."

Indigo has been singing together for two years at venues such as Greenwoods, Meadowbrook, Lady Minto Hospital and ArtSpring, as well as at their June 2003 Lions Hall invitational.

The Salt Spring Brass

Quintet is also completing its second season of local performances, with Dawn Hage and Murray Hunter on trumpet, Richard Moses on horn, Charles Buchwald on tuba and Gary Dunn on euphonium.

"This is our first formal evening recital," said Hage, former trumpet player with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra. "We will also be playing at Music and Munch on June 30."

She described their music as lyrical, luscious and light-hearted.

"Brass music tends to be very sonorous and lush. We play older pieces, rags, more popular music and everything in between."

The group will play eight or nine songs, including Cavatina, which was composed by Stanley Myers for the movie Deer Hunter.

"This song features Dawn on the flugelhorn," said

Big-name writers at All Saints

Famous Canadian literary couple Lorna Crozier and Patrick Lane will give a poetry reading together this weekend on Salt Spring.

The event, sponsored by Theatre Alive! and The Canada Council, will be held at All Saints By-the-Sea Anglican Church on Saturday, May 22 at 8 p.m.

Admission is free, but donations will be accepted.

Crozier, born in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, is a professor of writing at the University of Victoria and was appointed department chair in 2003.

She also taught at the University of Saskatchewan from 1986 to 1991, and acted as writer-in-residence at the University of Toronto.

In June, Crozier will be

recognized for her contributions to Canadian literature and will be awarded an honorary Doctorate of Law from the University of Regina.

Crozier has written 13 volumes of poetry and is Canada's best-selling poet. Her most recent publication is Bones in Their Wings. She also co-edited Addiction: Notes from the Belly of the Beast with her partner Patrick Lane.

Lane, born in Nelson, B.C., has spent most of his life wandering, writing and reading his way across the world. He was the writer-in-residence in many institutions across Canada and taught in the University of Saskatchewan's English Department with Crozier.

He is a member of the UVic writing department

and teaches privately to masters students across the country.

In the past 40 years, the award-winning poet has published 24 volumes of poetry, including his latest collection Go Leaving Strange. His non-fiction book There is a Season, A Memoir in a Garden will be published this summer.

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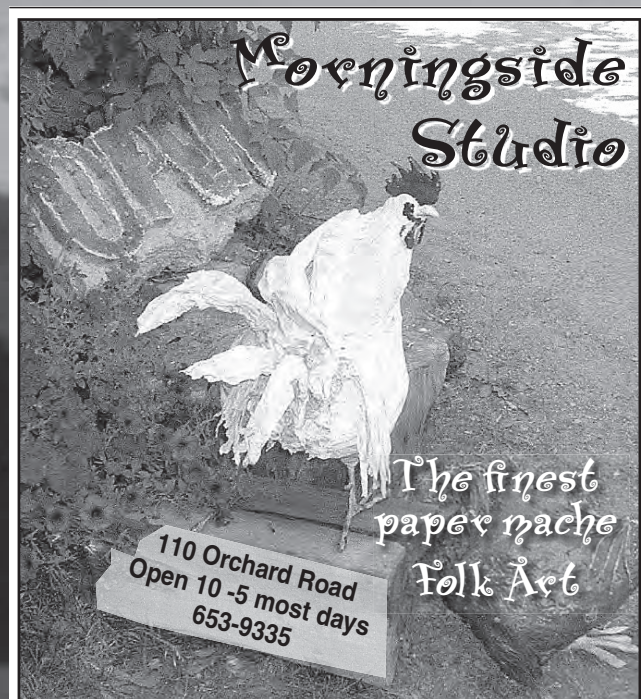
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Jambalaya employee Ellie Casey waters a planter outside the Fulford store.



Lisa Lawrence is spotted at The Wardrobe in Fulford Harbour.



Carola Heydemann works outside her store Stuff and Nonsense.

