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READY TO PLAY BALL: Chris Joynson was one of the participants at the first Salt Spring Island Invitational Bocce Tournament held for Special Olympics athletes at Centennial Park on Sunday. See Page A16 for more on the event and other sports news.

FARMING

Farmers smiling about abattoir funds

Provincial monies put meat producers in fundraising mode

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring livestock producers have received a provincial grant that could equal as much as \$150,000 towards a mobile abattoir if matching funds can be raised.

The Salt Spring Island Agricultural Alliance learned earlier this month its application for the grant had been approved by the Meat Transition Assistance Program, which is managed by the BC Food Processors Association. The local project is eligible for at least \$100,000 towards mobile meat processing and as much as \$150,000 if cut-and-wrap services can be provided at the same location. There is no time limitation to the offer, but funds must be raised first before the grant is delivered.

Salt Spring Island farmers have had to take all livestock and poultry to Vancouver Island for slaughter since 2007 changes in meat regulations. The result has been a steady decline in red meat and poultry sold here, including famed Salt Spring lamb.

Margaret Thomson, a poultry farmer at Windrush Farm and the chair of the Salt Spring Livestock Producers, said farmers are hoping a local abattoir will

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

MP Lunn visits island with cash in tow

Social and environmental programs reap windfalls

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Sharp-tailed snakes, Western painted turtles and young women are among those who stand to benefit from a mixed bag of funding support announced by Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Gary Lunn.

On Monday morning, Lunn stopped into the Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse office on Lower Ganges Road to provide \$100,000 in previously announced Status of Women Canada funding for the group's Pass It On project to empower young women in rural areas.

"The model was seen as a successful model .

.. and so we are going to be able to take that to other communities who have their own issues and needs for creating more safety for girls and young women," said Lynda Laushway, SWOVA's executive director.

The funds mean SWOVA staff and volunteers can expand the program to assist young women in Ucluelet, Kamloops, Prince George and Valemount/McBride.

"They will be using the model from phase one to bring this to the girls and young women in their communities to promote health and safety," Laushway said.

A portion of the money, along with an additional \$15,000 from the United Way of Greater

Victoria, will allow expansion of the group's local projects, including an extension of the group's middle school mentorship program from three to eight months.

"I'm proud that our government is encouraging leadership skills among young women in order to end the strife of violence against women in our communities," Minister Lunn said.

Following a private lunch function, Lunn was off to the grounds of the Harbour House Hotel where he doled out nearly \$500,000 in funding for eight environmental initiatives spread throughout the southern Gulf Islands

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NEWSBEAT

Federal funds arrive

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and Vancouver Island region.

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy received nearly \$160,000 of those funds for the protection of species at risk and their habitats through island stewardship programs, management plans, education initiatives and outreach projects.

"We talk about preserving biodiversity and preserving habitat, but we are also helping ourselves," said Linda Gilkeson, the conservancy's executive director. "When we benefit wildlife with preserving the kind of natural intact ecosystem that wildlife requires, we are protecting watersheds, we are protecting standing forest, which slows climate change, we're protecting natural beauty where tourism is important, and we protect the value of the landscape that we love."

Matching funds are offered

by the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund, Canadian Wildlife Federation, Salt Spring Island Foundation, CRD, B.C. Transmission Corporation, Islands Trust Fund and in-kind contribution of volunteers and community agencies, Gilkeson added.

The Galiano Conservancy Association received \$58,000 to assist the recovery of 15 species at risk.

In a question and answer period following the announcement, Lunn defended the federal government's ongoing efforts to reduce Canada's overall greenhouse gas emissions.

Since taking power in 2006, the Conservative Party of Canada's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions are making a difference, he said.

"We are making progress," he said. "We are actually turning the corner and moving in the right direction. We are committed to reducing greenhouse gases by 20 per cent by



PHOTO BY MEGAN MANNING

Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Gary Lunn looks at a Pass It On project book with SWOVA executive director Lynda Laushway during Lunn's visit Monday.

2020 and we are still on target for that.

"Can you do more? Sure, you can always do more, but we are aggressively pursuing this and take this very very seriously."

Monday's announcement comes one week after the

federal government provided \$80,000 to Salt Spring Island Community Services for upgrades to the cold weather emergency shelter.

See related video footage at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com

ISLANDS TRUST

'Country store' causes stir on Mayne Island

Owners promise to address proposal's traffic concerns

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Two months ago, the Mayne Island Local Trust Committee flat out denied Don and Shanti McDougall's request for a temporary use permit to sell produce and preserves in an abandoned garage on their island property.

Thanks to a good deal of public outrage and a conflict of interest declared by one of the island's trustees, the LTC reconsidered its decision on Thursday.

This time around, the McDougalls didn't get 'no' for an answer.

They got a "one moment please."

With the exception of trustee Jeanine Dodds, who withdrew from the file due to a conflict she revealed in early July, Mayne Island's Local

Trust Committee granted the McDougalls an 18-month TUP on condition the site can meet requirements established by the province's Ministry of Transportation.

"[The proposal] is very much in keeping with the Trust's policy on food security and support for community agriculture," said Gary Steeves, chair of the Mayne Island LTC.

The McDougalls purchased the Deacon Vale farm in 1995 as a way to escape the urban rat race.

Over the past 15 years, the farm has grown and the couple has learned a thing or two about growing and producing certified organic produce, meat, eggs and preserves.

After years of selling their products at the island's farmers' market and retail outlets, Deacon Vale's success led to the inevitable prospect of expanding into the 102-square-metre (1,100-sq.-ft) abandoned car repair shop on their property.

"We have come to realize

that demand for our products has outgrown our ability to supply them," reads a pamphlet outlining the couple's proposal. "A year-round venue carrying our products and those of other island growers feels like a natural next step."

Unfortunately for the McDougalls, their property's zoning (C3(a)) only permits repair shops, machine shops, accessory retail sales and an accessory dwelling unit.

The McDougalls' TUP now allows them to sell pear tarts instead of auto parts while they undergo the lengthy process to have the land rezoned to a full-fledged commercial-zoned property.

"We've gotten a lot of support and are very excited about this," said Don McDougall on Friday. "It's been a bit of a slog and it's not over yet."

Trustee Dodds withdrew from the process after she revealed that she has a pecuniary interest in one of the

few existing commercial properties on the island.

As of July 30, Mayne Island's LTC had received 140 public submissions in support of the project and 52 against. McDougall said local government meetings that usually play out in front of no more than 10 people have been attended by as many as 100.

"People are really concerned and anxious to have this dealt with," he said.

Those in favour of the proposal contend it's a great opportunity to promote and expand local agriculture, while those against feel the new use would lead to traffic troubles on the island.

The McDougalls have already approached the Ministry of Transportation to ensure the site passes all of the province's access and egress requirements.

"We hope to soon be able to convert this abandoned garage into a real country store," McDougall said.

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ENVIRONMENT

Deer leave heavy footprint on islands' landscape

Hunting among options suggested to control population

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

They may be cute and they may be charismatic, but exploding deer populations are leaving a lasting impression on ecosystems throughout the Gulf Islands, according to a new study presented to islanders on Friday evening.

"What we think of as a normal forest is not what it is supposed to look like," said Tara Martin, a Gulf Islands Secondary School alumnus who works as a research scientist with Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO).

"They are beautiful, but they don't have the full suite of species that we used to have."

Martin's research, conducted with UBC scientists at more than a dozen sites in the U.S. San Juan and Canadian Gulf Islands, indicates many bird and plant species are at risk in areas with high concentrations of deer.

In places like Sidney Island, where researchers counted as many as 100 deer per square kilometre, the animals have wiped out the island's entire understory.

"It's like a desert," Martin said.

Islands with few or no deer, by contrast, showed a relatively abundant number of plant and animal species, particularly in the understory.

As for deer density on Salt Spring Island, rough estimates suggest density around 20 deer per square kilometre, giving a total island population of 3,640 individuals.

Martin and her fellow researchers suggest that persistence of

native lilies such as camas, regeneration of threatened Garry oak ecosystems and forest understory on which many songbirds rely can only take place when the island's deer population drops to around 1,820, half of today's population.

As understory plant species like chocolate lilies, sea blush, blue eyed-mary, fairy slippers and common camas decline, Martin noted a proportionate reduction in the number of low-level bird species.

