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CANADA PROUD: New Canadian citizen Joseph Budimic, AKA "Joe Somebody," installs one of a few gigantic Canadian flags as Salt Spring prepares to celebrate Canada Day on Thursday, July 1. Festivities are slated for various spots on Salt Spring and the Gulf Islands.

FIRE

Home destroyed by cooking fire

Fulford Inn also suffers in separate incident

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The interior of a Broadwell Road home was destroyed after a kitchen fire got out of control on Sunday night.

Salt Spring Fire Chief Tom Bremner said six fire department apparatus with 25 members attended the scene at 111 Broadwell after receiving a call around 8:45 p.m. They extinguished the fire within 35 minutes and stayed on the scene until midnight.

Bremner said the home's interior was totally destroyed by smoke, fire and heat damage.

Two males who were in the house but got out before fire department personnel arrived were

transferred to Lady Minto Hospital. One man had minor burns and the other suffered from smoke inhalation.

Neighbour Darlene Lane said she could see flames reaching 40 to 50 feet high, which would have threatened her home under different conditions and without the fire department's quick action.

"We're very lucky that the weather was damp and the trees were moist, and the wind didn't blow it over," Lane said.

"If it was a hot summer evening it could have been very dangerous."

Fire and RCMP personnel have determined the fire's cause to be non-suspicious. Bremner

said pots left cooking on the stove unattended were likely the cause.

"People should always be preventative when the stove is on," he said.

The fire department also contained a kitchen fire at the Fulford Inn that occurred just after midnight on Thursday, June 24.

Fire crews were called in at 12:27 a.m. and arrived to find heavy smoke coming from the kitchen area.

The cause appeared to be spontaneous combustion of clothing or rags and resulted in minor damage, with the inn reopening for business late Thursday.

"Fire crews did an amazing job in determining and assessing what needed to be done in both cases," Bremner said.

HST

Coell defends HST position

MLA listed among 'recall targets'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Not implementing the HST would mean higher income tax rates, raising the Provincial Sales Tax and/or further program cuts, according to Saanich North and the Islands MLA Murray Coell.

Then there's the question of what happens to the nearly \$1 billion in federal funds Coell said have already been paid to the province as a result of entering into the HST agreement.

According to Coell, that money must be paid back in full if the tax is repealed within five years.

Since much of the cash has already been spent on things like healthcare and education, Coell said, getting rid of the tax may prove an expensive proposition.

"I knew it would be unpopular and knew it was an extremely difficult decision," Coell said in an interview ahead of the HST's full-scale B.C. debut on July 1. "All of the options were looked at."

The federal government's \$1.6 billion sign-up bonus was a major reason the B.C. Liberals pursued the HST option soon after winning a majority government in the May 2009 election, said Coell.

Public outcry over the provincial government's post-election about-face encouraged nearly 700,000 of the province's registered voters to sign an initiative petition against the tax.

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	22:49	3.2		23:56

NEWSBEAT

HEALTH CARE

Former Lady Minto Hospital surgeon calls for health manager's resignation

But VIHA backs Bill Relph

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An email comment made by Lady Minto Hospital's site manager Bill Relph last summer has poured gasoline on the proverbial fire surrounding the hospital surgery closure, prompting a former surgeon to call for Relph's resignation.

Relph made the comment in a short email message to Vancouver Island Health Authority communications officer Shannon Marshall dated Aug. 20, 2009. In the message he asked Marshall to review articles in the Driftwood regarding the operating room closure issue, noting the "[Save Our Surgery] committee is still active and looking for ways to continue with surgical services."

Relph stated in the email that continuing surgery at the hospital was "not the direction we want to go in." He then concluded about the commit-

tee, "It would sure be nice if they would float away."

Former Lady Minto Hospital surgeon Dr. Roy Preshaw, who was forced to retire from his position two years ago, and members of SOS have interpreted that comment as being dismissive of community needs.

"This low-ranking official is suggesting the SOS committee is something like garbage floating in the water," Preshaw said. "That's not something we expect someone paid by taxpayer money to produce."

According to Preshaw, that is grounds for Relph's resignation.

Preshaw noted that according to VIHA's website, Relph is paid close to \$90,000 per year as rural health manager for Salt Spring and the Southern Gulf Islands.

Allison Cutler, VIHA's executive director of population and community health, said Tuesday the organization is considering the email content in light of the context of when it was written.

"Bill's comment certainly reflects a degree of frustration as he was working with a number of stakeholders," Cutler said. "Obviously the issue is an emotionally charged one in trying to reconcile a variety of viewpoints."

Cutler feels Preshaw's interpretation of the "float away" comment is overly harsh and does not warrant Relph's resignation.

"We very much support Bill. He has long served Salt Spring Island residents and helped improve health care there," she said.

SOS committee chair Phyllis Bolton obtained the Aug. 20, 2009 email as part of a freedom of information request made to VIHA last fall. The committee received the information a few weeks ago, although Bolton says the deadline for delivery was the end of January 2010.

SOS supporters say Relph's email proves VIHA had already decided to close the surgery before it commissioned the health review, although Cut-

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ALLISON CUTLER
VIHA

ler said the end of the unsuccessful surgeon recruitment process is what triggered the research and report.

She added VIHA is committed to implementing the review's recommendations.

Relph is on holidays until the middle of July, according to Lady Minto Hospital staff.

An earlier version of this story was posted to gulfisland-driftwood.com last Wednesday afternoon.

Local MLA Murray Coell on HST 'hit list'

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This spring's initiative petition was the first such effort to succeed since the Initiative and Recall Act came to be in 1995.

Here in Saanich North and the Islands, approximately 30 per cent of registered voters signed the petition. On Salt Spring, canvassers collected approximately 1,900 signatures, far in excess of the 10 per cent threshold.

The petition's success has led anti-HST campaign organizers to list Coell among 24 Liberal MLAs targeted for recall, according to a news release published by the Fight HST group on June 23.

"We have drafted an [HST

hit list] of all the MLAs who we will target for recalls come November," said Bill Vander Zalm, the man behind the Fight HST campaign and a former B.C. premier, in the press release.

"We haven't yet decided which ones will be recalled first, or how many. Our sense is that we will recall one or two at a time, so as not to bring down the government, but to pressure them to repeal the HST."

John Binsted, a Salt Spring resident who played a crucial role in the island's anti-HST petition, said he would fully support a recall process in the event that Coell and the B.C. Liberals fail to answer the electorate's demands.

"As things stand now, yes I would," Binsted said, "If the government could acknowledge the error of its ways and do something like reduce the HST to 10 per cent [from 12 per cent] it would quieten down a lot of the anger."

All initiative petition signatures will be delivered to Elections BC on June 30 for official verification. The following step in the process entails discussions among members of a multi-party standing committee to determine if and how the process will proceed.

Binsted said he expects that process to continue well into the fall.

The recall process:
• Any registered voter can begin a recall petition by

obtaining an application from the Chief Election Officer and paying the \$50 processing fee.

• An MLA cannot be recalled within 18 months of being elected.

• If approved, the proposition has 60 days to collect signatures from 40 per cent of registered voters in the MLAs electoral district.

• Should the threshold be met or surpassed, a by-election must be called within 90 days.

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KIDNEY TRANSPLANT SERIES

Altruistic kidney donor sparks awareness campaign

July 1st the day for sign-up blitz

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

THIRD IN A SERIES

If asked, many people would consider giving up an organ to a loved in need. Others, without being asked, would consider donating after death. But the people who would willingly hand over a kidney to an unknown recipient must be incredibly rare.

Salt Spring Island is home to a donor of the rarest variety. Lisa Sayer is a mother of four grown children, a wife and a veterinary assistant. One year ago she participated in a chain of kidney donations and transplants that took place in simultaneous operations across Canada. But while most of the donors were linked to someone else who needed a kidney, Sayer had no motive other than wanting to help.

Talking to the Driftwood exactly one year after her operation took place in Toronto, Sayer said her motivation came partly from knowing people who had died from causes that couldn't be cured.

"Basically it was just something I could do. It's just that opportunity to be able to change someone's life," she explained.

Sayer has no personal connection to kidney malfunction and hasn't known anyone who's needed one. Her journey to donation began when she signed up as a potential bone marrow donor to help a friend with leukemia in 1990, although unfortunately they were not a match. Her friend later died from complications of the transplant operation she had.

Since that time Sayer has kept an interest in donations in general, and got involved with the B.C. Transplant Society after reading an article about a husband and wife kidney transplant. Reserving a kidney in case a family member ever needed one was not a concern for Sayer, who comes from a large family.

With four siblings and four children, she figures they'll be covered, though she agrees she might have thought differently if she had only one child.

After testing showed Sayer was healthy enough to sign, doctors at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver asked whether she'd like to be part of the paired transplant program. She instantly agreed.

By taking part in the paired donation program as an altruistic donor, Sayer actually multiplied her gift's potential. There was no one she knew waiting for a kidney, so someone who didn't have a donor match was taken off the waiting list.

But even if they shared her intentions, not everyone would be in a position to make the offer she did, as Sayer explained.

"I work in a medical area and I like medical stuff. For me I trust the system, for one thing, and for me it's amazing and



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

From left, Carol Siemko, Leanne Van Schetsen, Lisa Sayer, Jamie Sayer and Cole Sayer don special T-shirts for a July 1 organ donor sign-up blitz day.

cool that we can actually do that," she said.

In addition, Sayer was at a stage in her life where she was able to get time off work and could afford to go on EI. Her youngest child was almost 18 at the time of her operation so she wasn't required at home.

"It's certainly not something I'd be able to do at 20 or 30," she said.

One thing everybody can do regardless of their current situation is sign an organ donor card, and that's the area Sayer is bringing to the community's attention this Canada Day on Thursday. She'll be set up outside Island Star Video starting at 10 a.m. to answer questions and hand out forms.

Citing statistics that around 80 per cent of the people in B.C. who intend to sign their donor cards have yet to do so, Sayer noted Canada in general is behind many nations in its donation policies.

In some places, for example, it's a given that people donate their organs after their deaths, unless they opt out

of the program. In Canada, people have to opt in and some people don't feel comfortable making that commitment because they don't like thinking about their deaths.

Sayer feels Salt Spring, in contrast, has the potential to be at the forefront of organ donation.

"I just think Salt Spring has always been a community leader when it comes to global awareness and recycling in general," she said.

"I'm hoping people will understand there are so many people alive today because someone signed a donor card, or a family made that decision."

Sayer's volunteers will be visible around town on Thursday, marked by their red shirts reading, "Don't let reusable items go to waste: recycle your organs."

The volunteers will have question and answer sheets, organ donor forms, reminders for online sign-ups and balloons.

"It would just be really nice to get as many people to sign up as want to," Sayer said.

News briefs

Alternate director named

Salt Spring Capital Regional District director Garth Hendren has named Rob Wiltzen as the island's new alternate CRD director.

Hendren said Wiltzen was his first choice of candidates for the position after former alternate director Darlene Steele resigned in late May.

Wiltzen is a three-term Parks and Recreation Com-

mission member and former chair who is actively involved in the commission's trail advisory committee.

Wiltzen officially took on the role at a swearing-in ceremony on Tuesday.

Hendren said it is not yet certain if Wiltzen will represent the CRD at PARC meetings as Steele had done before her resignation.

Pool to host free swim

The Rainbow Road Pool

will celebrate the nation's birthday with a free swim between 2 and 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 1.

Parks and Recreation Commission members meeting on Monday evening hope the event will inspire community groups and businesses to step forward and sponsor annual, biannual or monthly free swim sessions.

"I'd like to see us sponsor it and be the first to get the ball rolling," said PARC chair Gayle Baker.

Free swims were a month-

ly fixture at the Shelby Pool before it closed down in 2007.

Information about sponsorship opportunities are available by calling the PARC office at 250-537-4448.

Billy goats found

A Bold Bluff resident is wondering if anyone has lost the two white billy goats currently wandering on the south shore of Burgoyne Bay.

Tamar Griggs reported

seeing the goats grazing in the area since Wednesday, June 23 and said they are now approaching her beach cabin.

One goat is white with black legs and a black slash over its ears and eye. The other is a younger, smaller white male that follows the bigger goat.

Anyone who knows who the goats belong to is requested to call Griggs at 250-653-4377.

For the record

A story on the Waterdrops

project in last week's paper identified the class as being taught by Stella Weinert, when teaching is shared between Weinert and Marie Mullen.

Project signs were created with the help of Cate McEwen and Donald Gunn.

As well, Lynda Laushway should have been identified as the executive director of the Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse Community Development and Research Society in a story in the June 25 Weekender.



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SURGERY CLOSURE

Surgery positions clarified

Both chief of staff and surgeon have changed tunes since 2008

Heisler, then VIHA vice president and chief medical officer, who said he was not satisfied Lady Minto required a surgery. However, the persistent rumour only became VIHA's official position with the release of the Salt Spring Island Health Review last month.

He later learned that wasn't the case. He said Salt Spring GPs also referred patients off-island for general surgery.

According to Preshaw, it was therefore always difficult to justify having surgery on the island. However, he strongly feels now that having renovated the operating room with major contributions from the local community, VIHA has a responsibility to maintain those services.

"It's sheer incompetence on the part of the administration to put \$3 million into an operating room that will be good for 30 years and to can it three years later," he said.

Preshaw believes VIHA's decision to close the surgery has been driven by local administrators who took their jobs after the OR renovation took place.

Barclay said he took his concerns about the surgery's viability to VIHA CEO Howard Waldner after hearing the other surgeon's views.

"Mr. Waldner sort of changed his tune, the same way I did," he said.

They confirmed the new position was correct with the findings of the Salt Spring Island Health review.

Barclay also spoke against community rumours that he opposes surgery at Lady Minto because he intends to set up minor surgical practice at his own clinic. He said there is a minor treatment room at the facility but it is intended only for "stitching up cut fingers and doing biopsies" — procedures GPs can do in their offices but which are currently often done at Lady Minto's emergency room.

Barclay went on the record as supporting that report's conclusions at the same time.

During a phone interview last week, Barclay said his committee was presented with overwhelming support for surgical services in 2008, but he later changed his opinion as a result of the failure to recruit a new surgeon after Preshaw lost his privileges.

"At the time it seemed a reasonable conclusion," Barclay said. "What changed my position was when we advertised for surgeons. I interviewed seven or eight and they virtually all had the same message — the [surgery volume] is not large enough, it's not safe. They looked at the numbers and said this didn't make sense."

"I started to think maybe the surgeons are trying to tell me something. By the end of 2008 I decided it's probably not a good idea."

Preshaw has voiced the same opinion in the past. He told the Driftwood in 2008 that surgeons need a population base of 20,000-25,000 to "get enough work to get an income and maintain your skills" and that upgrading the OR had been a mistake.

When Preshaw moved to the island in 2002, he did so believing patients from the Southern Gulf Islands were being directed to Salt Spring for surgeries.

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Health authority flip-flops regarding surgery at Lady Minto Hospital remain a sticking point for community members opposed to the operating room closure.

Save Our Surgery committee representatives and other members of the public continue to question why local and regional directors committed to continuing surgery on the island just months before reversing their stance.

Several local players, including former CRD director Gary Holman, have pointed to the findings of the Lady Minto Hospital OR Committee Report published in April in 2008.

