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TRANSIT CRASH



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Salt Spring Transit operator Ineke De Jong, left, and Blue Angel Towing operator Drew Clarke survey Monday's crash scene.

Bus collision blocks Fulford-Ganges Rd.

Passengers treated for minor injuries

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Six passengers aboard a Salt Spring Island Transit bus were treated for minor injuries following a Monday morning collision on Fulford-Ganges Road at the top of Lee's Hill.

"It's a miracle," said Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Danny Willis. "Based on the look of that crash, there should have been somebody in very ill health, but there were no injuries."

An RCMP investigation indicates that the driver of a northbound SUV crossed the centre line and collided with the Fulford-bound bus on a sharp curve in front of Salt Spring Vineyards at approximately 9:40 a.m.

Willis said the black Chevrolet Tracker hit the

bus' front left side, slid along the side of the bus, took out the bus' rear axel, flipped off the road and ended up against a large shrub.

The force and angle of impact destroyed the bus' front and rear axels.

Willis said both the SUV and the bus were damaged beyond repair.

"Thanks to her seatbelt and the vehicle's design, the [SUV] driver was uninjured."

The drivers of both vehicles were taken to Lady Minto Hospital by ambulance as a precautionary measure. Both were conscious following the accident.

Police identified the SUV driver as a 53-year-old woman from Quadra Island. Both drivers were released from hospital on Monday afternoon.

Salt Spring RCMP officers blocked traffic along Fulford-Ganges Road as the Salt Spring Fire Rescue Department used the Jaws of Life to extract the female driver from her vehicle and cleaned up the area.

Speed is believed to have played a factor in the collision, Willis said.

Cross-island traffic was redirected along Cusheon Lake and Stewart roads until Fulford-Ganges Road was reopened by 11:30 a.m.

"This is our first major collision and luckily nobody was killed," said Bob Fenske, chair of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission, immediately following the crash. "Right now everyone is a bit shaken up."

Fenske called on transit passengers to be patient as the commission deals with fallout **CRASH** continued on A2

WATER

Action needed to save St. Mary

Sewage system best way to protect lake

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A costly sewage system around St. Mary Lake may be the only way to reduce the occurrence of toxic algal blooms in the island's main source of drinking water.

"It could be that that will be the only way to bring phosphorus down to acceptable levels," said Bob Brawn, chair of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) and a retired public health engineer, at Thursday's official launch of the St. Mary Lake Watershed Management Plan.

Constructing a treatment facility and sewage system for properties bordering the lake, Brawn said, would significantly reduce the level of nutrients entering the lake from septic systems.

Elevated phosphorus levels in St. Mary Lake contributed to the occurrence of potentially toxic algal blooms in 2004 and 2005.

"All treated water samples were satisfactory, but microcystin levels in the lake changed so rapidly that the uncertainty and possible risk was such that the trustees and staff at the NSSWD were not comfortable," Brawn wrote in a report distributed at last week's presentation. "Current NSSWD water filtration and disinfection is not sufficiently effective for this situation, particularly during bloom die-off."

The St. Mary Lake Watershed Management Plan, developed partly as a result of the 2004

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NEWSBEAT

Existing buses will maintain schedule

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from the incident.

Salt Spring Transit operator Ineke De Jong said she arrived at the crash site as rescue crews were finishing up at the scene.

De Jong awaits word from ICBC and BC Transit to determine when a replacement bus will be available and how much it will cost.

Salt Spring Transit's two remaining vehicles will be able to meet the existing schedule, she said.

"Thank goodness it's the low season," she added.

"Hopefully in a few days we will get a new bus."



Salt Spring Fire Rescue crews work to extract the driver after the Fulford-Ganges Road collision.

An original version of this story and a photo were posted to www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com at 11 a.m. Monday. Sign up for Twitter on our website to receive breaking news alerts from the Driftwood.

Costs for a sewage system 'considerable'

LAKE
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and 2005 blooms, outlines what needs to be done to avoid further blooms and ensure the lake's long-term water quality.

According to the 60-page report, sep-

tic system runoff accounts for roughly 29 per cent of the phosphorus entering the lake.

Approximately 63 per cent of the phosphorus comes from lake-bottom sources.

Based on calculations conducted by

John Sprague, a former professor of marine toxicology at the University of Guelph, keeping phosphorus below an acceptable level (between 10 and 15 parts per billion) requires an 80 per cent reduction of in-lake sources and an 80- to 100-per-cent reduction in septic system-related runoff.

"Simply improving the septic systems [in the watershed] would apparently not be sufficient to reach the goal of this plan," reads a portion of the 60-page management plan.

Costs for a sewage system would be "considerable" and neither the management plan's authors nor NSSWD staff have started the

long process to address the topic.

"We are taking a step-by-step approach to lower phosphorus levels," said Murray Reiss, the management plan's coordinator.

Monitoring the effectiveness of the lake's new aeration devices, promoting better septic monitoring and maintenance practices, and promotion of better stewardship among lakeside residents and lake users are some of the more cost-effective and realistic options available at the moment, Reiss said.

Information about stewardship efforts and copies of the watershed plan are available at the NSSWD office on

Upper Ganges Road and through meetings of the soon-to-be-created St. Mary Lake Stewardship Committee.

Gus Mitchell, a lakeside resident and avid fly fisherman, encouraged islanders to step forward in an effort to protect a crucial island resource.

"There are a whole lot of important reasons to become involved," he said. "Even if you're not a committee member, your voice is important."

The committee's first meeting takes place in November.

More information about the stewardship committee will be available in upcoming editions of the Driftwood.

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ENVIRONMENT

Kuper Island barge represents broken system

Protocol needed to preserve shoreline environment

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A growing level of political involvement surrounding a decaying barge abandoned on the shores of Kuper Island has achieved little more than to highlight a lingering problem throughout the Gulf Islands.

The owners of a 20-foot barge left the vessel tied to a tree near Augustus Point on Aug. 4.

As if the site of a decaying barge wasn't enough to rankle nearby residents, the vessel's contents include used building materials, old pallets, plastic bags filled with garbage and even a discarded toilet.

Portions of the vessel and its load have already begun to float away into the surrounding area and residents fear more debris will escape if no action is taken before the onset of winter storms.

Salt Spring's John Roe has been following the story of the Kuper Island barge for more than two months.

He's the co-founder and president of the Veins of Life Watershed Society, a non-profit organization that focuses on habitat-restoration projects, shoreline and stream garbage removal, environmental education programs and public outreach activities.

"It's an ongoing problem," he said. "What they do is get kicked out of more populated, gentrified areas and they dump these old boats and barges in our islands."

While the Kuper Island barge is among the biggest out there, Roe said, he's noticed more abandoned vessels in the area since the economy took a turn for the worse.

"The economy is so bad there's no value to selling them," he said.

Aside from littering the shoreline, Roe said, highly toxic chemicals such as creosote, used to preserve vessel timbers, escape into and pollute the local environment.

"This is really nasty stuff," he said. "As the vessel breaks up, it gets onto onto the beaches and contaminates anything and everything."

Larger pieces that break off the vessels can float away and cause a significant threat to boats navigating through the area.

While a legal process exists to have barges removed from Crown land and shoreline zones, it can often take years before cases reach a courtroom.

According to Thetis Island Local Trust Committee trustee Peter Luckham, there are at least two other large abandoned vessels in the waters surrounding Thetis and Kuper islands.

The one in Telegraph Harbour has been there for about a year while the other, on the west side of Thetis Island, hasn't



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

More decrepit barges are being abandoned throughout the Gulf Islands as errant owners take advantage of lax provincial and federal regulations.

budgeted in about six years.

Luckham has sought the help of local, provincial and federal government representatives since the barge turned up in early August.

In spite of a late-August visit from officials representing Transport Canada, Environment Canada, the Integrated Land Management Bureau and the Ministry of Environment, the barge is still in place.

Officials acknowledged the status, location and condition of the barge, and took initial steps to find and contact its owner.

Since that time, the Islands Trust has weighed in on the dispute with a letter to John Baird, the federal government's Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities in September.

"We must take as much responsibility as possible within our limited jurisdiction over shipping matters and are writ-

ing to seek quick action while it is still possible to re-float the barge and before the winter storms create a much bigger clean-up issue," reads the letter, signed by Islands Trust Council chair Sheila Malcolmson.

"The reality is that the owner appears not to have the resources to deal with the situation and may not wish to be found, in which case nothing will happen," states the letter.

So far, Luckham said via e-mail on Monday evening, the barge is still there and the problem of abandoned vessels persists.

The lack of action, according to Roe, is not so much a sign of government inaction but rather an indication that the time has come to develop and implement a province-wide protocol to handle abandoned vessels along the coast.

"What we need is a system to get them chopped up and removed," he said. "We need to, as a province, put a system in place to take care of this."

News briefs

Supreme Court dismisses Hornby case

The BC Supreme Court has thrown a Hornby Island woman's case against the Islands Trust out of court on the grounds that her claims are "without any legitimate foundation."

The case dates back to 1999, when Joan Costello purchased and moved a

building to her Hornby Island property.

According to an Islands Trust press release, the Trust's original lawsuit arose after Costello failed to obtain proper permits for the building and to ensure it was within the height limits in Hornby Island's zoning bylaw.

Court heard that Costello provided erroneous information about the building's height when applying for her permit.

After several failed attempts to obtain variance permits for the over-height

building, Costello advanced a claim against the Hornby Island Local Trust Committee, the Islands Trust, the Islands Trust Council and HILTC trustees Penny Griggs and Tony Law.

Claims included abuse of public office, negligence, breach of trust and mental distress due to actions related, in part, to the over-height building.

Costello sought \$1.7 million in damages from the Islands Trust.

Madame Justice Stromberg-Stein concluded that trustees and staff of the

Islands Trust acted properly in their dealings with Costello.

"In all instances, I find the defendants executed [their] duties properly and in good faith," she said.

"The evidence does not support Ms. Costello's claim."

Hornby Island trustee Tony Law said the court's decision to uphold the integrity of elected officials is gratifying.

"However, I am saddened by the stress upon a community and its local government when the courts are

used to second-guess difficult political decisions," he said.

Intervention may save Gabriola Radio

Friends of Gabriola Radio and other groups are vying for the last available FM airwaves off the coast of southern B.C.

Vista Broadcasting has linked with Gabriola Island to try and stop Rogers

Broadcasting's expansion of 100,000 watt CIOC 98.5 FM, Victoria's Ocean Lite Rock.

If Rogers succeeds with its application, it would use up the last channel on the west coast suitable for a Gabriola community radio station.

"And, it turns out, [Rogers] steps on the toes of Vista's Duncan radio station," according to the radio's website.

Rogers hopes to expand, but that would in effect wipe out the last channel suitable for the community broadcasting applicant Gabriola Radio.



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NEWSBEAT

PUBLIC HEALTH

Public asked to heed health ministry advice when it comes to H1N1 virus

Hospital staff promote the basics and use of 8-1-1

Jo Twaites, clinical care coordinator at Lady Minto Hospital, has provided the following Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport fact sheet on the H1N1 virus and what people should do if they think they have the virus.

The symptoms of the H1N1 flu virus in people are similar to the symptoms of regular human flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue.

Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with swine flu.

If you are concerned or experiencing any of these symptoms, there is no need to rush to the emergency room or a clinic.

A good place to start is to call the 24-hr HealthLink BC at 8-1-1. Do not go to a doctor or hospital if your influenza illness is limited to fever, cough, sore throat and general aches and weakness.

Stay at home, rest and drink plenty of liquids like soup, juice, water or tea. About a day after you feel better, you can start increasing your activity. Keep in mind that it may take a week or two until you are back to normal.

If you are sick, you should stay home and avoid contact with other people as much as possible to keep from spreading your illness to others and take other precautions, including:

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing and throw the tissue away immediately.
- Wash your hands with soap and water or

use alcohol-based disposable hand wipes or gel sanitizers.

• If you have to travel outside the home while you have flu symptoms, wearing a simple surgical mask will help protect others from your coughing.

• Find a "flu buddy" to assist you in accessing medication if you become ill and are unable to travel.

If your illness gets worse and you develop warning signs like shortage of breath or painful breathing, call HealthLink BC at 8-1-1 or visit your doctor immediately.

You can also call 8-1-1, 24 hours a day/seven days a week to speak to a nurse if you have more questions or are concerned about any illness/symptoms experienced by you or your children. For the latest facts on the H1N1 flu virus, visit www.gov.bc.ca/h1n1.

FEDERAL POLITICS

Green party leader hosts Salt Spring evening

Elizabeth May holds court at Mahon Hall

Saanich-Gulf Islands' candidate and national Green party leader Elizabeth May is hosting a festive evening on Thursday, Oct. 8, featuring music by Valdy, refreshments and an opportunity to meet and speak directly with her.

The event begins at 5 p.m. at Mahon Hall in Ganges.

"May as the Green party leader is bringing a new level of excitement to local politics," states a press release about the

evening. "Her decision to move to this riding acknowledges that Saanich-Gulf Islands is a leader in improving the environment of Canada and the world."

Curt Firestone is the Salt Spring organizer for this Thursday's event.

"I have been involved in electoral politics since 1960 and I recognize the real thing when I see it. May has sensitivity to real needs of people and a commitment to make positive changes," he said.

"Elizabeth gives you the sense that she will always

hold true to her basic values by working for the betterment of the planet and all who live on it."

"Support from across the riding has been overwhelming," said May, from her new home in the riding on Friday morning.

"I am excited and thrilled to meet once again with the residents of Salt Spring Island."

May has been a well-known Canadian environmentalist since the 1970s. She's championed many causes and has been awarded the Order of Canada to recognize her con-

tribution to the public good, said Firestone.

"Her leadership of the Sierra Club of Canada is well respected. She has led national and international negotiations through complex matters and has written seven books."

In an effort to raise money for the official campaign, a donation of \$20 is suggested for the event.

"Of course the campaign recognizes that some people will be contributing more and some will contribute less. Everyone is welcome."

SALT SPRING ISLAND TRANSIT SYSTEM Riders Guide

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M-S Trip operates Monday to Saturday.

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Visitor centre offers island currency exchange

A resolution between the island's Chamber of Commerce and the Salt Spring Island Monetary Foundation means Salt Spring Dollars will once again be offered at the island's visitor centre in Ganges.

The chamber had temporarily

halted sales in early August while it worked out administrative and logistical issues.

The chamber's visitor centre resumed the sale of Salt Spring Dollars on Oct. 1.

The colourful island currency is available at par in exchange for Canadian dollars. The centre also sells limited edition collector products and bills.

"The chamber has been a proud supporter of the local

currency since its inception in 2001 in recognition of the value that Salt Spring Dollars can have in supporting tourism and local businesses," stated a press release issued by the monetary foundation.

"We're pleased to see a renewed commitment from the Chamber of Commerce," said Michael Contardi, the monetary foundation's president.

"Consistent access to the

currency is important to ensure community participation, and what better place than the chamber's visitor centre for both locals and tourists alike."

Thrifty Foods and Mouat's continue to offer and accept Salt Spring Dollars.

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NEWSBEAT



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DARN DONUTS: Jim Raddysh, general manager of the Rainbow Road Pool, points to a broken window caused by a stone kicked up by a driver doing donuts in the pool's parking lot. Salt Spring RCMP are investigating the matter. Raddysh said it's the third window broken at the pool in the same way since it opened last May.

ANIMALS

Chavo returned after mysterious ordeal

Correct procedure learned from dog's wait outside Thrifty's

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

A family whose beloved pet was taken from outside Thrifty Foods last Tuesday night has some advice for people who decide to "rescue" dogs that may appear abandoned.

Rather than just taking their dog home, said Anna Esquivel, whoever picked up their black-brown-grey Yorkie-poodle dog Chavo from the bike stand outside Thrifty's should have called the animal control officer Wolfgang Brunnwieser.

"It almost cost him his life," she said.

Due to a communication mix-up between her two daughters — where each thought the other had the dog — Chavo spent "quite a while" tied up outside of the grocery store, said Esquivel.

At one point Thrifty Foods staff called Brunnwieser, who advised waiting a bit longer to see if the owners would return. But when a staffperson went out after the store closed to get the dog so Brunnwieser could house him overnight, he was gone, along with a red blanket an SPCA rep had kindly brought by.

Until receiving a call from the office of Salt Spring Veterinary Services on Thursday morning, the family did not know the whereabouts of their dog and were extremely stressed by the loss.

As it turned out, Chavo was hit

by a car on Fulford-Ganges Road near Salt Spring Way on Wednesday night and taken to the vet by the driver.

Esquivel speculates that Chavo, who was seen on Cranberry Road earlier in the evening, escaped from his "captors" before being struck.

He was recognized by staff at the vet clinic and was fortunately not seriously hurt.

"He was very happy to come home," said Esquivel, who noted Chavo is extremely attached to his family and wouldn't have adapted easily to another home.

While she appreciates whoever took the dog was probably acting out of concern, the CRD animal control officer is the person to contact if a dog appears to be abandoned. His phone number is 250-537-9414.

WATER SYSTEM

Infrastructure funds skipped water district

District to re-evaluate funding options

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Infrastructure funds from the federal and provincial governments may not be flowing to the North Salt Spring Waterworks District any time soon, according to district manager Trevor Hutton.

"It's unclear as to whether the government will have another round of funding announcements," Hutton said.

That uncertainty has stirred up renewed debate as to how the district will pay for a new \$7 million water treatment facility on St. Mary Lake.

Hutton said a new treatment plant near the end of Tripp Road is needed to supply increased demand and meet new drinking water regulations enacted by the Vancouver Island Health Authority.

"We cannot produce any more water during peak times," Hutton said.

The waterworks district applied for funding under the Building Canada Fund, a program that awarded more than \$700 million to an estimated 174 infrastructure projects across the province in September.

Among those grants is \$4.5 million in federal and provincial money to help construct a new library on McPhillips Avenue.

Government funding could have covered up to two-thirds of eligible costs associated with a new treatment facility.

In the absence of government assistance, Hutton said, the district will have no other choice but to borrow the necessary funds.

Hutton said the NSSWD's board of directors must also address how the district intends to find funds to upgrade and back up water mains throughout the network.

"We've got a couple of meetings coming up with [NSSWD] trustees and we are all going to have to decide how to proceed," Hutton said.

The next NSSWD trustees meeting is on Wednesday, Oct. 21.

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Sharon comes to Salt Spring Island via Victoria - originally from Nova Scotia. She loves nature, hiking, photography and singing. She is delighted to be a new member of the vibrant community of Salt Spring Island.

Sharon will be helping to market the Gulf Islands Driftwood, Driftwood Weekender and Gulf Islands Real Estate, as well as websites: gulfislandsdriftwood.com and gulfislandstourism.com

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NEWSBEAT

SALT SPRING LIBRARY

Latest library numbers released

Annual tax requisition hikes outlined by board

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of the Salt Spring Island Library Association will ask the community for permission to borrow up to \$2.75 million for a new McPhillips Avenue library building when a referendum takes place later this year.

"This represents a substantial lowering of the tax burden," said Tilly Crawley, chair of the library association.

The latest number was determined at a board meeting held last week, where members discussed the impact of the \$4.55 million in federal and provincial funding announced for the new library.

If voters approve the borrowing, an estimated \$2.25 million of the borrowed funds would be dedicated to construction costs.