Fulford: A great place to visit any weekend

Jam-packed with creativity and history, Fulford has an authentic and intimate village environment that just can't be duplicated.

"For a lot of people who have never been to the Gulf Islands, Fulford is what they expect to find," says unofficial Fulford "mayor" Bruce Patterson. "Kind of funky old buildings that have been converted numerous times and have had many lives. . . . As merchants down here we take pride in being a seaside village and try to keep that kind of feeling."

Carola Heydemann's Stuff 'n' Nonsense shop and the adjacent Jambalaya encapsulate Fulford with their eclectic goods and artistic, eye-catching exterior and interiors.

Fulford village businesses are predominantly small, square-footage-wise, but they teem with contents, character and, especially around ferry times, patrons.

But those who live and work in Fulford are adept at handling the ebb and flow of ferry traffic, whether it rolls through on two feet or four wheels.

"The best time to come is five minutes after the ferry has left," advises Patterson.

Former residences and buildings with commercial and industrial uses have transformed into art galleries and stores specializing in items such as beads, hemp and hats.

Stuff 'n' Nonsense is one of the longest-

running enterprises, with Heydemann establishing it in a smaller next door space 18 years ago.

She thinks Fulford is "fabulous" and well worth the rest of islanders visiting for more than 10 minutes before the ferry leaves for Swartz Bay.

"Everyone is doing their own original thing," she says. "It's so colourful now too."

As historian Patterson explains, the Stuff 'n' Nonsense building has in the past been a residence and a variety of offices, a hair salon and pottery shop.

"Every building has had different lives."

Tom Graham's pottery was also next door in the front part of Jim Fogarty's accounting office, and that structure was originally a logging crew bunkhouse, says Patterson. In the 1960s it was used as the post office and then an artists' collective.

"Jambalaya used to be a bulk fuel and oil storage building when Ronny Lee ran this place as a gas station."

Patterson's Store was once a garage until the Patterson family bought the site in the 1960s and converted it into a store.

Each Fulford building interior boasts unique design elements.

Morningside Organic Bakery and Café has created an eco-designed space that includes elements such as a cobb wood-fired oven and fireplace, an organic herb living roof and a patented roof system

which opens and closes according to the weather.

Throughout the village, shards of tile spice up walkways and countertops, along with jazziily painted window frames, walls and floors.

In fact, taking in the tones, textures and materials of Fulford buildings is like a rewarding gallery stroll in itself.

Artwork is sold at Bill Rhodes' Morningside Studio, home of the amazing papier maché chickens.

August Gallery on Morningside is in a building that has been home to a few artistic endeavours in recent years, and was also Jambalaya's original corner of Fulford. It has also housed Dave Beck's appliance repair centre, a realty office and Shell Oil bulk fuels office in the past. Hart woodworking pieces can also be found in the back.

The building where the Morningside Organic Bakery & Café and The Wardrobe now reside was at one time the fire hall, notes Patterson.

Salt Spring Kayaking has for years enjoyed a perfect spot off the dock in what was a feed shed run first by the Moutats and then the Pattersons until the late 1980s.

"Peter [Allan] has been running his kayak operations out of there ever since."

That structure is now crowned by a smiling mermaid figure created by Fulford

artist Judy Harper.

Next door, the Tree House South locale has been feeding islanders for years under one name or another — from Mary's to Nan's coffee bar, Rodrigo's, Kingfisher, Raven's Nest and Roasting Co.

A testament to using all available Fulford space is Phying Phish Eco Store, perched on the historic wharf in small but serviceable digs.

With space a real issue, the Fulford business area has expanded in recent years. Morningside Studio is now on nearby Orchard Road, along with the new Dancing Bears Hemp Company, which features hand-made hemp clothing and other goods.

The Fulford Inn may be outside the village core, but Alf Reda's cozy pub with its famous huge fireplace and liquor outlet maintains the same sense of shared community.