The numbers of Rufous hummingbirds, orange-crowned warblers, winter wrens, fox sparrows and song sparrows, to name a few, were considerably lower on islands with the highest deer concentrations.

"Hunting would be tightly regulated, but it would be something that at least the majority of people would have to get behind."

TARA MARTIN
Research scientist

And that's just the short-term picture.

If measures aren't taken to keep deer populations in check, Martin's study suggests impacts could affect the long-term health of large

er canopy species, given that deer prevent regeneration by eating young arbutus, Douglas fir and Garry oak saplings.

"We are essentially looking at the living dead," said the Salt Spring Conservancy's Susan Hannon following the presentation. "We do have to look at this issue seriously."

Deer populations on Salt Spring and many other Gulf Islands are on the rise due to a lack of predator species such as wolves and cougars, and a decline in the number of animals shot and killed by hunters.

Given that humans are the main reason behind the shift, Martin said, people have got to initiate the process of righting the balance.

A deer hunt, Martin said, would be the cheapest and most efficient way to bring deer populations to acceptable levels. Alternatives such as sterilization and the creation of enclosures to protect sensitive areas are labour intensive and costly, she said.

"This is a conversation that has to be had on the island," she said. "Hunting would be tightly regulated, but it would be something that at least the majority of people would have to get behind."

Given that deer have a seemingly limitless supply of food made available by island gardeners, Martin said, it's difficult to predict when Salt Spring's deer population will level off or begin to decline.

"Recovery is possible. It's not too late," she said. "We need to manage deer in order to conserve plant and bird communities."

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A study in contrasts: at top is a forest on Flattop Island in the San Juans, which has a low deer density. The above photo is from Sidney Island, where deer are plentiful.

News briefs

Ignatieff/Dryden in Sidney

Islanders who wish to meet Liberal Party leader Michael Ignatieff will have the opportunity to do so when he visits the Mary Winspear Centre in Sidney on Friday, Aug. 20.

The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with refreshments and music by Holly Arntzen and Kevin Wright. Ignatieff and the Liberal Express bus will be at the centre's parking lot between 6:15 and 7:15 p.m.

Ignatieff will be accompanied for this part of his national tour by Ken

Dryden, the former hockey star turned MP. Dryden last visited the riding to introduce Liberal candidate Briony Penn to constituents.

Salt Spring residents who need a ride to the event, or who can offer one, should call Pat Barclay at 250-537-1958. The group will leave Fulford on the 3:50 ferry and return on the 9 p.m. from Swartz Bay.

Where dogs shan't go

CRD Bylaw enforcement officer Wolfgang Brunnwieser would like to remind dog owners that

restrictions are in effect at local beaches during the summer months.

Dogs are not allowed at public beaches on the ocean or on lakes as posted between June 15 and Sept. 15. The prohibition includes Vesuvius and Bader beaches, as well as the public access at St. Mary Lake.

A new sign will soon be posted at the lake, according to a Parks and Recreation spokesperson.

Brunnwieser also noted there are no dogs allowed at any time at Portlock Park, the prohibition being in effect 365 days a year.

Drug charges pending

Two men are facing drug trafficking charges resulting from separate incidents that took place in Ganges area parking lots this month.

A 35-year-old male is facing charges of trafficking in a controlled substance as the result of a plainclothes operation conducted by local RCMP on Friday, Aug. 5. The man is alleged to have been selling cocaine in a downtown parking lot.

Police arrested a 40-year-old Salt Spring resident on Friday, Aug. 12 after they received a complaint of

drug trafficking in a parking lot on McPhillips Avenue. The man is facing charges of trafficking marijuana.

Flower baskets stolen

Big, beautiful, deep-red petunia hanging baskets were stolen from Mahon Hall on Monday night and the Salt Spring Arts Council wants them back.

The baskets provide decor for the annual summer-long ArtCraft show and sale of work by Gulf Islands artisans. ArtCraft proceeds benefit the artists and the non-profit arts council,

which uses the funds to support a range of activities in the community. The baskets can be returned intact, no questions asked.

Dock repairs complete

Travel through Village Bay on Mayne Island should get back to normal with completion of dock repairs to Berth 2 completed Tuesday.

Saturna transfers at Mayne Island will no longer be affected, said BC Ferries.

The berth was out of commission since the Queen of Nanaimo crashed into it on Aug. 3.

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HARMONIZED SALES TAX

Supreme Court proceedings muffle anti-HST campaigners

Tax's opponents prepare for long fight

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

One of the organizers of Salt Spring's anti-HST campaign expects significant delays now that the HST recall initiative has ended up embroiled in constitutional arguments in B.C. Supreme Court.

"We are into trench warfare at least until November," said John Binsted.

That's when Binsted and anti-HST advocates across the province intend to make good on their promise to recall governing

MLAs in ridings with the highest proportion of anti-HST sentiment.

Binsted has concerns that a drawn-out legal process will dampen the anti-HST campaign's momentum and ultimately have an impact on the recall process' chance of success.

"I think that that's a concern," he said. "The electorate have pretty short memories."

Bill Vander Zalm, a former B.C. premier who launched the Fight HST campaign, delivered a petition that had signatures from more than 10 per cent of all registered voters in each of the province's 85 ridings to Elections

BC earlier this month.

Official numbers for Saanich North and the Islands came in at 13,488 signatures, more than double the 6,548 threshold. That places the riding in 10th spot when it comes to the overall proportion of eligible voters who signed the petition.

Elections BC's failure to send the initiative petition to a standing committee for comment, Vander Zalm contends, violates provincial legislation.

Vander Zalm said anything less than the extinguishment of the HST will result in recalls launched against all 46 sitting members of the Liberal government.

PUBLISHING

Palu takes helm of MG Gazette

Some Murakami Gardens residents have launched a newsletter for the affordable housing complex's tenants.

Editor-in-chief Palu Rainbow Song said he hopes the newsletter will improve communication and create a stronger sense of community among those living in the 27-unit

complex on Rainbow Road.

"I think it's going to work out," he said. "There's a lot of interest and people are really gung-ho."

The seven-page gazette is produced entirely by volunteers who live at Murakami Gardens. Palu said the publication is designed

to offer news and entertainment for low-income earners.

The Gazette's first issue contains news, puzzles, jokes, letters, a calendar of events and poetry. The August edition features tips on energy conservation and household cleaning.

Palu said the idea of a

newsletter was initially raised by a member of the facility's tenants' association earlier this year.

Copies of the newsletter will be distributed to Murakami Gardens residents on a monthly basis. A copy will also be available at the Salt Spring Island Community Services office.

Grant funds get abattoir rolling

ABATTOIR

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help return local meat production to former levels.

"This should be a turning point in meat production on this island," she said Monday.

Thomson explained mobile meat processing is not a new idea and has operated successfully in the San Juan Islands since 2001. Although the unit will be mobile, the group plans to build one permanent docking station and to provide butchering on the same site.

Ken Byron belongs to a family with a long

history of farming on the island. His uncle Ken Byron Sr. still runs about eight head of cattle to provide meat to local clients, although he is 90 years old and makes no money from the venture, having to pay to bring the cattle off-island for slaughter.

Ken Byron Jr. runs an excavating business to afford keeping his own farm, and has significantly reduced his flock of sheep since the meat regulations changed.

"We haven't been marketing the lamb — we're just feeding our family with it because I just don't have the time to make the trip to truck it over," Byron said.

A local abattoir would allow him to increase lamb production again and add cattle and poultry to his commercial sales.

The livestock producers have already collected \$5,000 in pledges to build the community-owned abattoir and are about to mount a public awareness campaign and fundraising drive to raise the full amount necessary to proceed.

"I'm quite hopeful and I'm quite confident that we won't have any trouble raising the money," Byron said.

"People who want to continue farming will probably make some

substantial pledges. I plan to make one myself."

Fundraising will begin shortly with a major push planned for the Salt Spring Fall Fair. Tax receipts will be issued if requested at the time of the donation. Pledges may be made by emailing chocolate-beach@shaw.ca.

For further information about the status of this project, contact Thomson at windrush@telus.net or 250-537-4669.