Roughly \$500,000 will cover costs not

eligible under the grant.

"The bulk of those ineligible costs will be used for interim financing," Crawley said.

"It would be wonderful if we were handed a cheque for \$4.55 million," she said. "Alas, the system does not work that way. The CRD on our behalf will establish a line of credit that will enable us to take out short-term loans to finance the start of construction.

"At intervals during construction we will submit paid invoices to the government and will be repaid two-thirds of the total costs submitted. We will therefore need to finance short-term debt during all the years of construction."

Crawley said the board has been careful to make an adequate allowance for a potential rise in interest rates, a possible delay in the government's refunding of funds, inflation and unexpected costs.

At the end of the construction period, Crawley added, funds raised by referendum will be amortized for 15 years under the Municipal Financing Authority at a

lower-than-average interest rate.

The annual requisition on islanders' property taxes for the library will be considerably lower than initially anticipated, Crawley said.

The requisition for 2009 is approximately \$4.34 per \$100,000 of a property's assessed value.

This rate will increase to \$11.23 in 2010; \$14.03 in 2011; \$17.08 in 2012; and approximately \$17.33 in 2013 and future years.

For a property assessment of \$535,000, the annual tax requisition would be \$23.27 in 2009; \$60.16 in 2010; \$75.17 in 2011; \$91.52 in 2012, and \$93 in 2013 and thereafter.

The requisition amounts cover the gradually increasing costs as construction would be carried out between 2010 and 2012 and, beginning in 2013, for covering both the capital costs and higher operating costs for the new library.

The latter includes janitorial services, insurance and more paid staff.

LIBRARY REFERENDUM

Library board responds to fall fair questions

Columns lead up to late fall referendum

This is another one of a series of columns informing the community of the "what," the "why" and the "how" of our proposed new library, a library that will meet community needs for decades to come. This article, submitted by the library board, will answer some of the questions asked most frequently at the library's fall fair booth. Future columns will elaborate both on the points made below and on other aspects of this project.

1. Is a new library really needed? In a word, "yes." The current library is an old building originally built for other purposes and it is gradually falling apart. Libraries, along with churches, schools and

hospitals, are the pillars of any community.

Unfortunately Salt Spring's library pillar is crumbling and repair, rather than replacement, is not an option.

The structural engineering firm which assessed the building in the fall of 2008 strongly advocated, for reasons both of economy and safety, a new structure rather than an attempt to renovate or add an extension to what now exists.

2. Is 12,000 square feet going to be large enough? Though it was originally felt a bigger library might be required, the latest BC Stats forecast suggests a Salt Spring population of about 13,000 in 2026. Consequently, a new library of about 12,000 square feet, over twice the size of the present one (5,700 square feet) and reflecting the latest in library design, should meet commu-

nity needs for the next 30 years. We are especially pleased that the additional space provides greatly improved facilities for both children and teens.

That a larger library could have been built is really not relevant. We don't need to spend \$500 a square foot for unnecessary space.

Also, for those not yet aware of the fact, it's worth repeating that both the Official Community Plan and the Land Use Bylaw that made PARC's acquisition of the land on Rainbow Road possible specifically prohibits the construction of a library on that site.

3. Will the building be as "green" as it should be? The library is being built to satisfy LEEDS Gold standards. Salt Spring deserves, indeed, it demands no less. A green roof, rammed earth construction, natural lighting and a

raft of other features, all to be described in detail in a future column, will make the new library the most environmentally friendly building in the Gulf Islands.

And though "sustainable" and "funky" really don't go together, our architect, Ladi Holovsky, has designed a building that "fits in" rather than "stands out."

4. What about the archives? The archives will continue to be housed in the new library and the amount of space they have will almost triple. Some of this space will be climate controlled to better preserve an irreplaceable collection of documents that chronicles the history of Salt Spring.

The historical society, and of course other community groups as well, will also be able to hold public events in the new building's meeting room.

TRANSPORTATION

Residents disapprove of 'road improvements'

Lack of consultation irks neighbourhood

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A new road surface laid down in many parts of Vesuvius has left more than a few residents angered that they weren't consulted before workers proceeded with the job.

"A lot of our neighbours are pretty upset," said John Foley, a resident of Scotton Place. "Being able to rollerblade and skateboard on the street is one of the reasons our family bought in this area.

Since Mainroad Contracting Ltd. chip-sealed the roads in mid-September, Foley said, the streets have been left uneven, dustier, noisier and a far from ideal place for pedestrian use.

"There are a lot of kids in the neighbourhood and nobody likes it," he said.

What's worse, Foley added, was that neither he nor any of his neighbours were given so much as a letter notifying them of work proposed for Quarry Drive, Elizabeth Drive, Stonecutter Way and other smaller roads in the neighbourhood.

While chip sealing may be an effective and affordable solution in other areas, Foley said, its use in the Vesuvius area boggles the mind.

"Nobody I have spoken with has ever really felt the need for this," said the 14-year area resident.

David Turenne, Mainroad Contracting's manager for the southern Gulf Islands region, has a different perspective. Applying chip-seal over existing asphalt, he said, will preserve the roadbed and lengthen the life of the road.

"That whole area will be in a lot better shape in the long term," he said. "We've managed to preserve the road for quite a few years to come."

Chip-seal is a pavement surface that combines layers of asphalt with gravel. It is compacted and swept in order to reduce roughness.

"This is an option that gives very good value for taxpayers' dollars," he said.

As it becomes more compressed over the next year, the road should smoothen out considerably. Turenne said chip-seal is used across the province.

The company has no immediate plans to do any similar work on other island roads, he added.

As for the new surface's impact on inline skating and skateboarding, Turenne said the island's roads are probably not the best places for a playground.

"From what I understand, there's a beautiful skatepark on the island," he said.

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NEWSBEAT



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GOAL ACHIEVED:

Salt Spring Elementary students, staff, and reps from Lady Minto Hospital Foundation and School District 64 celebrate the acquisition of a pediatric wheelchair, the aim of the Kids Making Change fundraising program. A partnership between the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation and School District 64, the program also saw creation of many painted wooden tulips (as seen in the photo) which will be used to beautify the hospital grounds.

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TRANSPORTATION

Fall schedule leaves 4-hr gap

Nixing of 1:10 p.m. run to Fulford has riders sitting on benches

BY AMY GEDDES
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The change to a fall bus schedule leaves Fulford resident Lillian Mack in a bind.

On weekdays, Mack must spend more time than desired in Ganges before another bus returns to Fulford.

During the summer, a 1:10 p.m. bus filled the mid-day void, allowing residents and tourists more frequent service to Fulford and the Fulford ferry terminal.

Since the fall schedule came into effect on Sept. 28, buses leave Ganges for Fulford at 11:10 a.m. and then not until 3:10 p.m.

"This four-hour gap is problematic to passengers who live in Fulford," Mack writes

in a Sept. 23 letter to the Salt Spring Transportation Commission.

In response, commission chair Bob Fenske said Monday, "[Eliminating] the 1:10 p.m. route is in accordance with the normal fall schedule."

Despite this rationale, Mack questions why the Vesuvius route runs six trips per weekday, while Fulford runs only five.

"I attended a transportation meeting in the spring where the ridership was carefully graphed," Mack writes in her letter.

"The presentation indicated that the Fulford ridership exceeded the ridership on other routes."

Mack says she is not a "business person," but she feels "it makes little business sense to eliminate a trip where the ridership is substantial."

That an additional bus was added to the Salt Spring Transit

"This four-hour gap is problematic to passengers who live in Fulford."

LILLIAN MACK
Fulford bus route passenger

bus fleet this summer is another pitch for increased Fulford service that Mack states in her letter.

Fenske explains, however, that the extra bus is the fleet's "backup bus."

"It allows us to have regular bus rotation for regular maintenance."

Before the new bus, the "backup" for the fleet was a van.

The commission has drafted an official response to Mack's let-

ter, but Fenske says the 1:10 p.m. run to Fulford from Ganges will not be reinstated — at least not for fall 2009.

"To reinstate the Fulford run on an ongoing basis would send the current budget [past its limit]. The answer is no."

Fenske said he would like to reiterate that "the compilation of the schedule is a complex and intricate process and seemingly small changes can have considerable impact on the whole system."

Commission members encourage the public to participate in their current service plan review, during which they are seeking input on how best to prioritize future bus service on the island.

The commission holds public meetings every other Tuesday. The next one is on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. at 118 Fulford-Ganges Rd.

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EDITORIAL

Traffic trials

Monday's collision between a Salt Spring Transit bus and small SUV on one of the island's most notorious corners revives a subject that just won't go away.

Putting aside any discussion of blame, the incident has been another reminder of the perilous nature of travelling on this island. So often it's a topic of daily conversation or the point of a letter or "rant" to the Driftwood.

Those stories express incredulity at how fast people drive, how slow they drive, how often we encounter vehicles driving over the centre line, or witness people weaving and bobbing as they yack on their cell-phone or try to send a text message and steer at the same time.

Reports of vehicles driving past school buses that are stopped with their red lights flashing and stop signs blaring are also upsetting. School District 64 superintendent Jeff Hopkins says he's never seen anything like the number of people who endanger our children by ignoring those basic traffic signs. He speculates that not needing to be constantly attentive — compared to the demands of city driving in heavy traffic — may relax drivers into a state of inattention.

But clearly we cannot "relax" to the point of spacing out, nor drive like there's nobody coming around the corner, just because we live and drive on an island.

As a tourist destination we need to have extra patience for people who might be unfamiliar with our roads. As a place with a higher than average number of seniors, we need to be understanding if their reflexes are a little slower than those of their younger counterparts. (And some seniors should seriously consider giving up driving.) We need to not speed by or otherwise terrorize pedestrians, cyclists and kids getting on and off the school bus.

If anyone wants to defend speeding up Ganges Hill at rates of 70 km/h or higher, when the speed limit is 50 km/h, they should get out of their car and try walking up or down that stretch of busy road with ridiculously narrow shoulders and see how safe they feel as multiple drivers try to achieve lift-off with their vehicles.

Banning cell-phone use while people are driving is an obvious positive step towards increasing public safety. But beyond that it's up to us as individuals to think critically about our own driving habits and not act as if we're invincible or alone on the road.



Missing in action on climate change

BY RENEE HETHERINGTON

During a week when the world leaders met at the United Nations to discuss the importance of taking action on climate change, Stephen Harper once again walked away from the table. If Harper was a private citizen, it would be his right as an individual to flaunt his disdain for the process. As our prime minister, such behaviour is completely unacceptable as it signals the world that Canada is sadly missing in action on this singularly important debate.

In March of this year I was in Copenhagen as one of hundreds of scientists presenting and discussing new research on climate change. A summary of the findings from that conference has been compiled for the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen in December, when policy makers will forge a new international agreement to replace the Kyoto Accord.

While at the March meeting, I was approached by a scientist who asked "What is with Canada? You used to be a world leader on climate change initiatives and now you're not. What's with Canada?"

As I prepare to present a keynote address at a geological conference in Morocco next week, I am steeling myself for similar questions, as the world continues to puzzle over Canada's reluctance to take climate change seriously.

Back in 1993, when the population of the planet was little more than 4 billion people, scientists recognized the causal relationship between population growth, resource demand and damage to Earth's ecosystems that would inflict a large future price on humanity and lead to greater subsequent human tragedy.

The population is now 6.75 billion and growing. We recognize that human activity is a driving force behind present and future climate change. Yet, energy consumption continues to increase and technologies that degrade the environment thrive.

Why is change so difficult in the face of behaviours we know will cause future devastation? In his book called Collapse: How

VIEWPOINT

Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed, Jared Diamond observes that even when societies perceive a problem they frequently fail to solve it because of "rational behaviour" — behaviour that is in an individual's best interest. The motivation for immediate personal profit outweighs anticipated long-term losses spread over a large population.

In 1998, 37 industrialized countries, including the United Kingdom and the European community, signed the Kyoto Protocol.

All agreed to binding targets to reduce their overall emissions of greenhouse gases "by at least five per cent below 1990 in the commitment period 2008 to 2012." Most targets were not met. One reason is because it is difficult to get governments to focus on long-range planning when their political life is based on short-term objectives. Further, those who are generating most of the emissions are feeling few of the consequences — thus far.

This leaves some leaders in developed countries in a state of denial.

In his address to the World Bank Group's Energy Week on March 31, 2009, Executive Secretary to the United Nations, Yvo de Boer stated, "Copenhagen 2009 will be the moment in history in which humanity has the opportunity to rise to the challenge and deal decisively with climate change."

As one of the leading per capita emitters of CO2 Canada should be stepping up our efforts, implementing made-in-Canada solutions and sharing our technology and expertise with developing nations.

It is the responsibility of our prime minister to take Canadians' concerns over climate change seriously, to show leadership. Yet, Stephen Harper is running from the challenge; he remains motivated by short-term political profits. Distressingly, he has turned his leadership responsibilities into a doughnut shop joke.

The writer is a climate change scientist and Saanich-Gulf Islands Liberal candidate in the next federal election.

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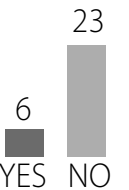
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"We always need to think outside the envelope and rebel against accepted cultural practices . . ."

BRIAN BRETT, AUTHOR

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What song would you like Prime Minister Stephen Harper to perform?


FRAN STEVENS

How about Take This Job and Shove It.


CLARE CULLEN

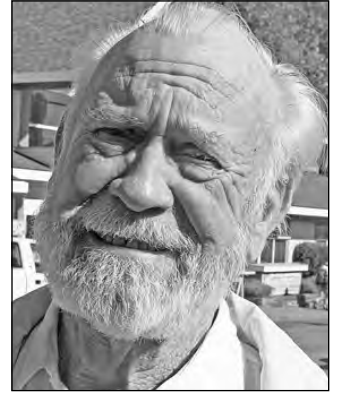
With a Little Help From My Friends is appropriate because he wouldn't be where he is without them.


ANTHONY KONIG-DOW

I don't think he should be singing. He should be working.


SUE MOUAT

There's got to be a nice goodbye song for him.


JEREMY SIBLEY

Good Times Are Here Again would be a good song and may even be a sign of good things ahead.

Letters to the editor

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Waste of money

Tilly Crawley's letter of Sept. 23 has steam coming out of my ears, due to its arrogant and offhand, dismissive manner.

When we had the referendum to purchase land next to the existing library, I supported it, as it was made abundantly clear that this in no way affected the decision regarding the location of the new library. At the time it made sense to keep all our options open and the sale of the combined piece of land at a later date could be beneficial.

However, in the current economic climate, how can anyone support the huge waste of our taxpayers' dollars to build the library on McPhillips Avenue? The library board should be applying for rezoning in Rainbow Road now.

NICK HODSON,
SALT SPRING

Garbage disposal

Dear neighbours, friends, all our relations! We noticed recently that someone was looking for a burn barrel.

We want to let people know that if they burn garbage in barrels, wood stoves or anywhere, they are poisoning themselves and every other living thing, so no offence is intended as we offer a friendly, helpful lecture.

As activists, we're very concerned about climate change among other things.

As neighbours, we wouldn't want to live downwind of the foul smell of burning garbage, nor would any other living being, including a tree!

We have found we can live very well without a burn barrel, knowing that everything that comes into our homes will either be recycled or properly disposed of as garbage.

Burning plastic creates an extremely toxic chemical called dioxin (a potent car-

cinogen), so please reconsider your options carefully.

Germany has banned the use of PVC in construction after a fire contaminated firefighters and turned the burn site into a toxic waste site.

There are always more Earth-friendly ways to dispose of unwanted materials — for example:

All paper and cardboard can be recycled, (except plastic-coated material). Cardboard is excellent water-retaining mulch. And snakes and other reptiles love to hide under it.

All unwanted plant material or wood waste can be used to create berms.

Most types of plastic container as well as tetra-packs and milk cartons are accepted by our recycle station.

Any unwanted items such as used styrofoam meat trays or used Pampers are truly garbage, and should be properly disposed of in a landfill.

So please forgive the friendly lecture, and try to inform yourself about planet-

friendly ways to live.

There's a great movie — The Age of Stupid — coming to The Fritz at Central Hall soon. It's about us, and we'll be there.

**CHRIS DIXON AND
JAN SLAKOV,**
SALT SPRING

MLA contact requested

Thank you for publishing my letter "Program needs help" about the Salt Spring Conservancy's school program in the Sept. 30 Driftwood.

At the bottom of my letter I asked for letters of support and did provide two MLA names and e-mail addresses where people could write. These were not included in the article. I am wondering if you could include the addresses in the next issue under "Letters to the Editor."

They are: Hon. Murray Coell (our MLA), murray.coell.mla@leg.bc.ca, and Hon. Rich Coleman (MLA in

charge of gaming), rich.coleman.mla@leg.bc.ca Thank you again.

JEAN GELWICKS,
CONSERVANCY SCHOOL
PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIR

More truck talk

It's amazing that the self-admitted blue truck driver would write in to criticize the Driftwood newspaper for allowing the rant about someone who drove the now notorious other blue truck ("Less detail" letter of Sept. 30).

In fact, Bryan Hayward's own admission to uncouth behaviour in the past doesn't arouse sympathy, as it resembles some of the redneck bozos (my description) who think it's manly to speed recklessly around the island.

I too had a situation arise with the driver of a blue truck. He screamed past me on the right as I waited my turn to turn left into Country Grocer. After parking and checking to see if my turn signals were

broken (thinking that may have been this guy's bone of contention), he pulled up beside me after following me into the parking lot and discovered that I walked with a cane. His salvo: "Oh, you're disabled — perhaps you should stop driving and take yourself off the road."

His real bone of contention? Apparently I had not been driving fast enough for him going up the hill towards the grocery store. I could pinpoint the make and style of this particular truck further but it would probably provide fodder for what I perceive as the writer's questionable viewpoint.

By the way, Mr. Hayward, I use a cane because I was hit by a car four years ago. Not by a blue truck, but due to a different transgression of the rules of the road. My injuries were severe and are still extremely painful.

JO-ANN FERRIMAN,
SALT SPRING

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No justification for Polanski's treatment of teen

"What's the sexiest word in the English language for a man over 40? Fifteen." Or in the case of Roman Polanski, thirteen.

Roman Polanski, Polish film director, responsible for such seminal films as Rosemary's Baby, Chinatown and The Pianist. Polanski's films have been nominated for an astounding 28 Academy Awards and the recipient of eight. Roman Polanski, convicted in 1977 of having unlawful sexual intercourse with a 13-year-old model in Jack Nicholson's hot tub.

This story has more twists, turns and bumps than the road to Mount Maxwell. The European press has elevated Mr. Polanski to a cause célèbre, intimating the United States to be unsophisticated and shrill. The Canadian Press has been, well, unsophisticated and shrill. Lynn Crosbie of the Globe and Mail calls Roman Polanski "an ugly little pervert" and a cafard. For those of you who failed French, in English, that's "cockroach." Ouch.

Polanski is currently cooling his heels in a Zurich prison awaiting extradition proceedings. After 30 years, he was "caught" whilst entering Switzerland to accept a lifetime achievement award at a Zurich film festival. I put "caught" in quotes, as the director has maintained a house in Gstaad, Switzerland for years. His name is on the door-

bell. According to reports, he travels back and forth between Switzerland and France a half dozen times a year. It begs the question, "Why now?"