The committee, chaired by Lady Minto chief of staff Dr. Shane Barclay, recommended in its conclusion that "surgical services continue to be supported at LMH."

Holman said the recent nature of the findings makes it difficult to understand Dr. Barclay's complete change of opinion a short time later. Former hospital surgeon Dr. Roy Preshaw has also pointed to the report's findings, as well as two communications from the Vancouver Island Health Authority in April 2009 expressing the body's "intention and desire" to continue surgery service on Salt Spring.

An intention to the contrary was suspected in June 2009 at a public meeting with Dr. Owen

CAR SHOW

Batmobile replica among July 1 cars

Organizer offers sneak peak of show

1966 Batmobile as seen in the popular TV series. A Cobble Hill resident and prop car builder for the movies has hand-built the replica with a custom fiberglass body stretching 18 feet long.

Another hit for pop culture fans is a 1969 Dodge Charger coming from Pender Island. The Charger has been customized as a copy of the General Lee,

made famous in the TV series The Dukes of Hazzard.

A special entry coming from Vancouver Island recently won first place at the Shawnigan Lake car show. It's a '37 Ford hot rod in metallic teal.

A local celebrity's Ford Thunderbird may also make a special appearance. Go to the BC Hydro field on Canada Day to find out.

Car fans visiting the Canada Day Show & Shine will have a few special treats in store this Thursday.

Organizer Marv Coulthard said one of the audience "faves" is bound to be a replica of the

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A	D	H	C	A
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	Lv. Meadowbrook	Lv. Hospital	Lv. Brinkworthy Place	Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges
8:05	8:08	8:11	8:15	8:22
10:05	10:08	10:11	10:15	10:22
12:10	12:13	12:16	12:20	12:27
2:05	2:08	2:11	2:15	2:22
4:20	4:23	4:26	4:30	4:37
C1	6:05	6:08	6:09	6:11

Saturday				
8:10	8:13	8:16	8:20	8:27
9:50	9:53	9:56	10:00	10:07
11:20	11:23	11:26	11:30	11:37
12:55	12:58	1:01	1:05	1:12
4:05	4:08	4:11	4:15	4:22
C1	6:05	6:08	6:09	6:11

C1 Combined Routing: Trip continues as Route 3 Vesuvius and Route 5 Fernwood. Drop off only at Hospital and Brinkworthy.

3 Vesuvius

Monday to Friday					
A	F	G	G	F	A
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	Lv. Portlock Park	Ar. Vesuvius	Lv. Vesuvius	Lv. Portlock Park	Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges
6:30	6:37	6:45	6:57	7:03	7:10
8:30	8:37	8:45	8:57	9:03	9:10
12:30	12:37	12:45	12:57	1:03	1:10
3:50	3:57	4:05	4:17	4:23	4:30
5:00	5:07	5:15	5:27	5:33	5:40
C3	6:05	6:15	6:21	-	-

Saturday					
8:35	8:42	8:50	9:02	9:08	9:15
12:30	12:37	12:45	12:57	1:03	1:10
4:00	4:07	4:15	4:20	4:26	4:33
C3	6:05	6:15	6:21	-	-

C3 Combined routing: Trip leaves town as Route 1 Ganges Local and continues as Route 5 Fernwood.

4 Long Harbour

Monday to Friday			
A	L	L	A
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	Ar. Long Harbour	Lv. Long Harbour	Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges
M-TH	1:45	1:55	2:05
FRI	2:55	3:05	3:15
M&TH	3:20	3:30	3:50
M&TH	4:00	4:10	4:20

Saturday			
2:10	2:20	2:20	2:30
3:40	3:50	3:50	4:00

M-TH Trip operates Monday to Thursday.
FRI Trip operates Fridays only.
M & TH Trip operates Monday AND Thursday only.

5 Fernwood

Monday to Friday			
A	M	M	A
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	Ar. Fernwood Dock	Lv. Fernwood Dock	Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges
10:30	10:43	10:43	11:00
2:25	2:38	2:38	2:55
6:05	6:34	6:34	6:49

Saturday			
11:00	11:13	11:13	11:30
2:20	2:33	2:33	2:50
6:05	6:34	6:34	6:49

C5 Combined Routing: Trip leaves Visitor Info Centre via routes 1 Ganges Local and 3 Vesuvius.

2 Fulford Harbour

Monday to Friday									
A	I	J	K	E	E	K	J	I	A
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	Lv. Cushman Lake Rd.	Lv. Burgoyne Bay Rd.	Lv. Park & Ride: Fulford Inn	Ar. Fulford Harbour	Lv. Fulford Harbour	Lv. Park & Ride: Fulford Inn	Lv. Burgoyne Bay Rd.	Lv. Cushman Lake Rd.	Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges
7:10	7:16	7:23	7:27	7:30	7:40	7:43	7:47	7:54	8:00
9:10	9:16	9:23	9:27	9:30	9:40	9:43	9:47	9:54	10:00
11:00	11:06	11:13	11:17	11:20	11:40	11:43	11:47	11:54	12:00
1:00	1:06	1:13	1:17	1:20	1:40	1:43	1:47	1:54	2:00
3:00	3:06	3:13	3:17	3:20	3:40	3:43	3:47	3:54	4:00
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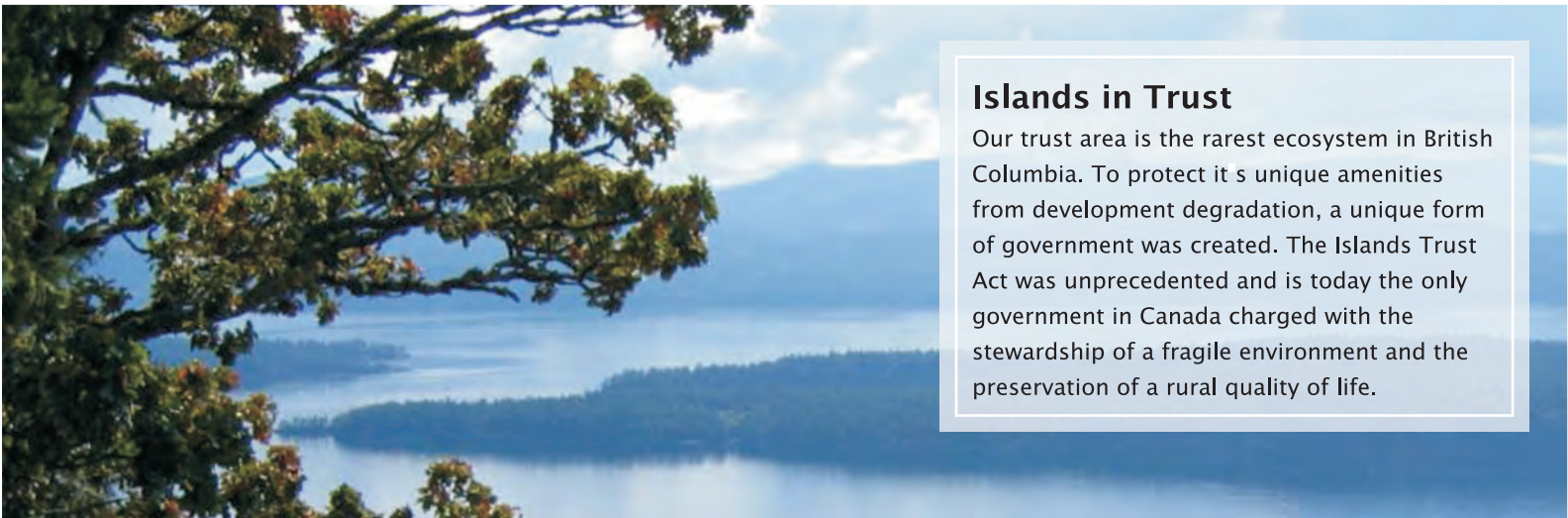
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Our elected representatives are called "Trustees" to reflect their duty to fulfill the mandate of The Trust. As anticipated by the legislature of the seventies, developmental pressure on the Gulf Islands has increased significantly.

Today's challenges require a continued commitment to Trust principles so that future generations may appreciate all that makes these islands and our island way of life so special.

Current Issues



Some of the issues of concern to islanders that will be addressed in the coming weeks:

- ✦ Escalating Property Taxes
- ✦ Affordable housing
- ✦ Protection of our drinking water
- ✦ Community impact of a Seasonal economy
- ✦ Preservation of rural areas/farmland
- ✦ Tourism
- ✦ and much more.

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EDITORIAL

Donors for life

As another Canada Day dawns and we celebrate everything that makes our country the envy of the world, it's also a good time to give ourselves a boot in areas where we tend to fall short.

When it comes to arranging to donate our organs when we no longer need them, we're slackers.

A 2005 study found that Canada's organ donation rate — at 12.8 per million — was far below many countries, including the U.S. (at 21.5 per million), Spain (35.1) and Estonia (26.5).

But here on Salt Spring, at least three separate families have been involved in kidney transplants in the last year. As the Driftwood's kidney donation series from the last three weeks detailed, all involved different circumstances. They ranged from Lisa Sayer donating a kidney to someone she

did not know, which in turn gave healthy kidneys to four other people across the country in a ground-breaking series of operations; to Tony and Imelda Edwards' involvement in operations with six other people; to the Levy family, where sister Barb donated a kidney to Michael, while their brother Geoff still waits

THE ISSUE:

Canada's organ donor rate

WE SAY:

Signing card in SSI blitz a good idea

for the right kidney to save his life.

The average wait time for an organ in Canada is eight years. According to an April 8, 2009 CBC story, 4,380 Canadians were waiting for a transplant of some kind in 2008, and 215 died before organs could be acquired.

Of the just over 2,000 transplants performed that year, 1,541 of them were made possible by deceased donors.

An organ donation is the ultimate gift.

Through her experience, Sayer has been inspired to organize an organ donation sign-up day on Canada Day, where she and other volunteers will have reams of official forms required to indicate one's desire to donate one or more organs post-mortem. Conversely, the form can be used to indicate if organ donation is not desired.

Either way, making one's intentions clear is another gift for family members, who won't have to guess if the question comes up at the time of death.

Filling out the form is a snap. Pick one up from the volunteers wearing spiffy red organ donor T-shirts outside Island Star Video and other Ganges spots on July 1. They will answer any questions people have as Salt Spring once again aims to lead the way in a matter of life and death.



VIHA's surgery ruse exposed

BY RAY PHILLIPS

The Vancouver Island Health Authority's Salt Spring Island Health Review has recommended the permanent closure of the surgical suite at Lady Minto Hospital. Much rumour, information and disinformation has been circulated. It is time to review the facts.

VIEWPOINT

1. In 2004 a state-of-the-art surgical facility opened at a total cost of \$2,780,000, funded by a \$1,100,000 grant from the Capital Regional District, as requested by VIHA, along with their \$1,000,000 contribution. The \$780,000 remainder was supplied by the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation by donations from Salt Spring residents. After completion, the general surgeon Dr. Roy Preshaw's services were contracted for two four-hour days a week. The surgery was never fully staffed nor funded.

2. In late 2007, Dr. Preshaw was asked for his resignation by VIHA. Why? Rather than be fired, he agreed to resign on the condition that he be allowed to continue on the same contractual basis until June 30, 2008.

3. When word of closure reached the community, Salt Spring residents sought and received written assurances from VIHA president Howard Waldner that closure was temporary.

4. When the surgery was not reopened and doubts were expressed as to VIHA's intention of reopening the OR, the nurses association (BCNU) convened a well-attended public meeting at the Fritz theatre and as a result of doubts raised during the meeting, your Ad Hoc Save-Our Surgery Committee was formed.

5. Committee members met with VIHA. The result of that meeting was the June 1, 2009 public meeting at the Community Gospel Chapel where the then chief medical officer Dr. Owen Heisler presented unconvincing statements as to the sincerity of recruitment process for a replacement general surgeon and one of our local doctors diverted the audience's attention away from the purpose for which the meeting was held; namely, the reopening of the OR. From that meeting one could deduce the VIHA strategy was to divide-to-conquer proponents for restoration of the surgery and those supporting

other under-funded legitimate community needs such as mental health and elder care.

6. When it appeared that VIHA was stalling, your committee met with MLA Murray Coell to make good on his pre-election promise to make his number one priority the reopening of our surgery. We requested that Coell arrange a meeting with Health Minister Kevin Falcon and for Coell to personally attend. This did not happen. Instead, the committee received word that the above named study would be carried out.

7. The review was short on substance, contained incorrect information, and was flawed by the misuse of statistical data.

8. We have obtained an internal email from a Mr. Knype, a VIHA employee — before the study was initiated — stating that plans were in place to remove \$150,000 from the LMH surgical budget to "address the fiscal challenges that VIHA is facing."

Why engage in such an elaborate ruse? It makes no sense to build a multimillion dollar surgery and not fund staff for its operation, especially in light of longer wait times, inconvenience and expense for patients in having general surgical procedures performed at other hospitals.

Look to what has happened in other jurisdictions under VIHA's administration and other health authorities throughout our province: typically a policy of centralization in the large population centres and reduction in the services provided to smaller communities. These policies have been pursued to the detriment of locally provided health care and a loss of jobs in the community. Furthermore, they have created large soulless bureaucracies more dedicated to their dysfunctional policies than the needs of the people they are appointed to serve.

Your SOS committee has a new website where you can explore, in detail, press releases, letters from VIHA officials, statements made to the press and commentary regarding the closure of surgery. That site is also a forum to express your thoughts on this important issue.

The writer is an SOS committee member.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Are you watching World Cup soccer?

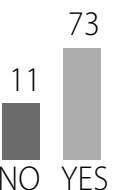
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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should David O'Flynn be allowed to sell hot dogs in Fulford Harbour?



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"It's not even just about the oil. This is about us saying 'you know what, this is our province and we have a say.'"

SHENA MEADOWCROFT, GABRIOLA'S POSITIVE ENERGY QUILTERS

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What are your thoughts about organ donation?



SABINE GEORGY

People should have to sign if they don't want to do it.



TINA TAMBOLINE

I do agree with it and don't think we give the issue enough thought.



GEORGE SIPOS

That's sort of like asking about dental fillings. If I'm dead, people are welcome to everything. I've even got the sticker on my driver's licence.



ROSEMARIE KEOUGH

Why not? I don't think I'll need the organs in the next life.



ETHAN MARCIANO

I think it would be worthy for everyone to participate in the unfortunate chance they are done in.

Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication. **Read and reply to letters online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com under the Opinion tab.**

Return rant

We were surprised to read the rant from Bill Whitelaw (June 23 Driftwood) taking us to task for shouting down the VIHA responses at the public meeting on June 14 when we questioned details of the new plans to delete surgical services at Lady Minto Hospital.

We can't help but observe that it is the first (and only) public reaction to the new proposal from a board member of the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation, the group that solicits funds for the hospital.

The past president of the foundation, Gil Schultz, is on record as "strongly supporting continuation of surgery at Lady Minto . . . and exploring with VIHA extension of surgical services." (April 2008)

We guess that the board is busy writing a detailed excuse for their current position, which we look forward

to reading. And they may be, of course, going through a bookkeeping exercise to identify individual donors to the \$800,000 pot donated for a new surgical facility in 2002-03, so that they can return these funds in a logical and fair manner.

R.M. PRESHAW,
SAVE OUR SURGERY COMMITTEE

Nothing concrete

Is the devil you know better than the one you don't?