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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	
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Saturday

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

3 Vesuvius

To Vesuvius To Ganges

Monday to Friday

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3:50	3:57	4:05	4:17	4:23	4:30	
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Saturday

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

2 Fulford Harbour

To Fulford To Ganges

Monday to Friday

Loop	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	
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5:00	5:06	5:13	5:17	5:20	5:40	5:43	5:47	5:54	6:00	

Saturday

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* Trip routes via Cushman Lake Rd.

4 Long Harbour

To Long Harbour To Ganges

Monday to Friday

Loop	A	L	L	A
Lv. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	Ar. Long Harbour	Lv. Long Harbour	Ar. Visitor Info Centre: Ganges	
1:45	1:55	1:55	2:05	
M-TH 2:55	3:05	3:05	3:15	
FRI 3:20	3:30	3:40	3:50	
M&TH 4:00	4:10	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

To Fernwood To Ganges

Monday to Friday

Loop	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

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NEWSBEAT

HEALTH CARE

Drug shortage challenges pharmacists

Patients not deemed to be at risk, says college

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A nation-wide shortage of generic prescription drugs has local pharmacies struggling to meet orders.

Chris Steffich, pharmacy manager of the downtown Pharmasave, said the shortage became noticeable on Salt Spring around November of 2009.

According to Steffich, one reason for the problem appears to be with Apotex, a major Canadian generic drug manufacturer that claims to fill one in five of the nation's prescriptions. According to its website, the company produces more than 300 kinds of generic drugs in about 4,000 dosages and formats.

Apotex got a warning last fall from the United States Food and Drug Administration after contaminated drugs were discovered at the company's Etobicoke factory during a 2008 inspection. The agency sent a second warning this spring after discovering identical problems at a Toronto factory in 2009. Apotex responded by voluntarily recalling hundreds of products. While similar products are available from other drug companies, Steffich said these too are running out of supplies, one after another in a ripple effect caused by the increased demand.

"We keep going to a different brand, a different brand, a different brand . . ."

Despite the shortage, however, local pharmacists can fill patients' prescriptions with persistence.

"We haven't had too much trouble," Steffich said. "We compound or contact doctors for an alternative."

It might mean patients receive a portion of their prescription and then go back for the balance when more supplies come in, or have to wait while compounding from raw materials is done. So far there haven't been any drastic cases of important medications being unavailable.

Lori DeCou is the director of communications for the College of Pharmacists of B.C., the regulatory body for pharmacy in the province. DeCou said the organization is aware of the shortage but has not directed any policy toward the matter because for now it appears to be limited to the marketplace. The college would step in only if patient safety was deemed to be at risk.

"We're certainly monitoring for that kind of concern," DeCou said during an interview last week.

"If that was to materialize we'd have to look at what kind of action we'd have to take to mitigate that — but we're just not there yet, and we're hoping it won't get to that point."

AIRCRAFT SAFETY



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Salt Spring Air employee Lisa Cherneff demonstrates where pop-out features will be located on new safety windows.

Salt Spring Air opts for safer pop-out windows

Airline takes national initiative

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Air established itself as a national leader in aircraft safety this week with the first installation of pop-out safety windows in a commercial float plane.

The installation was scheduled to take place Wednesday morning at the Viking Air facility in Sidney, on the first of four de Havilland DHC-2 Beaver seaplanes in the Salt Spring Air fleet. Viking Air, which bought the plane's design from Bombardier in 2006, has been working since last December to create the safety feature.

"It just seemed like such an easy and simple solution that gives such an excellent result," Salt Spring Air co-owner Philip Reece said Tuesday, on why the company chose to go above and beyond current safety regulations.

Reece said Salt Spring Air's voluntary move to enhance airplane safety is in line with the company's safety policy, and

noted Transport Canada has praised the airline for its commitment to passenger egress training as well as its current initiative.

The Transportation Safety Board has made several recommendations to Transport Canada that such windows should be mandatory, finding most deaths that occur after a float plane crash in the water are due to drowning. Six passengers drowned last November after a Seair float plane crashed off Saturna Island.

Salt Spring Air worked with Viking throughout the research and development process to come up with the design, which allows the window to pop out from the plane when 60 lbs of pressure are applied in two clearly marked places.

Reece said the window was rigorously tested to ensure it would not blow in or out during flight. Even if someone were to push the window out on purpose while in the air, there would be no danger to passengers since the cabin isn't pressurized.

The cost of each win-

dow kit is estimated at between three and four thousand dollars, plus the same amount in installation fees. Reece said in comparison with other airplane costs, that isn't very expensive, and the vastly improved chance of survival after a crash makes it negligible.

"I think other operators will probably follow — it's such a nice fit."

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EDITORIAL

Oh, deer!

Earlier this summer in Cranbrook, a protective deer rose to internet stardom after she was filmed doing battle with a local resident's dog.

The deer, seeing the canine as a possible threat, was only doing what came naturally.

The same could be said when, in early July, a newspaper carrier in the same community sustained serious injuries when he was head-butted by an overly aggressive doe.

In early August, the town's mayor became a sort of hero after he rescued a woman and her dog being chased along a downtown street.

The culprit?

It wasn't a rabbit.

The summer the deer fought back has left Cranbrook city councillors scratching their heads in search of a solution to the menace posed by urban deer.

THE ISSUE:

Salt Spring's other wild meat

WE SAY:

Open season to think up deer solutions

Based on results of a new study conducted to determine the impact of deer grazing on the ecology of the Gulf Islands, islanders may want to pay close attention to how Cranbrook proceeds. Our island's issues may not be the stuff of YouTube fame, but Salt Spring's rising deer population stands to have a potentially far more devastating effect than the occasional head butting or roughed-up dog.

Whereas residents of the Gulf Islands have been spared the aggression wrought by territorial deer, the animals have made their presence felt in other ways.

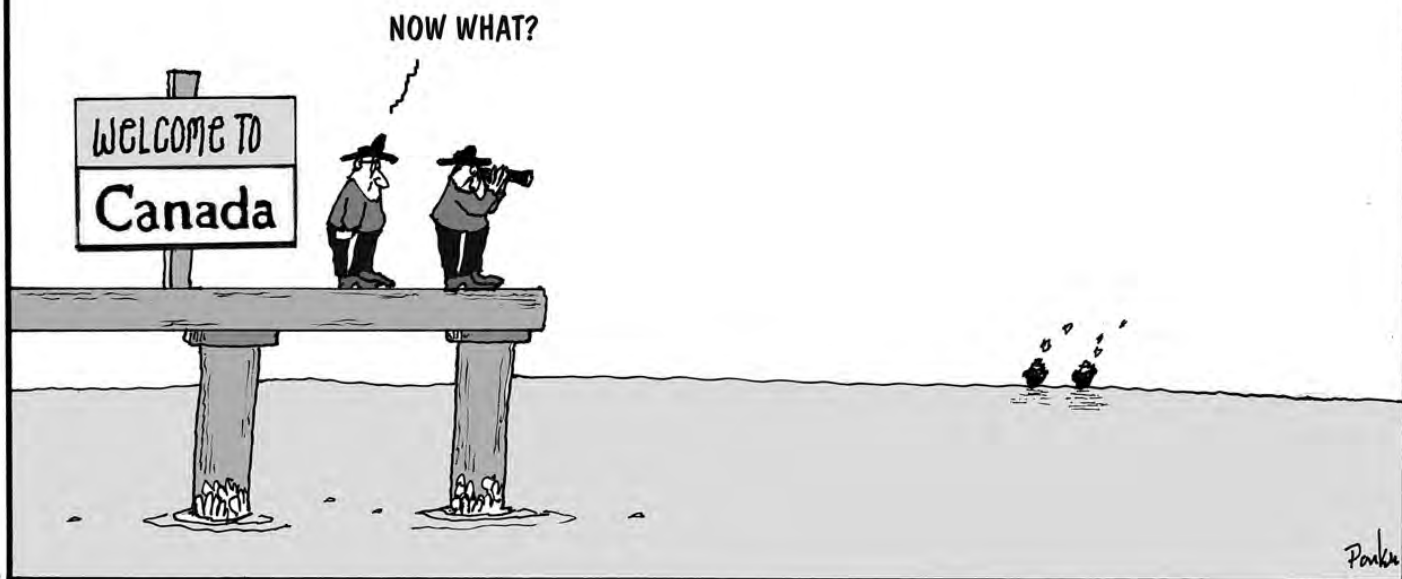
By grazing away at the forest understory, island deer have already significantly altered the island's biological diversity. As the island's deer population grows, so too does the threat to many of the island's native plant and animal species.