Up the hill and closer to Ganges, but still definitely part of Fulford, are Salt Spring's two award-winning wineries — Garry Oaks Winery and Salt Spring Vineyards — and Manderlay Gardens, which specializes in exotic and unusual plants and trees, plus farm gate veggies and Salt Spring Lavender products.

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By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Musicians and singers from Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) are stretching their wings with a trip to Montréal for the National Jazz Competition and Festival next week.

"I'm super excited," said Grade 12 jazz choir member Fiona Kennedy. "We're competing on a national level. I've never done that with the choral program."

She's also excited to go to Montréal for six nights and seven days during the competition. The 24-student group is set to participate in music clinics, see the Montréal Symphony and catch an Expos baseball game.

"We're going out with a bang," said Kennedy.

GISS music teacher Bruce Smith described Kennedy as the "Martha Stewart" of the choir. "She should do a show where she sings and makes things."

In addition to her musical talents, she created the cover for the choir's new CD, Fade to Noise, and she re-designed the music room with painting, fabric work and some carpentry.

"It's much better than my ugly posters. She keeps me in the 21st century."

Smith even arranged a version of Alice in Wonderland to showcase Kennedy's voice that the choir will perform in Montréal.

Bargains can be found in the Classified Section on Page B23



MONTREAL BOUND: Above left, Fiona Kennedy is among the high school students heading to Montreal for a national jazz competition. The choir and band will be led by music teacher Bruce Smith, above right.



"I heard her sing Somewhere Over the Rainbow in Grade 7 and thought, 'I need to have her in the choir.'"

GISS is lucky to have several strong soloists in the 14-member choir, he said.

Garrett Macdonell will solo in Alice, along with Kennedy. Smith also noted the abilities of Caroni Young and Ed Perkins for their low voices.

"We're doing a blues piece by Take Six called Mary that is quite a tricky little piece. I need Ed to be well rested so his voice chords will go super low."

The choir will also sing Voice Dance by Greg Jaspers, who will be an adjudicator at the competition.

A GISS jazz band will also perform three pieces.

One piece will be Sanctus by Victoria jazz artist Hugh Fraser.

"It starts off very contemporary and modern in some parts, very atonal, and then it gets a really big blues groove. The kids loved it the first time they heard it."

Metro, by Brad Turner, sounds like a traffic jam in New York City, and Kenny Wheeler's Gentle Piece is a beautiful ballad where Macdonell does a tenor sax solo, said Smith.

The music teacher is as excited as his students to be heading to the national com-

petition.

"It's a huge scale. These are all the gold groups going on to the nationals, so the level is pretty high."

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By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

Musicians and singers from Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) are stretching their wings with a trip to Montréal for the National Jazz Competition and Festival next week.

"I'm super excited," said Grade 12 jazz choir member Fiona Kennedy. "We're competing on a national level. I've never done that with the choral program."

She's also excited to go to Montréal for six nights and seven days during the competition. The 24-student group is set to participate in music clinics, see the Montréal Symphony and catch an Expos baseball game.

"We're going out with a bang," said Kennedy.

GISS music teacher Bruce Smith described Kennedy as the "Martha Stewart" of the choir. "She should do a show where she sings and makes things."

In addition to her musical talents, she created the cover for the choir's new CD, Fade to Noise, and she re-designed the music room with painting, fabric work and some carpentry.

"It's much better than my ugly posters. She keeps me in the 21st century."

Smith even arranged a version of Alice in Wonderland to showcase Kennedy's voice that the choir will perform in Montréal.

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MONTREAL BOUND: Above left, Fiona Kennedy is among the high school students heading to Montreal for a national jazz competition. The choir and band will be led by music teacher Bruce Smith, above right.



"I heard her sing Somewhere Over the Rainbow in Grade 7 and thought, 'I need to have her in the choir.'"

GISS is lucky to have several strong soloists in the 14-member choir, he said.

Garrett Macdonell will solo in Alice, along with Kennedy. Smith also noted the abilities of Caroni Young and Ed Perkins for their low voices.