To some of us the proposed self-government for the islands looks to be a viable alternative to a displeasure of the Island Trust, or is it?

Before I commit to any alternative form of governance it is important that there be a positive platform in place. The upcoming July 4 rally is an opportunity to address this and I hope there will be some answers to my questions.

What form would this self-governance take? Would it be a replication of the type of government we have seen operating with limited credibility or actual votes? Would it be a first-past-the-post voting for candidates that can afford to run a campaign or would it be something that is innovative and responsive to the people of Salt Spring?

Are we talking representational government? Are we talking about creating a council that will ensure the voice of the elderly and the youth through designated seats?

What exactly is Islanders for Self-Government proposing except to oppose the existing status quo?

To date I have seen nothing concrete that reassures me that we are headed towards a more progressive and creative form of governance, one that mirrors the diversity and richness of the people who call Salt

Spring home. Surely with the incredible minds that reside here on this rock we can come up with a system of governance that embodies collaboration, empowerment and respect.

Before I put my energy towards self-governance, perhaps there could be some discussion about what self governance exactly looks like because I for one will not support yet another patriarchal, greed-ridden, power-hungry system for the place that I call home.

CHRIS LEISCHNER,
SALT SPRING

Time-wasting issue

The irony of a group of soft and spoiled contractors, realtors and business people leading a "revolt" against a legal form of government whose policy of "preserve and protect" has attracted buyers to the island and brought tens of

millions of dollars into those same pockets is laughable at best.

That the latest galvanizing issue is Salt Spring Coffee shows how indeed "the truth is the first casualty of war."

As a member of the Industrial Land Task Force that volunteered hundreds of hours investigating the issue, I can say that there are 99.2 acres of industrial land on Salt Spring Island, most of which would have been available to SS Coffee at the right price.

There is an additional 266 acres of industrial-zoned land in the form of gravel pits, Crown and ALR lands.

Instead of using humility, compromise and imagination to find a solution, Mickey McLeod takes entitlement to the next level by choosing a rural-zoned property on a relatively pristine lakefront next to a bird sanctuary in an area

of frequent temperature inversions and states that he will improve the area by building a 12,000-square-foot complex with a second-hand roaster producing beans for Costco and London Drugs nationwide.

No municipality, not even Langford, would have approved or even seriously discussed this rezoning, but within a vocal minority on Salt Spring Island, criticizing and bullying the Trust is a pastime more popular than gardening or sex and unfortunately this negative, divisive and time-wasting issue continues to have legs.

My wife Juliette and I were drinking organic, shade-grown, fair-trade coffee long before SS Coffee arrived on the scene and will continue to do so long after they are gone.

RICK LAING,
WILKIE WAY

MORE LETTERS continued on A8

Boiling to death is definitely not the way to go

Whenever I turn up at my girlfriend's home in a distant land far, far away, I stand in the doorway and shout "Sid!" Sid rushes to the edge of his cage and stretches his neck out as far as he can, eyes wide, tail bristling.

Sid is Nancy's pet turtle, about the size of a hockey puck, named after the bass player of the Sex Pistols. Although Sid has the same nasty habits of his namesake, he has nowhere near the stage presence.

Despite his Jurassic appearance and lowly position on the evolutionary chain, Sid recognizes my voice, and knows good times are ahead — frolicking on the sundeck and scarfing down bits of roast beef. Sid is a sentient being, capable of hunger, fear, pain and the inherent pleasure of a good roast beef sandwich.

Which got me to thinking about the Salt Spring Tennis Association. Or rather the Salt Spring Tennis Association's Lobsterfest fundraiser earlier in the month. Or more to the point, the photo that appeared in this newspaper depicting a participant brandishing two live lobsters giving his best Freddie Kruger impression. These two lobsters, and presumably many more, were about to be boiled alive.

Lobsters occupy a unique niche in our gastronomic pantheon. Fleishy offerings from the meat or poultry section of the local grocer are all neatly wrapped in white

Styrofoam and cellophane. There are no posters of cattle, happy or otherwise, no images of debeaked, eviscerated chickens hanging upside down in a processing plant. Just nice white Styrofoam and cellophane. The shoppers' sensibilities need not be assaulted by reminders of the carnage that went on behind the scenes to produce that lovely white chicken breast under the cellophane. Not so with the lobster.

Lobsters are displayed in large aquariums. The lobster shopper can handpick the most appealing specimen amongst the many, all cowering in the furthest corners of the aquarium, pinchers bound with tough rubber bands. These creatures are scared out of their minds, having recently been yanked from the seabed floor, tossed onto a boat with a lot of other lobsters, dropped into containers, jettied to all points of the globe and deposited in brightly lit grocers' aquariums. Their pinchers are banded shut because the lobsters basically go insane, tearing apart anything within reach, usually fellow lobsters. And that's not good for lobster sales.

Here's where it gets interesting. Once home, the purchaser will normally drop the lobster into a large pot of boiling salted



Peter Vincent

HEAD TO HEAD

water. Well, he will attempt to drop the lobster into a large pot of boiling salted water. More often than not, the lobster will fight tooth and nail, clinging to shirt sleeves or the corner of the pot, whatever he can grasp. When the lobster does hit the water, a lid must quickly be slammed onto the pot.

The creature will thrash around like crazy trying to escape the pain, splashing scalding water in all directions. With lid firmly in place, all that remains is the clanging and crashing around, as the lobster fights for his life. It takes about 45 seconds for the noise to subside.

The guys in the white lab coats used to proclaim that lobsters don't feel any pain, that lobsters aren't equipped with a centralized brain and thus fall into the same category as, say, a tomato. Tell that to the lobster. Science has changed its view regarding this whole "no pain" issue, and that shift is filtering its way down to street level. Whole Foods is no longer selling live lobster because it "can no longer ensure that the animals are being treated with compassion."

Contraptions are now available commercially and for home use that zap the lobster with a shot of electricity, killing it instantly. Other methods, such as putting the lob-

ster in the freezer for 20 minutes to lower its metabolism to coma stage or plunging a knife through the back of the carapace (thus severing the lobster's spine) are also more humane methods of dealing with the catch of the day.

"Ah, but what about the tradition?" East Coasters may grumble. Well, traditions change, don't they? It's no longer socially acceptable to smoke. Drinking and driving is no longer a laughing matter. Wearing a fur coat will likely attract derision and occasionally red paint. Isn't it time to put a halt to subjecting lobsters and crabs to a violent, agonizing death just because dad used to do it?

Is this ridiculous? Should we show compassion to such a primitive, ugly creature that makes Sid the Turtle look like Tom Cruise? Yes we should. Compassion has a way of working its way up the ladder. You become a slightly better person than you were yesterday. You may pick up a hitchhiker, help a neighbour with her trash, or drop off a 20 at the Copper Kettle. Others may take your compassionate example to heart, and try it themselves. God knows, in these days of public personal sniping and ham-fisted governmental decrees, a little compassion may be just the plat de jour.

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OPINION

BLOCKING THE BLAZE: Salt Spring firefighters get in close to extinguish a house fire on Broadwell Road Sunday night. See story page A1.

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Community spirit

In discussion with many friends, I've discovered that we fear the Whistler-ization of Salt Spring.

We feel very strongly that our present form of government under the Islands Trust is the only sure way of preserving and protecting our community's future. As with everything else there are hiccups and setbacks along the way, but with continuing opportunities for open discussion, the direction taken will surely satisfy most of the people who live here. Such discussions encourage community spirit and cohesiveness.

Extensive development could easily happen without tenacious adherence to the Islands Trust's preserve and protect mandate.

AUDREY WILD,
HEDGER ROAD

Review long overdue

I hope islanders will indeed come out on July 4 and support an Islands Trust provincial review.

The problem has always lay with this mistaken notion that the Islands Trust is a democratically structured political entity. It is not and therefore can never represent all "our views."

The reality is that it is a closed loop form of governance in which candidates cannot even run for the office without first agreeing to legally swear to the Trust's limited mandate and principles.

This fundamentally disqualifies it as an elected body that can represent a bonified cross-section of the people it is supposed to govern. Even if everyone is convinced to participate in the voting process it is still a sham representation of the community body politic.

Any review by the province should necessarily examine this aspect of the Islands Trust Act and why it is so undemocratic in terms of meeting our 21st-century needs as a community. It should not be our only system of governance but rather a participant within a more representative council.

PAUL MARCANO,
SALT SPRING

Listen to voices

Judging from the recent ads and rhetoric coming from Islanders for Self-Government,

the only possible motive they can imagine for the Local Trust Committee's turning down the Salt Spring Coffee Company's rezoning application is a deep-seated, perverse desire to torment and thwart the good people of Salt Spring.

I have to wonder if they've ever attended a Local Trust Committee meeting.

I'm thinking in particular of one (one of many) where the company's application was being considered.

A number of islanders described, eloquently, with quiet passion, and in great detail, how they expected the roasting facility's proposed relocation would directly harm their health, lives and livelihoods.

I'm not saying that their concerns carried the day or even, necessarily, should have. But hearing them out and taking their concerns seriously is what elected representatives are supposed to do. We should expect no less.

But ask yourself: were ISG to get their way, would the voices of islanders like those who spoke against the coffee company relocation even be heard? Next time around, those voices could be yours.

MURRAY REISS,
FULFORD HARBOUR



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OPINION

Not the answer

When I first read your whimsical "Eating on the Run" editorial (June 23), I wondered if Arthur Black had penned it.

I laughed, then realized it really is the editorial policy of the Driftwood to encourage residents to violate local bylaws and that you're proposing ad hoc exemptions.

I wonder how this will work. We'll have bylaws but you're exempt if you have already spent good money on your business adventure or home renovation? If your enterprise meets one set of regulations governing the activity you don't have to worry about any others? You're exempt if you are the only one in the area violating the bylaw. If there are only two of you, you're both exempt until there is a third who does the same thing?

What other exemptions could there be? You're exempt if you're well-known and everyone likes you? You're exempt if your large family has been here years longer than other residents who take exception to your activities and want the bylaws enforced? You're exempt if you're over 65? Of course you may not be exempt on any of these grounds; that's the beauty of ad hoc enforcement of the rules. You'll never know until you try it. If the hapless bylaw enforcement officer doesn't show up you're exempt! Lucky you.

Bylaws and regulations are a balancing act between the interests of individuals and community interests. If the bylaw is too rigid, the community has to begin the process of reaching consensus on a new one, not simply ignore the rules and blame the Trust for evenly enforcing them.

MARY ROWLES,
FURNESS ROAD

Trust has minutes policy

The "Trustees breach Robert's Rules of Order" Viewpoint published June 16 in your newspaper raises concerns about amendments to the minutes of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee.

The writer suggests that the minutes should not summarize matters discussed at the meeting and raises concerns that trustee comments were included.

Minutes are the official recording of the LTC's proceedings, and are absolutely the right place to record what was decided, and why. I expect that everyone would want to know why trustees vote as

they do. Including reasons for decisions in minutes increases transparency, and amendments to ensure clarity are entirely appropriate.

Local governments in B.C. are required to adopt a Meeting Procedures Bylaw to guide their procedures. On Salt Spring Island, this is Bylaw 391. The Islands Trust has also developed policies regarding minutes, based on legal advice and public input. Only where these policies (all available on the Islands Trust website) are silent, do Robert's Rules apply.

Islands Trust Policy 4.1.vii says "minutes are intended to be a condensed version of the discussion that took place" and that "any member of the committee requesting the draft minutes to record their comment 'for the record' shall have their comments recorded in the draft minutes."

Islands Trust Policy 5.4.ii says the minute taker should "record in meeting minutes any reasons given for LTC decisions about applications." This policy also encourages trustees to explain (in open meetings and at the time a decision is made) how they reached their decision.

These procedures are consistent with Robert's Rules, which indicate that, when minutes are to be published, "they should contain . . . a list of the speakers on each side of every question, with an abstract or the text of each address . . ."

While individual trustees may suggest amendments, the entire LTC must agree minutes are accurate before adopting them. Bylaw 391 requires the minute-taker to certify the minutes are correct and the chair to sign them.

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SHEILA MALCOLMSON,
CHAIR, SSI LTC

Fence update

In March the Driftwood ran an article about a local fence builder who was defrauding people. This is an update to that article.

The RCMP have informed me that they have concluded their investigation and don't have enough evidence to bring charges forward to the Crown. The civil court, however, found the evidence

more than sufficient to grant me a \$4,495 judgment against this man.

In my investigation of this man I have compiled a list of 10 people (four of whom are seniors) who have all been cheated. I would be happy to share these with anyone or any seniors organization who would like to take a proactive approach to senior fraud.

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CAO offers Islands Trust reality check

BY LINDA ADAMS

Gulf Islanders live in one of the most treasured places on earth — islands with extraordinary beauty, biological diversity and vibrant communities. They also have a unique form of government, created by the province in 1974 to control unbridled development and to preserve and protect the islands.

Since then, the province has amended the Islands Trust Act many times to make it more effective. For example, it increased local representation in 1977, improved local autonomy in 1989, introduced open meetings and freedom of information in 1998 and updated ethical standards in 2003.

Islanders are passionate about protecting what is important to them. Some wonder if further changes to the Islands Trust Act would help, or if municipal incorporation is the solution. I hope some background about how the Islands Trust works will help these discussions.

One of the Islands Trust's most important jobs is to adopt the Islands Trust Policy Statement. It identifies the unique amenities and environment that islanders want the Islands Trust to preserve and protect. For example, it says that

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ecosystems and water resources should be balanced with community character and economic opportunities. With over 50 per cent of B.C.'s population living near the islands, external pressures on our communities have never been greater. Rising housing costs have triggered concerns about the loss of complete communities.

In 2009, the Islands Trust Council made "Sustain Island Character and Healthy Communities" a top goal, with a primary objective to "support and restore socio-economic diversity." Among other

actions, a council task force is working to help islanders address housing needs.

Every three years, islanders elect two local trustees. On Bowen Island, they elect municipal trustees. Local trustees wear two hats; they sit on a local Trust committee, an autonomous local government that decides about land use for their island. Trustees also sit on the 26-member Trust Council that makes regional decisions about budgets and guiding policies. Council elects four trustees to an Executive Committee that guides the Islands Trust's day-to-day work. It also reviews bylaws from local Trust committees and Bowen Island Municipality, confirming they support the goals in the Islands Trust Policy Statement. Each Executive Committee member chairs one or more LTCs.

Like local governments across B.C., your LTC is responsible for adopting, following and occasionally amending an official community plan that guides development for the future. It seeks input from islanders about pressing land use issues and works to resolve them. And because you, your neighbours or off-island property owners can apply to change land use, your LTC makes decisions about applications. It listens to applicants' proposals, hears from neighbours and considers whether the change will aid long-term community goals. It debates and decides on-island in open meetings. The idea that others regularly veto local decisions is simply untrue.

Some work of LTCs is based on requirements the province places on all local governments. To comply with provincial law, the Salt Spring LTC is currently working to protect fish-bearing streams. It recently met provincial requirements to address climate change in the Salt Spring OCP. Islanders themselves identify many issues like affordable housing, availability of industrial lands and protection of water supplies, all of which attract conflicting input from the community. The topics are complex and often controversial. If the decisions were easy, no one would be upset with the outcomes.