The reintroduction of traditional predators such as wolves and cougars doesn't stand to be popular among some segments, like sheep farmers. Other options, such as sterilizing the deer or relocating them, will require plenty of people, power and money to succeed. Calls for a cull, as we've heard in regards to the island's rabbit population, are bound to get debate hopping.

According to Tara Martin, the researcher who presented her group's findings on Friday, we can choose to have an abundance of deer or an abundance of plant and bird species.

Perhaps it's time to make that choice before the deer make it for us.

TWO MORE MIGRANT SHIPS RUMOURED TO BE ARRIVING IN B.C.



OCP supports Burgoyne park

BY ERIC BOOTH

I'm afraid I don't understand the position taken by the Agricultural Advisory Committee, as represented by Tony Threlfall, and as reported last week ("ALR concerns hinder PARC proposal," Aug. 11 Driftwood).

Threlfall stated, "[According to the OCP], there is the ability to remove farmland from the ALR for non-farm use for essential services and we don't consider a park or recreation area an essential service."

Pardon me, but that is not really what the OCP states. Threlfall was evidently referring to Policy B.6.2.2.15, which applies to ALR exclusion applications in general. However, paragraph (b) of this section refers the reader to Policy B.7.2.2.7 of the OCP, which lays out the provisions for ALR exclusion applications by PARC. That section states the following:

"The Local Trust Committee should support applications by the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission for the non-farm use of, removal from, and subdivision of limited amounts of land in the Agricultural Land Reserve to provide for the following community recreation needs: (a) the expansion of recreational facilities . . . and . . . approximately 4 ha in the south end of the island to replace an existing ball park facility operated on ALR land. To be supported, specific applications should also have been referred to the Agricultural Advisory Committee. They should also include plans to transfer good agricultural soils to agricultural land."

Thus, not only does the OCP support the idea of expansion of recreational facilities by PARC, the only substantial proviso in the policy is that if there are any "good agricultural soils" on the property, they should be transferred to other agricultural land, a reasonable request, which PARC likely supports.

In fact, PARC has proposed the dedication of 10 of the 50 acres of property for community farmland. That's 10 acres the

VIEWPOINT

community doesn't currently have.

Threlfall also expressed concern that taxpayers may be burdened by the proposal from PARC.

Excuse me, but determining tax implications are not part of the AAC's mandate, and should play no part in the AAC's decision-making process. Regardless of whether the property has some agricultural potential, the OCP is clear — the Local Trust Committee should support the application.

On a concluding note, one would have to ask Threlfall and the other two AAC members, what farmer is going to purchase this particular property at the current market price, build a home, barn and spend the additional tens of thousands of dollars necessary to turn at least 10 acres of it into a working farm? Then, once developed, what will be the next asking price for the land?

Let's face it, the future of farming on Salt Spring is vertically challenged in the economic sense. At the current value of ALR land per acre, it just does not make economic sense to buy a 50-acre undeveloped property and turn it into a farm.

The real future of farming on the island will be in intensive, energy- and labour-efficient farming of existing, developed farmland. Dan Jason once told me the old Hughes farm, a large portion of which is currently destined to also become community farmland, could, by itself, nearly produce enough vegetables for everyone on the island, if it was farmed intensively. If this is true, then the ideal of self-sufficiency of Salt Spring's food supply likely lies primarily with someone like Dan or Michael Ableman leading the way towards sensible, economically viable farming on the island.

There is more than enough farmland on Salt Spring for our future sustainable farming needs. Let's free up a little of the flat land for our present and future recreational needs.

The writer was born and raised on Salt Spring.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should refugee boats be accepted on our shores?

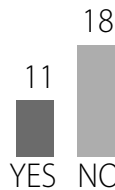
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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should there be an inquiry into the Pickton case?



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IslandVoices

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:
"We are essentially looking at the living dead."

SUSAN HANNON, SSI CONSERVANCY, ON DEER-RAVAGED FORESTS

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: Heat wave: love it or hate it? Why?

CATHARINE MARZALIK
I love it. I love the heat. The hotter the better; it makes everyone relax and it slows everybody down.

JOAN PHIPPA
Love it. I dream about it in the middle of the night during winter.

JOHN CRESINE
Hate it because it's too hot and you get dehydrated.

MYKE ROSE
Love it. It's funny because everyone complains when it's hot but when it's cold people will complain it's too cold.

JAYME COLLINS
I'm kind of indifferent. The weather always does what it does and you just deal with it.

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.**

Deserving

Regarding the August 11 Driftwood article about the Community Stewardship Award I received from the Islands Trust Council, I would like to note that in accepting it, I felt strongly I was doing so on behalf of the many volunteers who helped last year to raise global awareness of the very real danger of runaway global warming.

Although we were all deeply disappointed in the utter failure of the Copenhagen Climate Conference last December, many of us are continuing to work in every way we can to prepare our community for the big changes we'll be experiencing in just a few years. It

is especially encouraging, moreover, to see our own Islands Trust Council step up to the plate and adopt strong targets for cutting greenhouse gas emissions. They deserve their own award.

It is also heartening to note that many local businesses are doing their best to become energy efficient and sustainable. Just one example is Imagine That Graphics, who are about as green as you can get. It has been inspiring for me to work with them during the past two years in designing and continuing to improve the West CoastClimateEquity.org site. I've certainly learned a lot more from them than just how to run a blog.

At the award ceremony, I

just mentioned our Transition Island initiative; it really deserves proper attention from me, and from all of us.

In the future climate, which will change the way we live and think about everything, living here on Salt Spring Island will give us a distinct advantage, but only if we can become sustainable. And we have a long way to go to achieve this. Right now, the ferries that service our island are still bringing everything we need to us, but already this is beginning to change, for climate and weather events on our planet are all interconnected. Because of a cool Pacific this year, we may be having a lovely summer here, but people in Moscow are suffering from the "Great

Russian Heat Wave of 2010." Unprecedented temperatures are running about 13 degrees Celsius above average, contributing to horrific wildfires and the Russian government's decision to cease exporting grain, which will raise the cost of flour, cattle feed, milk, etc. etc. and contribute to the sticker shock at Thrifty's and Country Grocer.

Soon, becoming a Transition Island and growing much of our own food will become a real necessity. But this can only happen if we're honest with ourselves about the oncoming crisis, which has been correctly described as "global climatic disruption." We should start by recognizing we're essentially just a big, complex family

here, and as with all families, there are occasional squabbles. However, our survival as a community will depend on our settling our differences and working together on, as Bill McKibben writes in his book, *Eaarth*, "a tough new planet." And in order to make this work, we must start right now; time is quickly running out. I have great confidence we'll succeed; our concern for each other and our love of our island home will see us through.

On a lighter note, great thanks to the person at The Driftwood, who, with a carefully placed typo, generously added eight years to my life. I'll actually be 80 next March.

DOROTHY CUTTING,
SALT SPRING

Rabbit advice

If you bag a voracious rabbit that is destroying your gardens and orchard and you bag them using the Texas Triple "S" System (see "Eat more rabbit" letter in the Aug. 4 Driftwood), shovel a large hole in your orchard, place unusable rabbit and unusable portions thereof in the big hole, add a couple of crows and a couple of ravens and a couple of raccoons.

Fill in the hole and pack it down well. Your fruit trees will produce heavily and sing like a dickey bird.

KEN BYRON, SR.
EPRON ROAD

MORE LETTERS continued on A8

Izadoura: a living palette of colour and style

This week I'm going to try something a little different. What you are about to read is the first in a series of verbal portraits that will try to capture the spirit of certain individuals who live on this island called Salt Spring. From pioneers to hippies, from farmers to lawyers (okay, maybe not lawyers), and everything in between, these people give a "face" to the island and define this unique and precious place that we call home.

My first subject is Izadoura Godchild. Flamboyant yet sincere, here is someone who, just by being who she is, transcends any category and makes the island a more interesting place to live.

Everything about Izadoura has a certain bodacious flair to it. Here are her instructions for reaching her by phone . . . Call her on the land line. If the landlords answer, ask for her and they'll tell you to hang up and call back right away. If you do and she is home, she will pick up on the second ring. If you call and you get the answering machine, this does not mean she isn't home but rather that the landlords are not home. Hang up and call again and if she is home she will pick up on the second ring. If she's not there, then she probably won't pick up.