"We're doing a blues piece by Take Six called Mary that is quite a tricky little piece. I need Ed to be well rested so his voice chords will go super low."

The choir will also sing Voice Dance by Greg Jaspers, who will be an adjudicator at the competition.

A GISS jazz band will also perform three pieces.

One piece will be Sanctus by Victoria jazz artist Hugh Fraser.

"It starts off very contemporary and modern in some parts, very atonal, and then it gets a really big blues groove. The kids loved it the first time they heard it."

Metro, by Brad Turner, sounds like a traffic jam in New York City, and Kenny Wheeler's Gentle Piece is a beautiful ballad where Macdonell does a tenor sax solo, said Smith.

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Artcraft Past and Present

its formation, under the auspices of the Centennial Cultural Fund Advisory Committee and the leadership of Nita Brown.

The GICAC did not come into being in a cultural vacuum on Salt Spring. Driftwood for the first half of 1968 was full of news about artists, craftspeople and their endeavours. It was not also without some controversy, as there were those who questioned the need for an umbrella group like it. Nevertheless on 27 June the local newspaper noted the imminent opening of an "Arts Centre" at Mahon Hall. It was to run from 2 July to 3 September, and its purpose was "to encourage all local artists". The inaugural advertisement of "Artcraft" appeared in Driftwood as front-page news. The hours were noon until five, and in the evening from six until nine o'clock. By mid-July it appeared obvious the experiment was a success. Driftwood reported that "Mahon Hall came into its own last month with the presentation of community arts and crafts...the former community hall is a local art gallery...the display has aroused the praise of almost every visitor".

In a look backwards at the end of the first Artcraft Driftwood noted "its inspiration is alive...Pottery and Arts and Crafts groups" throughout the islands would be hard at work preparing for the next year, safe in the knowledge that "Artcraft '69" would be there for them for their "pleasure...and profit". Long may it do so.

Ken MacKenzie

History of Mahon Hall continued from page 1

Salt Spring Elementary) to amalgamate five out of the seven schools on Salt Spring Island. The "chicken house" was demolished to make way for the new building which was completed in 1940 and housed grades 1 through 12. The construction of the school was a community project with half of the cost provided through volunteer labour not to mention the valuable gift of the land itself.

Shortly after the school opened, a special meeting was held on April 25, 1940 to discuss the sale of the Mahon Memorial Hall to the United School Board. Details of the deal are sketchy but a motion at a later meeting to sell the Hall for \$700 was defeated. Given the over-riding impor-

tance of education to the populace of the day perhaps the majority felt that the Hall would best be managed under the jurisdiction of the school district. As if to proclaim its new status the familiar brick red of the building was re-painted a cream colour with brown trim to match the Consolidated School.

In 1968, with the influx of urban refugee newcomers, Mahon Memorial Hall took on a new lease in life as a venue to showcase the arts and crafts of talented islanders. The annual sale lasted only a month initially but with increasing numbers of people moving to the island, the venue expanded over the years to become a four month exhibition by

ARTCRAFT is British Columbia's longest-running, largest arts and crafts exhibition and sale of work by Gulf Islands artists. Continuing since 1968 at Mahon Hall, Artcraft has become a renowned seasonal source of island arts and crafts with benefits to the economic and tourism base of our community.

Every artist who participates in Artcraft resides either on Salt Spring, Galiano, Mayne, Pender, or Saturna Islands.

An average of over 200 artists contribute a wide range of arts and crafts including fabric arts, jewellery, sculpture, pottery, basketry, painting, weaving, herbal products, and woodworking. In addition to our general display, a showcase of featured artists changes every three weeks.

While Artcraft was the first gallery to open on Salt Spring Island, it has become more than a summer venue for participating island artists. Artcraft provides employment to local residents and art students. All proceeds from Artcraft are returned to the community through grants and bursaries and most importantly finance the significant annual operating costs of Mahon Hall.