The Islands Trust works closely with provincial agencies and regularly discusses changes to the Islands Trust Act or other provincial acts to increase local control over land use issues, such as forestry and mining. Provincial representatives indicate that making

changes to provincial acts is a lengthy and complex exercise. With limited resources themselves, they rarely initiate changes unless other options have been ruled out. While the province was prepared to amend the Islands Trust Act to increase the number of Salt Spring trustees from two to four, Salt Spring Islanders defeated the related referendum in 2008. Lately, the province seems preoccupied with concerns other than the Islands Trust Act.

And what about municipal incorporation, a topic of discussion on Salt Spring Island? In 2002, Salt Spring voters soundly defeated an incorporation referendum. However, Salt Spring's local trustees and CRD director recently asked the province to initiate a governance study again. So far, the province has indicated that it is unwilling to fund such a study any time soon.

For those who want to influence decisions affecting their communities, there are still effective (and immediate) ways of getting involved:

Today: Subscribe to notices and newsletters on the Islands Trust web site. Read about local issues. Write, email and talk to your trustees. Attend and speak at meetings. Volunteer to sit on a citizens' advisory group. It's a rewarding way to make your community a better place.

Next Year: Local elections will take place Nov. 19, 2011. Nominate and campaign for someone or run for election yourself. Think carefully about which candidates to support and be sure to vote. This is democracy in action. Your voice and your vote do count.

The Future: The Islands Trust Policy Statement influences all decisions in the Islands Trust Area. A review has begun and will likely continue next year. The review process will be one of the most effective ways for islanders to influence local land use decisions for years to come. What is most important about your environment, community and way of life? Watch for upcoming opportunities to tell the Islands Trust what this important document should say.

Regardless of the structure of local government, local decisions are most affected by the people who speak up and get involved.

The writer is the chief administrative officer of the Islands Trust and was a planner for Salt Spring Island for 10 years.

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**VAUGHN WALTERS,
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Compassion

I am recovering at home after falling down two concrete steps close to the Coffee Company in Ganges on June 18.

I landed flat on my face and was semi-conscious. An unnamed lady in a nearby shop alerted the ambulance and firemen. She didn't just leave me. She kept assuring me help was coming and gently smoothed my back.

And before help came I had no idea how expertly and professionally these men are trained, making absolutely certain I didn't move my head or neck until the ambulance crew took over and drove me to Lady Minto Hospital, where Dr. Ron Reznick ordered X-rays and directed nurses to attend me. The "keep your spirits up" lady ambulance driver, and equally the men, showed great compassion as if they were dealing with one of their own family.

How lucky I was not to have broken my nose, wrists or other bones. Bruised badly yes, but so thankful not to be seriously injured. I have just turned 92 and always try and make sure my steps are safe, but these concrete steps about eight inches deep are both in the light and in the shadows and urgently need a railing on which to hold. It isn't just the elderly at danger but all ages. And for certain there will be yet another victim.

I came from the U.K. where I was a news reporter and a BBC newsman, 20 years ago. Occasionally I'm asked would I like to spend what remains of my life back in England and the emphatic answer is "no." Why should I when we live in paradise where people show regard, and love for each other. The total respect from the firemen with their constant "Sir."

Finally, next time you read or pass an appeal for money from fire or ambulance, please never ignore it, they are worth their weight in gold, and if ever you need their invaluable help, you'll quickly know what I mean and that might well be under more critical circumstances.

I can now say I was taken for a ride, well not U.S. gangster style, but then this is Canada — the best place on earth as far as I'm concerned and I've been to a few in the world.

**GEORGE KIFFIN CLOGG,
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Replacement sought

In answer to Sophie Gurski's June 16 "Where's the Buddha?" letter regarding the bronze Buddha in Grace Point

Square, work by Lynn Demers, the artist, is being shown at the Howe St. Gallery in Vancouver. The gallery requested that "Jikan" be brought over.

He is missed by many but we are in the process of finding a suitable replacement for the space.

**HEATHER WEBB,
GALLERY 8**

Great town

I was recently stranded in Ganges with a broken pump on my boat.

I wish to convey my sincere thanks to all the people in Ganges who were so helpful, especially the harbour master, who let me use his mooring buoy while I waited for repairs.

For the week we spent there I can't say I met anyone who didn't smile and say hello. To the staff in Thrifty's and the servers in the various coffee shops and stores, as well as the postal staff, a big hat's off and thank you for helping turn a big problem into a holiday. You have a great little town.

**VIC MACQUARRIE,
MAPLE BAY**

Being here

There's a lot to be said about a weekend involving a group of people wanting to become a hospice volunteer. First, it starts with some very open and willing men and women. Then a dynamic duo of educators who made it easy for us to laugh and cry. The presence in this room was a feeling of safety and warmth.

Getting myself ready for this experience took courage and strength. I took this course to become more comfortable with

this scary monster. I know that it's going to happen to myself and my loved ones. There is nothing that I can do to stop it too. I also recognized that I must deal with my own grief first before I can be of any help to someone else. So lately, I am face to face with the sadness of my past and my fears of the future. I'm listening to myself and I'm not brushing it off. With the help of some new tools, I feel that I am making peace with myself and others.

I asked the facilitators, "Why is this only reserved for the dying?" Why? This can help all us throughout our whole lives. I received an answer that this is being taught in many programs such as with parents and children, and I believe with some members of the United Church here on Salt Spring and I'm sure with others that I'm not aware of.

It feels good to talk about this and thank you for listening.

I also want to thank all the participants and our facilitators, Linda Kavelin Popov and Barb Aust, for "being there. It was a great weekend and a great experience.

I hope more people discover the joys of "being there" and here for themselves.

**JESSICA GARCEAU,
SALT SPRING**

Name change

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NEWSBEAT

RCMP

Three car rollovers on weekend

Alcohol use suspected in two incidents

Salt Spring police and emergency response crews were kept busy by a number of car accidents and vehicle rollovers early Sunday morning.

Police responded to a single vehicle rollover on Robinson Road at 2:43 a.m. on June 27. Police located the driver at his residence after finding the abandoned vehicle.

Alcohol is believed to be a factor in the incident, which is still under investigation.

At 3:29 a.m., police were called to Reynolds Road, where a Subaru with five passengers had left the road and rolled over.

A 34-year-old received extensive injuries and was air-lifted to

Victoria General Hospital. Alcohol is believed to be a factor in the crash.

At 7:27 a.m., police were called to a single vehicle rollover at a private residence on Fulford-Ganges Road. No one was injured.

In other news, on June 24 a 17-year-old female reported being sexually assaulted at a Salt Spring residence.

The victim had attended a barbecue and stayed overnight at the residence.

A 24-year-old male has been arrested and released for court in August.

During the investigation police located an outdoor grow-op and seized 32 marijuana plants.

Police are investigating an incident that took place on McPhillips Avenue on June 24

at 5:42 p.m. They are seeking a group of males, one of whom punched a 55-year-old man after that man got argumentative with them. The man was left unconscious.

Police charged a 78-year-old man under the Motor Vehicle Act after attending a collision at Fulford-Ganges and Beddis roads at 9:55 a.m. on June 28.

The man was turning left onto Beddis Road and crossed in front of oncoming traffic without sufficient time to make the turn safely.

Shortly after midnight on June 29, police received a report of a disturbance at a residence on Swanson Road.

They arrested a 25-year-old male for mischief and breach of release conditions.

HEALTH

Stem cell therapy produces instant results for local boy

Multiple changes experienced by Christopher Jason

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Island parents Faedra Campbell and Chris Jason returned from Germany just six weeks ago, but the trip is already showing good results for their son who has lived with cerebral palsy for six years.

The family travelled to Dusseldorf in May so that Christopher could receive stem cell therapy in hopes of alleviating his symptoms, caused by pressure to his brain when the umbilical cord wrapped around his neck during birth. Widespread community support helped his parents augment their savings to fund the costs of travel and the therapy, which is not offered in Canada or covered under its medical system.

Although long in the planning, the process and recovery time were remarkably quick. On Monday, May 3, doctors took out some of Christopher's bone marrow. On the Wednesday they inserted the cells into his spinal column, and by Friday the family was headed home.

There was a good chance but no guarantee the therapy would work, but Campbell said recently that Christopher showed signs of improvement almost immediately in areas of communication and mobility.

Christopher returned to his class at Fernwood Elementary School the first Monday after getting home. Campbell got a call that very day from the school's speech therapist, saying she saw improvements.

In the weeks since then Campbell and Jason have noticed a number of other changes, such as Christopher talking more.

"It's easier for him to make sounds and breathe at the same time than it used to be," Campbell said.

Speech exercises are easier now. He used to get out just two syllables with each breath, and can now manage up to six. Christopher's overall body strength and mobility have also improved.

"He can put his arms out and pull himself to standing with his walker now. We've never seen him do that before," Campbell said.

He can also walk with people holding his hands on each side for the first time and his legs don't cross over each other when he's using his walker.

Eating is easier and tidier, especially in situations involving both liquids and solids such as cereal with milk.

Campbell's favourite improvement is one every parent can appreciate: Christopher is sleeping through the night for the first time.

At this early stage it's possible these improvements are just the beginning for Christopher — the family could see even greater improvements over the coming months. Campbell would like to bring him back to Germany for more treatment some day, but she said her son does not want to go because he didn't like the fact the doctors could put him to sleep.

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ENVIRONMENT

Islanders join hands for protest against off-shore drilling

Drummond Park event one of 25 in Canada

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

More than 50 people and several dogs joined hundreds of communities across the globe for a local Hands Across the Sand event held Saturday.

The movement saw more than 800 communities around the world come together to promote awareness of clean, renewable energy, protest offshore drilling and oil consumption and to protect the world's oceans.

Protesters began gathering at Drummond Park at 11 a.m. while volunteers collected signatures for a petition asking governments to change energy policies. Participants joined hands for 15 minutes beginning at noon.

Salt Spring organizer Susanne Hunter helped islanders join the protest after learning about its initial success in Florida, where residents convinced the state not to lift bans on near and offshore drilling last February.

"It's about taking a stand against offshore drilling and moving away from tanker traffic along the coast," Hunter said.

A similar ban protecting B.C.'s waters is currently threatened with pressure coming from international oil companies to re-enter the area.

Participants agreed that our dependency on fossil fuels is causing escalating financial and environmental costs. Jan Slakov observed that the less oil is left in the earth, the harder — and more dangerous — it is to extract.

"There are other options and we're not using them," Slakov said.

Dorothy Cutting, the



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Locals gather at Drummond Park as part of a global protest event.

recipient of a recent Islands Trust Community Stewardship Award, said people need to be concerned by what is happening in the north as well as the current situation in the Gulf of Mexico.

"The petroleum industry has gotten so huge and they have so much political power, that it's getting very difficult for governments to try to control them," Cutting said.

She foresees "tremendous pressure" to reopen offshore drilling in local waters and increased activity in Alberta's oil sands.

Jon Healey is on the steering committee of Transition Salt Spring, a group dedicated to helping the island reduce local dependence on fossil fuels. Healey agreed the Canadian moratorium will most likely be lifted unless enough people voice their opposition.

"Hopefully people will consider the extent to which we're tied into oil and the deleterious effects of that," Healey said, adding there are ways we can change our lifestyles to change the situation.

Local participants were optimistic that events like Hands Across the Sand are a good way of raising awareness among the community and sending a positive message to politicians.

Slakov said that although people often feel powerless to change such huge issues, "this is one way to get together

locally and say, 'Okay, what can we do?'"

Cutting agreed: "It helps strengthen us as a community because

we're in for a long, long fight for the survival of the planet and our own survival."

According to Hands

Across the Sand's Facebook site, 25 communities across Canada participated in the event, 15 of which were in B.C.

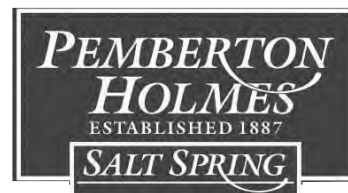
Close to 800 locations in the United States were joined by ones in South America, Europe, Africa, Australia and Asia.



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FAMILY FUN

Raffi hosts picnic in the park on Sat.

Refreshments, music, marionettes and more

The Centre for Child Honouring is hosting a picnic in the park this weekend, and everyone is invited.

An initiative of internationally known children's musician Raffi Cavoukian, the centre is forging a global movement that views honouring children as the best way to create sustainable, peacemaking societies.

The event on Saturday, July 3 in the Centennial Park gazebo will feature refreshments, marionettes, Raffi's music, bubbles and more.

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For our Jennifer (Jen-Jen) Steele
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 Love, Mom, Dad & Casey

Congratulations on your Bachelor of Social Work, Angela
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 Love from your family

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

50th ANNIVERSARY of the Voice of Women. "A Voice of Women"; The Story of Muriel Duckworth. Storytelling & music. And **A Strawberry Social**, United Church Meadow. Sat. July 10, 2:30-4:30.

BINGO MEADEN HALL
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 -Combase survey

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DEATHS

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 With sadness we announce the sudden unexpected death of Mark Allan Baker in Chicago, 6 days after his 30th birthday, on June 2, 2010. The funeral was held in Chicago on June 8th. Left to mourn was grandma Shelagh Tulloch, mother Mary-Anne LeBlanc, step-father Malcolm Legg, siblings Shelagh, David, Launi, Christina, nephew Austin & daughter Camille.

Ivan Greig Mouat
 died peacefully in his sleep after a valiant but short battle with cancer. At Greig's request, there will be no service. A private gathering will be held at a date not yet fixed. Greig was born on Salt Spring Island on July 9, 1948 and died at his home in Crofton on June 24, 2010. Greig is predeceased by his father, Ivan Mouat, and his two brothers, Manson and Edward Mouat. He is survived by his mother, Sue Mouat, his birth daughter, Katya Hayes and three grandchildren, his brother, Jeremy Mouat, and his sisters Mary Mouat and Jen Ritson. He was adventurous in life and courageous in the face of death

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DEATHS

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MESSAGE NIGHT
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506 Lower-Ganges Road
 (Masonic Hall)
 Suggested Donation \$10
 Info: 250-537-2154

COMING EVENTS

CENTRE FOR CHILD HONOURING

PICNIC IN THE PARK
Noon, Saturday, July 3, Centennial Park Gazebo
 You bring picnic lunch, blanket, backgammon game. We'll provide drinks, music, marionettes, Raffi.
See you Saturday!

DEATHS

Galt, Betty
 July 10, 1914 - June 25, 2010
 Betty passed away peacefully in the loving care of the staff at Lady Minto Hospital. Betty was a well known and well loved resident of Ganges on Salt Spring Island where she lived for over 50 years. Born in Spokane, Washington, Betty had an adventurous life living and working in large and small communities throughout BC and across Canada including the far north. She had a passion for people and service which was reflected in her many and varied jobs and volunteer positions over the years in health care, education and on the BC Ferries. For anyone who knew Betty though, it was clear that her defining career chapter was spent in the service of the Canadian forces during and after WW II. There she forged life-long connections with friends and lived the values associated with service on behalf of one's country. She also endured the loss of too many friends who died much too young in active service. Her love of the military life and related comradeship was extended right up to the present through many years of service in the Royal Canadian Legion, Salt Spring Island Branch 92, where she was president in 1991 and 1992. Well into her 90's, Betty continued to be a sought after guest speaker for elementary school assemblies on Remembrance Day. Long after Betty retired from paid work, she continued to contribute actively and energetically as a volunteer in many capacities on Salt Spring including the Hospital Auxiliary where she was bestowed the honour of Lifetime Member. Betty loved participating in and following sports of all kinds. She kept active with many crafts and hobbies including a passion for her garden where she could be found from spring through fall. She also loved her home at Brinkworthy Place where she lived for the last 28 years and had many friends. Betty's inspirational spirit and energy will be dearly missed by her family and friends. A celebration of Betty's life will take place at the Royal Canadian Legion in Ganges from 3-5 pm on her 96th birthday - July 10, 2010. All are warmly welcome to join us in bidding Betty a fond farewell.