In the centre of this legal storm is the victim. When is a 13-year-old not a 13-year-old? Samantha Geimer was looking to get into movies. She had posed topless for Polanski previously. The allegations were that Polanski had given her champagne, a half quaalude (a sedative) and had sex with her. By her own testimony (available at <http://www.thesmokinggun.com/archive/polanskia1.html>) she told the court that she had drunk champagne in her short past, had taken quaaludes in her past, and yes, had had sex before. Poignantly, in her court testimony, she speaks of Polanski performing "cuddliness (sic)" on her — a 13-year-old pretending to be all grown up in front of the judge.

Geimer repeatedly states that Polanski has been treated badly and doesn't deserve prison time. In 1993, Polanski reached a deal with Samantha Geimer, agreeing to pay her US \$500,000. I told you — this case is complicated.

Actress/director Angelica Huston, who


Peter Vincent

HEAD TO HEAD

was in the house at the time of the incident, stated "She [Ms Geimer] could be any age up to 25. She did not look like a 13-year-old scared little thing." On the television show The View, Whoopi Goldberg commented "I know it wasn't rape-rape. I think it was something else, but I don't believe it was rape-rape." The

probation officer at the time wrote a report that concluded "There was some indication that circumstances were provocative . . . that the victim was not only physically mature, but willing." Thirteen.

The proper English rule of thumb is that a gentleman's ideal mate should be half his age, plus seven.

I guess Woody Allen didn't get the memo. He took up with his partner Mia Farrow's adopted daughter, Soon-Yi Previn. Soon-Yi was 22 at the time, and Allen a seasoned 56. How about 38-year-old Jerry Seinfeld dating a 17-year-old high school student. Shall we resurrect 49-year-old President Bill Clinton sharing a special moment in the White House with 22-year-old Monica Lewinski? Need I say more?

OK, one more. When an interviewer asked 71-year-old singer Ian Tyson about love and

young women, he huffed, "Well, I don't want no 71-year-old girlfriend!" Case closed.

The evolutionists explain it this way. Alpha males want to get their gene pool out there as much as possible, to make as many "mini-me's" with as many women as possible. Females are looking for the strongest, most virile male to hook up with — one that will provide food, shelter and safety. In our time, it's not so much about hunting ability as it is about the size of the bank account. Men reach their peak in their early 40s. Women's propagation alarm clock goes off in their early 20s. Evolutionists might argue that we are hard wired to May/September relationships.

May/September, maybe . . . but never January/November as in the case of Roman Polanski and that young girl. No matter how "mature" Samantha Geimer was, no matter how much I love Chinatown, at the end of the day, a 44-year-old Polanski fed booze and drugs to a 13-year-old girl and had sex with her. Oh, did I mention? He sodomized her. He then fled to France to avoid jail time. As complicated as it is, that's really the bottom line. Roman Polanski needs to man up and his defenders need to take a long look in the mirror.

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OPINION

The Islands Trust Story: celebrating 35 years

BY PETER LAMB
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The story so far . . .
The first three acts in our story described the formation of the Islands Trust in 1974 and subsequent events over the next decade as the Trust evolved and adapted to meet its "preserve and protect" mandate. In the intermission, the story of the Islands Trust Fund and its land conservation successes was told. It is now 1985 and the curtain rises with the Trust once again under provincial scrutiny.

ACT 4

Scene 1: Housekeeping measures?
While the Trust has the authority to appoint its own staff, it is the Ministry of Municipal Affairs which has the authority and budget to pay their wages and benefits.

Editorials criticize the government for its proposal and trustees express anger and frustration over the lack of consultation by the minister.

As a result, Trust staff are considered part of the government and its bargaining unit. Not surprisingly, this creates conflicts from time to time in the management of Trust operations. In April 1985, Socred Minister Bill Ritchie introduces Bill 30 (the Islands Trust Amendment Act) to address this matter with two short "house-keeping" amendments to bring Trust staff directly under ministry jurisdiction.

Trust Council chair Mike Humphries writes a long letter to the premier, claiming "the elected officials and the various island communities they serve see it as an unjustified interference in the management of island affairs." Editorials criticize the government for its proposal and trustees express anger and frustration over the lack of consultation by the minister.

The opposition is suspicious, alleging a "hidden agenda" to exert more provincial control over the Trust.

NDP critic Robin Blencoe leads a prolonged attack on the legislation and proposes a compromise, recommended by the Trust, of allowing it to fund its own operations without provincial support.

Despite the extensive and contentious debate, Bill 30 passes into law without amendment.

Scene 2: Support for the Trust

In response to continuing concerns expressed by the Trust, in May 1987, the Select Standing Committee on Economic Development, Transportation and Municipal Affairs is directed to undertake a comprehensive public review of the Islands Trust.

Socred minister Rita Johnston makes it clear that they are not considering abolishing the Trust.

The committee report is tabled six months later, recommending that the Trust become a regional district, an idea opposed by trustees, other agencies and island residents.

Coincidentally, an analysis of the Trust is undertaken by graduate students at Simon Fraser University under professor Michael M'Gonigle and completed in September, 1987.

It includes a survey of 150 residents, a questionnaire of 36 former and present trustees and interviews with 51 key individuals.

The study finds strong support for the Trust and its performance to date but expresses concern over its lack of authority to fulfill its mandate as well as underfunding and understaffing of the Trust.

The study recommends that "the Islands Trust be retained and strengthened" by granting it more authority and clarifying its jurisdiction.

Changes to the act would "reflect a commitment by the provincial government to local management by the Trust and individual islands."

Scene 3: A major reworking of the Trust

In July 1989, Minister Johnston finally introduces Bill 78 (Islands Trust Act) with significant changes more in line with the SFU study recommendations than those contained in the Special Committee report.

The proposed new act is intended to "improve the operation of the Islands Trust, enhancing its autonomy and increasing its flexibility. It confirms the Trust's mandate to preserve and protect the islands and strengthens its ability to do so."

Highlights of the legislation are:

- An approved Trust Policy Statement to guide planning and development approvals
- Establishment of the Trust Fund Board
- Provision for new island municipalities on Trust Council
- Official community plans to be consistent with the Trust Policy Statement
- Trust Council to become the principal body for Trust administration and land-use policy decisions
- Establishment of an executive committee to carry out the daily business of the Trust and review local trust committee activities (the term "general trustees" to be eliminated)
- Local trust committees to comprise the two locally elected trustees plus one member of the Executive Committee.

Trustees are naturally pleased with the proposals and Trust chair Nick Gilbert declares "the new act returns all previous powers and gives us some additional ones." The Driftwood declares the Trust "is now an autonomous governmental body."

The NDP opposition expresses 100 per cent support for the Islands Trust and calls Bill 78 "the first real major reworking of the organization of the Trust." While generally supportive of the proposed changes, they direct criticism toward three of the proposals:

- The provision of municipalities within the Trust area — "What you risk is . . . you start to balkanize, break down by incorporation into little municipalities." As a less risky alternative, the concept of a local community commission is suggested.

Ministerial approval of OCPs, island municipality bylaws that the Trust refuses, the Trust annual budget and the Trust Fund Plan — all considered inconsistent with the thrust in the new act toward greater Trust autonomy.

Establishment of a Trust Fund "without seeding with sufficient money or land."

With very little debate, Bill 78 is passed. The inaugural meeting of the new Islands Trust is held on April 1, 1990. In his opening remarks, chair Nick Gilbert notes that the occasion "marks the end of an era of much frustration and hopefully the agency has reached a new beginning."

The Islands Trust enters the 1990s with a much improved legislative framework and organization structure that essentially continues today.

(To be continued in the Nov. 4 Driftwood.)

The writer has been an islander for 20 years and is a former local trustee.

OPINION



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

APPLE OFFERING: A costumed Debbie Burton hands out apples at Apple Luscious Organic Orchard — one of the stops at last Sunday's annual Salt Spring Apple Festival. (More photos on page B10.)

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Bouquets of Fox roses

The Terry Fox Committee would like to send roses to everyone who volunteered, walked, ran, biked, donated or somehow participated in the Terry Fox Run 2009 to help make it a successful day.

Thanks to Embe Bakery, TJ Beans, Thrifty Foods, Salt Spring Water Company and Natureworks for the food and beverages.

Thanks to Sports Traders, Island Savings, Royal LePage (Pat Beattie and crew), Bob

and Jo Twaites and the swim team for the tents.

Thanks to School District 64 for the venue, Dave Morgan and to principal Marie Mullen.

Musical roses to the entertainers: the SSI Pipe Band for setting everyone off in such style, Mathew and Michael Dempsey, Erin Pringle and Owen Hooper, Kim and Phil, and to Bruce Creswick for running the sound system!

Roses to Jennifer Stonehouse for making sure everyone was warmed up, Marianne Banman for once again leading the fun run and introducing tennis to the event, and to David Honour and the tai chi group for inspiring us with their moves.

Roses to our registration team of Pat, Lori, Gloria, Cathy, Natalie and Leslie. Roses to Cindy Leigh, who gave awesome massages.

It was another beautiful day and the water was appreciated, so roses to the water station girls Jasmine, Zorah, Becki, Zoe, Kirstie and family.

Roses to Mainroad for equipment, the fire department (Mitch, Lauren and Gary) and for our fantastic flaggers Rick Laing and crew — Stan, Juliette, Joyce, Merve, Bobbi, Victoria and Lynn, who kept everyone safely on course, and to cyclists Richard, Ann, Geoff, Johan, Karen, Lisa, Paula and Bob for making sure everyone was doing

OK along the route.

We would also like to thank the Chamber of Commerce for their support, Joe Somebody, and the Driftwood for their great community coverage.

Roses to Dale Romagnoli for the wonderful fanfare greeting participants at the end and Sophia Gold for greeting everyone with such enthusiasm.

Roses to Arvid Chalmers for being a wonderful MC, and finally dozens of roses to Mitch Howard for his wonderful speech inspiring all of us to continue looking for a cure, and how to live. You are awesome!

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FOR THE TERRY FOX COMMITTEE

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Shopping list:

- Oil
- Celery
- Onion
- Garlic
- Dried apricots
- Brandy or orange juice
- Parsley
- Sourdough bread
- 1 egg
- Cream

Preheat oven to 375°. Soak **1/2 cup chopped dried apricots** overnight in **1/4 cup brandy or orange juice**. The next day, in a skillet, add **2 tablespoons oil**, **1 stalk finely chopped celery**, **1 minced onion**, **1 clove minced garlic**, **1/4 cup chopped parsley**, sauté 15 min. Add soaked apricots. Set aside to cool. In a medium size bowl combine **6 slices sourdough bread**, crust removed and cut into 1 inch cubes, add **1/3 cup cream** and **1 egg**. Add cooled sautéed mixture, combine with hands to smooth mixture. It is important to use a thermometer when stuffing a turkey (reach 165°) or to avoid any problems do what I do and cook stuffing separately in a Look bag for 30 min.

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Springboard for reflection

It is impossible to overstate the depth of our surprise at the overwhelmingly positive response to the release of *Every Goodbye Ain't Gone: A Photo Narrative of Black Heritage on Salt Spring Island*.

Not unlike most creative endeavours, the book is not perfect. From inception, it was the hope of the authors that the book would provide a springboard for reflection on and celebration of Salt Spring's unique multi-racial history.

It appears to have achieved that goal. Indeed, we have been amazed at the number of people who, in the wake of the book's publication, have shared with us their personal pride in a black ancestry not discernible by the colour of their skin.

Such comments have affirmed a major theme of the book: "Black is an open umbrella." And that's the self-same sentiment behind the forthcoming *All Souls Rising* celebration of black heritage that will begin with a catered opening

reception at ArtSpring on Friday, Oct. 16.

We extend a heartfelt invitation to the entire community to join in the festivities.

**JOANNE BEALY,
JUDY SIMS,
NAIDINE SIMS,
EVELYN C. WHITE**
FOR THE MULTICULTURAL
ALLIANCE FOR BLACKS
ON SALT SPRING ISLAND

Thank you

Most of the time reporters get more brick bats than congratulations.

And so I take this opportunity of saying thank you for the very excellent story Amy Geddes wrote about my paintings which won an award in the fall fair show. (Harvest Time, Sept. 30, Driftwood.) Without a loving, devoted wife that my Eunice was, there never could have been a blue ribbon for me at 91 or any other age in my long life.

Ms. Geddes' understanding and accuracy in detail in print meant so very much to me.

As a community the residents of Salt Spring should appreciate, sometimes more than we do, how valuable a quantity in terms of expression the Driftwood has become in our life.

And the written word presented each week has the professionalism to go with it.

Thank you also

to Derrick Lundy — indeed an artist with his camera.

**GEORGE KIFFIN
CLOGG,**
(JOURNALIST AND ONE-
TIME BBC NEWSMAN,)
SALT SPRING

Pond on agenda

Controversial Swanson's Pond is on the agenda of the Local Trust Committee this Thursday, Oct. 8 at ArtSpring at noon.

This development proposal has concerned both neighbours and community, with the developer blasting, digging, damming and diverting water flow in the area while neighbours attempted everything from trying to refill the pond with garden hoses, to lawsuits. Memories of Swanson's Pond have evoked strong feelings of affection for the area. Many believe Swanson's Pond could be restored. Neighbours fear that the developer's new dam may contribute to winter flooding.

Yesterday, a new website appeared: friendsofswansonpond.com. The newest planning report is featured there and on the Islands Trust website at www.islandstrust.bc.ca.

The developer is asking for a develop-

ment permit to allow 33 new dwelling units. Park Drive and Kanaka Road bound the area involved.

The Water Management Branch of the Ministry of Environment supports the Islands Trust mapping and the Community Charter, according to Arnie Damberg of MOE.

Our local trustees are required to consider this proposal.

Friends of Swanson's Pond are asking people to get informed, involved and speak in the town hall portion at the beginning of the meeting, if they choose.

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List of Registered Electors

Beginning **Wednesday, September 30, 2009 until Friday, October 23, 2009** a copy of the List of Registered Electors for North Pender Island will be available, **upon signature**, for public inspection at the CRD offices listed below. You may also call the following offices to enquire whether your name is on the List:

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Notice of Advance Voter Registration

Advance Voter Registration closes on Friday, October 23, 2009 for the List of Registered Electors for North Pender Island. Voter qualifications are set out below. You may also register on voting day if you meet these qualifications:

You are entitled to vote as a **Resident Elector or Non Resident Property Elector** if you:

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Dated this 29th day of September, 2009.

Thomas F. Moore,
Chief Election Officer

RANTS and Roses

Rants

Bouquets of dead twigs to the homeowners on Langley who dump their garden refuse on the piece of their property that overhangs Vesuvius Beach. Please, go down to the beach, walk along until you are in front of your property, and look up. You will see what an awful mess you are making. One good storm could bring it all down and, possibly, a good bit of the bank too. C. Newman

To the lowlife who got a "free" book last week — what a brave thing to do, ripping off a small local business. Let's see if you've got the guts to bring it back and apologize. Sheri and staff at Watermark Books

I attended the wonderful movie Julie and Julia last week. I had anticipated an enjoyable evening of being with, and seeing friends, the smell of popcorn, the slide show, the remembrance of Fritz and the general camaraderie that the Fritz Theatre offers. All this was the case until a woman sat in front of me and my group of friends with a totally overwhelming, nose-strangling, headache-inducing perfume aroma. Please, everyone, leave the perfume at home for splashing on in your own environment. Candace Brochmann

Roses

Dump trucks full of sunflowers to Spencer's Excavating for the load of sand to soften our playground. The children can start diggin' again. SS Co-op Preschool

Lots and lots of pink roses to everyone that participated in our first annual fundraiser for breast cancer research! Thanks to suppliers, silent

auction bidders, donors, cupcake makers and the Breast Cancer Foundation. Our success in this undertaking was because of all of you wonderful people! Mouat's Clothing Company

Cubbies full of Little Red roses to the many hands that helped renovate, build and finish the cubbie room project at Little Red School House. Thanks to Matt Kellow, John Bateman, Richard Andrews of Monkey Wrench Bike Repairs, Ken at Windsor Plywood, Mark and Andy at Slegg Lumber, Kevin at Mouat's Home Hardware and Stephan Gessinger. Finally, a huge thank you to Amy Gessinger of Gessinger Woodworks whose original vision, design and hands hard at work have given the children beautiful functional cubbies of their very own. From all the present (and future) children, families, and teachers at Little Red School House

A bunch of red roses for Donn Tarris of Tarris Innovations who did a house call last Saturday afternoon to connect me back to the internet when Telus told me that it would take between five and seven business days to get a new ADSL modem to me. Donn found a used unit and quickly got my computer up and running. Telus should learn that personal service pays! Many thanks, Donn. Jonathan Yardley

To Michelle Spencer — 440 honesty roses. Love you, Babe. Nana & Papa

A beautiful fragrant bunch of roses for Kirsty Chalmers! You are such a wonderful person! Thank you so much for being there for our kids at the Core Inn. You've helped so many young people get through difficult times. You really are a pillar in our community. Thank you. SM

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MEN'S SOCCER

Win gives FC the top spot in division

Take down Powell River

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring FC took over first place in its division by defeating Powell River Villa 3-2 on Sunday.

"We are enjoying that very much at the moment," said player Jordon Morrison.

FC wasted little time getting on the board as Gord Akerman connected with a well-placed corner kick less than 10 minutes into the match.

Leroy Coombs added another goal 10 minutes later when FC was awarded a free kick deep in the Powell River end.

FC took a three-goal lead early in the second half on a goal by Jason Moulton.

That's when Powell River Villa woke up and made a game of it.

Before long, Powell River had come to with-



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Gord Akerman surprises Powell River with an early header goal.

in a single goal of tying up the match.

"At that point, we were starting to worry," Morrison said.

He credits keeper Miguel Alvarado with

making some crucial saves to help preserve the victory.

"It wasn't the prettiest, but we managed to hold on and get the 'w' and that's what counts,"

Morrison said.

Salt Spring FC (3-0-1) will try to extend its lead atop the Vancouver Island Soccer League's second division when it takes on the Gordon

Head Blazers (3-1-0) in Victoria on Sunday, Oct. 11.

The Blazers squad is among three teams tied for second place with nine points.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Over-30s brave out injuries in Victoria match

Effort better than result

Salt Spring United's Over-30s team played a tough match on Victoria's Carnarvon Field on Sunday, facing off against Bays United.

The Salt Spring players travelled with a team of injured players and no substitutes, resulting in a loss of 0-3.

Team spokesperson Louise Doucet said

all three goals occurred in the first half.

"In the second half the team rallied and kept all the goals out of the net," Doucet said, despite the goalkeeper playing with an injured hand.

The mid-field formation proved again this week to be the right one for the team, where some of the best plays of the match occurred.

"Beth Mason had some beautiful passes as left mid-fielder and Anne Amay was invaluable as offensive centre-mid — she covered the whole field," said Doucet. "Once again our defensive line-up was solid. This score doesn't reflect how the team played at all."

Next Sunday the Over-30s will travel to Victoria again for a match with Vic A, the team currently at the top of the league.

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Do you accept cool photos or video?

Yes again. We definitely appreciate submissions by our citizen journalists, even if we don't always have room for them. Watch the Weekender for occasional pages of submitted photos. We'd love to receive video footage from breaking news or community events for posting online. Check the website for specifications.