Approximately \$100,000 of the restoration fund for Mahon Hall represents the accumulated residual Artcraft proceeds after major donations to other community halls and cultural centers throughout the Southern Gulf Islands over the past years.

April Steele

over two hundred artists from all over the Gulf Islands. Commissions from the sale of island arts and crafts not only contributed to various arts organizations, including the provision of significant seed money for ArtSpring, but assisted in the preservation of the hall with renovations and maintenance carried out by the tireless dedication of a handful of volunteers led for many years by Laurie Neish.

The Community Arts Council and its later incarnation the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council has the distinction of holding the second longest tenure of any organization in maintaining the historic Mahon Hall allowing it to be used by other groups throughout the

bulk of the year. The annual ArtCraft sale established Salt Spring Island as an artists' mecca long before the better-known Saturday Market came into existence and permitted hundreds of individuals and young families to eke out a living as artists.

Thus Mahon Memorial Hall serves its original role to showcase the talents and products of the people of the Gulf Islands while continuing to serve the Salt Spring community through Tai Chi classes, square-dancing, Seedy Saturdays, concerts, comedy nights and you-name-it just as it has done for the past 103 years and hopefully for many years to follow.

Chris Arnett

ARTCRAFT SHOWCASES 2004

MAY 20 - JUNE 8	DEBUT – Artists new to Artcraft
JUNE 10 – 29	SALT SPRING GARDENS
JULY 1 – JULY 13	QUARTET
JULY 15 – 27	VARIED VESSELS
JULY 29 –AUG. 10	BASKETRY GUILD
AUG.12- 24	BETWEEN THE SEA & THE SKY: POTTERS GUILD
AUG. 26 – SEPT. 7	FOR THE BIRDS: THE BEAUTY OF FLIGHT
SEPT. 7 – 19	MAHON HALL ANNIVERSARY SHOW

SHOWCASE is a unique gallery feature within the Artcraft exhibition. As an addition to the sale, selected artists present new work in a variety of themes and mediums for a two to three week period. This season will include eight varied showcases running Thursdays to Tuesdays.

Artcraft is always fresh as artists continue to contribute a wide variety of one-of-a-kind creations. This year, we are welcoming 32 new artists from Salt Spring and the outer Gulf Islands who have never before been seen at Artcraft. Appropriately, the first showcase will be *Début* including a number of these newcomers.

The distinctive faux painting and innovative furniture design of Lloyd Nicholson, in partnership with Brien Forester, ranges from large screens and room dividers, to plinths, tables and sculptural and hanging "amulets". His exciting translucency and textures on plexiglass and wood will evoke images of ocean, marbles, jades and ambers. Although a master faux finisher and certified journeyman, he is more interested in complexity of form on mediums that take the work to new levels.

The art quilts of Susan Paynter will surprise and delight. A variety of materials, appliqué, quilting technique and design produce a new view of quilting. Each piece is an enduring piece of art.

Jeff Edwards was born in Leigh-On Sea, Essex, England. He emigrated to Ontario as a young boy and later to Calgary. The west coast of Vancouver Island became his home in his twenties and it was here that his interest in wood turning began. Thirty years later, his expertise in turning lies in the finer aspects of the field and includes a great variety of forms and vessels that represent stunning examples of artistic woodturning. Among these choice pieces are several of his first-place winning designs. He now makes his home on Salt Spring Island.

Jane McKenzie is a weaver working with naturally dyed silk yarns. A lifetime love of weaving also includes the study of tapestry and fine art. She was a well known member of the weaving community on Granville Island for six years and moved to Salt Spring last year where she is now enjoying raising her son and being part of Salt Spring's famed craft community.

Enjoy *Début* at the opening night reception for Artcraft on Thursday May 20 at 7:00 p.m. or catch it daily 10-5 thereafter until Tuesday June 8.