There's no mistaking any vehicle that Izadoura drives. For years you could see her tooling around in her '81 Dodge Diplomat, which looked something like a "rainforest on wheels" due to all the tree limbs and branches she had somehow attached to its exterior. The branches would wave gently as she drove at a sedate pace through town, much like the passing of a small parade.

In the more recent past, she has replaced her rolling biosphere with a "new" '93 Olds-

mobile which came to her as a hand-me-down from her daughter. (She still keeps the Dodge stored in reserve just in case the Olds doesn't work out). Newer engineering makes it more difficult to affix shrubbery to the body (although she is finding that recent unexplained dents are opening up possibilities), but she more than makes up for this by populating the interior with a circus full of stuffed dolls and animals. These "stuffies" are generally arranged in a neat row along the rear windshield (giving the Olds an aura very much like Noah's ark must have had).

Izadoura is a living palette of colour and style. On any given day you can see her swirling around Ganges in her patented layered combinations of brilliant skirts, aprons, lace and pleats. Here is a one-woman rainbow/gypsy version of "Petticoat Junction." This is a human Matryoshka, one of those Russian doll sets that nest and stack inside one another.

And can she hug. Without doubt, Izadoura gives the best non-conjugal hugs on all of Salt Spring. A "body and soul" hug from Izadoura can completely turn around a day when everything else has gone wrong to that point.

How did Izadoura end up on Salt Spring? When she first visited the island in 1978 she thought the place had "strange vibes" and came to the conclusion that she could never live here. A few years later, after she had been flooded out of her cabin on Bowen Island by frozen pipes that had burst, she returned here at a friend's suggestion. She is one of the very few who have moved here


Shilo Zylbergold
NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

a child. For Izadoura, this happened in 1978 when her five-year-old son was struck and killed by a car in Germany. It took five years of grieving and then healing, during which time she found "the true spirituality of God and Christ," to get her over the "shell-shock" and through to the other side. Though she describes herself as not a religious person by any stretch of the imagination, she admits that had she not found this spirit, she would either be dead now or in a mental institution.

Part of the healing was through dance. To watch Izadoura dance is a healing of its own. She combines the energy of a whirling dervish to the grace of a field of grain swaying to the prairie wind. She has been a performing dancer for about 35 years, although the wear and tear on her knees and ankles has cut down on her performances in recent years.

Many of you may have had the privilege of seeing Izadoura perform with Brad Magnus, her dance partner for six years between 1995 and 2001. Brad, who at that point was a 20-something young man with a passion for movement and dance, has Down's syndrome, which made the interpretive interaction between him and Izadoura all the more compelling and moving. When the two danced, all generalizations of age, gender and disability slipped into irrelevance.

They performed together at local celebrations such as Fulford Day and Sea Capers, as well as a number of prestigious dance events in Victoria. Every now and then, Brad is still able to haul her out of "semi-retirement" for one more kick at the can-can.

One of Izadoura's joys of life these days is volunteering. This is nothing new to her as she volunteered in various schools while her daughter Phaedra (now 29) moved from kindergarten through Grade 12. Through being a constant presence in the school hallways, she was accepted by the youth community and today, through the Facebook phenomenon, has over 200 of these kids who are now adults seeking her out and communicating with her. She laughingly declares that she was invited to five grads on Salt Spring, although she never graduated herself.

Today, Izadoura volunteers at both the library (she loves books and reading) and the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Store. When asked whether her time at the Thrift Shop gives her first dibs on any incoming treasures, she shakes her head and ruefully recounts that, because new items come in on Tuesdays and she works on Fridays, she's probably the one who gets the very last pick.

When asked whether she is experiencing a second childhood with her ability to connect with young people, Izadoura contemplates the question for a moment and then exclaims with a laugh, "I don't think I ever left the first one." Nobody asked me, but I think we could use a few more Izadouras on the island and on this planet.

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OPINION

MORE LETTERS

Importing of rabbits outrageous

It is outrageous that feral livestock are being imported to Salt Spring Island

under the guise of a rescue. (UVic rabbit issue.)

Feral goats, rabbits and sheep have done immeasurable damage to many of the Gulf Islands.

These European rabbits were not

originally removed from the wild to be cuddly pets but were domesticated to provide a source of high-quality protein.

Like pigeons, another feral domesticated animal, they are comfortable living within the range of humans. Like unfenced sheep and goats they harm the land.

To purposely bring even more rabbits into this heavily stressed environment is irresponsible.

The Ministry of Environment clearly has no understanding of this environment or the containment and nature of rabbits.

PAT DONNELLY,
SALT SPRING



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for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws at **10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 25, 2010, at Saturna Island Community Hall, 105 East Point Road, Saturna Island, BC.**

At the public hearing all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaws shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws.

- 1. Proposed Bylaw No. 99 - cited as "Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw 78, 2002, Amendment No. 1, 2009"**
In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 99, is to amend Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw 78, 2002, by requiring water catchment systems and cisterns for the storage of rainwater at time of new construction in the East Point area of Saturna Island. A water catchment and storage system will be required for both the construction of new residences and visitor accommodation units and additions to existing residences and visitor accommodation units where the addition exceeds 11.6 square metres (125 square feet) in floor area. The proposed bylaw requires a minimum cistern capacity of 21821 litres (4800 gallons). The proposed bylaw allows reduced setbacks for cisterns that are underground and reduced setbacks for cisterns that front a public highway.
- 2. Proposed Bylaw No. 100 - cited as "Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw 78, 2002, Amendment No. 1, 2010"**
In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 100, is to amend Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw 78, 2002, by allowing the construction of a storage building not exceeding 61 square metres (656 square feet) in floor area and a utility building or pump house not exceeding 9.3 square metres (100 square feet) in floor area, on a vacant lot.
- 3. Proposed Bylaw No. 101 - cited as "Saturna Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 70, 2000, Amendment No. 1, 2010"**
In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 101, is to meet the requirements of Bill 27 (Local Government (Green Communities) Statutes Amendments Act) by amending the Saturna Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 70, 2000, to include a target, policies and actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The proposed amendments would include a target of a 33% reduction in emissions, consistent with the provincial target, and new policies and amendments to existing Official Community Plan policies that would support reductions in greenhouse gas emissions within the local trust area.

A copy of the proposed bylaws and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, **commencing August 11, 2010 and up to and including August 24, 2010.**

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2) (e) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Saturna Island, B.C., commencing August 11, 2010. The proposed bylaws can also be viewed on the internet at www.islandstrust.bc.ca and selecting www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltr/sa/bylaws.cfm

Written submissions may be delivered to:

1. The office of the Islands Trust by mail at #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, by Fax (250) 405-5155 or can be **sent on-line** by going to the Islands Trust Website at the following URL: www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltr/sa/meetings.cfm and completing the "Public Hearing, August 25, 2010, Submission Form", prior to **4:30 p.m., August 24, 2010;**
2. After **4:30 p.m., August 24, 2010** to the Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at **10:00 a.m., August 25, 2010.**

The public is asked to send any electronic response by using the on-line public hearing submission form. The Islands Trust does not guarantee that any email submission will be received by the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide email submissions, if they are opened and received, to the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee for consideration, but the public should not rely on email as a means of providing a written submission.

Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Gary Richardson, Planner, at (250) 405-5157 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

NO REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE SATURNA ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Kathy Jones, Deputy Secretary

A new design will mean a better library

BY TILLY CRAWLEY

We now have a new design for the library building — one that does everything we want it to do. The library board is delighted with it, and we hope you will be too.

Why do we have a new design? The problem was that in 2009, when the architect prepared the original design, he had to work with a lot coverage restriction of 25 per cent on 129 McPhillips Ave. Since only a small part of the building could be built on that side of the double lot, most of the building had to be positioned next door on 125 McPhillips, where the allowed lot coverage was 75 per cent. In order to accommodate all the library's needs, a large upper storey also had to be located above the main floor on 125 McPhillips.

The result was a rather high and towering two-storey building that seemed to overshadow Creekside and presented a somewhat overwhelming prospect when approached from the village. And because each storey had to house part of the library's collection, both had to have high library standard ceilings. A height variance would have been required since the building would have exceeded the permissible height bylaw.