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COMING EVENTS

SHOW AND SALE PHOENIX ART FOUNDRY
 MEL MARCHBANK
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 July 4, 2010
 10am-Midnight!

COMING EVENTS

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INFORMATION

Notice of SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
of The Salt Spring Island Golf & Country Club
Wednesday, July 28, 2010
5:00 pm at the Club House
By Order of the Board

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARDS OF THANKS

Waterdrops Give Thanks...
 Salt Spring Elementary School's Waterdrops Grade 4 & 5 Class would like to thank the following for their support for our year-long water projects:

- Kathy Reimer for sharing her knowledge of the creek with us
- Briony Penn for helping us map the creek
- Slegg Lumber, Windsor Plywood & Mouats for donations to build our watershed model
- Philip Grange for his watershed map
- Inge & Robert Reindl and Lily Davies for helping build the watershed model
- Fiona, Juliana, Inge for water monitoring with us
- Barb Slater for singing with us
- Cherie Gouvreau & Jewel Eldstrom who taught us about the homeless on Salt Spring
- Amy Geddes for teaching us about newspaper writing & Sean for his interest & reporting
- Florence James for teaching us about First Nations
- Kim Kornbacher for midden information
- Richard Murakami for telling us about the creek in the past
- Donald Gunn for helping us create our beautiful signs
- Tanya Grant, student teacher, who jumped into the project to create global water podcasts
- Tom Vergalen of T & T Signs for quickly & expertly fabricating our signs
- Kees Ruuhrs, Karin & Kirk at PARC for supporting our project & putting our signs up
- Joel Shaver at Sports Trader for organizing the printing of our t-shirts
- Elizabeth White of the Earth Society for loan of their tent
- Gail Bryn Jones and Arlene Goring classroom helpers extraordinaire
- John Lefebvre for starting us off with a generous donation
- and last, but not least, Cate McEwen, environmental educator, who was with us from the start, sharing her knowledge & inspiring us!

What an awesome community we have! Thank you so much for sharing your expertise with us.

We also gratefully acknowledge the financial support provided by:

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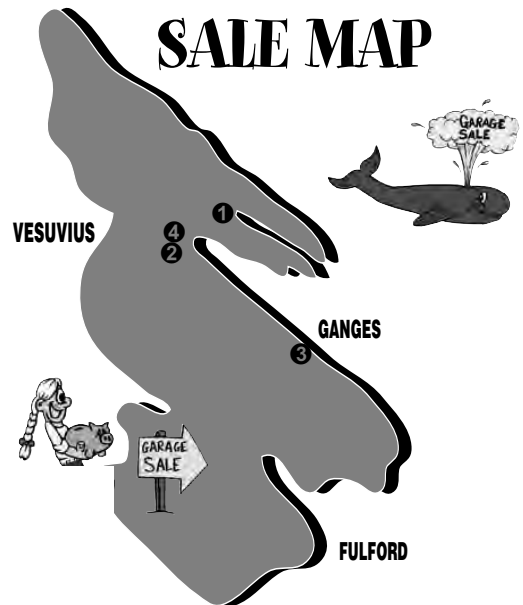
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This Week's
Horoscope

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Tip of the Week:

With an eclipse season upon us, there is additional energy packed into this already exciting, if dramatic, time. There is quite a lot of background detail to an eclipse and "no two eclipses are quite the same!" The effect of an eclipse generally adds both an extra charge and, in the case of a Lunar Eclipse, it has the effect of accelerating time, as it were. In other words, it has the effect of making the future seem to come forward more quickly. A Solar Eclipse can be seen as a supercharged New Moon seed. Noticeable change usually comes in its wake in accordance to the themes that it represents. The effect of eclipses is also said to last until the next eclipse, unless it (they) trigger sensitive points in a 'persons' chart (a person is any legal entity which includes countries, cities, companies and other organizations) in which case the change is irrevocable and therefore enduring. The first is a Lunar Eclipse which took place on June 26th at 4 Capricorn 46. Of course, the Moon was full at the time. This Lunar Eclipse is extra packed as well because it is conjunct Pluto implying deep changes at official levels! The Solar Eclipse will occur on July 11, the day of the New Moon in Cancer and occurs at 19 Cancer 24. Having planets at or a degree or two either side of the eclipse degree suggests that the person in question will be strongly affected according to the theme of the planet 'triggered'. Generally, an eclipse reflects the themes of the signs involved, in this case Cancer and Capricorn, and the specific area of life according to the 'house' it occurs in. This week's Horoscope will bring some hints of insight to the themes and areas that will be affected for each sign by last Week's Lunar Eclipse and next week's Solar Eclipse. I will also bring more specific attention to the Solar Eclipse in the July 9 Horoscope.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

Paying closer attention to the quality of your health is a central theme linked to the eclipses. Looking to your life style in general and to your habitual choice patterns will help. Aim to build upon a more solid foundation by a series of small adjustments in your diet, exercise routine and usual patterns. Fresh food, more activity and less passivity are examples.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

Your creative powers and sense of authority are changing along with the eclipse season. At best, you will feel inspired to nurture more inventiveness. You may also meet new people and make new friends. Expect many new realizations to begin pouring in. Cooperate by accepting them into your entire being. Aim to do what you feel is true verses right.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

Your home, family, community and career, reputation and status quo all stand to undergo accelerated changes due to the current eclipse cycle. There is strong evidence that you will feel stronger soon, but perhaps not before having to make a few important hurdles. Inner work to clear doubts, procrastination, negative habits and/or cynicism may be necessary for success.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

Changes in your habitual perceptions and inherited beliefs are set to be activated by the eclipse pair. We seldom see things 'as they are' because how we see is largely determined by 'who and how we are'. Ideally, you are ready and willing to see yourself and the world and in the world in new ways. Practice open mindedness and ask sincere questions.

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

The eclipse season is producing changes in the areas of career, social life, and public status and in your home, family and sense of security. These changes are probably already 'putting you to work'. You may be dealing with a lot of emotion and attachment linked to these changes making it difficult to see things clearly. A leap of faith is likely, but it can be an informed one.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

Habitual beliefs and perceptions are undergoing shifts and changes due to these eclipses. Making a more serious commitment to your practical future is also implied. Investments of time, energy, focus and money to achieve your goals are likely. Education or training of some sort beginning as early as August will coincide with new realizations, knowledge and skills.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

Financial interests, concerns and considerations will be stimulated by this eclipse season. By extension, this may well include your place and role in the world – your status. Career and profession may be a central theme as well. Finding your place, where you feel you fit or belong, may be at issue. Either way, take new initiatives to meet new people and make new friends.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

The quality of your awareness, expression and of your relationships, both personal and professional will all come into sharper focus due to the current lunar and solar eclipses. Some big changes are brewing in your career and/or public life. These may stir your fears and challenge your sense of security so you may have to make extra efforts to overcome distressing reactions. Trust, accept and cooperate with the flow of change.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

Reassessing the value and worth of your attitude and current position on things is the provocation of this eclipse season. The focus may well connect with your financial situation. Gaining new awareness and knowledge may be in order. These stand to produce measurable changes in your self-concept and existing modes of self-expression.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

The quality of the relationship with yourself and others is up for review and possibly change as well this eclipse season. You may feel more assertive than usual, even aggressive. You are in the mood to push. The big question is: are you pushing yourself or others? Your power potential is on the rise; take a lead worthy of emulation.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

The eclipse pair stands to activate some very practical changes in your world. Loosening the grip of limiting conscious and subconscious beliefs and the daily thoughts and behaviour patterns that stem from them may be required for success. Variety and diversification of your thoughts, actions and expression of your communications and skills is ideal. Be willing to gain more knowledge as well.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

Desires for a brighter vision of the future are being activated by this eclipse cycle. Generating a series of creative ideas to achieve new levels of success is likely. These will accompany some deep and measurable changes in you, your lifestyle in general and scope of relationships. Working smarter to afford more play time may be on your mind.

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RANTS and Roses

Rants

To the person who came up our driveway on Thursday night/Friday morning and stole five lavender bushes and two ornamental grasses, shame on you! We have been planting deer-resistant plants in our garden, never suspecting that humans would be more of a problem. It is sad to think that on this beautiful island with its delightful people there dwells among us some who are so petty and mean spirited. Gem Trompeter

Roses

Heaps and loads of roses to our local RCMP for doing such a stellar job on grad weekend — and always — for keeping our wonderful young adults safe. Your commitment is so appreciated! A grateful parent

A dozen long-stemmed "English" roses to: Colleen Stewart and the good folks at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92 for providing our students with "A Clean, Well-Light-

ed Place" "Far from the Madding Crowd" to write their Advanced Placement English exam; Angela Thomas, Eleanor Cocker and Melissa Searcy for exam administration; and Country Grocer for thermoses of tea during the exam and chicken to barbecue afterwards. Thank you for your support! GISS AP teachers

A rose to the person who found my wallet in Mouat's parking lot and turned it in to the police. Ian Sturgess

A toast of iced champagne to Johnie Wells and a cornus nuttallii to Banana Joe and crew for the perfect location and excellent installation of Isabel's bench at the beginning of "her" pathway! Also a thank you to Kees Ruurs for a handsome bench, third time lucky! Caroline

A bouquet of rosebuds to Brian Brett, who knew exactly how to thrill and inspire a budding young poet.

A beautiful bouquet of camas to Ronald Wright for his talk and visual presentation of Time Among The Maya, the title of one of his nine books. Many thanks also to Mike Wall for his great event poster designs and his intro of Ronald, to Brian Finnemore of Ometepe Coffee fame and the many helping hands of SSIJAR and SSI Conservancy members. Altogether we raised \$1,200 towards the replacing of the Tsawout First Nation Longhouse in Saanich, which was destroyed by fire last July. Thank you, Salt Spring Islanders. Tom Mitchell

A big bunch of yahoos from Ms. Lee's Grade 4/5 class at Salt Spring elementary. Thank you to West of the Moon, Island Star Video and Andrea H. for making our year-end scavenger hunt so much fun.

A bushel of heartfelt roses to Joyce and Stephen, et al. Thank you for Lorne's farewell. From your community... Cherie & Jewel

Democracy

It is difficult to understand how the denial of a routine rezoning application [Salt Spring Coffee] can inflame an already overwrought sense of grievance.

When Vancouver turned down the Walmart eco-store, did Walmart go after the councillors and demand a reopening of the city charter? Why make enemies among future customers in the community? Mature executives wait for other opportunities.

To appreciate how self-pity morphs into outrage, go to the website of Islanders for Self-government. A banner cries out "Take back our community." Who are the we of "our?" Who appointed ISG as the arbiters of inclusion in the community?

The banner indicates that they believe they belong, they have been unjustly denied and they deserve to be in charge. This attitude is most unwelcome and must be rejected because it sets up two classes of inhabitants on Salt Spring; a motley club of overseers and the rest of us, tolerated guest consumers, whose money is milked or whose eccentricities titillate the tourists. I do not think Salt Springers will embrace a mentality that anoints some at the expense of others.

This is not the time to refute the many claims of ISG, but it must be said there is no shortage of democracy on this island. We get to vote on just about everything of consequence. I voted against the library but the

majority decided otherwise. I accept the decision with equanimity. ISG, on the other hand, will turn the island upside down to get what it wants — which is to privilege business when it comes to zoning. Put these guys in charge and say goodbye to neighbourhoods.

Secondly, nobody over the age of five believes ISG has any respect for the Trust. When they tout a municipality under the Trust they mean after they have eviscerated "preserve and protect."

As hurricane season begins in the Gulf, I would venture that many people have renewed respect and dedication to the ideals of the Trust. We are all in this together.
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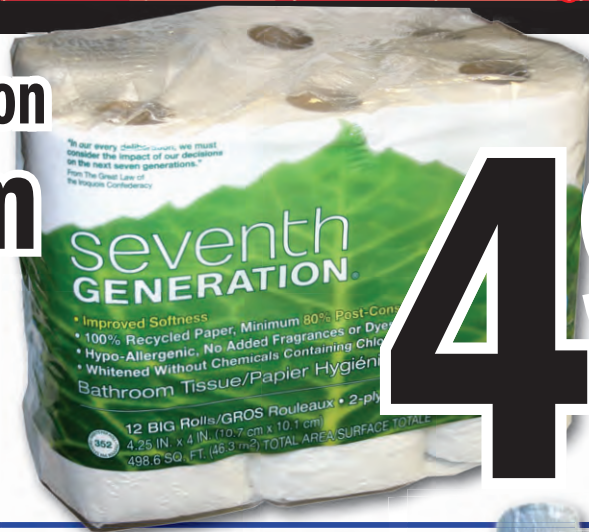
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BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The five photographers showing their work at Photo Lumière are each known as high profile artists, and to see their work leaves no doubt as to why they continue to receive both formal awards and devoted collectors.

On exhibit at ArtSpring through July 10, the show is an opportunity to see some of the island's elite at their best.

Janet Dwyer's scanography has developed over the years from an experimental form to a highly refined craft, an approach that earned her a first-place award at the International Photography Awards this spring. Boasting the benefits of magnifying images in finely detailed, large-format prints, the process creates artistic challenges because everything has to lie flat against the scanner bed.

Dwyer likes to use pieces of nature to construct her carefully orchestrated scenes, often making flowers into characters or using cast-off parts of the animal world in unusual ways. Bee's Nest is a delightful creation myth centering on a fuzzy bee resting in a tiny egg shell.

The egg shell is surrounded by a nest of dried grass and soft fibres, surrounded in turn by a bed of round purple leaves. The image's lovely composition is matched by the viewer's sensation of peering into a secret world.

Crocus Ice is one of Dwyer's recent works to incorporate frozen water, adding a softer element to the full light exposure scanner photography necessarily entails. Purple and white crocus blossoms have been layered so the light comes from behind and through the layer of ice. Ripples create a prism effect on uneven edges where the flower stems and blossoms poke through. The effect is a cool glowing pink that comes through like an immersion into colour therapy, a gorgeous celebration of life.

Steven Friedman is the winner of several international photography awards, including two second place prizes at the 2010 IPA. His wide-angle landscapes are remarkable for their detail, presenting landscapes that are teeming with clearly individuated forms. In pieces like Rejuvenation, this can mean thousands of individual grass blades, pierced through with bright autumn foliage and the black spikes of trees left by a forest fire.

At the gallery last week, Friedman explained his work is "all about the cap-

ture." A scene of a valley in Utah called Autumn Maples Sunrise is a broad view of maples, oaks and aspens in fall's glory, where individual trees can be perceived even at a far distance. On this trip, Friedman said, he spent nine days working to capture just two shots, waiting in this case for sunrise to light up the valley in magnificent detail.