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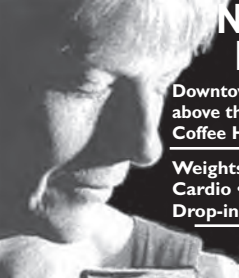
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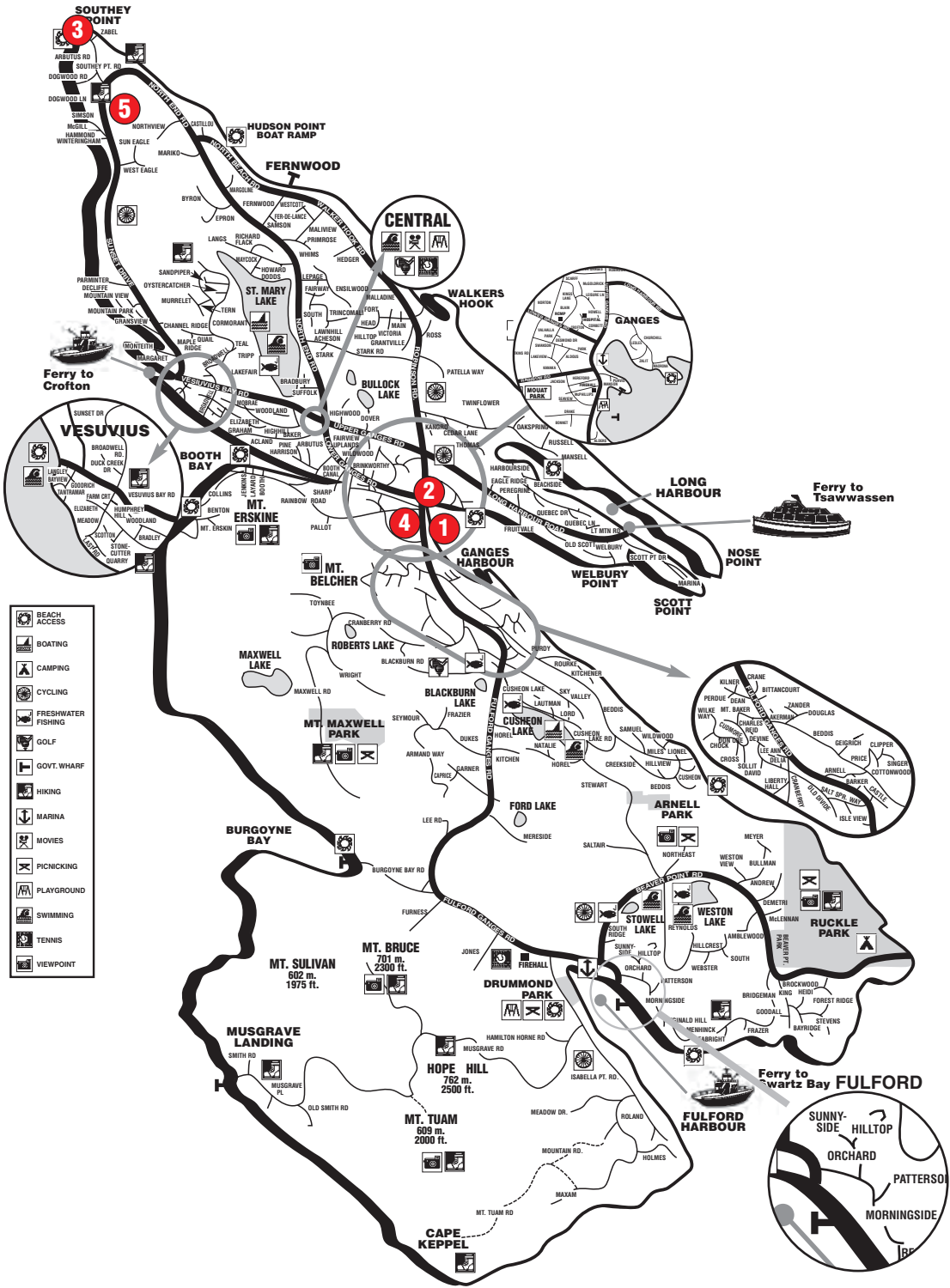


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Painter Pratt emulates the children she teaches with new risks in her art

By JENNIFER MCFEE
Staff Writer

Susan Pratt enjoys teaching art to children because they are not afraid to take risks.