How do I submit a letter to the editor?

Send them to news@gulfislands.net, fax to 250-537-2613, or drop them off at the Driftwood office — 328 Lower Ganges Road. Aim for 350 words or less. The shorter the letter, the more of them we can fit into one edition! We like to have all letters by 10 a.m. on Monday, but sometimes we have holes to fill and can take them as late as Tuesday at noon. But sometimes the available letters pages are already filled by 10 a.m. Monday!



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SPORTS & RECREATION

MEN'S SOCCER

Alumni FC wanting to rebound after 2nd loss

Gremio undefeated

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A battered and bruised Alumni FC team came up short for the second time in as many weeks, losing a nail-bitter of a match to Juan de Fuca on Sunday.

"We had a very limited presence," said Alumni FC keeper Ken Marr.

With fewer than 11 players on the field, Alumni FC found itself outplayed, outmatched and outscored early on.

By the end of the first half, host Juan de Fuca had built a two-goal lead.

"We grouped together during the half and had numerous opportunities in the second," Marr said.

Alumni FC got on the board late in the game

thanks to a goal from Colin Walde.

With time running out, Alumni FC was unable to tie up the game on a penalty kick.

The loss drops Alumni FC (2-2-0) into fifth place in the Vancouver Island Soccer League, seven points behind division-leading UVic Alumni. Alumni FC will try to rebound when it hosts the last-place Castaway Juniors (0-4-0) at Portlock Park in a Thanksgiving-weekend match on Sunday, Oct. 11 at 10:30 a.m.

In other soccer news:

• The Salt Spring Island Old Boys suffered their first loss of the season on Sunday morning against division-leading Vantreights.

The Old Boys were unable to take advantage of their home turf, losing

2-0.

The team will try to improve on its 1-1-0 record in a Friday evening match on Vancouver Island. They take on Prospect Lake SC (1-0-1).

• Salt Spring Ganges Gremio (1-0-2) won its first game of the season on the weekend, defeating Pacific FC 4-0.

Tyler Dakin, Colin McDougall, Ryan Smith and Justin Smith provided goals for the Gremio side.

Daniel Bennett was in goal to earn the shutout for Gremio.

Ganges Gremio is in third place in the VISL's 4C division with five points. The team plays the league-leading and undefeated Golden Wings (4-0-0) at Portlock Park on Sunday, Oct. 11 at 2:15 p.m.



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Solid Gremio defence helps keeper Daniel Bennett record a 4-0 shutout.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Salt Spring United finds first win of soccer season

Cowichan proves easy target for island women

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

SS United's Division-2 team out-shot Cowichan with a 3-1 win in its game last Sunday, taking home the first win of the season for the team.

Spokesperson Joanne O'Connor said the play against low-standing Cowichan was not as exciting as some of the earlier games, in which Salt Spring gamely took on the teams at the top of the pack. However, the team played well and dominated the entire game.

The ball did not find its way into the net until well into the second half. SS United rifled off several shots during the first half, while Cowichan managed only a few, which were quickly dealt with by the midfielders.

"It was nice to have everyone taking shots and moving the ball around," O'Connor said.

Cowichan came out a bit stronger in the second half, but never achieved much assertiveness on offence. Salt Spring player Lindsay Graham scored the game's first goal with a nice cross into the net with just 15 minutes left in the match. Strikers Rhea Davidson and Liz Wilson were also in the net.

Salt Spring's second goal was propelled into the net a short five minutes later by forward LeeAnn Norgard.

"LeeAnn has a wicked shot," O'Connor said. "She made several attempts at net and finally drove one through."

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through."

JOANNE O'CONNOR
Team spokesperson

While the Salt Spring team worked to keep up the pressure, Cowichan managed to break through shortly after to score their only goal of the game.

Norgard then scored her second goal — Salt Spring's third — with a shot in close range that the keeper had no chance of keeping out. With just five minutes left in the game, SS United's victory was secured.

"This definitely wasn't the best opposition that we've seen, but we kept pressing forward and got lots of shots off, so that's really good practice for the next game," O'Connor said.

Next up, after a bye for Thanksgiving weekend, Salt Spring plays the Cordova Spitfires. The two teams are currently tied for points so the local women are poised to "go hard and get the win."

O'Connor said regular keeper Erin Hornell will hopefully be recovered from injury and back in the net, where O'Connor has been filling in.

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IN MEMORIAM



Honouring our darling Yvette;

That she has escaped Earth's turmoils gives us little comfort.

Mum & Dad

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEATHS

Breden

George Walter Breden passed away at Nanaimo Hospital on September 16, 2009. George was born in Winnipeg Manitoba on December 7, 1924 and is predeceased by his first wife Pearl and his eldest son Grant. He is survived by his wife Cathy, sons Darrell and Tim and grandchildren Candice, Melissa, Wesley and Andrea. A celebration of George's life will be announced at a later date.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARDS OF THANKS

The Family of Don Layard

Wish to thank everyone who surrounded Dad with love and care during his last days. We would like to thank Dr. Reznick, Dr. Leon, the wonderful nurses and staff at Lady Minto Hospital, Lynn and Josie, and the incomparable Legion ladies and Richie.

Our gratitude to our many friends and family members for their strong support and great stories.
 - Alan and Michele Layard

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

BEGINNER'S SWING dance, no partner req. 6 nights starting mid-Oct. Morley 537-4898 or mgallery@telus.net

BIGFOOT ORGANIC Herb Farm's Thanksgiving Weekend Sale. Plants, herbs, flowers, biodegradable pots. Jams, jellies, salsas, flavored vinegars and honeys. Proceeds to Salt Spring Seed Sanctuary. Seeds are our Children's Future. No seeds, no food, no life. Come and enjoy the fun. Support a wonderful cause. October 10 & 11, 10-5pm, 104 Eagleridge Drive, 537-4466.

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MEETING: BOARD of Directors of Central Community Hall, Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2009, 7pm. Public welcome.

WEDDINGS



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WEDDINGS

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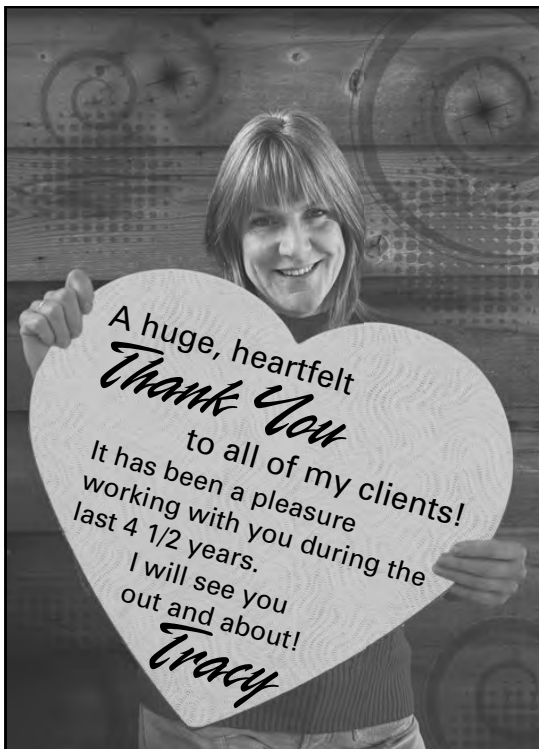
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This Weeks Horoscope

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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Creating better relations continues. This many cross over between personal and business fronts, or not. Yet, nurturing and cultivating an improved rapport and other aspects of relating is likely. Gathering new tools and skills to this end is featured. If you feel you are stuck at all, it is because you are approaching lingering issues with dated approaches and tools. Move with the times and find new and better ways to relate.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)
There is wise saying: 'We do not have relationships, we create them.' This simple shift of perspective can go a long way of both activating greater mutual respect and more pleasure and satisfaction from setting the intention to co-create your relationships. Since the primary relationship is ever with one's self, this can extend to the quality of your choices and lifestyle in general. How can you create better relationship?

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)
A new momentum is rising for you. This includes creating more beauty close to home. This may include changes in your environment or it may be sentiments of the heart and deeper feelings of love, respect and understanding between you and family members. Old fears may still be lingering however, and it is important that you look straight at them now and dissolve the reactive emotions that they produce. Get fresh!

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)
Learning how to take charge of situations and current lessons and themes without having to control others is an important theme now. This includes new perspectives initially. For example, would you like to be treated or engaged the way you are meeting others with existing attitudes and approaches? If so, advance to the next level. Be willing to learn new skills and strategies to win, without casualties. Rise above reaction and respond gracefully.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)
An active cycle with places to go and people to see continues. Fortunately, your focus stands to be clear and sharp. Practical considerations are riding high these days. This is a time of building upon new foundations and it may well include an outreach program. Building new networks and alliances with aims to have them endure and continue for years to come is a good attitude. Make every step a positive one that earns respect.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)
Fortifying your overall base includes self-esteem and clarification of priorities. These two important areas of focus actually reinforce one another or, if un-attended, pull each other down. Prudent focus upon each is extra important now. Every effort to fortify each will cause the other to rise and thus produce an upward spiral. Begin by acknowledging yourself then outline your priorities with emphasis on the love and passion you feel for doing what you do.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)
Taking new leads and strides is likely now. Yet, you may also feel a little insecure about your foundation. You may have some work to do to re-evaluate what you consider to be security and how you go about achieving it. You are rapidly coming to a time when it will be extra important to take a disciplined approach to feeling safe and secure. Of course, good health is ever a priority. Whole health includes body, mind, heart and soul.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
You may feel very happy to be working behind the scenes these days. Safe and secure in your lair to dream and scheme and invent and strategize. The visualization process of whatever we might like to do and achieve is important. The key here is to associate pleasure and to feel the joy and satisfaction you feel you will experience from following through on your visions. These important preliminary steps will open doors like magic.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
Friendship is such an important part of life. Ironically, sometimes our friends are our enemies and our enemies our friends. This occurs when our friends lead us to perpetuate negative habits and attitudes and alternatively, when our 'enemies' cause us to shift our perspective and step outside our comfort zones long enough at least to be assertive in new and better ways. Focus on true needs beyond habitual wants.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
New levels of leadership are rising for you. It is important that you be focused and serious enough to gather facts and knowledge to strengthen your position. These may well include knowing what resources are available to you in your community and culture in general. In this age, we have access to so much. Acknowledge and use this vast resource with wisdom and gratitude to win big!

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)
The arts and culture of any society truly represent the fruit of our collective efforts. Coming to recognize and celebrate these can prove very inspiring and also help us to rise out of negative states and attitudes. Celebrating the expressions and successes of others and being open to the inspirations that emerge from doing so is the key. Getting metaphysical about it, this is so because it opens the heart chakra.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
Merging your skills and talents with those of others continues. New alliances and shared talents will serve to reinforce your own. However, the mergers may have to occur before returns are experienced. This implies faith, risk and follow-through. Where and how can you act more deliberately to make meaningful connections? You may have to make allowances and adjustments for this to occur, yet it stands to be your best approach now.

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MARTIAL ARTS

Taoist tai chi: feeling good and passing it on

Benefits described by students and teacher

BY TANYA LESTER
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You are in physical pain or emotional anguish, or both. You start practising tai chi. After awhile, the pain goes away and your body almost completely gets back to where it was prior to the disease.

You find you are smiling much more often for no particular reason except life starts to feel quite blissful. You develop compassion for anyone around you who is having a bad time. You encourage these people to practise tai chi, too.

The stories are slightly varied from the above scenario but many who attend the Taoist Tai Chi Society of Canada classes at All Saints By-the-Sea Anglican Church on Salt Spring tell similar versions of how they have benefited from this exercise originally developed in China over many hundreds of years.

David Honour, who has practised tai chi for 20 years and began the local chapter on Salt Spring 15 years ago, was spurred on to start doing it when he was debilitated by back pain due to curvature of his spine in his mid-20s. He said practising tai chi was at first quite painful. After three years, though, he had reshaped his spinal column, due to this exercise of slow rhythmic, stretching movements. He was pain-free and had his normal body function back.

More recently, when Honour broke his foot, he took 10 days off and then went back to practising tai chi. Again, it was painful, at first, but, as he expected, "it enormously sped up the healing process."

"Tai chi is like a tool in your tool box for working on your health," Honour said.

Five years ago, Ingrid Korner was grieving her husband's death. She noticed a woman at an event who was joyfully greeting several of the people there. When Korner asked her how she had established such a group of friends, the woman replied that she knew them from tai chi classes. Korner wanted to feel happy again so she went to the tai chi classes.

The energy that is exuded from practising tai chi calmed her mind, "brought her out of her shell" and improved her life, said Korner. Nowadays when she participates in a walking group, she is



Instructor David Honour leads his tai chi class.

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"Tai chi is not like having to put another thing in the grocery bag. Tai chi makes the grocery bag bigger."

DAVID HONOUR
Taoist tai chi instructor

balanced physically. She also credits the practice to helping her "keep up with her six-year-old granddaughter."

Cam McCannel describes himself as being "a mess" by the time he was 45 years old. He had been extremely active athletically. Karate, kick boxing, skiing and hang gliding were part of his lifestyle. Then, he hurt his back and "couldn't do anything for nine years." He said he "was not a nice guy," probably due to the fact that he was hardly able to sleep.

After he started tai chi, McCannel experienced pain relief within three weeks and he was sleeping within a month. His back was fixed in a year and a half, with good circulation also returning. Now, at 52 years old, he is back to enjoying his athletic experiences again.

"My only regret is that I didn't start tai chi earlier," he said.

At 74 years old, Don Cockrill credits the practice to expanding and increasing movement as well as range of motion in his shoulder after an operation.

He is so grateful to have found a healing modality that improves his overall flexibility. Over three years ago, he joined the Taoist Tai Chi Society in Salmon Arm, B.C. When Cockrill moved to Salt Spring Island, he was able to continue his class practise here.

The society membership makes it possible to attend classes in any of the numerous communities across Canada or around the world that

have a Taoist Tai Chi chapter.

Moy Lin-shin, the Taoist Tai Chi founder is Canada, was a Buddhist monk in China. He was taken into a monastery as an unhealthy child and recovered by practising tai chi. He moved to Toronto in 1970. His intent was to establish Taoist Tai Chi in North America. ("Taoist" in the society's name indicates that it was developed by monks.)

Determined to make it accessible to everyone, Lin-shin decided it was important to build his society on a volunteer instructor basis. Honour said Lin-shin worked three jobs while teaching classes and establishing the organization. To this day, all of the instructors are volunteers.

When Honour lived in Edmonton, he was able to get instruction from Lin-shin. He remembers how, in his early training as an instructor, he was often encouraged to lead those through the tai chi movements who had back pain. Honour was a role

model for the individuals in the group still suffering from this type of pain. Conversely, it helped Honour's compassion to open up by reminding him of his own pain when he began to practice.

"You can't have compassion if you are in pain," Honour said in explaining why alleviating the pain is the first step to developing the compassion needed to encourage others to begin the practice.

Korner said, "We couldn't ask for a better instructor than David. He is very supportive, patient, generous and warm."

Taoist Tai Chi was originally started in the monasteries to assist the older monks who were having physical difficulty sitting with legs crossed in meditation for long time periods. The Mayo Clinic has done a study that determined the best exercise system for seniors is tai chi, said Honour.

"Take the plunge," said McCannel, in encouragement to those who might be interested in joining the

classes. "Jump in. Everyone goes at their own pace and it is entirely up to the individual as to how often they practice . . . I see no reason to quit. Things aren't the same without it and the social aspect is really fun."

Responding to the notion that some people believe they do not have time for tai chi, Honour quipped, "Tai chi is not like having to put another thing in the grocery bag. Tai chi makes the grocery bag bigger."

This fall, besides ongoing classes held at All Saints, the society is branching out to the Brinkworthy Club House and to The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm in the south end. Monthly membership fees, to cover administrative costs, are \$45 for adults and \$30 for seniors. Honour explained that if a member is away for a month then he or she need not pay for that time off. Those who cannot afford it can have their fee waived.

For more information, contact David at 250-537-1871 or Stephanie at 250-537-1721.

KARATE

Salt Spring karate club celebrates 30-year anniversary

Everyone welcome to Saturday event at SIMS

For the past 30 years, members of the Salt Spring Island Karate Club have been kicking and punching their way to better health.

Now it is time for them to demonstrate their abilities and to celebrate this landmark occasion.

They are extending an open invitation to past students, family members and the community as a whole to join them on Saturday, Oct. 10 at Salt Spring Island Middle School from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The Salt Spring club was founded in September 1979 by Frans Beijck. Since that date the club has continuously grown

and now has a range of classes for kids, teens and adults.

"For some reason, no matter what the age, people love to sweat, yell, run around the gymnasium, kick, punch and — believe it or not — do push-ups," said club spokesman Randolph Parker.

Beijk will be coming from Qualicum Beach to help in this celebration along with other black belts from Campbell River, Sidney and Victoria. Mike Puckett from Sidney, a seventh-degree black belt and the person responsible for promoting club members to shodan black belt or higher, will also attend.

People can also congratulate islander Pat Byron on recently receiving his fourth-degree black belt after 25 years

of training, said Parker.

Chris Barclay will initiate the event at 1 p.m. with an introduction of the program, which will include group kata demonstrations by all members of the karate club, an introduction to the black belts and the launch of a 100-page karate book covering the history of Salt Spring Island Karate.

A "picture time" will be held, where any member of the community who has ever taken a karate class is welcome to join in to one large group photograph. A happy hour with free refreshments and snacks is also scheduled.

Anyone with an interest in martial arts or wanting to say hello is welcome to join Salt Spring Island Karate at the event.

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OUT IN

FRONT: Martin Herbert single-hands the tiny (20-foot) Kay D in the first start of the Salt Spring Sailing Club's fall regatta.

Youth teams immersed in busy season

The Salt Spring U14 girls met Prospect Lake for their home opener and right off the mark Zorah Wiltzen sent a cross-kick to Becki Steel, who sent a long, arcing shot into the net for an early 1-0 lead.

Steel was back at the goal again, and the opposing goalie helped the ball in for 2-0. Prospect Lake came back with shots and Zoe Savage and Abi O'Donnell deflected all but one for 2-1 at the half.

The second half saw an even match with both teams fighting for the ball, and Cassidy Fraser defending the goal like an experienced pro. Wiltzen finally eluded her tough defender, sent it towards the net and Jade Beauvais saw it fly and scored for the 3-1 win.

- After a resounding 6-1 victory at home against Lakehill on Sept. 26, the Hill, the U13 girls team had a tough match on their hands on Saturday in Victoria, against Prospect Lake.

The home team came out strong with an excellent goal 10 minutes into the first half and followed up with a second before the half was over.

Clearly determined to get back in the game, Salt Spring had to really hustle in the second half to keep pace. But

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keep pace they did, with Kiara Johnston putting in Salt Spring's first goal off a corner kick from Sofia Pickstone.

With just eight minutes left to play, Kiara fouled just outside the Prospect Lake box, blasted a penalty kick into the top corner to make it 2-2. Despite end-to-end action right to the final whistle, neither team was able to score again and the game ended in a two-all tie.

After an undefeated regular season last year, the girls, with quite a number of keen, new players this season, are showing that they have the determination to fend off the toughest of opposition this season too — Well done!