"Nature is very chaotic — I'm trying to make a story out of the chaos," Friedman said.

This aspect is perceivable in Ghost Trees, a jungle scene of tea trees that contrasts the grey-white trunks with the surrounding greenery. Another wide horizontal view, the tree tops are in various levels as if on a steep hillside. The living thicket seems impenetrable by human interest — a world apart with its own history.

Birgit Freybe Bateman's individual eye presents images in a unique fashion, her sense of composition transforming images we may have seen before in unexpected ways. Empty Fountain was shot outside the Museum of Modern Art in New York and reveals the city askew. A tall tower is reflected upside down in wet pavement squares. In the top right corner, the head and hand of a classic-looking stone sculpture of a woman lie draped as if in

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MUSIC & MUNCH

Harpist Layne in Summer Bon Bons recital

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For the second consecutive year, the renowned harpist Josh Layne returns to perform his wonderfully unique style of playing at the Music and Munch weekly series of recitals in All Saints By-the-Sea Anglican Church.

According to press material, Layne began his harp studies at age 13 in Victoria under the direction of harpist Kathryn Ely.

"Until that time he had no knowledge of that instrument or even of reading music.

"It seemed to be a natural fit, however, for within three and a half years the young harp novice performed his first full-length harp recital; and over the ensuing 16 years he has engaged, entertained and entranced audiences in this country, in the United States and in Europe with the major solo harp repertoire."

Layne's recent tour with a solo program called Harping Through History won rave reviews, including his debut performance in Europe at Bad Reichenhall, Germany.

Comments from reviewers included "world class" and "may be the next Alberto Salvi!"

More recently he has stuck closer to home, playing on stage for Blue Ridge Theatre's production of The Fantastics, doing several performances for harp and violin in the fall, accompanying the Salt Spring Singers in their December concert Frost and Fire and in February performing a solo concert in San Diego.

Along with his solo work,

Layne has performed extensively with ensembles ranging from duos to full orchestras, including performances of five of the major harp concertos.

His compositions for solo harp, Passage 2006 and Rhapsody 2008, were chosen to be performed at the Sonic Boom Festival of New Music in Vancouver.

Layne has three recordings of solo harp music, all of which will be available at his recital and at his website, www.joshlayne.com.

His free performance next Wednesday begins at 12:10 p.m. followed by the customary optional light lunch for \$5.50.

ART EXHIBITS

Three artists and poet create Drift show

Sculpture, photography, collage and painting explore beguiling pull of Salt Spring

who has come to Salt Spring Island from some other place has a story — a tale of how they came to be here, why they stayed, why they left and then returned, and what the experience of living here means to them. What many share is an experience of being changed in a profound way by this place. Like the sailors in Shakespeare's *Tempest*, they are captivated by its beauty, supported by its community, intrigued by its people, transformed by its magic."

Artwork from three Salt Spring women who came to the island for different reasons yet stayed for similar ones forms the next exhibit at the Showcase Gallery at Mahon Hall.

A Salt Spring Arts Council press release about the show elaborates further on that idea:

Called Drift, the July 2 to 13 show features paintings by Gillian McConnell, sculpture from Louise Goodman, and photography and collage by Megan Manning.

"It is said that we meet people for a reason, a season or a lifetime. It seems many people encounter Salt Spring Island in the same way. Some people come here to escape the urban rat race or to invest

The exhibition is accompanied by poetry from the recently released book of poems called *The Glassblowers* by George Sipos.

Says McConnell: "Everyone I have met

in a restful retirement. Others are drawn to join a creative community of visual artists, artisans, writers, musicians and performers. Many people come here to heal — their bodies, their hearts, their souls and their minds.

"Some people come here to lose themselves, others to find themselves, some to find the other, or leave another behind. And many just arrive here — for no reason — and move through the days waiting for a reason to emerge.

"This exhibition explores the essence of the place we call Salt Spring Island, created by the ebb and flow of its people, the expression of their purpose and the process of their experience."

The opening reception is on Friday, July 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. Drift runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through July 13.

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ARTS

Alchemi Living Arts hosts anniversary festivities

Food, art, music and crystals

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Anniversary celebrations planned at the Alchemi Living Arts Collective promise to make July 1 even more entertaining than usual.

The one-year anniversary event opens with a potluck and raw food dinner beginning at 6 p.m. at the Hereford Avenue studio. An art gallery exhibition of in-house artists and other local creators will be in place, along with discussions on alternative means of transportation, community ideas for sustainability within the intentional dance community and a showcase on crystals.

The evening will be capped off with music by Shen aka Noah Pred, a west coast original

now making a big name in Toronto.

Alchemi co-founder Matt Burt said the collective has several reasons to celebrate, including the introduction of the Saturday Night Market.

"It's been fairly successful for everybody in creating an evening scene," Burt said. "It's something to do for the Salt Spring community showcasing artists at night. It's definitely gaining popularity," he added.

Another of the collective's ventures gaining fans is the Alchemix radio program, on CFSI every Tuesday at midnight, both live and online. Burt said the show features interviews with DJs, producers and speakers on sustainability as well as music by local artists. The show promotes intentional dance community events and

festivals, and is also a venue for 2012-type spiritual ideas such as the Mayan calendar.

People who are interested in getting involved with the collective or the Saturday Night Market can email alchemilivingarts@gmail.com or call 250-537-2013. There is a Facebook group for the collective and a link to a group for the market.

Tickets to the anniversary celebration will be \$10 to \$15, depending on whether food is wanted. Space is extremely limited.



PHOTO BY SHARI MACDONALD

OFF ROAD: Salt Spring writer Derek Lundy signs copies of his new book *Borderlands: Riding the Edge of America*, following a reading and launch of the book at ArtSpring last Wednesday.

Photographers show their best

PHOTOGRAPHY

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death. Perhaps a comment on the city's eager pursuit of modernism?

Gondola-Ferro takes a classic symbol of Venice and reduces it almost to pure form and colour, in an abstracted and very beautiful view centering on the boat's carved prow. Shaped like an ancient key, the cream-coloured wood contrasts with the dark hull, edged in silver and set against deep jade water. The composition is expert and the overall result almost meditative.

Gillean Proctor often shoots single objects against a white background in a modernist exploration of colour and form in regular objects, blown up in large format. He takes a similar approach with a series on shells, which are seen in fascinating detail in the large view. Tough outer material formed into waves, spikes and whorls is contrasted with voluptuous glossy peach interiors. *Strombus Gigus* looks particularly vulvic, while *Melon Diadema* is an almost translucent orange throughout.

Proctor's black and white portraits are brimming with personality. The ones presented are all of older people with attending points of interest such as wrinkles and warm, experienced eyes. A portrait of Heather Graham has her resting her chin in hand, gazing directly into the camera with a hint of humour. One of Nicholas Gaitt combines a mass of curly grey beard with a face shaded by the brim of a wide hat.

Eric Onasick takes a close view of nature to concentrate on its composite shapes and colours in *Travellers Palm Trunk I* and *II*. In the first version, ascending Vs stack up in black and yellow edged in red.

The photo is abstract but contains movement in the way lines radiate out from the centre. *Palm Trunk II* takes a different section, which looks like a haphazard construction of rhomboids. Rust orange and pale green are the dominant tones, with black scratches and striations adding to the implied texture.

Onasick shows a different side of his work in wide prairie landscapes. *Metaphor*, shot in Alberta, contrasts an egg-yolk yellow field of stiff grain stalks with a cottony soft-clouded sky. Dark fence posts provide punctuation to the long horizon.

Fall Storm Passing is a dramatic piece. The sky is the battleground for heavy black clouds and white fluffy ones, while an abandoned human settlement is threatened below. The hull of an ancient truck is parked near a falling down barn and shack — all seem destined to sweep across the vast yellow fields.

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LIVE THEATRE

Local producer ramps up for live Rocky Horror show

Rehearsals well underway for storied production

As fans of The Rocky Horror Picture Show movie are aware, there is a customary word audience members shout before the show.

Anticipation builds as the crowd demands "Lips!" and soon the curtain rises on the very shiny feature in question.

Salt Spring residents might hear the same call resounding from the hills as theatre fans wait for the premiere of a live staging that opens on July 30 at Fulford Hall.

If anticipation of the locally produced musical is high, an already demanding rehearsal schedule for the cast promises the result will meet all expectations and then some.

Show producer Rachel Jacobson notes The Rocky Horror Show musical has a long pedigree of success beginning as a stage production in London. Originally titled They Came from Denton High, the play was written by Richard O'Brien, who played Riff Raff. It was a great success in London and ran for 2,960 performances from 1973 to 1980.



PHOTO BY DAVID BORROWMAN

Sid Filkow rehearses with other cast members for the upcoming Rocky Horror show.

According to Jacobson, O'Brien's inspiration for the main character Frank N. Furter was a combination of his own mother, described as a "narcissistic hedonist" and Ivan the Terrible, as portrayed in the classic Russian 1943 film directed by Sergei Eisenstein.

The play's send-up of B-movie horror cliches from the 1930s-'50s and its excellent score of catchy rock and roll songs made the show a cult hit, both on stage and as The Rocky Horror Picture Show, the 1975 film starring Tim Curry and Susan Sarandon.

The Broadway staging was for some unfathom-

able reason not a success. It was panned by critics when it opened in March 1975 and closed after only 45 performances. Since then, however, Rocky has been performed all over the world.

"Google the Mexican version... it's fabulous!" Jacobson recommends.

She pointed to the many instances of local celebrities playing the narrator, "most notably the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Robert Muldoon, for one production, and in the U.S., talk show host and interviewer Dick Cavett."

A 1986 revival in Australia featured a young Russell Crowe as Eddie

(played by Meatloaf in the film version). In Melbourne, a 2004 production had a cast that was made almost entirely of members of a popular Australian TV soap and, for the first time ever, Frank N. Furter was played by a woman.

When asked why people around the globe love Rocky so much, Jacobson suggested

any number of reasons, from the songs to the theme of sexual liberation to the fishnet stockings.

The musical's overall message of "Don't Dream It... Be It" might be the answer: audiences are invited to not just dream about it but go and see for themselves.

Tickets are now on sale soon at Acoustic Planet and Stuff & Nonsense, and at the

Saturday market Rocky Horror T-shirt stand for \$20 (cash only).

Shows run at Fulford Hall on July 30, 31, Aug. 5, 6, 7, 20, 21 at 8 p.m. with an additional midnight show on Aug 21. Seating is limited.

Jacobson said costumes and toast are welcome at the live performance, but absolutely no rice, water pistols or sprayers will be allowed for safety reasons.



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WORKS OF ART: Derek Heaton is spotted in Ganges with some of his freshly created artwork.

GALLERIES

Salt Spring Woodworks turns on Summer Lights

Nighttime exhibit illuminated this weekend

Summer Lights is a show best viewed in the dark — so Salt Spring Woodworks is opening on Friday and Saturday nights from 9 p.m. to midnight through July and August for viewers' optimum experience.

Summer Lights opens at Salt Spring Woodworks July 1 with an exhibition of illuminated installations by Judson Beaumont, Brent Comber and Peter Pierobon.

These three extraordinary artists from Vancouver are well-known for their art furniture, installations and environments. Summer Lights premieres new illuminated outdoor sculptural installations by all three, each stylistically different but all working primarily in the medium of wood.

"Summer Lights features works of 'art in environment, 'artifice in nature,' outdoor public art that is visible in the dark, viewable from distances, from infinite perspectives, reflecting and illuminating the trails and the towering trees," explains a press release from the gallery. "They transform the ordinary extraordinary landscape into something unimaginable, something startling and new, playful and beautiful, and they change and evolve on site in different lights; and they surprise, engage and initiate thought."

Comer's Chandelier consists of three hollowed cedar trunks (cedar pendants) suspended 30 feet above the ground, lit from within by LED lights, casting cut-out light shards into the dark.

Expanding on his Shattered series, Comber has added the dimension of light to his Shattered Sphere; he has embedded low-voltage LED lights in the

small fissures between the sections of wood of which these pieces are composed.

"This creates a luminosity that radiates from within the pieces, giving the impression that they are literally bristling with electricity and bursting with energy."

Just back from previewing in Manhattan, Beaumont's XL Squiddies are coming to Salt Spring. A Squiddy bench circles a tree and seven- to eight-foot-tall Squiddies tower on their tentacles eerily lit from below.

Pierobon has two stunning luminous lantern ornaments that will hang from high branches and cast soft aureoles of light all around.

Salt Spring Woodworks is open daily in the summer from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to midnight.

The gallery is located at 125 Churchill Rd.

LITERARY EVENTS

Prose memoir and poetry of place celebrated at book launch Tuesday

George Sipos teams with Paul Tyler

Two Salt Spring writers, new and old, come together at ArtSpring on Tuesday, July 6 at 7 p.m. to launch new books.

Paul Tyler, an Ottawa poet who lived on Salt Spring 15 years ago, and George Sipos, who moved here in 2006, will read from new books serendipitously both published by the same Nova Scotia press.

Tyler, who now works as a library reference assistant in Ottawa, was born in New Brunswick, grew up in Oregon and on Vancouver Island, and completed a degree in writing at UVic in 1993.

He spent several years moving between the Yukon, Lake Louise, Ecuador, England and Baltimore.

It was during this time that he lived for half a year in a "no-lon-

ger-existing shack near Ruckle Park."

A Short History of Forgetting, published a few months ago by Gaspereau Press, is his first full-length poetry collection.

About the poems in the book, Tyler says: "All my moving: 12 towns, countless apartments, seven houses by the age of 14, several provinces, states and countries. No doubt this fostered a desire to name the place where I stand, to stop myself from spinning. A Short History of Forgetting is the artifact of this process."

Sipos' new book, The Geography of Arrival, comes from a different but interestingly congruent background.

Sipos and his family arrived in Canada as refugees in 1957 and he spent the next 10 years growing up in London, Ontario, a city which at that time was "staid, stable, conservative and unchanging, though of course in

ways that have now quite vanished."

The book, also published by Gaspereau Press, is a prose memoir of central Canada in the 1950s and 1960s.

"But of course it is also a more universal memoir," says Sipos, "of how we all grow from children into the adults we eventually become, and how we form the mental, artistic, religious and personal ideas that come to define our lives."

"How wonderfully strange that two writers who have never met, and who have travelled vastly different paths, come together to look at memory and place from different but complementary perspectives under the umbrella of the same brave and distant literary publisher," remarks Sipos.

The reading is jointly hosted by Salt Spring Books and ArtSpring and is free. Books by both Tyler and Sipos will be available for sale and autographing.

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Andre. Live at the Pub at Fulford Harbour.
Planet Music. Live music at Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
Cover Girl. Live music at Moby's. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Styrofoam & Soft Plastics Depot. Pacific Mobile Depots staff will be at Country Grocer's parking lot to pick up styrofoam and soft plastics. 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Thurs. July 1

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Mic. Hosted by Stephanie Rhodes at The Local. 8 p.m.
Synergy. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
Lane 31. At the Pub in Fulford.