Her 12-year-old son Mack's artwork hangs on display in her Fulford-area home alongside her own paintings. His self-portrait leans against the wooden table in Pratt's living room, where she works on most of her projects. Behind the table, one of her latest landscape pieces dries on an easel in the corner of the yellow room.

"What I love about kids is they just take art so seriously," said Pratt. "It would never occur to them in a minute that they weren't artists. And they are. Everyone is. That level of confidence really shows in their work. I'm always inspired when I come away from teaching."

When she was a child, Pratt carried a sketchbook with her everywhere she went.

"I really loved drawing," said the self-taught artist. "I don't think I even began painting until my 20s. Drawing is so portable. It's so easy to travel with."

Now Pratt brings her passion to Salt Spring classrooms, where she breaks down the art process into three parts. First, she shows kids how to put their ideas into a pleasing composition on the canvas. Next, they work together with light and dark values. Finally, they add colours, which she said is the most complicated part.

"I try when I'm teaching the kids to break down the process of art, making it into manageable bits. Then they can bring their own emotion into the piece. They create very individual pieces because it frees them up from the inside out. I make sure that they understand that that's the important part of painting, expressing yourself."

Pratt was born in North Vancouver, but grew up with her family on a float camp.

"My dad was an independent logger. We had a camp on a log boom that we



ART SHOWCASED: Salt Spring painter and art teacher Susan Pratt is preparing to show a new collection of work at Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art from May 21 to 24, with an opening reception this Saturday.

Photo by Jennifer McFee

towed around to different places. We had to wear our lifejackets to go to the outhouse. The outhouse was on the edge of the boom, and with our lifejackets on, we couldn't fall through the hole."

Pratt and her sister learned to fish through the outhouse hole, as well as on their own personal dinghy.

"All we did all day was fish and row and walk stiff-legged to the beach," she said.

Like her father, Pratt has a pilot's licence, although she doesn't fly much now. She used to ranch in the B.C. Interior and fly up there.

Pratt also worked as a nurse in hospitals in Kamloops and Williams Lake,

and at the Cancer Control Centre in Vancouver.

Twelve years ago, Pratt and her husband moved to Salt Spring Island from the Rockies. Now she works from her home as a full-time artist.

"There have been times when I had to fit art in around making a living. I didn't have the luxury of painting all day like I do now."

When she tells people that she has been working, Pratt said they often ask if she got a job.

"In our culture, we still don't think of artists as people who work," she said with a laugh.

Pratt describes how some paintings just don't work out.

"For the most part, I tear

them off and they go in the garbage. I think everyone who works full time at painting has these days where it's really flowing. Other days are just scraping. It's either a painting or a scraping day."

During the Victoria Day weekend, a selection of Pratt's pieces will be on display at Pegasus Gallery, along with the fused-glass art of Mudge Island artist Tammy Hudgeon.

"This group of paintings is almost all Salt Spring landscapes," she said. "I really wanted to go out in the landscape and really celebrate not just the beauty, but celebrate the sense of energy in my neighbourhood and how dynamic this place is where we live. The tide is always changing, the weather changes, the colour changes, how we feel about the place changes."

Like the children she volunteers to teach, Pratt takes risks with her artwork. In November 2003, she switched her medium from acrylics to oils, and she is beginning to move away from landscape pieces.

"Lately I'm just as interested in painting figurative work and still life subjects. I use my own photographs, and if I can get someone to model for me, I will. After the Pegasus show, I'd like to spend some time working on that in the summer."