- The Gorge Canadians, a U17 boys silver team, encountered trouble from the start as team-members missed the ferry, and had to commandeer a parent's boat to Salt Spring in order to make the game Sunday morning.

But what began as a memorable game-day soon turned into one they might prefer to forget, as the home team quickly took command of the match with solid attacking play,

scoring four before half-time.

The undermanned Gorge squad fought hard into the second half, but managed to score just once, with a final tally of 6-1. The somewhat one-sided game featured Noah Van Hullebush in mid-field who created numerous chances for the home-team, and scored two himself. Ben Hunter, an exciting player to watch, was extremely dangerous on the right wing, and Arlo Bryn-Thorn, as centre-back, scored an impressive goal from 25 yards.

- The newly formed U14 gold team has made an impressive start to their season, guided by Colin Walde's coaching knowledge and inspiration.

Their first two games, against Bays United and Cowichan Valley, were definitive wins, with goals scored by the likes of Billie George, Hamish Walde, Justin Kopetski, Lucas Wenzel and Sam Montalbetti, fed by the ready footwork of midfielders Eric Weatherby, Dylan Shaver, Tai Levitt, Mark Camps, Carl Slakov and defencemen Forrest Junker-Allen, Luke Hylands, Josh Crandall and Isaac Byron, with

the fearless Conner Budd in net.

The Salt Springers looked to have another win in their third game, but settled for tying Lakehill in the last moments.

Last weekend, the team played a very organized Cordova Bay team and held their own through much of the game, thanks to strong defending, persistence and two handy goals by Billie George, set up well by the rest of the team. Dylan Shaver also had a lovely "almost" goal. In the last half, however, Cordova Bay took quick advantage of available pathways to win 5-2.

The Salt Spring team showed great spirit, with many of the players working in new positions and the whole team trying a new configuration.

- The local contingent of island players playing for Upper Vancouver Island Metro are well into their season, playing at their home field in Nanaimo and their away games in the Lower Mainland. Last Sunday was a great day of soccer for both the players and the spectators as UVI U15 girls with local player Kimberly Rothwell as an outside midfielder had a fast, open-pace game against Metro Ford Coquitlam at

home with the results of 2 to 1 for UVI.

Alanna Hillis, playing midfield and defence, and Jessica Hatchard playing midfield and striker, unfortunately had a bye last week and no game scheduled for this weekend. They will have to do extra training as they are playing at the highly competitive U16 level, which has 12 clubs in this season's competition.

Kayley Kray, playing striker on the U17 girls, is seeing lots of playing time on her new squad and finding play ideal for her high-intensity, go-for-it style.

Erik Rothwell, playing centre defence and outside midfield for the U18 squad. The team boasts a record of three wins and one loss and is currently in third place.

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CONCERT REVIEW

Pink Floyd tribute band thrills old and new fans

Band makes it look easy

BY PIETER HOFMANN
WITH INTERVIEWS BY AMY GEDDES

What could be better than attending a Pink Floyd concert as I did in 1974, at the age of 15 and experiencing The Dark Side of the Moon tour? Not much.

Wish you were there. That 1973 album finally broke the British space rock band into the mainstream. And as they say, the rest is history.

This past Saturday saw Pigs, Victoria's Pink Floyd tribute band, play to a packed house at ArtSpring. The septet performed a diverse selection from Floyd's catalogue, from the well-known to the obscure.

Other than a minor miscue from keyboardist Adam Basterfield, the group seamlessly relived the spirit of their predecessors.

While Pink Floyd was as renowned for their light show as for their music, it would be unfair to judge Pigs on their special effects. Their usual full-blown lighting scheme was petered down to local light production for this show. It included the occasional use of a mirror ball along with a smoke machine billowing sporadically behind drummer Mike Quirke.

Bassist KC Hingley and lead guitarist Josh Szczepanowski both captured the core of Roger Waters and David Gilmour respectively.



PHOTOS BY DERRICK LUNDY

Pigs, Victoria's Pink Floyd tribute band, takes the stage at ArtSpring.

On Shine On, You Crazy Diamond, a tribute to the acid-drenched founding member of Pink Floyd, Syd Barrett, Szczepanowski replicated the vocals and guitar improvisation effortlessly.

What was impressive was the Pigs' long, drawn-out psychedelic jams that flowed as naturally as the original band was capable of in their heyday.

Two of the standout versions, and they were truly well done, came from Pink Floyd's seminal recording, Dark Side of the Moon: Money and The Great Gig in the Sky.

Saxophonist Sharon Driver re-created Dick Perry's famous solo on Money to perfection and it was one of many highlights of the evening.

Audience members (some even dressed for the event in pink wigs and plastic sunglasses) swayed in their seats,

the band's promise of an "authentic re-creation of Pink Floyd from 1968-1983" apparently fulfilled.

"They are tight. Very awesome," a woman in pink sunglasses said.

One could swear back-up vocalist Amy Konowalyk was the reincarnate of Clare Tory on the wordless vocal rendition of The Great Gig in the Sky. Konowalyk received the greatest ovation and deservedly so.

During an interview backstage at intermission, Pigs' bassist and lead guitarist admitted none of the band members are old enough to have seen Pink Floyd perform live in concert.

But their young age, they say, is one of their selling points.

"We're the same age as they were when they were playing. It's not about what they did when they were old

men."

Throughout the roughly three-hour show, Pigs captivated the audience and never felt like a musty piece of nostalgia. The Victoria group certainly delights in replicating the sound of one of Britain's legendary bands. And they do it well. Very well.

"The music is so complicated, but they make it look easy," said Bruce Creswick, who remembers seeing Pink Floyd in concert when he was 11 years old in 1971.

"They got it," he said about Pigs' ability to recreate the Pink Floyd energy on stage.

Pigs came back for an encore and performed two rousing selections from 1979's The Wall. Comfortably Numb and Run Like Hell again brought the crowd to their feet. Standing ovation for a tribute band?

I'll see you on the dark side of the moon.

Pink Floyd history

Dark Side of the Moon spent an amazing 741 weeks on the Billboard album chart, a feat unlikely to be repeated.

In the 1980s, the band began to unravel with internal disagreements, mainly between Roger Waters and David Gilmour.

At one point, ownership of the group's name was even disputed between the members. Shortly after the unimpressive album called The Final Cut in 1983, Waters parted ways with the band, as lawsuits continued.

For the next decade, a Waters-less Pink Floyd released albums of critically inferior quality. The Division Bell, released in 1994, was the group's swansong.



PIGS FAST FACTS

Band members: 7

Formed: 2008 in Victoria, BC

Claim to fame: Their authenticity, which means looking, sounding and feeling like the real Pink Floyd in their heyday: the '70s.

Salt Spring fan feedback:

• "Saw you guys tonight on Salt Spring and I have to say that I was impressed. Having seen Pink Floyd twice before you guys give me goosebumps. Well done." — Bill Delaney (Facebook posting)

• "The music is so complicated, but they make it look so easy." — Bruce Creswick (comment after the show)

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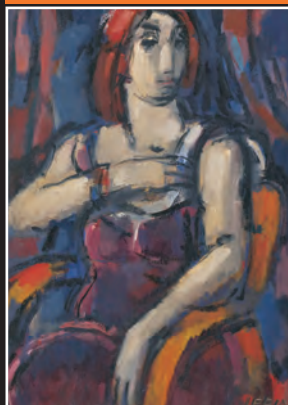
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BOHEMIAN ARTS: George and Cerika perform at Apple Luscious Organic Orchard during last Sunday's Salt Spring Apple Festival.

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WORLD CHANGE

From intention to transition: Starhawk's talk an inspiration

Crowd loves Oct. 1 event at Fulford Hall

BY SHOSHANAH RAY
 SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

A seed that was planted many decades ago is beginning to sprout. Last week Starhawk reminded some of us of the incredible potential of that sprout. It is the sprout of idealism, and if fed with intention, courage, creativity and awareness, could grow into a beautiful, healing plant to feed our whole community. If we wish it to, it could take root here and transform Salt Spring into a truly ecologically-sound, resilient, self-reliant community.

face us (climate change, peak oil, biodiversity loss, resource depletion, etc) must be acted on at the personal, community, and national levels. As Starhawk says, "We can make change with our personal choices, but we need to get the larger systems to give us different choices."

We are at a turning point. Faced with an environment taxed to its limits by our growth-based economy, humans may be a write-off; or perhaps we can still change our course. Maybe we can learn better ways of doing things, ways that may allow us a happier existence in the long run. Starhawk clearly believes we can: she's spent decades helping

communities see how they can work together to make change on a large scale. Acting together as a community is empowering, effective and fun.

Starhawk emphasized that everything stems from our intention. She outlined how our survival as a species on this planet depends on rediscovering our interconnection, strengthening our networks, creating a positive vision, and acting in solidarity. She spoke of resilience: of growing our own food in cooperative gardens, installing grey water systems, creating community forests and using permaculture as a social principle.

Her talk focused on the Transition Town Movement: a community-based framework for "developing a positive vision and taking practical action to create a more self-reliant existence." There are hundreds of Transition Towns worldwide, reducing their fossil fuel dependence and enhancing local resilience using their citizens' own skills, resources and knowledge. The Transition approach asks "What has happened to the ability of this community to provide for its basic needs?" and helps communities answer this question using community dialogue and techniques such as planned relocalization, tradable energy quotas, decentralized energy infrastructure, relearning to make and do stuff for ourselves, localized food production, local currencies, energy descent planning, and having a local medicinal capacity.

At the close of Starhawk's talk, a young woman in the front row was moved to voice her desire to meet with our community in a town council. In that moment we all felt the unlimited power of that room full of people, united by a vision. Let's harness our potential!

Saturday, October 17, 8:00 PM
Dance at Fulford Hall

Georgia Strait Big Band
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 Director: Greg Bush

Battle of the Bands

Swing Shift Big Band
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JAMMING FOR JUSTICE: Stephanie Rhodes takes the stage and the microphone at last Saturday's Justice Jam, which raised funds for Thai prisoners. Held at the Harbour House Hotel, the event was organized by Heather Luna-Rose.



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SWING DANCE

Swing Shift big band battle shaping up at Fulford Hall

Courtenay counterparts on tap

Salt Spring's Swing Shift is hosting the Georgia Strait Big Band from Courtenay on Saturday, Oct. 17 for a Battle of the Bands dance at 8 p.m. in Fulford Hall.

This promises to be a "don't miss" evening. Georgia Strait is an experienced ensemble, representing a 30-year swing tradition in the Comox Valley.

Seventeen musicians strong, they are directed by Greg Bush of the music department at Vancouver Island University. For the occasion they will present an exciting variety of music, featuring the very fine vocals of Sue Medley.

Swing Shift, under the direction of talented saxophonist Monik



Georgia Strait Big Band from Courtenay.

Nordine, also teaching at VIU, is featuring Latin jazz, with local Cuban percussionist José Sanchez as their guest.

Sanchez is doing two workshops with the band in advance, so he will be working smoothly with regular Swing Shift drummer Dave Milutinovic.

Sue Newman will be on hand with her incomparable vocals, including a new arrangement of the

classic piece Brazil.

The band will also present the premiere of a new commissioned piece, appropriately titled *Swingshift!*, written last year for the band by star Victoria trombonist, teacher and composer/arranger Nick La Riviere. Having led workshops with Swing Shift in previous years, La Riviere makes a return visit to play and conduct the band in this and another of

his pieces, Costa Rican Jungle.

"The atmosphere will be competitive," promises band member John Moore. "Each band is set to out do the other, in the manner of the great band battles of the swing era."

The hall will be set up cabaret-style with the Jazz and Blues Society providing snacks and a cash bar, serving wine and beer.

Tickets cost \$16 for adults and \$10 for students. They are available through the ArtSpring box office and Acoustic Planet, as well as from individual members of the band.

WRITING

Writing personal narratives info at workshop on Oct. 10

Lorraine Gane teaches Community Ed course

Writers at all levels of experience have an opportunity to explore the narratives of their lives at a Salt Spring Island Community Education workshop this Saturday, Oct. 10 with local writer and poet Lorraine Gane.

The full-day workshop, called *Writing as Witness*, will take participants through a series of guided exercises to open to the well of imagination and memory, with all its sensory nuances. Suggestions will be offered on how to shape writing into personal essays, memoirs, narrative poems and autobiographical fiction, as well as where to submit pieces for publication.

"The act of writing deeply through openness and attention to detail will allow the personal stories to reveal the larger truths of the human condition," says Gane.

"Writers will open to their own voice while at the same time expand their understanding of narrative forms."

Gane has extensive experience working with emerging and experienced writers, having taught at Ryerson, McMaster, the University of Victoria and Vancouver Island University, as well as her own workshops and online courses for many years. She is the author of *Even the Slightest Touch Thunders on My Skin*, among other poetry collections, as well as numerous essays, articles, reviews and poems published widely. She is now working on *The Blue Halo* and a book on writing.

The workshop runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the GISS library. Cost is \$60. To register for the course, call 250-537-0037.

For more information, contact Gane at 250-537-5294 or ganegoodger@saltspring.com.

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SWEET SOUND:

Ruby Egger-Lipsett plays her violin to passersby at the Saturday market in Centennial Park.



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Rotary Club of Salt Spring Island is now accepting applications for the 1 year International Youth Exchange Program. The Rotary Youth Exchange Program is one of the longest running youth exchange programs, with some 8,000 students travelling abroad each year.

The program provides an opportunity for the student to study abroad and experience other cultures during the 2010-2011 school year. The student will reside with host families in the host community. There are 29 countries participating in the Youth Exchange Program with our Rotary District.

For the upcoming 2010-2011 exchange year, the student's birthday must be between August 16, 1992 and August 15, 1994. The students that apply will be initially interviewed by the local Rotary Club in which 1 student will be chosen. The successful applicant will be further interviewed in early December on a District level. For interested students, please complete this form and mail it to the address below. There will be a meeting scheduled at the high school on October 7, 2009, Room N207 at 12:40, which will provide further information on the program.

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EXHIBITIONS

Fibre works cover ArtSpring this Thanksgiving weekend

Locally made items are centre stage

BY MARY PADDON
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Salt Spring's Weavers and Spinners Guild is staging its first Guild Exhibition and Sale over the Thanksgiving weekend at ArtSpring.

Works from over 25 members celebrate the importance of creating locally made items for the body and the home in natural fibres. The exhibition is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For many guild members this is the first time their works have been exhibited and for others it's the only time they produce work for sale.

Guests will see items not usually available at other events: handwoven yardage, silk vases, woven cards, woollen tree ornaments, lace-knitted dishcloths, kaleidoscope-coloured rovings and yarns; as well as blankets, scarves and tableware.

All are made by hand, have undergone rigorous quality testing and many are made from the fibres of Salt Spring's famous sheep.

Guild members will also be in attendance to answer questions about the pieces in the exhibi-

tion and to demonstrate weaving and spinning techniques.

Have you wondered what spinning is like? A wheel will be there for you to try out this new skill. Would you like to learn to weave or see how it has been done for 10,000 years? A loom will be on site for such a purpose. Lessons in weaving and spinning are available from the guild. You can sign up for weaving lessons at the exhibition and find out about the Tuesday evening spinning sessions that all are welcomed to at no cost. The guild has contacts for providing wheels to learn on.

The United Nations declared 2009 the International Year of Natural Fibres to raise awareness of the importance of natural fibres to local economies and to emphasize the fibre characteristics that cannot be duplicated by synthetics.

Over the last century, natural fibres have been displaced in our clothing, household furnishings, industries and agriculture by man-made fibres with names like acrylic, nylon, polyester and polypropylene. The success of synthetics is due mainly to cost. Unlike natural fibres harvested by farmers, commonly used synthetic fibres are mass produced from petrochemicals to uniform strengths, lengths and colours,

easily customized to specific applications. The weavers and spinners guild hopes that visitors to the exhibition and sale will see that natural fibres provide a medium for endless creativity without a heavy carbon footprint. And think about it, wool has kept sheep and humankind alive and thriving for countless centuries.

Polar fleece may be easier to wash, but we likely will run out of it and the petroleum it is made from in this century.

And that brings us to the next challenge and exhibition the guild is undertaking. Like the slow food movement, the guild is challenging all members to participate in the slow clothing movement by growing, dyeing, spinning and constructing items from natural fibres available within 100 miles of Salt Spring. Given that silk, mohair, wool, alpaca, llama, angora, flax and nettle are all available within 100 miles, the challenge will produce some interesting results.

The Salt Spring Weavers and Spinners Guild Exhibition and Sale starts with a sneak preview on Friday night at ArtSpring and opens all day on Saturday through Monday over the Thanksgiving weekend, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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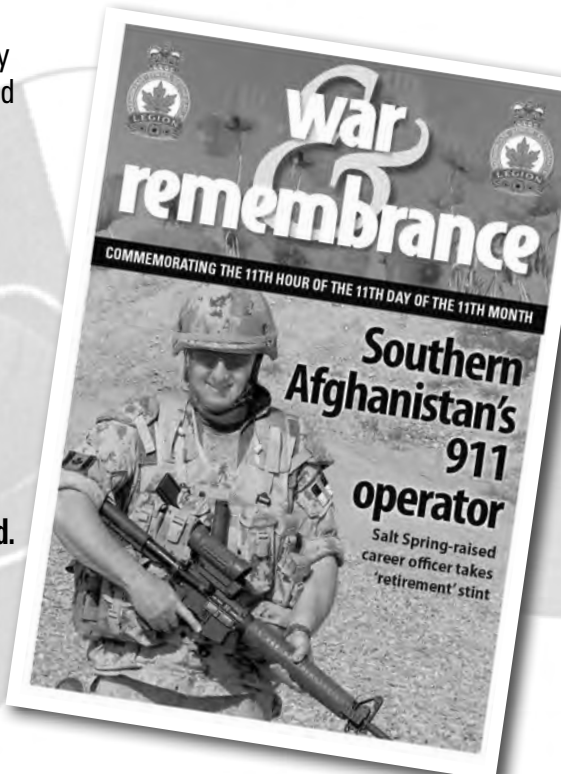
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FOLK CLUB

Folk series opens with bluegrass and blues

Performers hit stage backed by rave reviews and acclaim

The island's popular folk concert series begins for the season on Thanksgiving Day, Monday, Oct. 12.

Performers Corinne West and Doug Cox promise plenty to be thankful for, with an evening of roots music, including early Americana, bluegrass and bottleneck slide blues.

West has been noted for her clear and penetrating voice that reaches into the deepest emotional honesty.

According to her website, West "knows giving listeners an unfettered glimpse into the raw and wild places of the soul is part of her job requirement. So she sings the story of life unfolding — sometimes brutal, sometimes beautiful, but always honest."

West's early exposure to roots music saw her accompanying her grandfather to honky-tonk dances at age 11, where she learned to dance the two-step. She wrote her own songs and joined a band early as a young woman, but soon found performing on her own offered more creative control. This allowed West to hone her craft and develop her own signature sound, "a heady mix with the intensity of rock, the sincerity of country, the storytelling of bluegrass, and the wide-openness of Americana."

According to her bio, West has won rave reviews from Maverick, Relix and SingOut!, among others. She was named a finalist in the prestigious Kerrville



Corinne West launches the Salt Spring Folk Club season this Monday.

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West "knows giving listeners an unfettered glimpse into the raw and wild places of the soul is part of her job requirement."