ACTIVITIES

Canada Day. Car show from 8 a.m.; GISS jazz, 9:45 a.m.; Lonesome 77, 10:15; SS Concert Band, 11 a.m. Cake and anthem singing at noon. Alan Moberg, 1-3 p.m. At the Hydro field.
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Alchemi Living Arts Collective First Anniversary. Potluck & raw food dinner, art exhibit, discussions & music by Shen. 6 p.m. Alchemi Living Arts. Info: 250-537-2013 and alchemilivingarts@gmail.com
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Fri. July 2

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Lonesome 77. 1950s rock at the Legion. After the meat draw.
Soul Shakedown. At the Pub in Fulford.
Los Morenos. Live band at Moby's. 8 p.m.
Soul Intentions. At Shipstones. 7 p.m.
Sunyata. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
Richard Cross. Harbour House lounge. 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Silk. Live music from 2 to 4 p.m. along with local wine and food tastings at Salt Spring Vineyards from noon to 5 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

EcoNest Open House. Join EcoNest co-authors Paula Baker-Laporte and Robert Laporte at the site of their new EcoNest cottage. 699 Mt Belcher. 5 to 7 p.m.

Sat. July 3

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Karaoke. With Host Nikkilicios at the Harbour House Hotel's Green Room. 8 to 11 p.m.
Lane 31. At Shipstones. 7 p.m.
Randy & Karen. Harbour House lounge. 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Sunyata. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
Soul Shakedown. At the Pub in Fulford.

ACTIVITIES

Picnic in the Park. A Centre for Child Honouring event with music by Raffi, refreshments, marionettes and more in the Centennial Park gazebo. 12 noon.
Mistaken Identity Vineyards 1st Anniversary. Celebration at the vineyards with tastings of food & wine, & entertainment. Noon to 5 p.m.
Weekly Saturday Night Market. Local and nomadic artisans showcase their works at Alchemi Living Arts on corner of Jackson and Hereford. Info: alchemilivingarts@gmail.com
Annual Grass Volleyball Tournament. West Coast Recreation event takes place at Portlock Park. 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sun. July 4

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Departure. Retro-fusion quartet featuring saxophonist Monik Nordine. At the Hastings House as part of the Summer Concerts on the Lawn series. Call 250-537-2362 to reserve.
John Lefebvre and The Stonehouse Ravens. Free concerts of rock, blues & country at ArtSpring. 4:30 and 8 p.m.
Jose Sanchez and Band. Perform live at Salt Spring Vineyards. 2 to 4 p.m.
Simone & the Soul Intentions. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
The Barley Bros. At the Pub at Fulford
Vaughn Fulford & the Folke Fiendes. Live in the Harbour House Lounge. 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Lloyd English Trio. Jazz at Moby's. 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Heritage Day. Presentations, food, farm animals and music at Salt Spring's museum in historic Bittancourt House. Farmers' Institute. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
8th Annual Salt Spring Lavender Festival. Demos, displays, music by Wallabeeindeed, food, massage, readings and more. Sacred Mountain Lavender. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sun. July 4

ACTIVITIES

Local Government Rally. Gulf Islands Citizens Alliance/Islanders for Self-Government rally. Guest speakers, music by Alan Moberg & Lane 31. Petition to review the Trust Act available to sign. Centennial Park. Noon to 3 p.m.
Mistaken Identity Vineyards 1st Anniversary. See Saturday listing.
Annual Grass Volleyball Tournament. See Saturday listing.

Mon. July 5

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Wandering Buddha Project. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Yoga Explorers. July 5-7 kids' yoga camp for ages 5 to 11 at Ganges Yoga Studio begins today. 3 to 4:30 p.m. Info/register: 250-537-4440.
Island Kids Adventure Camp. First week of summer camp for kids aged 6-12 starts today. Runs Monday through Friday from July 5-30. Info/register: www.islandkidscamp.ca.

Tues. July 6

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Stage with David Jacquest. Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
Gene Grooms. Live music at the Harbour House Lounge. 6:30 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

George Sipos & Paul Tyler Book Launch. Two authors read from new books at ArtSpring. 7 p.m.
Market in the Meadow. Farmers market runs next to the SS United Church. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wed. July 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Lee's Hill. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.
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EXHIBITIONS

- **Photo Lumiere** features work by photographers Steven Friedman, Eric Onasick, Birgit Freybe Bateman, Gilleen Proctor and Janet Dwyer at ArtSpring daily through July 10.
- **Summer Lights - Illuminated Installations** by Judson Beaumont, Brent Comber and Peter Pierobon runs daily at Salt Spring Woodworks through July and August, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., plus the Night Gallery is open Friday and Saturday nights from 9 p.m. to midnight. Opens Thursday, July 1, 3 to 5 p.m. with artists in attendance.
- **The Showcase Gallery** at ArtCraft features "Drift" — paintings from Gillian McConnell, sculpture from Louise Goodman, and photography and collage from Megan Manning, accompanied by poems from George Sipos. Runs daily at historic Mahon Hall from July 2 to 13, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the opening reception on Friday, July 2, 6 to 8 p.m. The ArtCraft Gift Shop is also open daily through the summer from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- "Nesting" is the theme of the 2010 Salt Spring Potters Guild display in Mark's Work Wearhouse windows, which runs through July and August.
- **Hastings House Sculpture Garden Tours** run every Tuesday by reservation at 1 p.m. Phone 250-537-2362.
- New paintings by Carol Haigh are showing at Steffich Fine Art.
- **Starfish Gallery** is showing Wildlife bronzes by Paul Harder through Wednesday, June 30.
- **Darryl Snaychuk: Hide Your Face** is the June exhibit at Salt Spring Coffee Co. cafe in Ganges.
- **Salt Spring Painters' Guild** has a showing of artwork at Island Savings Credit Union until the end of July.
- **R.M. Dupuy** shows more portraits of islanders and exciting new Salt Spring landscapes, painted with knives, in the ArtSpring lobby. Runs through June.
- **Tina Louise Spalding** shows her Celestial Collection at Cafe Talia through June.
- **Jim Standen's** photo exhibit, featuring Salt Spring-grown produce, is now being displayed on the walls at Bruce's Kitchen.
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the press release.

Sessions run Monday through Friday at Salt Spring Centre from July 19 to 23 and Aug. 16 to 20.

The July camp features Acadian, East Coast, Irish, Quebecois and new Canadian music plus some great classes including dance, keyboard, mandolin, guitar, voice, art, yoga, fiddle technique, composing, pennywhistle and the psychology of learning music.

The August camp features Celtic, Texan swing, French Canadian, old time, Eastern European and new Canadian music plus classes in cello, musical saw, voice, guitar, banjo, string

band, percussion ensemble, mandolin, improv, art and fiddle technique.

For more information, including the instructors at each session, see www.fiddleworks.ca.

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Potters set up 3rd Mark's Work Wearhouse exhibit

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More than 20 Salt Spring Potters Guild members have contributed work for a summertime exhibit in Mark's Work Wearhouse's windows, drawing on a theme of "nesting."

As the guild explains, a different theme is chosen each summer to challenge the imaginations of potters and sculptors, with often surprising and always intriguing results.

Last summer the "our harbour" theme invited explorations of our geography, and the summer before, "tea party" led to many playful interpretations.

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DAISY PATCH: Karin Von Allmen is seen in a field of daisies.

ENVIRONMENT

Artists stitching up pan-island movement

Gabriola Island initiative seeks offshore oil ban

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A group of Gabriola Island artists wants Gulf Islands residents to harness their creative potential and take action against oil drilling along B.C.'s coast.

The impetus behind the UnspOiled Coast Quilt Project is rooted in the ongoing environmental tragedy taking place in the Gulf of Mexico, according to artist Shena Meadowcroft, a member of Gabriola's Positive Energy Quilters.

"I am very distressed and I feel I need to do something about this," she said.

The project calls upon participants of all ages and experience levels to contribute a small square or rectangle of fabric depicting what it is they treasure most about the province's coastline.

In the fall, pieces will be collected from communities across the region and sewn together to make one or more quilts.

The final products will be covered with large black patches before they are put on display at a fundraising event. A black patch will be removed for every donation made to the group.

Proceeds will go towards the Dogwood Initiative's "No Tankers" campaign for a permanent ban on oil

drilling in B.C.'s coastal waters.

According to Meadowcroft, the best part of the project is that participants need no artistic ability to make their voices heard.

She said people who don't sew can opt to decorate their piece with any materials or techniques they feel comfortable with.

"The big thing about this is that they don't have to be quilters," she said. "The whole concept is that anybody can do it."

Meadowcroft and other artists from Gabriola have even offered to visit communities throughout the islands to spread word of the program and inspire potential contributors.

The sense of inclusiveness, she added, is essential given that the quilts are but a step towards a much larger goal.

"It's not about the quilts," she said. "I so often hear 'I don't know how to make a difference.' The whole motivation [of this project] is to get people involved and to feel like they can make a difference."

"It's not even just about the oil. This is about us saying 'You know what, this is our province and we have a say.'"

More information about the UnspOiled Coast Quilt Project is available at the group's blog at www.positiveenergyquilters.blogspot.com, by contacting Meadowcroft at 250-247-9354 or via e-mail at she-nam@shaw.ca.

FOOD

Chefs trek to Hastings House for island-focused dinners

Island Natural Growers benefits in the process

Special guest chefs will put their personal spin on Salt Spring Island flavours during a summertime series at Hastings House.

The first Chefs Across the Water dinner was held Tuesday night, with Pino Posteraro from Cioppino's Mediterranean Grill in Vancouver preparing a Mediterranean-themed five-course dinner. Partial proceeds benefited the Island Natural Growers fund to establish an abattoir service on Salt Spring.

"The aim of these events is to raise awareness of the pleasure, as well as health and economic benefits, of using local, organic and sustainable ingredients, despite the broader availability of ingredients from around the world," states a Hastings House press release. "The program will also bring

into focus how local farming has been challenged by changing regulations that favour large agri-businesses."

Also on the line-up are John Bishop (Bishop's) July 19, Frank Pabst (Blue Water Cafe) Aug. 9, and Jean-Francois and Alessandra Quaglia (Provence Mediterranean Grill) Sept. 13, all from Vancouver, and Sean Brennan (Braserie L'Ecole) Oct. 4 from Victoria.

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For more information, visit www.hastingshouse.com as well as the Chefs Across the Water website at www.chefsacrossthewater.com.

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JUNE TUNE: Haying at a farm on Cusheon Lake Road is a tell-tale sign of the season.

STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

Dorothy Cutting awarded climate change prize

Salt Springer among five Gulf Islands recipients

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Trustees meeting at June's quarterly Trust Council session on Saturna Island have named Dorothy Cutting among this year's Community Stewardship Award winners.

Cutting won the climate change award for development of the West Coast Climate Equity website and her unrelenting climate change education work.

The website, westcoastclimateequity.org, bills itself as an online resource "continuing to post honest and informative news and opinion about global climate change."



DOROTHY CUTTING

Cutting said she started the site in 2008 as a way to collect, distribute and archive the mass of information about the causes and consequences of climate change.

Since its inception, the site has hosted thousands of posts and comments by authors and readers from around the world.

"Forget about the Order of Canada," Cutting said. "This is such an honour." The website presents scientific reports, book reviews, weblogs and plenty of statistics in a frequently updated multimedia format. Cutting works on the site with members of the West Coast Climate Equity Association, a group of climate activists and writers concerned about the threat of runaway global warming.

Sylvia Pincott and Tekla Deverell of North Pender Island, Denman Island's Patti Willis and Jon Guy of Saturna Island were the other winners of this year's stewardship awards.

"These awards recognize individuals and groups for significant contributions toward preserving the community, culture or environment of an island," said Sheila Malcolmson, chair of the Islands Trust Council, in a press release. "The award program is designed to promote the mandate of the Islands Trust by celebrating the dedicated people who have donated countless hours to enhancing the quality of life in the Trust Area."

Awards will be presented to the winners at local Trust committee meetings later this year. Nominations for next year's awards will be accepted in spring of 2011.

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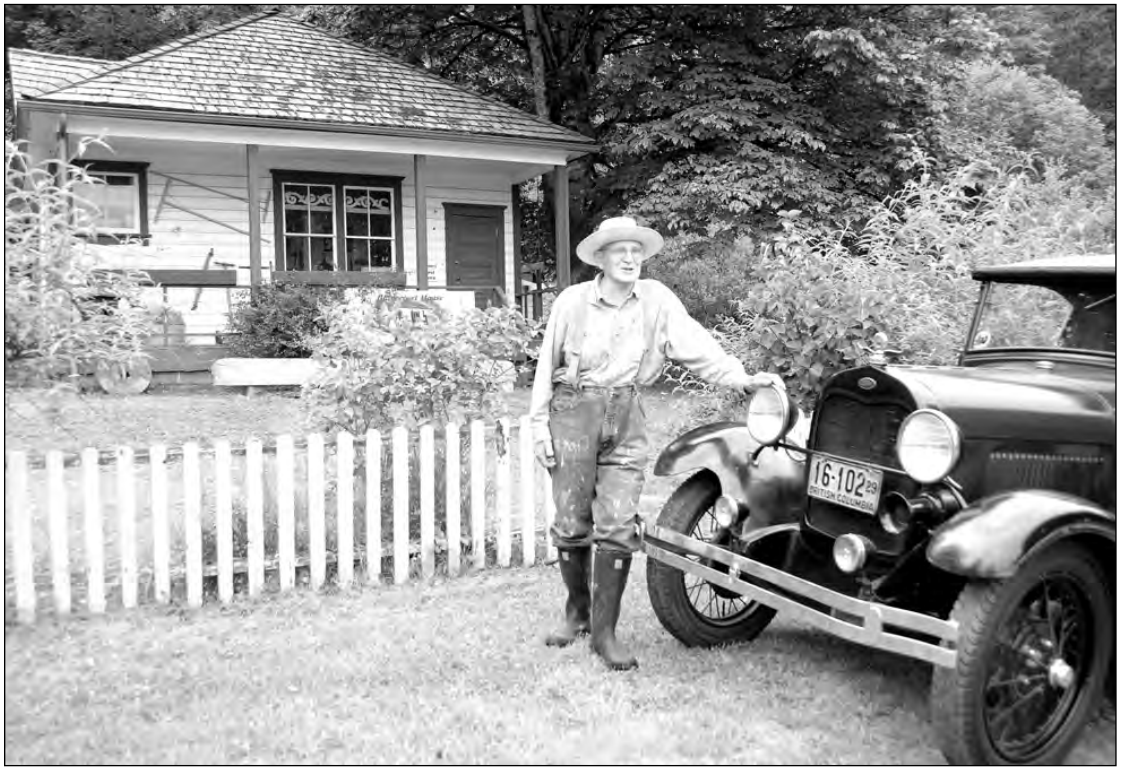


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John Woodward and his classic Ford at the Salt Spring museum, which hosts Heritage Day on Sunday.

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Heritage Day at the museum

Slate of activities set for July 4

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The extra-long weekend beginning July 1 will be capped off with a day of activities at the Salt Spring Museum.

The free event takes place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 4 and will feature presentations, food, farm animals and music.

Situated in historic Bittancourt House at the Farmers' Institute, the museum is a repository of tools, belongings and photographs of the people who lived here 100 years ago. Heritage Day organizers Tony Threlfall and John Fulker are hoping the activities will reactivate local interest in the island's history and in the museum itself.

There's much to be gained by learning a little more about the island's past, Threlfall and Fulker said.