The solution was to have an amendment to the bylaw passed that would permit 75 per cent lot coverage on both sides of the double lot. This process was undertaken during the spring, and the Islands Trust gave final approval to the amendment on July 8. The library board received the redesign drawings early in August, and gave formal approval at the board meeting last week.

The redesign makes good use of the increased lot coverage on 129 McPhillips. We now have a building that will be able to accommodate all of the library's collection on the main floor — a tremendous improvement for all library users.

The upper storey will be much smaller, and will house the archives and workrooms. And because the upper storey will not have to house any of the collection, the ceiling can

be lower, and the building will not require a height variance.

We now have a library that will function well for both patrons and staff, with all of the collection on the main floor.

And we have been able to retain the two features that were so popular from the previous design: the open courtyard accessible from the program room and the children's library, and an open area with seating at the front of the building.

The bylaw amendment process has put back our schedule three to four months, but it has been a worthwhile delay. We now have a better

The redesign makes good use of the increased lot coverage on 129 McPhillips.

design for the building, a building which has to serve the community for many years to come.

The cost to the community of the redesign is estimated to be about \$40,000. We do not expect the cost of the building to increase from the previous estimate.

The library board has submitted the redesign to the Islands Trust for a development permit, so we can say that the project is now moving forward. The drawings showing details of the new design have been posted in the library.

The writer is library board chair.

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OPINION



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FRESHLY PICKED: Susan Baine puts out a new bouquet at her farm stand on Park Drive across from the middle school. It's the season for fresh produce and flowers at stands and markets on all of the Gulf Islands.

RANTS *and* Roses

Rants

Stinky stick-to-your shoes rants to those dog owners who feel it's just fine to leave their pets' business along the paths and in the meadows of Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park. Your freedom to foul the park with dog poop infringes on the rights of others to walk where we please without stepping in it. This is Salt Spring, not Paris. Pick up after your pet. R.M. Dupuy

A garbage truck full of stinging nettles to the person or persons that cut down the large crab apple tree that was on public right-of-way alongside the road in front of Hasting House. It was nature's masterpiece and had little bright red apples hanging on it till Christmas. I'm sure it was cut so we all could view the tin can art in the field. My daughter, just visiting from Colombia and who studies art around the world, said the art looks like a bunch of car wrecks wrapped around hydro poles covered in blood. Ross McIlvenna

Roses

Many roses to our two grocers on the island, Thrifty's and Country Grocer. Special thanks to Steve, Jeff and Mike at Thrifty's, and Bill at Country Grocer. Without their kind donations, the Anglican Church salmon BBQ would not do as well as it does. It was a huge success this year.

A yak load of Tibetan roses to Irene Sutherland for the use of her trusty dingy the Clara-T to disperse the sand mandala into the sea!

A spiral bouquet to the kind woman who gave Allison Crowe a story clipping, "Puppy Rules," (from the Seaside Times) after her ArtSpring concert. She loved it! And being here with everyone.

A picture book full of roses to the amazing duo of Wendy and Kevin Vine, and the talented Moe Procter and daughter Julia. The new Fables Cottage sign is a dream come true.

Roses to all the drivers who stay on their side of the yellow line, even in the face of overwhelming

obstacles such as cyclists travelling on the shoulder beside them. I always appreciate it when I round a corner and there's no vehicle rushing toward me in my lane.

A knitting bag full of roses to Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary members and non-members who knit for the hospital showcase. M. Cockett, showcase coordinator

Bike racks n' packs of roses to everyone who pledged me at the MS Bike Tour fundraiser in the Cowichan Valley. It was smoking hot out there, but hundreds of people of all ages turned out to attempt the 120-km ride over two days. Special thanks to the crew at Slegg Lumber, the Driftwood, SS Triathlon Club and mom. This is a life-changing event that fundraises for MS research and support for families coping with this disease. K.Curtin

The Core Inn sends Fiona Longeau a fragrant bunch of roses for her generous donation of a PS2 game system. Thanks, Fiona, you rock!

For many years I have worked in marketing and

also given seminars on customer service and loyalty; it has given me a clear perspective on extraordinary service. A dozen roses to Sam and Wendy of Sam's Appliance Repair, who gave their personal time on the Aug. 14 weekend to help save not only some of our food but our sanity. The service you provided was indeed extraordinary! W. McIntyre and K. Hayes

A kennel full of roses to the staff and two Dr. Bonds. Thank you for saving our dog. Gretta, Ezra, Cypress and Stuart



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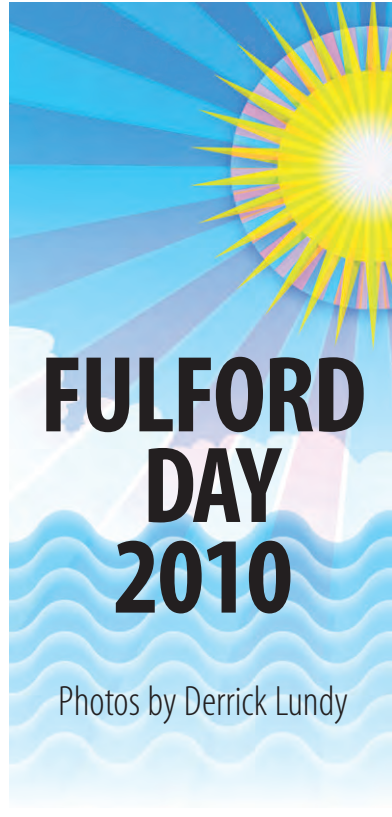
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John Nicolson tends the BBQ.

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BY JIM RUSSELL
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Along with the barbecued beef, corn on the cob and yummy homemade pies, islanders and visitors were treated to some fine homemade sounds coming from the stage as well.

Jim Raddysh started things off with some "kid centric" tunes, followed by Owen Mathieson and drummer, and then the lovely Ercks, Charley and Lisa, who gave us a taste of Hawaii where they've been living for seven years now. Thanks for coming back, if only for a while!


Then the Stack Sisters, backed up by coolcats Andy Hickman and

Greg Pauker, rocked the park with a lively mixture of original and cover songs that got a few folks up dancing in the August heatwave. They were followed by Harry Warner and friends, always good, and then a trio of young men called Wallabee Indeed. These guys really stole the show, cranking out an incredible mixture of rock, blues and Celtic with the fiddle of Wesley Hardisty leading the way. When the crowd kept roaring for more, the organizers tossed the schedule into the trash and just let them play on!

Next up was the Greg Pauker band, backed up by the Stack Sisters on vocals, and that really got the cedar trees shaking. Finally, there was Lane 31, an eclectic mix of characters that included John Akehurst and his magical squeezebox and mandolin — a very good show from all, and I apologize if I've left anyone out.

Much thanks to the Fulford Day Committee and the many volunteers who helped make such a perfect event possible. It was one of those days that makes you proud to be an islander.

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Ford Super Duty trucks more powerful for 2011

Test drive builds in work terrain challenges

BY NEIL MOORE
METROLAND NEWSPAPERS
CARGUIDE MAGAZINE

PRESCOTT, Arizona: It's not every day I'm tethered to a 75,000-pound front-end loader.

But perched high in a 2011 Ford F-450 pickup, I receive last-minute instructions as the journalist in the truck beside me — similarly tethered — gets the same.

Moments later, the "race official" drops his arm.

It's quite simple. Ease on to the gas, and if you feel it slip, back off. The surface at the bottom of the desert quarry is packed dirt and gravel, so I expect wheelspin, but the F-450's dual rear wheels bite hard and within seconds, I'm across the finish line.

My first truck pull — and victory is sweet!

This wasn't an experience to cross off my "bucket list," but was an eye opener, and one of several demonstrations that Ford officials had arranged for Canadian and U.S. journalists to showcase their all-new Super Duty trucks.

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This B20 biodiesel compatible engine, according to Ford, also delivers class-leading fuel efficiency, which is up 18 per cent for pickups and 25 per cent for chassis cabs.

Manufacturers of heavy-duty trucks are not required to post fuel ratings, but Ford scheduled an 80-mile "fuel economy challenge" to demonstrate this improvement.

The winning journalist at our event achieved 34 mpg U.S. (41 miles per imperial gallon), but did so using some nutty hypermiling techniques, such as shutting off the engine numerous times during the drive (not recommended for obvious safety reasons).