Folk Festival songwriting competition. The other side of the Atlantic fell in love with her music when BBC legend Bob Harris began featuring her on his radio show, leading to a tour of England and Ireland in 2007.

West appears on Salt Spring with Doug Cox, who co-produced her third album, *The Promise*. Cox fell in love with the bottleneck slide

blues as a young man in Alberta. Now a resident of Courtenay, B.C., in 20 years Cox has become a master of the style of music he calls "maybe the most soulful and haunting music to ever come out of black life in the Deep South."

According to his website, Cox can sometimes be found sitting cross-legged with Indian slide guitarist Salil Bhatt and a tabla player, creating an intricate musical dialogue that weaves centuries of tradition into something contemporary and beautiful.

Or, teaching someone something new on the dobro at a music camp in Alaska, or adding a couple of tracks to someone else's record, or out on the road with friends like Steve Dawson, Jim Byrnes or Amos Garrett.

Cox's music has been featured in many soundtracks and movies from documentaries to feature films such as

Terry Gilliam's *Tideland*. He's played every major roots music festival in Canada as well as many of the fascinating ones a little further off the beaten track. In 2009, he was chosen by Canada's National Art Centre in Ottawa to create the programming of music in British Columbia.

Bruce Miller appears as opener for West and Cox. Having recently returned to Vancouver after many years living in California, Miller has written songs that have appeared on CDs by the Dixie Chicks, Rascal Flatts and Reba McEntire, to name a few. In the 1970s he was an A&M recording artist with hits *Anna Marie*, *Summer of Our Love* and *Rude Awakening*. His songs have been featured in movies and television worldwide.

The concert starts at 7 p.m. — note the earlier start time from previous years — at Fulford Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m.

for season pass holders and 6:15 for others.

Advance tickets are \$15 at Acoustic Planet, Salt Spring Books and Stuff & Nonsense; \$18 at the door.

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B.C. WRITERS

Novel-writing contest finalists announced in Salt Spring publishing company event

Local company and island judge involved

Short-list judges for Mother Tongue Publishing's Great B.C. Novel Contest have released the names of five finalists from Delta, Creston, Victoria and Prince George.

Vancouver novelist Karen X Tulchinsky and Salt Spring novelist Kathy Page spent the summer reading 64 manuscript submissions for the Search for the Great B.C. Novel, press material states.

The final judge, B.C. novelist Jack Hodgins, will now read the five short-listed manuscripts and announce his choice as winner in December, to be published by Mother Tongue Publishing in 2010. Mother Tongue is a Salt Spring-based literary press.

Hodgins is a winner of BC's

Lieutenant Governor's Award for Literary Excellence, the Terasen Lifetime Achievement Award, the Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize, the Governor General's Award and the Canadian-Australia Prize.

The short-listed manuscripts are:

- *Everything Was Goodbye*, a novel by Gurjinder Basran that deals with a forbidden relationship that crosses cultural barriers. It centres on the struggles and choices facing Meena as she comes of age in the Punjabi-Sikh community of Greater Vancouver during the 1970s and 80s.

- *The River Rat* by Gillean Chase is an unconventional "anti-romance" between two women, spanning three decades.

- *A Wake* by Kuya Minogue is a classic hero's journey. After her husband's death, a battered woman finds the strength to

protect her daughter and confront skeletons in her husband's closet.

- *Bamfield* is a novel by DC Reid. This historical novel is set in Barkley Sound and deals with the relationship between Nwanemecha, son of the Ohiat chief, and Mary Ellen Louise, wife of Henry Lockwood.

- *Grayling* by Gillian Wigmore is the only novella on the shortlist. It's described as "a strong example of a neglected genre," and as "a lean, intensely told tale about two strangers thrown together on a canoe trip on the Dease River in northwestern B.C."

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<p>Wed. Oct. 7</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Alan Moberg. Performs at Music & Munch at All Saints. 12:10 p.m. Followed by optional lunch for \$5.50.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES The Cats of Rome. Showing of documentary film at The Fritz. Fund-raiser for SS branch of BCSPCA. 7 p.m. By donation. Community Fire Drill. Practise your family's escape plan at 6:30 p.m. How Does Salt Spring Work? With speaker George Ehring of the Islands Trust. A by-donation Community Ed presentation at Lions Hall. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Taoist Tai Chi. Beginner class at All Saints. 7-8 p.m. Keith's Tango Practica. Wednesdays at the Core Inn, 3rd floor. 8-10 p.m.</p>	<p>Thurs. Oct. 8</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Thursday Night Spotlight. With special guest Brian "Buck" Macdonald. With KC Kelly, Dave Roland & Friends at Moby's. 8 p.m.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES An Evening with Elizabeth May. Talk with Green Party leader and candidate for MP. Refreshments and music. Mahon Hall. 5-7 p.m. Trauma Farm. Reading and signing of Trauma Farm - A Rebel History of Rural Life, by Brian Brett. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m. (Hosted by SS Books.) SSI Local Trust Committee. Meets at ArtSpring beginning with a town hall session at noon. The Power of Aware Presence with Zensho. Ganges Yoga Studio. 7-9 p.m. Info/register: Cecile, 250-537-1277. Strength Training Class. Beaver Point Hall. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Info: 250-653-4656; trisha@synergyfit.ca Salty Wheels Square Dance Club. Visitors and spectators welcome every Thursday at Central Hall. 7:30-9:30 p.m. EDGU. Evolutionary spinal maintenance practice runs Thursdays at the Gatehouse, 5-6 p.m. Info: Wendy, 250-653-4286 (winnie@saltspring.com).</p>	<p>Fri. Oct. 9</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Sue Newman and Friends. Live jazz at Harbour House lounge. 7:30 to 10 p.m.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES Library StoryTime. Caring and cranberries — stories to start the Thanksgiving weekend. For children in early grades and preschoolers. 1 p.m. at the library. Rugg Huggers. Baby & Parent Drop-in at Family Place. Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Includes light lunch). Info: 250-537-9176; familyplace@ssics.ca Children's Clay Classes. First of five-Friday class series for ages six through 14 begins with Creative Fire Studio. Info: Tracy, 250-538-0144.</p>	<p>Sat. Oct. 10</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Paul Bram & Guests. Live in the Harbour House lounge. 7:30 to 10 p.m. Phil & Kim. Live music at Raven Street Market Cafe every Saturday. 6:30-9 p.m.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES Salt Spring Fire Rescue. Open house, demos, displays, prizes at Ganges fire hall for Fire Prevention Week. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Salt Spring Island Karate. 30th anniversary celebration at Salt Spring Island Middle School. Demos, refreshments, presentations. 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Kingdom Hall Open House. For newly renovated building, hosted by Salt Spring Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dad 'n' Me Pancake Breakfast. Saturdays at Family Place, 120 Park Drive, 8:30 to 10 a.m. Leather Mask Making Workshop. For ages 9 & up. 3-6 p.m. Info: Andrea, 250-537-5834. Skyler Clothing Warehouse Sale. Mahon Hall. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p>	<p>Sun. Oct. 11</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT The Barley Brothers. Fulford Inn. 6:30 p.m. Sue Newman & Friends. Live Jazz at Moby's. 7-10 p.m.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES Salt Spring Badminton Club. Sundays for age 12 and up at GISS gym. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Climbing Wall. Open at Community Services. 6:30-9 p.m.</p>	<p>Tues. Oct. 13</p> <p>ACTIVITIES Mammography Screening. Free BC Cancer Agency service sets up on Salt Spring until Oct. 22. Appointments at 1-800-663-9203. Trisha's Total Body Toning. North End Fitness. 1-2 p.m. Info: 250-653-4656; trisha@synergyfit.ca Ladies Golf Closing Day. Nine-hole shotgun for 18-hole ladies group at 10 a.m. at SS Golf & Country Club. Luncheon to follow. Taoist Tai Chi. New beginner class at The Gate House. 9 to 10:30 a.m. Info: 250-653-2311. Strength Training Class. Beaver Point Hall 8:30 to 9:30 am. Info: 250-653-4656; trisha@synergyfit.ca Contemporary Dance. Cats Pajamas Studio & Antler Ridge Studio. 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Info: Anna Haltrecht, 250-537-5681. Self-Care for Cold & Flu Season. Arbutus Therapy Centre. 2-4 p.m. Registration required: Tami, 250-537-4728, ext.1. Salt Spring Transportation Commission. Meets at meeting room at 118 Fulford-Ganges Rd (off of the hallway near the CRD office). 7 p.m. Public welcome.</p>	<p>Wed. Oct. 14</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Alan Moberg. Performs at Music & Munch at All Saints. 12:10 p.m. Followed by optional lunch for \$5.50.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES Salt Spring Historical Society. "Hawaiians Remembered" presented by Wendy Maurer. Central Hall. 2 p.m. SSI Painters Guild. Peter Eyles, Don Hodgins et al lead a workshop on texture and painting a la Terresa Bernard. ArtSpring. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info: www.sspaintersguild.com How Does Salt Spring Work? With speaker Kees Ruurs of PARC. A by-donation Community Ed presentation at Lions Hall. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Queen Margaret's School. Open House at the Harbour House. 4-6 p.m. Channel Ridge Homeowners. Annual meeting. Community Gospel Chapel. 7 p.m. Body Ball. Low-impact aerobics class using exercise balls on Wednesdays at All Saints. 9-10:15 a.m. Taoist Tai Chi. Beginner class at All Saints. 7-8 p.m. Keith's Tango Practica. Wednesdays at the Core Inn, 3rd floor. 8-10 p.m.</p>
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THE FRITZ MOVIE THEATRE
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CINEMA
The Age of Stupid has opened in over 50 countries and is an ambitious drama-documentary-animation hybrid from "McLibel" director Franny Armstrong. It stars Oscar-nominated Pete Postlethwaite as a man living alone in the devastated world of 2055 asking the question "Why didn't we stop climate change when we had the chance?" Friday night's show tickets are being pre-sold at Salt Spring Books; Saturday is student night with tickets being distributed at GISS. On Sunday at 4 p.m., and Monday & Tuesday at 7 p.m., the shows are open to everyone at just \$5 for all ages!
ALSO — **The Cats of Rome** shows on Wed., Oct. 7 as a BCSPCA fundraiser. 7 p.m. Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs coming soon to The Fritz!

- EXHIBITIONS**
- **Salt Spring Island Weavers and Spinners Guild Exhibition and Sale at ArtSpring**, marking the United Nations Year of Natural Fibres and National Weaving and Spinning Week. Saturday to Monday, Oct. 10-11-12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - **Bev Lillyman's** acrylic painting class students show their work at **ArtSpring** from Friday to Monday, Oct. 9 to 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - **J Mitchell Gallery's Fall Exhibition 2009** opens on Friday, Oct. 9 with an exhibition from 5 to 9 p.m. Including new work by **Gerda Lattey**, **Karen Reiss** and from the estate of **LeRoy Jensen**.
 - **Point Gallery: Family Albums**, work by **Ian Thomas**, runs daily to Monday, Oct. 12. Walk in entrance on South Ridge Drive.
 - **Salt Spring Artists' Gallery of Fine Art** is now open at 135 McPhillips Avenue.
 - The October show at **Salt Spring Coffee Company** cafe is **Charles Breth**: Drawings.
 - **Salt Spring Painters Guild** members have portraits hanging in the open space at **ArtSpring**.
 - **Louis Renaud** shows photographs at **Island Savings Credit Union**.
 - Paintings by **Andrew Gibbs** are hanging at **Cafe Talia**.
 - Photos by **Shari Macdonald** grace the walls at **Jana's Bake Shop**.

Our Calendar - on your smartphone

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Balkan Babes
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

LITERARY EVENTS

Philosophy and politics of food flavour the crops in Brian Brett's Trauma Farm

Writer's Trust nominee gives reading on Oct. 8

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Poet, novelist, and journalist Brian Brett has a respected role in Canada's literary history. A friend and contemporary of icons such as Margaret Atwood and Michael Ondaatje in the '70s, his last book was a heartbreaking memoir/poetry collection that was named a Globe & Mail Book of the Year for 2004. The release of his latest book, Trauma Farm, A Rebel History of Rural Life, has earned him a place on the shortlist for a Writer's Trust award.

As Brett says, he is normally a literary author, but Trauma Farm has a widespread appeal that will captivate readers even as it sows dissension against the status quo. The memoir of life as a small farmer on Salt Spring is both an ode to the miraculous wonders of living closely with nature, and a dire warning about where the world is headed if we continue to ignore those lessons and persist with industrial food production.

Trauma Farm (subtitled A Rebel History of Rural Life) is formulated as a walk through his farm taking place over a single day, but this day contains the many years' experience of Brett and his wife Sharon. Each step activates a memory of a story and these stories are the platforms for Brett to dive into connected facts and ideas in "an 18-year-long day that includes both the past and the future of living on the land, tracing the path that led hunter-gatherers to the factory farm and globalization."

At home at the officially named Willowpond Farm last week, Brett explained that he's always thought he would one day write about the farm, and that many others, including pal Margaret Atwood, have encouraged him to do so.

"But I couldn't find the story," Brett recalled. "I didn't know what the story was." Then he realized that the story was actually an argument for "local" living, and that storytelling was the only way to get the point across.

"It was really tough, especially for someone like me, to stop myself from lecturing. It was really important to have the information come



Writer Brian Brett at his home on Salt Spring.

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out naturally," said Brett, who passionately believes that taking a reductive view of the world's complexities leads directly to ecological horrors like genetically modified food.

"What I'm arguing against is a linear view of the world — and what I'm arguing is the world is all stories. As soon as you take the linear approach, you start to eliminate parts of the story."

Brett's associative approach allows hard and harrowing facts — such as the truth about industrial pig farming, with 60,000 animals raised and killed together in terribly inhumane conditions — to arise naturally through association with much more palatable fare. Brett's walk through the farm brings up memo-

ries that are touching, funny and sometimes a bit gruesome, but always authentic. And even with the hard work and financial difficulties inherent to the trade, the overall sense is of love, not tragedy, despite the farm's rueful nickname.

A lot of Brett's love is centred on the physical location; with a view of the sea, the farm encompasses fields, ponds, forest and stream. A delicious image comes early in the walk with Brett taking one of his semi-annual tours of the property in the dark, without clothes. The extrasensory enjoyment becomes hilariously dangerous when he realizes the "deer" he is stalking is actually an angry cougar.

Other enjoyments come from the satisfaction of eating real, fresh food. Brett raptures over eggs and the many ways to prepare them, on soup, made from homemade stock and bulked with farm vegetables, simmering all day on the wood stove, and thick focaccia made from his mother's recipe. He talks about raw milk and locally pressed apple cider, both unpasteurized and handed off clandestinely between neighbours. The argument for living locally is completely convincing in the bounty he relates.

Connectedness is another benefit to the small farm. As Brett

describes it in the book, Trauma Farm is a balm with human and animal personalities. Sharon is constantly referred to, while children and grandchildren are mentioned frequently. Dogs, birds and livestock become recurring characters whose appearances the reader looks forward to. The animals also introduce most of the actual trauma, from runaway pigs to the squirting vulva of a mare in heat. But even with animal tragedy, the stories serve to remind the reader that farming, and life itself, is not neat and tidy. And it's society's obsessive need to make things neat and tidy that has led to some of its most frightening practices.

With his "rebel" history of farming, Brett admits he's hoping to ignite a rebellion against mass farming practices, whose harmful effects are potentially devastating to the earth and its inhabitants.

"We always need to think outside the envelope and rebel against accepted cultural practices; we need to get people to think about the human condition and the environment," Brett said.

Ultimately, however, "You always have to have hope . . . hope is beautiful."

Brett will read from Trauma Farm at ArtSpring on Thursday, Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m. The event is hosted by Salt Spring Books.

METHOD PILATES WITH RHEONA SEVERSON FALL SCHEDULE

Fri	Oct 2	8:00 AM (ArtSpring)
Tues	Oct 6, 13, 20, 27	8:00 AM (ArtSpring)
Tues	Oct 13, 20, 27	3:15 PM (Annex Studio)
Tues	Nov 3, 10, 17, 24	8:00 AM (ArtSpring)
Tues	Nov 3, 10, 17, 24	3:15 PM (Annex Studio)
Tues	Dec 1, 8, 15	8:00 AM (ArtSpring)
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Blues: Unplugged with Brian "Buck" MacDonald

Sunday, October 11, 7-10pm
Jazz: Sue Newman & Friends



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CHANNEL RIDGE HOMEOWNERS ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 14 at 7pm
Gospel Church-Vesuvius Bay Road

Trustee George Ehring
Principle Speaker

Agenda:

1. Election of Officers
2. Water Situation - Jeff Thompsom
3. Trails - Leslie Northey
4. Hunting - Ken Cameron
5. Roofing - Ron Martin
6. Channel Ridge Development

For other information contact Ron Martin,
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

CONCERTS

Award-winning vocal ensemble on tap

Salt Spring and Pender shows set for next weekend

The Balkan Babes, an award-winning women's vocal ensemble from Victoria, B.C., will showcase traditional Eastern European a cappella songs at concerts on Salt Spring and Pender islands next week.

Press material for the event explains the Balkan Babes emerged over nine years ago when a group of women in Victoria decided to explore the choral traditions of Eastern Europe's Balkan region. Over the years, the casual singing group became a dedicated vocal ensemble, and the Balkan Babes gained local recognition singing at festivals and concerts throughout Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands, including Victoria's Luminara Festival, the Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria Folkfest, the Islands Folk Festival, the Victoria Conservatory of Music Summer Festival and the Filberg Festival.

In 2008 the Babes stepped onto the national stage as first-place winners in the Pan Cultural Traditions category of CBC Radio 2's biannual amateur choral competition, Choral 2008. In August of the same year they released their latest CD, *Divna*, described as "an entrancing album of world music from one of the city's much-loved choirs" (John Threlfall, Monday Magazine). The Balkan Babes have also been given an "M Award" from Monday Magazine as Victoria's favourite vocal ensemble in 2008.

Operating as a collective, without a director, the Balkan Babes sing a cappella music of Eastern Europe, including Macedonia, Croatia, Bulgaria, Dalmatia, Serbia, Georgia and the Ukraine. In doing so, they enchant audiences with the penetrating harmonies and asymmetrical rhythms that characterize the rich and ancient musical traditions of the region. While the Balkan Babes strive for an authentic sound in vocal production and pronunciation, they also open up many of the songs to their own contemporary interpretations and arrangements.

Balkan Babes will perform at the Salt Spring United Church on Friday, Oct. 16, and at the Community Hall on Pender Island on Saturday, Oct. 17.

Both concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. with doors open at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 (or \$12 unwaged) at the door.



Gala Concert of the National Radio Competition of Amateurs Choirs. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Balkan Babes take the stage next week on Salt Spring and Pender islands.

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FILM

Fritz showing of Age of Stupid starts October's focus on climate change

Benefit for Stewards-in-Training program

Islanders are invited to the first Salt Spring screening of *The Age of Stupid* on Friday, Oct. 9.

Set for *The Fritz* at 7 p.m., the screening is a benefit for the Salt Spring Conservancy's Stewards-in-Training program for grades 1 to 8, which has just lost its provincial funding.

The Age of Stupid is an ambitious drama-documentary-animation hybrid from McLibel director Franny Armstrong.