Pratt said that although she doesn't want to intellectualize too much while she paints, she does have some questions she plans to ponder over the next year.

"How is it that I can better evoke what I feel about the landscape that I live in? How can I bring more meaning to that work? I suppose that's always the artistic challenge. Why am I doing this? What meaning does it have for others?"

"Or do the kids have it right? Is it just the pure joy of doing it?"

Pratt's paintings will be on display from May 21 to 24 at Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art.

Along with Tammy Hudgeon, she will be at the gallery between 1 and 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 22 to meet with visitors.



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Sue Pratt will be joined by an artist from another Strait of Georgia island for the May 21-24 show at Pegasus Gallery.

Tammy Hudgeon, originally from the Prairies, explores the natural world of sea life, flowers, fruits, vegetables and animals out of "extraordinary fused glass," according to a

Pegasus press release.

The Mudge Island resident's art is exhibited on Gabriola Island, at Yellowpoint, Qualicum, Victoria, Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver and New Westminster. Included in the show will be Hudgeon's four-foot-high award-winning piece called Maggie and Maxine.



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High school PAC seeking \$\$ support for multi-court

By MITCHELL SHERRIN
Staff Writer

A new multi-purpose court could surface at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) next year if the community offers sufficient support.

“I’m not going to beg and I’m not going to flog it,” said GISS Parent Advisory Council (PAC) chair Nairn Howe. “If people will support it, it will happen.”

Howe hopes to raise over \$100,000 to build an asphalt court with a special Plexi-floor surface that will be suitable for tennis, volleyball, hockey, basketball, soccer, lacrosse or rollerblades.

“I’ve got a budget of \$115,000 but I’m confident that with donations of machine time, I can get that down to \$80,000.

She’s already had an offer for donated work from Ken Tara Excavating and a generous quote from Jason Fraser of Hawthorne Hill Gravel Sales. She estimates donated services at \$20,000.

“Until the bills come in, you just don’t know. The generosity of this community is amazing.”

Howe has also heard from the local football association, which plans to clear the site, and the school board, which has volunteered to move a propane tank.

And she’s not starting with an empty hat to go fundraising either.

“I’ve got \$30,000 in the can.”

Howe doesn’t miss the irony of looking for money for an athletics facility when the school district is desperately looking for funding to keep programs afloat.

“It’s particularly poignant during this time when we have to look at dropping \$1.1 million from our school budget. Schools and families are doing their best to cope.”

But the project has been in the works since 1998 when the Capital Regional District provided a \$5,000 grant-in-aid for the project.

“We’ll just see what happens. At this point, all it will cost us is some photocopying.”

The GISS PAC passed a unanimous motion to apply their \$13,000 gaming grant toward the project this January and the school board responded with a matching grant, she said.

“They gave me their blessing to give it a kick at the can.”

The court plan is for a 24-by-36.5-metre (80-by-120-foot) surface covered with a protective outdoor floor covering that will be marked for tennis, basketball and hockey.

“This floor will take roller blades.”

Four-foot (1.2-metre)-high heavy-duty plywood boards will surround the court



GISS PAC chair Nairn Howe.

for games like hockey or lacrosse. Another 1.8-metre (six-foot) chain-link fence will top the plywood boards.

Howe has also budgeted for four basketball poles, nets and hoops along with tennis nets, posts and winches.

Due to the community-oriented nature of the project,

the multi-court will be open to the public after school lets out each day.

“It can’t be booked. This is a genuine shinny hockey, three-on-three basketball, with tennis at the other end, all happening simultaneously place.”

She intends to talk to representatives from various sports groups, grant-giving foundations and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

“This isn’t all going to come on the backs of business. I will be looking off-island and at bigger grant applications.”

Howe invites islanders to give her a call (653-4542) or send an e-mail (nhowe@saltspring.com) if they want to learn more about the project.

“If anybody wants information or wants to make donations, volunteer service or if they want to tell me it’s a terrible idea, call me.”



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