Still, others achieved in the mid to high 20s (U.S.), demonstrating that with prudent driving, these big trucks can be surprisingly thrifty.

The gasoline engine also delivers some big improvements. Replacing the current 5.4-litre V8, the new E85 compatible 6.2-litre engine provides 385 hp and 405 lb/ft of torque (up 85 hp and 40 lb/ft).

It is also more fuel efficient, with an average improvement of 15 per cent. During our fuel challenge, I drove a gas-powered Super Duty, pulling off 18.4 miles per U.S. gallon (22 mpg here), not far off the winner who posted 19.2.

Both engines are mated to an all-

new, heavy-duty TorqShift six-speed automatic, which was designed to handle the diesel's massive low-end torque.

This is all good news to the more than 90 per cent of Super Duty drivers who tow. The 2011 lineup offers best-in-class towing, with a maximum conventional towing capacity of 16,000 lbs (7,258 kg) and maximum fifth-wheel towing of 24,400 lbs (11,068 kg).

Payload is also best-in-class at 6,520 lbs. (2,958 kg), but like towing capacity, varies according to model, cab size, wheelbase and axle ratio.

My final exercise for the event was an off-road course where I took an F-350 over boulders, up hills and through axle-deep muck.

Part way up a steep incline, I hung up on a particularly twisty bit with one back wheel in the air. I immediately engaged the electronic locking differential, eased on the gas, and the remaining wheel grabbed.

Climbing down what seemed like a cliff, Hill Descent Control was effective. With my foot off the brake, the truck held rock steady at a comfortable crawl, making it easy to pick my way around boulders and wheel-swallowing ruts.

There's still much more to the Super Duty lineup, such as the Live Drive Power Take Off (allowing you to operate ploughs, cement mixers and other equipment whenever the engine is running), and Ford Work Solutions, featuring an in-dash computer with Internet, radio-frequency tracking for real-time inventory, a telematics system to monitor and manage your fleet, and more.

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Henry Ford's Model A: one of the world's most enduring vehicles

Vancouver meet celebrates resilience

BY ALYN EDWARDS
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

This month, hundreds of Ford Model A cars and trucks converged on Vancouver.

Approximately 450 owners came from as far away as Norway, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico and from all over the U.S. Many of these venerable vehicles, all more than 80 years old, were driven to a Model A Ford Club of America 2010 convention that was hosted by Vancouver's Lions Gate Model A Club.

Driving a Ford Model A is nothing new for retired diesel mechanic Jim Wong. The Burnaby resident drives his Niagara blue 1928 Model A two-door sedan every day. Wong completed a four-year-long restoration of the car in 1998 and has driven it 26,000 miles since to destinations as far away as California.

"It's quite reliable and I have no problem driving at 45 to 50 miles per hour," Wong says. "The



PHOTO BY ALYN EDWARDS

Jim Wong has driven his 1928 Ford Model A 26,000 miles to classic car meets as far away as California since completing the restoration 12 years ago.

main thing is to drive the car and enjoy it."

On summer days, the old car enthusiast volunteers his car to take visitors around the Burnaby Museum.

Driving a Model A roadster is also a passion for retired baker Jim Bennett. The Vancouver resident is very popular with his grandchildren, taking them for rides in his very red modified 1929 Ford

with the top down and the rumble seat up. His car has the original look but has been highly modified with Chevrolet V8 power and many creature comforts. He purchased his car from a Vancouver Island restorer.

A very rare 1928 Ford Model A Special Coupe pulling a matching trailer is a regular at Vancouver-area classic car shows. Owner Joe

Gulbransen of Delta did much of the work on this car himself. Power comes from a 350-cubic-inch Chevrolet V8 engine and both the car and trailer are painted Corvette yellow.

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Gas-saving tips can add up kms per litre

Driving behaviour and car maintenance important to achieve optimal fuel economy

which wastes fuel and increases output of harmful emissions. Dirty and worn spark plugs can reduce mileage by .85 kilometres per litre.

- Change oil regularly and gain another .45 kilometres per litre.

Driving behaviour also impacts fuel consumption. Follow these driving tips to save gas:

- Observe the speed limit. Gas mileage decreases rapidly above 100 km/h.

- Avoid excessive idling. Idling gets zero km/h. Warming up the vehicle for one or two minutes is sufficient.

- Avoid quick starts and stops. Aggressive driving can lower mileage by 33 per cent on the highway and five per cent in the city.

- Consolidate trips. Several short trips taken from a cold start can use twice as much gas as one longer multi-purpose trip.

- Don't haul unneeded items in the trunk. An extra 45 kilograms in the trunk reduces fuel consumption by one-to-two per cent.

Motorists can't do much about the price of gas, but they can stop wasting gas by making sure their vehicles are getting maximum fuel economy.

Visit <http://www.carcarecanada.ca> for tips for saving gas, protecting the environment and ensuring safety, as well as in-car games for kids, meal planning and the "10-minute Road Trip Check-Up."

Source: Car Care Canada

To alleviate chronic pain at the pump, Car Care Canada suggests a number of simple and inexpensive vehicle maintenance tips that can help alleviate the pain.

"You can't control the price of gas, but you can control how much gas you burn by performing proper maintenance and how you drive. Performing simple and inexpensive maintenance and proper driving care can save as much as \$1,200 per year in gas costs," said racecar driver Kelly Williams, who is a spokesperson for Car Care Canada's Be Car Care Aware consumer education program.

Below are nine easy tips to improve fuel economy — four maintenance tips and five driving tips.

Gas-saving maintenance tips

- Keep your car properly tuned to improve mileage by an average of four per cent.
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These cars were all powered by a 201-cubic-inch four-cylinder engine producing 40 horsepower. The Model A was the first Ford car to use the standard set of driver controls with side by side clutch, brake and accelerator pedals and a floor-mounted three-speed gearshift.

North Vancouver's Bart Nygard has had a long history with Model A Fords. He attended the Model A convention in a 1930 standard roadster that he bought in California after spotting it for sale on eBay. It is exactly the same as the battered roadster he and his brother shared in the mid 1940s.



PHOTO BY ALYN EDWARDS

Interior of Jim Bennett's Ford Model A roadster.

"Back then, you could buy any Model A for a hundred dollars," the 80-year-old recalls. "That car was a real beater and I'm sure we didn't pay nearly that amount for it."

"The main thing is to drive the car and enjoy it."

JIM WONG
Model A owner

The brothers, who lived on a 10-acre farm above the Lougheed and Brunette intersection in Coquitlam, patched the car up and kept it together with baling wire. "We drove it every-

where," says Nygard.

The standard roadster he owns today is a typical Model A Ford in all black with a straw-coloured stripe. The standard has a rear-mounted spare instead of fender-mounted spares offered in the deluxe model. Nygard's Model A roadster is complete right down to the Ford tools and jack. It's a very reliable car and the perfectly restored car is definitely a step up from the battered and bruised Model A roadster he and his brother purchased more than six decades ago.

Alyn Edwards is a classic car enthusiast and partner in Peak Communicators, a Vancouver-based public-relations company. aedwards@peakco.com

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BOCCE FAN: David McEachern is set to throw a ball in the first Salt Spring Invitational Bocce Tournament held at Centennial Park on Sunday. Special Olympics teams from Parkville and Vancouver came to join local bocce players for the fun event.

SWIMMING

Stingrays float home from regionals with 42 medals

Twenty-three qualify for provincials

BY RACHAEL GARDNER
 DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Stingrays posted extraordinary results at the Vancouver Island Regional Championships in Victoria on the Aug. 7-8 weekend.

Of the 32 Salt Spring athletes who attended, 23 made it through to qualify for provincials by finishing in the top three places. Overall, the team brought home 42 medals.

Maggie Birch qualified with three bronze-medal finishes in 50 freestyle, 100 breaststroke and 100 freestyle.

Rylan Burnett made it through with a bronze in the 50 backstroke while Ariana Fraser swam the 100 IM, 50 free and 50 breaststroke for two silvers and a gold.

Cassidy Fraser qualified with two bronzes and a silver in the 200 IM, 100 fly and 50 fly.

Luke Hylands swept up with

three golds (100 back, 100 free, 50 free) and a silver (50 fly). Lyyli Kennedy qualified with two gutsy bronze-medal finishes in the 100 IM and 50 breaststroke.