It stars Oscar-nominated Pete Postlethwaite as a man living alone in the devastated world of 2055, asking the question "Why didn't we stop climate change when we had the chance?"

A panel discussion on the film's implications for Salt Spring will follow the Friday evening showing of the film.

Saturday night will be a special screening for students, with other general public showings on Sunday, Oct. 11 at 4 p.m., and Monday-Tuesday, Oct. 12-13 at 7 p.m.

The Salt Spring screening of *The Age of Stupid* is shown in anticipation of the creation of a Salt Spring Transition Strategy (from oil-dependence to local resilience) and the International Day of Action on Climate Change.

A rally at the GISS gym on Oct. 24 at 3 p.m. is part of the worldwide protest initiated by 350.org.

"Our message — that we are committed to change — will be taken to the U.N. Summit on Climate Change in Copenhagen

in December to influence world leaders to bring the carbon dioxide in the air down to the safe level of below 350 parts per million.

The event is co-sponsored by the Earth Festival Society and Institute for Sustainability Education and Action.

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CELEBRATIONS

Youth peace event puts ear towards children

Everyone welcome to Oct. 15 gathering

Peace Works! of Salt Spring is sponsoring its annual children and youth peace assembly on Thursday, Oct. 15 at the Salt Spring Centre for Yoga, with the entire community welcome to attend.

This year, for the first time, the event welcomes students from another island.

Kids from kindergarten

through Grade 3 from Mayne Island will be attending and bringing peace posters they have made, said Cherie Geauvreau, one of the organizers.

"It has been a hope of Peace Works! for many years to widen the circle to include as many students from our school district as possible," she said.

The event takes place in the centre's light-filled pond dome from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Terri Bibby will attend with her saori-weaving loom, and other

guests are the Raging Grannies and Sue Newman.

"It's always very magical," said Geauvreau.

"At Peace Works! we've learned over the years that children's voices, presence, songs and art are the essence of peaceful eloquence.

"Please come and participate. It is truly a loving and lovely event."

Attendance is free, with a donation towards the cost of buses always appreciated.

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People & Community

HEALTH & AID

Eyecare office joins fundraiser for world-wide sight project

Portion of October fees plus donations benefit NGO

Local optometrist Dr. Andrea Varju will help transform lives of those without access to even basic eyecare services by participating in the World Sight Day Challenge.

Varju will make a donation and celebrate the World Sight Day Challenge in her Salt Spring Eyecare practice throughout October.

Funds raised will help the estimated 670 million men, women and children globally who are blind or vision impaired simply because they do not have access to an eye exam and a pair of glasses.

In many developing countries there are not enough trained eyecare personnel and the infrastructure is insufficient to support these desperately needed eyecare services.

Optometry Giving Sight, the organizer of the World Sight Day Challenge, funds the solution by supporting programs that offer not only eye exams and glasses but that estab-



From left, Salt Spring Eyecare's Randene Watts, Dr. Andrea Varju and Sharon Bailey gear up to promote their World Sight Day Challenge.

lish vision centres and train local eyecare professionals in communities with little or no access to eyecare services.

"I am proud to join thousands of optometrists around the world in making a difference," said Dr. Varju.

"The patients I see every day have a number of sophisticated vision care services

and vision correction options available to them. Yet there are millions of people around the world who don't even have access to the basics — an eye exam and eyeglasses. There are millions of children who can't see at school and adults who can't work to provide for their families."

According to Optometry Giving Sight, it can

cost just \$5 to provide an eye examination, a pair of glasses and residual training to local staff in countries where eyecare services are few.

This alone could be enough to save someone from the injustices of poverty. Varju invites her patients to make a donation at her practice during October.

Optometry Giving Sight guarantees that

85 per cent of all funds raised by optometrists and their patients go directly to programs that give sight to those most in need.

Salt Spring Eyecare is located at 158A Fulford-Ganges Rd. Call 250-537-4356 to schedule an appointment.

For more information about the event and organization, visit www.givingsight.org.

YOUTH ISSUES

Pass-It-On boys learn about life with nature

Report on fun and positive session at Ruckle Park

BY STEPHEN CHADWICK
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The senior boys from the Pass-It-On project spent some time late last week outdoors down at Ruckle Park campground, talking about elements of connection, self-confidence, responsibility and emotional awareness.

Over a day and a half the boys spent time having fun, camping out and learning about the importance of several key issues important to both older and younger teen boys.

The first part of Thursday evening was spent setting up camp with a wonderful lasagna meal courtesy of chef Al Irving at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Later in the evening the seven boys and an equal number of older men sat around the campfire, discussing what

it means to "be a man" and how young men feel there are certain expectations of them.

Still later in the evening there was some small discussion of drugs and alcohol and acting responsibly. Const. Brent Friesen showed up to give a street-eye-level view of the sometimes harsh realities of those who struggle with drugs and alcohol.

All in all it was decided that for most of the boys, what defines a man is what is commonly seen as what defines a responsible member of society: being true to your word and committing to following through on what you say you are going to do.

Friday saw beautiful, sunny, glorious weather. It was the last hurrah of summer.

After a quick breakfast, the boys again partook in a learning circle that involved discovering the meaning of the four elements of the C.A.R.E. plan — Connection, Autonomy, Responsibility and Emotional Awareness.

The boys spent time, one-

on-one, with their adult mentors to talk about what the various elements mean to them and how they can be applied to their own lives as well as the life of a younger teen boy, whom they will mentor later on in this program.

After lunch and burning off some restless energy with a frisbee and a football, the boys were curious about the second phase of the day's work: how to build confidence in themselves and others and how emotions are related to thoughts and actions.

A bit of teaching was done around the link between thoughts, feelings and behaviours, and how each one of these pieces interacts with the other.

One of the adult volunteers present linked this to the Toltec tradition of the Four Agreements: 1.) Be impeccable with your word 2.) Don't take anything personally 3.) Don't make assumptions and 4.) Always do your best.

The afternoon concluded with another roundtable or

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"roundcampfire" discussion with the boys and adult men sharing their thoughts and feelings of gratitude over the experience down at Ruckle Park.

All of this was illuminated by the backdrop of gorgeous weather and the comic arrival at the end of three four-footed, cloven-hooved furry visitors, one of which had its entire head inside an abandoned bag of someone's potato chips!

Brian Brett's "Trauma Farm: A Rebel History of Rural Life"
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October 2009

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Henry Otto has his eyes on apples at the Fulford Hall stop of the annual apple festival.



Above left, Jean Brouard gets in the mood for the annual Salt Spring Apple Festival with an apple core T-shirt; while above left (from left), Malaya Hart-Weller, Kahlita Ball and Anju Otsu enjoy some freshly-picked apples.



At far left, Gord Ross plays for festival-goers at Fulford Hall; while at left, Erin Ellis-Kelly is impressed with the size of this wolf apple.

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Talking to Bruce Wood of Bruce's Kitchen

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IS IT DIFFICULT TO CREATE A SEASONAL MENU?

There are so many wonderful artisans and farmers on the island. We work together with them and build from that. Plus, thirty years of being in the kitchen gives me the experience to be able to create a menu spontaneously.

WHAT ABOUT IN JANUARY?

Root vegetables! Lots of local potatoes, turnips, squashes (and meat as well). One of the best things that Natureworks and Growing Up Organic is doing is overwintering crops and preserving. We will use some preserves in our recipes too. Winter lends itself to heavier, richer foods. You crave these foods. It's going back to the way we used to eat.

HOW DO YOU CREATE YOUR MENU?

I focus on what's in season, keep the menu small and the ingredients fresh. A menu like this responds easily to change. I like the variety. We do repeat things on the menu for people who enjoy those items, such as the chili, both vegetarian and organic beef versions. That's what I adore... people who walk in with a craving for something we make. But because it might not be on the menu that day, we keep a list of people who want to be phoned when we do offer it.

ANY PLANS TO HAVE YOUR OWN GARDEN?

No. I'm busy here at the restaurant, and I have enough farmers coming here asking what I need. Local farmers are receptive to requests.

WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU LIKE PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS?

We offer catering for small and large events, any occasion. The kind of people who come to us know what we are and our ideals. So if someone wants three salads, I say it will be created from what's in season this week. And we fit to the budget. If someone were to come to us looking for lamb and there isn't any either on Salt Spring or within 100 miles of us, I would suggest something else comparable.

We offer take-out. I would like to see people take home healthy, local food to eat after work, instead of quick, processed food. For example, we have Cowichan Valley roasted chicken available that people can get 2 or 3 meals out of.

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FEATURE PROFILE

Chief Bremner takes the fire district helm

Public education and safety top priorities for new fire chief

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's fire chief has been on the job for less than two weeks and it's already clear the 33-year veteran has wasted no time getting comfortable.

"It's a wonderful place here, it's very unique," Bremner said in an interview at the Ganges fire hall last week. "This is a well-managed ship and we have great people. These are valuable people who give every day to protect the residents and visitors of this island."

When Bremner started out his career as a volunteer back in 1976, things were a whole lot different than they are today.

Volunteers and professionals alike were just as well-intentioned as they are today, but the procedures people were expected to follow tended to be on the casual side.

Over his career as a fire chief in Amherst and Truro, Nova Scotia, Bremner said, he's witnessed departments nationwide redefine the way they interact with the public they serve and seriously examine the protocols under which they operate.

"You know you don't send plumbers out without

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Salt Spring's new fire chief, Tom Bremner, is seen at the Ganges fire hall.

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SAFETY TIP: Safety awareness is an everyday matter; take time to discuss safety at home, work or play.

In the fire service since 1997

ARJUNA GEORGE
DEPUTY CHIEF



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SAFETY TIP: Come visit your firefighters at our annual Fire Department Open House this weekend. A great opportunity to become fire smart.

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JAMIE HOLMES
CAPTAIN



Jamie wanted to join a highly skilled and professional team that is constantly learning more and improving. Now he works as a career firefighter.

SAFETY TIP: He who fails to plan, plans to fail.

In the fire service since 1992

DALE LUNDY
CAPTAIN



Dale is a career firefighter who loves to help people.

SAFETY TIP: Ensure you've put the batteries back in the smoke detector after smoke from the burnt dinner has cleared.

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An eye to education

NEW CHIEF
continued from B12

tools, you don't send an electrician out without tools, and you don't send either of them out without training," he said. "The days of putting someone in a pair of boots and off they go are long gone."

And there's no reason that shouldn't hold true for things on Salt Spring.

"It's a changing world. The dynamics of being a firefighter today — the legalities and the responsibilities — are huge," Bremner added. "This is not a social club. This is a fire department that responds to life-threatening issues the majority of the time."

"Twenty years ago you could get by with a bucket and a few other things, but you can't today."

TOM BREMNER
Fire Chief, SSI FIRE RESCUE

As such, Bremner said, fire departments have responded with an emphasis on public education, training of personnel, and making sure their employees and volunteers are equipped with the safest and most reliable equipment available.

Most of the department's education efforts are focused on Fire Prevention Week, held from Oct. 4 to 10 this year, a time when staff and volunteers do their utmost to give outsiders a peek into the world of fire safety.

"Fire Prevention Week is a fine time for people to start rethinking, revisiting and experiencing some of the realities or situations about their personal safety issues," he said.

If Bremner had his way, activities to promote fire safety would be a mandatory part of a school's curriculum. For the time being, however, he's content with doing as much as he possibly can whenever the opportunity arises.

When it comes to outfitting his staff and volunteers, Bremner makes no excuses for the fact that having safe and reliable equipment is a costly proposition.

As provincial and federal guidelines go up, he said, so too must those of local fire departments.

"We have to rise," he said. "Twenty years ago you could get by with a bucket and a few other things, but you can't today," he said. "When the reality is looked at, we have changed. Twenty years ago we weren't getting the calls and the people walking through the door that we are today."

As he, his wife Carol, his 15-year-old son Daniel and his dog Chester make the transition to living on Salt Spring Island, Bremner anticipates good things for the family and the island's premier emergency response provider.

"I'm a lifelong educator both for myself and for my people," he said.

"My tenure here will be for leading, communicating, meeting, and structuring for the present and the future through the people of this organization and the board of trustees.

"It's another challenge and a great opportunity."



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY
Salt Spring firefighters battle a structure fire at the ambulance station, in April 2009.

FIRE SAFETY

Feeling safe at home with a fire plan

Most B.C. deaths in 2008 in homes without smoke alarms

Last year in British Columbia, the Office of the Fire Commissioner received reports of 31 deaths and a further 138 people being injured as a result of residential fires.

In most of these tragic cases, a smoke detector was not installed or was not functioning.

Stay Fire Smart, Don't Get Burned is the theme for Fire Prevention Week Oct. 4-10 this year, and the provincial government is urging residents to make sure their homes have sufficient working smoke alarms and that occupants know what to do if a fire breaks out.

"Fire can spread rapidly in a

home and families may have only moments to escape to safety," said Kash Heed, Minister of Public Safety. "A working smoke alarm can provide that critical early warning that can mean the difference between life and death."

Since 1979, the B.C. Building Code has required builders to install smoke alarms in all new home construction. This change, along with increased public education on the importance of smoke alarms, has resulted in a steady decline in the number of fire-related fatalities and injuries in B.C. Smoke alarms must be regularly tested to ensure they are working and occupants should know what to do if an alarm goes off.

"In a fire, poisonous gases produced by burning home furnishings like electronics, can be deadlier than flames," Heed said. "That's why it is crucial for families to have

escape plans and to remember to keep low to the ground to avoid deadly smoke."

"Even when visiting family and friends for extended periods of time, a survey of exit routes in unfamiliar surroundings could be a life-saver," said Becky Denlinger, B.C. fire commissioner. "Ensuring that visitors, especially those who are elderly or young, know exit routes is an act of hospitality that could save a life."

As part of Fire Prevention Week, local fire departments throughout British Columbia will hold a Community Fire Drill at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 7. During the drill, residents in participating communities will be encouraged to test their smoke alarm and practice their escape plan.

Last week's Driftwood contained the necessary information for creating the plan.

In the fire service since 2004

Travis is a career firefighter who joined the dept. for all the great training.

SAFETY TIP: When cooking, avoid serious injury to your young child by turning pot handles in, instead of hanging them over the edge of the stove.

TRAVIS GUEDES
FIREFIGHTER



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In the fire service since 2003

Mitch works as a career firefighter and lives on a hobby farm with his wife and three children and a menagerie of animals. "I'm proud to serve my community with such a well trained and dedicated team."

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Angela enjoys working at the fire department and says she couldn't work with a better group of people.

SAFETY TIP: Before burning in your incinerator, starting a small brush pile, or a camp fire remember to enquire at the fire dept. to see if you need a fire permit.

ANGELA JACKSON
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In the fire service since 1974

Fred is our computer techie. Fred was a captain with the Township of Langley for 13 years.

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Jim always wanted to be a firefighter and followed in the footsteps of his brother. He works as a highways maintenance technician for Mainroad South Island Contracting.

SAFETY TIP: Make sure your child is wearing reflective clothing on Halloween.

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Todd works as an electrical contractor. He started volunteering to "give back to the community."

SAFETY TIP: Practice electrical safety at home and at work.

TODD McINTYRE
CAPTAIN



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In the fire service since 1988

Laurence works as a marine engineer for BC Ferries. "I joined knowing that what I do as a firefighter makes a difference in the community."

SAFETY TIP: Teach your children how to get out of the house in the event of a fire.

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Kurt owns Irwin Collision. Kurt joined the department to "give back to the community."

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In the fire service since 1995

Ken works as an electrician and is a realtor with Pemberton Holmes Realty. He joined the department because he wanted to help the community.

SAFETY TIP: Take advantage of our infant CPR program.

KEN AKERMAN
CAPTAIN



In the fire service since 1996

Brian works for North Salt Spring Waterworks and followed in his father's footsteps as a volunteer firefighter.

SAFETY TIP: Yield to emergency vehicles when they are using lights and sirens—we could be going to your house.

BRIAN HARTLEY
CAPTAIN



In the fire service since 1997

Rob works for the maintenance department at Lady Minto Hospital. Rob enjoys facing and conquering new challenges. "I joined the dept. to be part of a close knit team and to do something honourable for my community."

SAFETY TIP: Keep all chemicals and other household cleaners safely locked away.

ROB MINVIELLE
LIEUTENANT



In the fire service since 2000

Peter, a carpenter, enjoys the challenge of firefighting and training to meet that challenge.

SAFETY TIP: Be prepared.

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Fiona works as a hairstylist and likes setting an example to young women that they can achieve anything they want. She's found volunteering more rewarding the longer she's been in the department.

SAFETY TIP: Check smoke alarm batteries twice a year on daylight savings day.

FIONA FOSTER
LIEUTENANT



In the fire service since 2001

Brent works as a receiver at Thrifty Foods. He enjoys regular golf gatherings with his fellow firefighters.

SAFETY TIP: Have an escape plan.

BRENT DICK
LIEUTENANT



In the fire service since 2001

Rob works for the CRD. "I like to help my community and joined to learn more about emergency services."

SAFETY TIP: Check your smoke detectors and change batteries every six months.

ROB GROSSMAN
LIEUTENANT



In the fire service since 1994

Dan has been a resident of Salt Spring since '93. He has rejoined the fire dept. after a five-year hiatus and looks forward to serving in the community again.

SAFETY TIP: Check your smoke detector often.

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BRUCE PATTERSON
PUMP OPERATOR



In the fire service since 2001

"My eldest son was four when I joined the department, and my dad asked him what it meant when the smoke the alarm went off, and he answered 'Dinner is ready.'" Do your kids know what it really means when the smoke alarm goes off?

SAFETY TIP: Formulate a home fire escape plan and practise it.

ALISA OWEN
FIREFIGHTER



In the fire service since 2001

Rob joined the department to help the community. He works in the dairy section at Thrifty Foods.

SAFETY TIP: Be cautious of campfires and burn piles.

ROB HUNTER
FIREFIGHTER



In the fire service since 2002

Chris is a pastor at the Community Gospel Church. He was invited to serve as chaplain and became a firefighter because of his desire to help the community.

SAFETY TIP: Never leave space heaters on when you go to bed.

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In the fire service since 2003

As produce manager at Thrifty Foods, Steve aims to keep the department supplied with fresh humour, organic golf tips and smiles in the aisles.

SAFETY TIP: Don't hesitate to call the fire department for help.

STEVE HUNT
FIREFIGHTER



In the fire service since 2003

Doug lived in New York City during 9/11 and he wanted an opportunity to learn and give back to the community. He operates the Hale Eddy B&B.

SAFETY TIP: Water your Christmas tree daily and be sure it's placed away from exits and heat sources.

DOUG PONSFORD
FIREFIGHTER



In the fire service since 2004

Mark is a self-employed publisher and event producer who joined the department to contribute to the community. "I've found the training knowledge and camaraderie to be extremely rewarding."

SAFETY TIP: If you have children, always use childproof lighters.

MARK WYATT
FIREFIGHTER



In the fire service since 2004

Kris owns an excavating business and said he joined the department to better himself and help the community.

SAFETY TIP: Wear your seatbelt.

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PREVENTATIVE ACTION

Older Canadians safer, says poll

Changing smoke alarm batteries and practising fire drills queried

Younger Canadians might have something to learn from their elders when it comes to fire safety, according to a new poll showing Canadians in the 55-plus age group as the most proactive in home fire safety.