"I think we have a better understanding and planning if we know what was done in the past — there's a lot to be learned from the past," Fulker said.

Threlfall agreed, especially in terms of current issues of food security.

"At one point, the amount of food produced on Salt Spring was incredible. If people only knew, Salt Spring supplied fruit for the whole province until the Okanagan was irrigated."

The resilience of early settlers, who rowed their vegetable crops over to Vancouver Island to sell, is easily reconstructed in the museum space. Bittancourt House is an interesting specimen in itself — built in 1884 as a dowry for one of Estalon Bittancourt's daughters, the house was moved from the site of the Vesuvius ferry terminal in 1972. Since that time the museum has been open during Farmers' Institute events and by special appointment.

As curator, Fulker has recreated a farm house of the 1890s, including furniture, tools, household items and other artifacts. Everything from ladies' cosmetic bottles to a vintage stuffed cougar are on display. Equipment sheds outside the house feature additional exhibits, including antique farming tools. A new annex built three years ago houses the famous model of the HMS Ganges.

Fulker and Threlfall are hoping that by raising awareness of the museum during Heritage Day, they'll attract enough volunteers to keep the museum open at least five days a week.

Heritage Day activities will include talks from Malcolm Bond and George Laundry about the early days of island farming and from Harry Burton on apple farming. There will be presentations from the historical society and demonstrations of historic crafts. Visitors will have the chance to see someone bake bread in a working wood stove kitchen, butter churning, blacksmithing, a fibre arts display and working antique motors and equipment.

The history of farm animals will not be forgotten, with a presentation and display of heritage poultry from the Salt Spring Poultry Club. There will also be draft horses on the scene.

Food is an integral part of any festival: heritage buffs will be pleased to find the famous Pie Ladies in attendance. Other food options include barbecued hot dogs and hamburgers, while strolling musicians will enliven the day. To learn more about how to get involved with Salt Spring's museum, call Fulker at 250-537-4895.

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

FUNDRAISING

Students connect with Ometepe project

Friendship bracelet sales support rescued street boys

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Two islands separated by thousands of kilometres, different languages and dissimilar cultures have strengthened their connection with a fundraising project led by children.

Salt Spring Middle School student Maria Wilson has joined efforts to help rescued street boys living on Nicaragua's Ometepe Island. She is selling pulseras, or friendship bracelets, made by the boys on their behalf at the local Saturday market.

Salt Spring Island residents first forged a bond with the people of Ometepe in 1989, when locals formed a nonprofit group to bring potable water systems to around 30,000 people.

Still active today, the Ometepe-Gulf Islands Friendship Association (OGIFA) has donated funds to a variety of humanitarian projects in Nicaragua and Guatemala. It raises money by importing green coffee beans from Ometepe, which are fair trade, shade grown and organic. The beans are roasted in Duncan, then bagged, labelled and sold by OGIFA volunteers.

Sí a la Vida (translated as Yes! to Life) is one of the groups OGIFA supports. For 19 years it has offered food, shelter, rehabilitation and training to boys living on the streets of Managua. Many of the boys are addicted to glue, which they sniff to relieve hunger pangs. Salt Spring Middle School students recently learned about the boys from Sí a la Vida founder Jonathan Roise, during a visit hosted by OGIFA.

Debbie Magnusson, a retired teacher who is friends with Roise, has visited his



Maria Wilson with Nicaraguan pulseras.

project in Nicaragua. She described how boys come to Managua looking for work and wind up living on the street. Sí a la Vida offers them a refuge in Managua; if they stay there for four to six months and commit to leaving the street, they can go to the home and school on Ometepe Island, where they learn a variety of life skills.

"I couldn't believe how warm and loving the adults were with the boys," Magnusson said. "It didn't seem like an institution at all. They're getting all the things that kids in families get, structurally."

In addition to working on the school's plantain farm, the boys have classes in everything from English and computer skills to sexuality and relationships. They learn other practical skills such as carpentry, welding and how to fix their bikes — each boy receives one after a year of living on the island. They also learn how to make the woven pulseras, the colourful bracelets they sell and receive all the proceeds of.

Grade 6 student Maria Wilson recently added Salt Spring as a sales location after Roise's visit to her class.

"I thought they could sell a lot more if I was selling them too," Wilson explained.

She was already a market veteran, selling her own handmade items such as beaded jewellery and baked pet treats. Her friends are her proud supporters, each sporting one or more pulseras on their wrists.

Wilson also participated, along with her class, in writing letters to the Ometepe boys. Senior Spanish students at GISS translated the letters and they were hand delivered by someone travelling to visit the project.

According to Magnusson, efforts by people like Wilson and organizations like OGIFA may be happening under the radar for many locals, but they are extremely important for disadvantaged groups.

"The low-key work continuing here is having a really important impact on the lives of kids on Ometepe," Magnusson said.

People who would like to support Sí a la Vida and other Ometepe-based projects can visit the coffee and pulsera stands at the Saturday market or call Brian Finemore at 250-653-4630. More information about Sí a la Vida is available at www.asalv.org.

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On Friday June 18, 2010, long-time West Shore resident and successful businessman Bob Saunders, who has been called the "perpetual booster of good things", was presented with a Chancellor's Community Recognition Award for his strong sense of community and ongoing support of worthy causes.

"Never content to focus his energies on work alone, Bob Saunders exemplifies the community leadership ideals of Royal Roads University and is the very essence of a good neighbor," said Peter Robinson, the university's Chancellor.

Congratulations on this prestigious award from your friends on Salt Spring Island.



PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY

United Church gets help from friends for improvements to meadow used for market

Dust clouds history with pathway upgrade

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Tuesday farmers market patrons and other users of a small gem of Ganges green space have appreciated recent improvements to the United Church meadow pathways.

Church members Ted Olson and Gord Ellis organized the upgrade, which took place Monday morning with help from Island Natural Growers.

Market coordinator Lorenz Dubois said having gravel on the paths instead of bark mulch should make walking through the area more pleasant and the entire market experience more enjoyable.

"The stuff that's currently on

there is very dry, so especially in the summer it kicks up a lot of dust on the fruits and vegetables, which is not very exciting to look at or to eat," he said a few days before the work took place.

Dubois said that dust raised from just walking on the paths often expanded into full dust clouds when the trucks came to load and unload the produce.

Members of the church and ING had been talking for a couple of years about what to do with the paths and how to share the costs.

The project got a jump-start this year when the church offered to pay for the gravel and the growers volunteered to supply the labour for spreading it.

"They're used to doing hard work so it won't be hard for them," Olson predicted, noting

that most of the church members are in an older demographic.

Making the project a true community-wide effort, both the gravel and its delivery by truck were donated by local businesses.

Ron Spencer offered to provide three loads of gravel and John Van Schetsen of Key Pawn Trucking offered his services after hearing why the church needed it.

Ellis said the new gravel should not only help with dust but provide better drainage when it rains. He thanked everyone who donated their services.

"Most people know the United Church owns the meadow. We try to keep it good for the community, so it's just nice that everyone pitched in and said, 'Yeah, we can help do that.'"

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HELPING HAND: Ken Cameron gives Troy Wheadon-Rajala a hand with archery at a recent open house held at the Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club.

SAILING

Imp makes finish line drama

Slakov overtakes Kibble in final dash

A warm and brisk southeast breeze had wind vanes spinning as eight skippers took to the water as part of the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club's regular Wednesday night race series.

Electra and Imp jumped to an early lead, which they progressively lengthened over the return trip to Welbury Bay, according to a post-race report from Keith Simpson.

Final Dash, KD and Paramour traded tacks going up Ganges

Harbour, followed by Empezar, Impossible and Klaathem.

Though Electra appeared in fine form and held the lead for most of the race, Imp completed a last-minute push to overtake the lead vessel just before the finish line.

Skipper Greg Slakov crossed the line with a corrected time of 1:38:34, only slightly ahead of skip Roger Kibble and Electra's 1:39:51.

"The wind died noticeably at the 'Sisters' as the evening progressed, making the run down the harbour slower for the trailing boats," Simpson wrote.

"In the light fickle

winds, the attention to sail trim increased dramatically as gains and losses in position became very obvious to the crews.

"Final Dash overtook KD and Klaathem passed Paramour in the last few hundred yards, either due to incred-

ible skill or dumb luck, depending on which boat you were on."

Late registrations are still being accepted for this weekend's Vendee Salt Spring 2010. For more information, contact the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club at 250-537-5377.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, July 6, 2010
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Harbour House Hotel
121 Upper Ganges Road
Salt Spring Island, BC**

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting. If you have any questions or concerns you wish to raise with the committee or with BC Ferries, please contact the chair of the Ferry Advisory Committee in advance of the meeting.

Minutes of committee meetings are available on BC Ferries' website: www.bcferrries.com.

For more information please contact:

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President's Report June 2010



MAFALDA HOOGERDYK

The Chamber's mandate is to promote business and economic development. Last year we were instrumental in developing a tourism plan for our island and we are now in the process of implementing it. I feel that this plan has been developed with an excellent understanding of our community's needs. WE NEED TOURISM; but we need to manage it well so that we can keep the life style and environment we all enjoy.

The Chamber of Commerce does not want to see Salt Spring become a tourist haven like Whistler, nor do we want to ruin the natural beauty that makes this island such a beautiful place to live. Absolutely not! But we do not want to restrict economic activity to the point that only people who are wealthy or retired can afford to live here. There has to be an economic infrastructure that supports life on our island for people from all walks of life.

We need small business to employ people year round. We need to promote a community that can sustain itself. We do not want to have a huge transient population where people come to work and cannot afford to live. We need to work together and develop a plan that promotes economic activity while maintaining our natural beauty. To do this, there have to be compromises. We need a Community Economic Plan that encompasses these values.

The loss of Salt Spring Coffee to our community is an example of how the failure to develop such a plan leads to situations that are detrimental to the healthy growth of our island.

We need to learn from these past mistakes. We need to develop plans that promote a healthy lifestyle. We need all of us to work together to promote a community where young families can live, parents can work and all can enjoy the beauty we have been blessed with.

Tourism Report



The Chamber's tourism sub-committee has already taken some very important steps towards ensuring the island has a long term strategy to enhance the island's profile and attract the most beneficial types of

tourism, focusing on shoulder season visitors that can provide sustainable beneficial business to the island's businesses and residents.

The tourism committee sits monthly and is made up of representatives from many sectors including marinas, agriculture, accommodation, retail, communication, resorts, local government, health and wellness, transport, restaurant, arts, activities, etc.

Many of the group's initiatives have already shown positive results, from the formulation of a tourism plan and winning BC Tourism funding, to the launch of an Island brand. The commit-

ment of the participants and the close working relationship that has been formed with the planners and media within the tourism industry will bring many more exciting opportunities to build on.

With the continued support from the Chamber of Commerce the group has exciting plans for the future, a new website to showcase our island to the world, an online booking engine for visitors and much more. If you would like additional information or to be part of launching the Island in the right way to tourists, please contact Philip Reece, Salt Spring Air, 250.537.9880

Chamber News

For those who have been in the office you will have seen many changes which have proved a better environment for members when visiting. Thanks to Windsor Plywood for their generosity in assisting with this project.

Membership has had a good surge in new businesses signing up since March 2010 - the list is varied: Figs & Honey Beauty Therapy and Healing Arts, The Healing Place, The Kiva Retreat, Green Tours (cycle tours), Always Welcome B&B, Hummingbird Hill B&B, Cedar Moon B&B, Celtic

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All of their details are on our website www.saltstourism.com and we urge you to support these and all the members of the Chamber of Commerce.

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

As the season draws on to us the volunteers are extremely busy. Their professional manner and dedication makes a great experience for visitors and locals alike. Our thanks go out to them for their continued commitment.

We are hearing from some of the accommodation suppliers that they are seeing an increase in bookings for the season compared to 2009 - we hope this will result in a great summer for all local businesses.

Summer Hours

Chamber Office will be closed July 1st, 2010

Emails and voice mails will be checked and replied to. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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The Chamber of Commerce has its own hour on Salt Spring's own radio station CFSI-FM each Thursday at 12 pm. It is an opportunity for members to come on line and speak, at length, about their business. We've had some great guests and they have found it worthwhile. Interested? Call Paul at 250.537.4223

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Passion Sports lays up winning formula on SSI

Spots for August basketball camp going fast

When Victoria's Greg Wallis held his first Passion Sports basketball camp three years ago, he was only looking for a decent summer job.

Today, the 24-year-old heads up a full-fledged sporting phenomenon with week-long camps held across the province.

Passion Sports 2010 basketball camps on Salt Spring don't get underway until early August, but space is already running out.

Camps are split into three age-based divisions. Youth FUNdamentals is a co-ed program aimed at children from Grades 4 to 8, the All-Girls camp targets girls in Grades 6 to 10 and the co-ed Elite Development program is for kids from Grades 9 to 12.

Camps run between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. from Monday, Aug. 9 until Friday, Aug. 13. Clinics take place in the middle and high school gymnasiums.

Something that sets Passion Sports apart from the loads of other camps on offer every summer is the coaching staff's youth, energy and on-the-court experience, Wallis said.

Instructors at Passion Sports camps are all experienced university-level players between the ages of 20 and 24.

Wallis played his university basketball with the Simon Fraser University Clan and the camp's core group of coaches are mostly all former or active players at the University of Victoria.

Wallis said he hopes the coaching staff's love for the sport will inspire a new generation of players to raise their game to a whole new level.

"I've always found it easier to learn from someone I can relate to," he said.

"It wasn't too long ago that we were where they are now. We basically explain and show, through action, what's possible."

Wallis said Passion Sports camps on Salt Spring have always attracted a talented and enthusiastic group of kids. He credits much of that passion to the success of the island's middle and high school basketball programs.

"There are many familiar faces and the skill level has really started to improve," he said.

Assistance from island resident Diane Weatherby, he added, ironed out the logistics of holding a camp on the island.

The Passion Sports website (passionsports.ca) has plenty of information about camps and costs, an online registration feature, a Facebook fan site and a short video.

For more information, contact Wallis via e-mail at Academy@PassionSports.ca.

Registration for the FUNdamentals and All-Girls camps is \$180.

The fee for the Elite course is \$200.



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DRIVERS: From left, club pro Steve Marleau, Lady Minto Hospital Foundation president David Feitelberg and vice-president David Southwell get set for the foundation's July 10 golf tournament, and putting contest on July 9. Registration forms are at www.ladymintofoundation.com or call the foundation at 250-538-4845.

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SWIMMING

Individual medley Stingrays strong at Oak Bay meet

Improved times and ribbons noted

Despite the attack from a summer flu bug, the Stingrays put in a good performance at their second meet of the year, the Oak Bay Invitational, on June 19-20.

Swimmers in the individual medley were particularly strong. Nigel Bisnar improved eight seconds in the 100m to arrive in 1:52.03.

Lukas Booy shaved off 12 seconds in the same event for a time of 2:34.70.

In the 200m, Stefanie Kos captured first place with a best time of 3:00.45. Other strong performances include Cyrus Andress' 15-second drop in 50m backstroke (1:01.79) and Sacha Rouselle's cumulative improvement of 37.8 seconds over four events.

Luke Hylands continued his strong start to the season, winning two first-place ribbons and adding a new provincial qualifying time to his resumé (50m fr. in 28.74).



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