Among Canadians over 55 participating in the eighth annual Duracell Fire Safety Survey, 71 per cent said they changed home smoke alarm batteries at least once in the past year, compared with 61 per cent of respondents aged 35 to 54, and just 52 per cent of those

in the 18-to-34 age group.

While older Canadians set the pace in keeping smoke alarms charged with fresh batteries, the survey, conducted in partnership with the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs, showed that there is room for improvement in other fire safety practices.

The survey showed that just 37 per cent of Canadians 55+ said they have a fire escape plan for their house.

As for practising home fire drills, at the top was the 35-54 age group where 17 per cent surveyed said they had practised a fire drill in the past year, followed by 16 per cent in the 55 and older group, and only

six per cent in the 18-34 age group.

"We would like to see all Canadians taking the necessary steps to maximize their fire safety at home this year," said Bruce Burrell, president of the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs.

More information on fire safety is available online at www.duracellfiresafety.com.

The eighth annual Duracell Fire Safety Survey was conducted by Angus Reid Strategies on May 26-27 and July 16, 2009, with a randomly selected, representative sample of 1,007 adult Canadians who are Angus Reid Forum panelists.

— *News Canada*



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Firefighters participate in training events on Salt Spring this summer.

FIRE SAFETY

Tips and advice on how to prevent fires in residential areas

Canadian research shows that the leading causes of fires in homes are smoking materials, open flames such as candles, matches etc. and stovetop cooking — all preventable.

Here are some of the things each of us can do to better protect ourselves and our families from fires.

Kitchen fires

• Kitchen fires most often start when the cook is distracted or away from the stove, usually while cooking with fat or oil. When cooking on the stovetop, if you have to leave, remove the pan or pot from the burner and turn it off. Don't leave food unattended with elements on.

• Never attempt to move a flaming pot or pan away from the stove. The movement can fan the flames and spread the fire.

The pan will also likely be very hot, causing you to drop it. The immediate action should be to smother the fire by sliding a lid or flat cookie sheet over the pan.

Next, turn off the heat and exhaust fan, allowing the pan

time to cool. Most importantly, react fast, because grease fires spread very quickly.

- Never put water on a cooking fire.
- If a fire starts in the oven, keep the door closed and turn the oven off.

Disposing of smoking materials

• Smoking among British Columbians is declining, and outdoor smoking areas are more common — but not necessarily safer.

Cigarette butts can ignite plastic or paper containers such as coffee cups, and should not be extinguished in potted plants or landscaping, which often contain a mixture of peat moss, shredded wood and bark that can easily ignite.

• The safest way to extinguish smoking materials is to put them in a metal container with sand, or douse with water before discarding.

- Be vigilant while smoking indoors.

Fires in upholstery or bedding can smoulder for a long

time and, when they ignite, can block escape routes.

Smoke alarms

• Ensure that your home has working smoke alarms, which give occupants the early warning needed, so that everyone can react quickly, follow the escape plan, and get outside to call 911.

• Smoke alarms on every storey of buildings, including basements, and outside all sleeping areas are recommended.

• For best performance, an alarm should be mounted on the ceiling in or near the centre of the room, hall or stairway, and at the head of each stairway leading to an occupied area.

• Test smoke alarms monthly. It is recommended you change batteries twice a year, in spring and fall, when you adjust your clocks.

• Smoke alarms should be replaced after 10 years, as the lifespan of a typical smoke alarm is about 10 years, but some models last as little as five years.

In the fire service since 2006

GRANT GUSSIE
FIREFIGHTER



Having moved to Salt Spring Island in 2004 from Manitoba, Grant joined the department to meet people and to help the community.

SAFETY TIP: Periodically check the pressure on your fire extinguisher.



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MARIO TELLO
FIREFIGHTER



Having moved to Canada in 1974, Mario has been active in fighting fires and forest fires.

SAFETY TIP: Always watch when you are working with fire for potential hazards.



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DOMINIQUE GAUDET
FIREFIGHTER



Dominique works as a blacksmith and metalworker. Dom joined to get more involved in his community and to help where he can make a difference: "I love the pager going off."

SAFETY TIP: Make sure to turn the stove off before leaving your house.



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AARON HANNAH-MATIN
FIREFIGHTER



Aaron works as a paramedic with BC Ambulance and works as a first aid instructor. Passionate about the emergency services, Aaron hopes to one day make it a career.

SAFETY TIP: Winter chills are almost upon us. Before warming up with a blazing fire in the berth, make sure your chimney has been inspected.



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JIM WITHERSPOON
FIREFIGHTER



Jim works as a finishing carpenter. He enjoys the challenges and learning new skills in the fire department.

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IAN WHIPPLE
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Ian is a registered nurse at Lady Minto Hospital. Ian enjoys the camaraderie of volunteering at the dept. and also helping the community.

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KIRSTIN FLANNAGAN
FIREFIGHTER



Works as a paramedic for BC Ambulance, sings in two choirs, volunteers at the climbing wall, dances and enjoys yoga. "I love doing something useful. I'm constantly learning both in the department and about myself."

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AMANDA VANDERKLOOF
FIREFIGHTER



Amanda works as a paramedic for BC Ambulance. "I wanted to give something back to the community and work alongside a great team with the SSIFD."

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PAUL DREBERT
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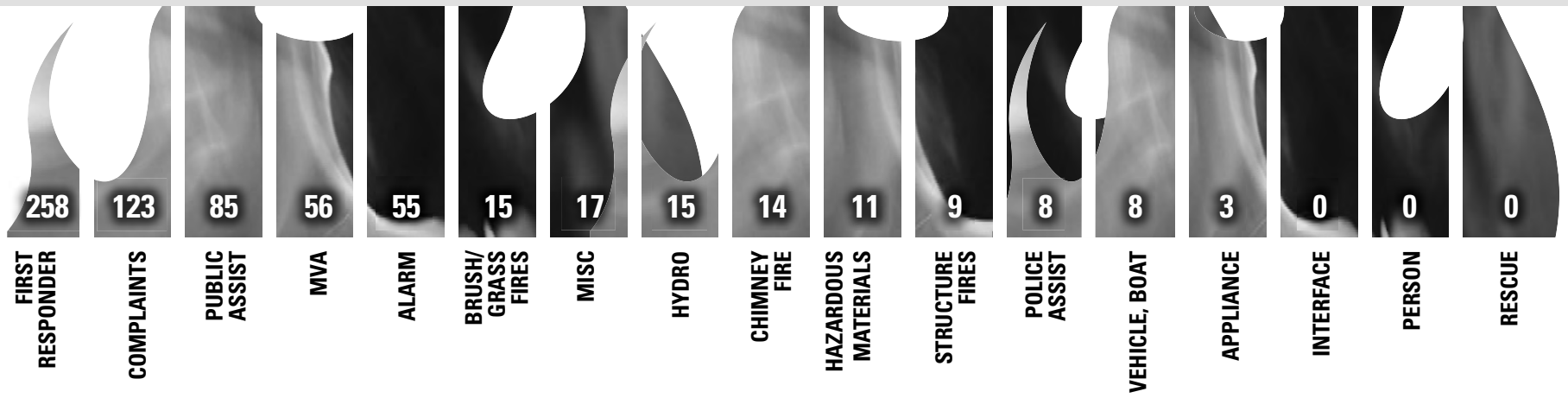
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Jason moved to SSI with his wife and two children in January 2009. Jason has a passion for volunteering and plans to make firefighting a career.

SAFETY TIP: Never smoke in bed or when you are sleepy. Carelessly discarded cigarettes are a leading cause of fire deaths.

JASON POHL
RECRUIT

In the fire service since 2009

Lauren works as a prep cook. She joined the fire department to learn new skills while helping others, and in the future hopes to pursue a career in the fire service.

SAFETY TIP: Test your smoke alarm once a month.



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Jewlz joined the fire dept. because, as she says, "Who doesn't like the big trucks?"

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In the fire service since 2009

Cody has lived on SSI for all his life and loves to give back to the community. "Hopefully I'll make firefighting a life long career."

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Gus is an avid ham radio operator and is actively involved in local, regional and provincial emergency radio communications. He joined the dept. to assist in radio dispatching during local times of need.

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GUS TREEWATER
RADIO OPERATOR

In the fire service since 2008

Dave moved to Salt Spring Island in 2006 from Alberta. He joined the department to meet people and to help the community.

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PEOPLE & COMMUNITY

LECTURES

Michael Ableman thinks and talks 'like an island' at conservancy event

World-renowned speaker brings it all home

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Farmer, writer and activist Michael Ableman will share his views with the community at a fundraiser event for the Salt Spring Island Conservancy next Thursday evening, Oct. 15.

In an ArtSpring talk entitled Thinking Like an Island, Ableman will address "big picture" concerns of sustainable living in a local context.

As a farmer, Ableman's focus will lie on food production and its relationship to sustainability. However, the issue will be a launching point for a number of inter-related topics such as energy use, transportation, water and waste.

Ableman told the Driftwood that the upcoming lecture is a version of a talk he's been working on and delivering for two years across the United States and in Europe. It's based on his experience of Salt Spring and other islands, but it also explores the island as a metaphor — one that can encompass the entire globe.

Living on a small island like Salt Spring is useful in that the issues that affect people globally can rise more visibly to the forefront.

"Implications of our actions come back to us much more quickly than where there's a big land mass to absorb them," Ableman said. "The feedback loop is very rapid, if we're paying attention... It's hard to get away with anything here."



Michael Ableman leads a workshop at Foxglove Farm's Centre for Arts, Ecology and Agriculture.

Eating locally has become a rallying cry for environmentalists and gourmards alike in recent years, but Ableman says the percentage of people who act on the theory is actually quite small and that knowledge of food production remains essentially remote for most people.

"We have to start addressing what I consider to be the real problem," he said, calling it a "crisis of participation."

"We need more people involved in food production; currently one to one and a half per cent of the world is feeding the rest."

When more than 98 per cent of the world is removed from such basic knowledge, the crisis suddenly seems

insurmountable. Ableman said North America is going to need approximately 50 million new farmers in the next decade. At the same time, government subsidies have made food artificially cheap, hiding the real costs of transporting it across continents.

In terms of local food security, a tiny percentage of Salt Spring's food is produced here, which could be a very big problem in the near future. In order to move to a more sustainable model, the crisis of participation needs to be resolved.

"I don't have any illusions to everyone becoming farmers, but I think people have an obligation to be much more involved, whether by growing some portion of their food

themselves or supporting local farmers," Ableman said.

"People are happy to buy the best car or the best television set, but will hesitate when it comes to buying the best food. To shift this way of thinking is not just the farmer's problem.

"The best that I can do is inspire people to move this whole thing to another level — how we're going to reach the unconverted."

Ableman's talk will be the keynote presentation at the conservancy event that begins 6:30 p.m.

The evening includes a silent auction, fall fruit pies and community group displays.

Tickets are \$16 or \$12 for members of Island Natural Growers.

WORKSHOPS

Video boot camp will turn the focus on Salt Springers

Documentary filmmaking workshop for eight offered in November

Islanders with a serious interest in documentary video production have a chance to learn from a technical and creative master of the art at an intensive weekend workshop. Salt Spring Film Festival is bringing Media Net, a video artists' collective based in Victoria, to run a "video boot camp" from Nov. 6 through 8.

Kirk Schwartz, Media Net's technical director, and well-known Canadian documentary filmmaker Alan Bibby will guide participants through a series of hands-on sessions.

Brainstorming and concept development, storyboarding, basic camera work, lighting and editing are some of the skills Schwartz, a documentary filmmaker himself, will be teaching.

All necessary equipment, including state-of-the-art cameras, microphones, lighting, computers and the latest industry software, will be provided for budding documentary filmmakers.

After some group brainstorming about story ideas and an introduction to shooting techniques, participants will work in pairs to direct and shoot their own films.

By the end of the final day, each pair will have a five- to 10-minute documentary roughed out and ready for a screening.

"It may not be the most polished film ever, but it will be all yours," said Schwartz.

He stresses that the workshop will be intensive, but also that the idea is to have fun as a group, to feel comfortable enough for people to liberate their inner film director and to have production skills they can continue to refine long after the workshop is over.

A follow-up workshop is planned for the new year.

Only eight participants can be accommodated, so those interested in doing the workshop are advised to register early to avoid disappointment.

Thanks to a grant the Salt Spring Film Festival received for educational programming, the workshop will be partially funded and participants will only have to pay \$150 for the three days. (Salt Spring Film Festival members enjoy a \$25 discount.)

The workshop will be held at 641 Rainbow Rd.

For more information and to register, contact Marion Pape at 250-537-4567, marionpape@telus.net, or Kirk Schwartz at 250-514-1839, technical@media-net.bc.ca.

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The transition from warm weather to cool is often when people become susceptible to illness and is an excellent time to take stock and prepare for a healthy winter. In response, homeopaths at the Arbutus Therapy Centre are offering talks called Self Care for Colds and Flu over the next couple of months beginning Wednesday, Oct. 14.

Speaking about homeopathic remedies, homeopath Karin Beviere says, "These remedies can be used to help maintain overall health and to treat a wide variety of diseases, including allergies, digestive complaints, chicken pox, teething, influenza, sore throats, ear aches and travel sickness."

A major focus of the talk will be prevention, with an outline of preventative strategies that include nutrition, herbal and homeopathic remedies to strengthen the immune system, reduce susceptibility and encourage vibrant health.

Included in the cost of the session is a homeopathic remedy kit.

"Participants will leave infused with an understanding of homeopathy as a system of natural medicine, confident on how to use the remedies and aware of community resources available in time of need," states press material.

The Self Care for Colds and Flu series is presented by local homeopaths Karin Beviere and Tami Dos Santos at the Arbutus Therapy Centre. Day-time and evening sessions will be offered on Oct. 14 and 25, and Nov. 8.

Cost is \$30. Call Tami at 250-537-4728, ext. 1, to register.

PUBLISHING

Business of publishing work for children explored

Well-known author Margriet Ruurs leads the way

The world of publishing can be intimidating and confusing. While many people dream about having a book published, it's hard to know how to submit a story and deal with potential rejection.

"Rejections happen to all of us writers," says Margriet Ruurs, a children's author now living on

Salt Spring Island. "J.K. Rowling had her Harry Potter manuscript rejected by the first two publishers she sent it to."

And while the success of a writer like Rowling is rare, it is possible to have work accepted by a book or magazine publisher, according to Ruurs, who is offering a writers workshop on Saturday, Oct. 17.

Running from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., it will focus on the business side of writing children's materials, such as how to find a publisher, handling contracts, work-

ing with an editor and more.

For more details, call Ruurs at 250-537-2440.

Ruurs has had nearly 30 books for children published in Canada, the U.S. and Europe. Her books include award-winning titles such as Emma's Eggs (Storytelling World Honour Title) and My Librarian is a Camel (Notable Book for Global Awareness). Her book A Pacific Alphabet, a popular west coast title, was selected by the B.C. Ministry of Education to be given to each child entering kindergarten.



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SETTING SAIL: James and Gisela Welsh, centre, won this year's Phantom Ball prize of an Alaskan cruise. Presenting it to them are Diana Hayes and David Feitelberg of the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation.

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FUNDRAISING

Island soccer players need a lift

Fundraising ramps up for championship trip

SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Fifteen-year-old athletes Olivia Keddy and Kaylea Kray could hardly believe it when they found out they and their teammates had qualified for the North American Super-Y soccer championships.

With a successful summer season behind them, however, Keddy, Kray and the rest of the team are now beset with the task of raising cash to get to Tampa Bay in time for the nine-day November tournament.

The U15 West Coast Capitals finished with a 7-3-2 record over the summer. That was strong

enough to give them second spot in the Pacific Northwest Division.

Kray said the Florida trip is a great reward for a stellar season and a chance for players to show off their skills in front of more than 300 soccer scouts from across the United States.

"This will be a humungous opportunity," she said. "It'll be a great experience to play at that level."

Keddy and Kray have never played against such a high calibre of competition in their seven-year soccer careers.

The players estimate they need to raise approximately \$1,500 per student to make this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity a reality.

Since a majority of players live in the Victoria and Nanaimo

areas, most fundraising activities focus on Vancouver Island. So far there's a dance, a silent auction and a raffle.

Here on Salt Spring, soccer coach Sue Spencer intends to donate some of the proceeds from an upcoming U11 boys soccer camp to the Florida-bound players.

The team opens the tournament with a three-game round-robin schedule against the Richmond (Virginia) Kickers, the Long Island Roughriders and Boston's MPS Crusaders.

The Super-Y league is a subsidiary of the United Soccer League.

Individuals who wish to learn more about or contribute to the trip can contact Kray via e-mail at adria.ryan@gmail.com.

LOCAL HISTORY

Hawaiians remembered at society's talk by Mahoi's great granddaughter

Next Wednesday at Central Hall

At last October's Amazing Women presentation at the Salt Spring Historical Society, recognition was given to a number of Salt Spring women, including the pioneer Maria Mahoi.

Next Wednesday, Oct. 14 at Central Hall, Mahoi's great granddaughter Wendy Maurer will speak at the historical society meeting in a talk called Hawaiians Remembered, focusing on the role Hawaiians have had on B.C.'s history, and about life on Salt Spring and on Rus-

sell Island, the 45-acre island on which Mahoi lived.

Maurer points out that the Northwest Bay Company had a contract with the monarchy of what were then the Sandwich Islands to recruit workers for the Pacific Northwest.

Some of these workers decided to stay and start families here, many by marrying First Nations women. Mahoi was born about 1855 to a Hawaiian father and a First Nations mother. Her first partner, a sea captain, was Abel Douglas, with whom she had seven children. She also had six children with her second husband George Fisher.

In 1902, Mahoi inherited Russell Island, where she and her family led a typical pioneer life, building a house and outbuildings, tending sheep, keeping a milk cow, growing a large garden, cooking and heating with wood, and building boats to allow them to fish in the rich waters. She was a devout Catholic and helped with the building of St. Paul's Catholic Church.

Maurer hopes that members of other families will attend the talk and strengthen their Hawaiian connections.

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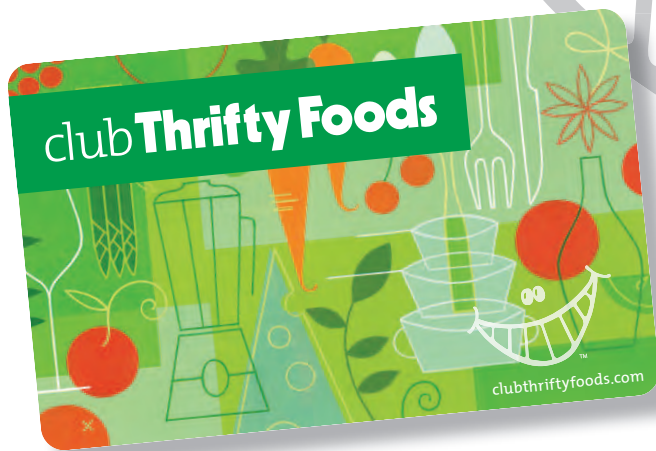
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Cascades Bathroom Tissue
Made with 100% recycled paper.
12 Rolls

2.98 Each
club Thrifty Foods Bonus Points **40**

Specials in Effect from Wednesday, October 7th to Tuesday, October 13th, 2009

Where this symbol appears, deposit & enviro levies are applicable.

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