Stefanie Kos took gold in 50 free and 100 fly, and silver in 100 back and 100 free, while Sacha Rouselle captured bronze in 50 freestyle and 50 back.

Andrew Sinclair swam for two silvers and a bronze in the 100 IM, 50 breaststroke and 50 freestyle while Becki Steel brought home the silver in 100 breaststroke.

Liam Sinclair finished with a triple silver for his 50 free, 100 breast and 100 free.

Coach Rachael Gardner swam to qualify in the 100 breaststroke and the 50 free (both silver).

The Div.-3 freestyle relay (Lyyli Kennedy, Alyssa Andress, Melia Smith-Valdivielso, Ariana Fraser) and Div.-6 medley relay (Andrew Sinclair, Liam Sinclair, Arthur Irwin-Campbell, Luke Hylands) swept the competition for clean gold-medal finishes.

Silver finishes came from: the Div.-5 medley team (Ariana Fraser, Becki Steel, Cassidy Fraser, Maggie Birch), the Div.-8 A medley team (Braiden Crouse, Chelsea Harris, Stefanie Kos, Rachael Gardner), the Div.-6 freestyle team (Luke Hylands, Saorsa Brewer, Liam Sinclair, Arthur Irwin-Campbell) and the Div.-8 A freestyle team (Maggie Birch, Cassidy Fraser, Becki Steel, Rachael Gardner).

Swimming for bronze were the Div.-2 medley team (Kaleb Morgan, Seth Crouse, Sacha Rouselle, Cyrus Andress), the Div.-8 B medley team (Alyssa Andress, Melia Smith-Valdivielso, Lyyli Kennedy, Danielle Viozzi), the Div.-2 freestyle team (Rylan Burnett, Sacha Rouselle, Kaleb Morgan, Jimmy Steel) and the Div.-8 B freestyle team (Stefanie Kos, Braiden Crouse, Chelsea Harris, Danielle Viozzi).

Stingrays' final competition is the provincial championships in Kamloops from Aug. 20 to 22.

DRAGON BOAT RACING

Dragons battle heat at last meet

BY MARIT MCBRIDE
 DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Scorching temperatures and fierce competition were just two of the challenges faced by Salt Spring's Spirit Point Dragons at the Victoria Dragon Boat Festival this past weekend.

With over 80 teams competing from Canada and the U.S., each with a crew of over 20 people, and all the tourists, locals residents and other dragon boat enthusiasts in attendance, Victoria's inner harbour was packed to capacity. On the water, the race officials were constantly contending with ferries, private pleasurecraft, tour boats, float planes and smaller vessels, which led to several delays

in the race schedule and one team of paddlers was left floating in the water when a fire official boat's wake swamped their dragon boat out from under them.

It was not an auspicious beginning to the weekend for the Spirit Point Dragons when one of their teammates collapsed from a debilitating migraine part way through the first race and had to be treated by medics on site and then taken to her hotel to recover. Despite the drama, the team posted a decent time of 2 minutes 35 seconds in the 500-metre race.

Due to the huge number of teams competing, the next race

wasn't until the sweltering mid-afternoon, with an interval of over six hours between the two races. The team rallied from the heat and commotion and paddled the course in 2:33, which placed them in the bronze division for the finals the following day.

The team paddled the course in 2:34 and then hurriedly scuttled off to check out of their hotels and find breakfast and coffee.

Water pistols, super soakers and fire hydrant hoses were put to good use as team members tried to stay cool while waiting for the final race, which was again run in the mid-afternoon heat. As it was the last race of the event,

and the team's last race of the 2010 season, the paddlers poured out all their energy and posted their fastest time of the meet at 2:32 for a fifth-place finish.

The team would like to thank Dawn Tucker, who travelled all the way from Vernon to join the team as coach and caller while the team's regular coach, Mary Rowles, was on vacation.

The team also thanks sponsors Harbour's End Marine, Moby's Oyster Bar and Country Grocer.

Anyone interested in joining the team next year can see the Spirit Point Dragons' booth at the fall fair, or contact Mary Rowles at maryrowles19@hotmail.com.

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Thoughts & News

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(HOWARD) DENNIS Hunter passed away suddenly on June 11, 2010. Dennis was recently predeceased by his wife of 52 years, Diane, and is survived by his daughter Cathy, son Doug and wife Sandra, grandsons Clayton and Ryan and sister Arlene (Richards). Born in Vancouver in 1935, Dennis married his beloved Diane and settled in Richmond in 1958 where they spent many happy years raising their family. An airline captain who flew equipment ranging from the DC3 to the 747, Dennis was frequently quoted as saying that there was never a day when he didn't enjoy going to work, and was often amazed that he was paid to do what he loved. After a career spanning 35 years with Canadian Airlines, Dennis moved with Diane to their dream home on Salt Spring Island where they enjoyed their retirement in an idyllic ocean side setting. Den was an avid angler, hunter and boater, whose experiences were always enriched when he was able to share them with his family. He instilled his love of the outdoors in his kids who have many fond memories of cruising and fishing adventures in Desolation Sound and beyond aboard the 'Snowbird'. Two of Dennis' proudest outdoor achievements were the acquisition of a Boone and Crockett hunting record, and clinching first place in the 2005 Fawn Lake BC fishing derby. No hunting or fishing accomplishment would rival the arrival of Den's long anticipated grandkids however, who quickly commandeered the soft spot he held for children. Dennis' many wonderful friends, family members and others will remember him as a gentle and generous man, with an easy smile and a positive and pragmatic outlook on life. Those that he worked with came to expect fairness and respect; values that were also afforded to those he mentored during the years that he volunteered with the BC Borstal Association. To his wife, Dennis was a devoted husband who made a habit of placing her interests above his, and who loved her like no other. To his children, he was a patient, considerate father and role model who was quick to provide support and encouragement, and who is dearly missed. Tight Lines Dad. Donations to Lady Minto Hospital Foundation are greatly appreciated.

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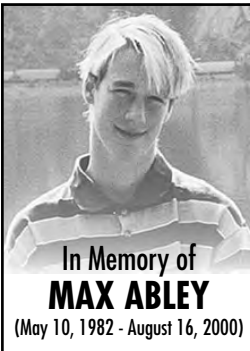
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JANUARY 11, 1949 - AUGUST 8, 2010

It is with the deepest sorrow and sadness that the family of Jan Meikle, our sister, daughter, mother, grandmother and aunt, announces her sudden passing on August 8th, 2010, at the age of 61 at her home in North Vancouver. Jan grew up in Nanaimo, BC, graduating from Nanaimo Senior Secondary School in 1966. Later, in 1990, Jan went to Capilano College, taking the two year paralegal program, graduating With Honours, achieving Dean's List in each of the 4 semesters, while also being honoured as the Class Valedictorian. Jan is survived by her mother, Muriel, her brother, Kevin and his wife June, her children, Ja Lynn (and her husband Tim), Angela and Bruce, her grandchildren, Payton Muriel and Kianna Marie, her niece Alana and her Aunt Dolly. Particular thanks goes to Dr. John Corey, of Caulfield Village Medical Clinic, and the staff at Lions Gate General Hospital for their compassionate care during Jan's recent illnesses. Also, to Randall Godden and Mae's Graces (a group of Nanaimo "girls" who have been her friends for over fifty years) for their unwavering friendship and support for Jan during difficult stretches in Jan's life. Friends and family are invited to a memorial service to celebrate her life, which will be held Wednesday, August 18th, 2010 at 2pm at First Memorial Boal Chapel, 1505 Lillooet Road, North Vancouver, BC. A reception will follow immediately. A further service will be held Friday, August 20th, 2010 at 2pm at Brechin United Church in the Fellowship Hall at 1998 Estevan Road, Nanaimo BC. Additional information can be obtained by emailing Kevin Meikle at kevin.meikle@ca.cushwake.com.

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BIRTHS

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(nee Scarfe)
 January 26, 1910 - August 10, 2010.
 Effie passed away peacefully at Greenwoods with her family by her side.
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 Effie will be remembered for her involvement with "Relay for Life" until she was 100. She was an avid bridge player and a member of the IODE and Legion.
 A private family service will be held at a later date.
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DATE: September 2, 2010
TIME: 10:30 am
PLACE: Noon, 100 Jackson Ave
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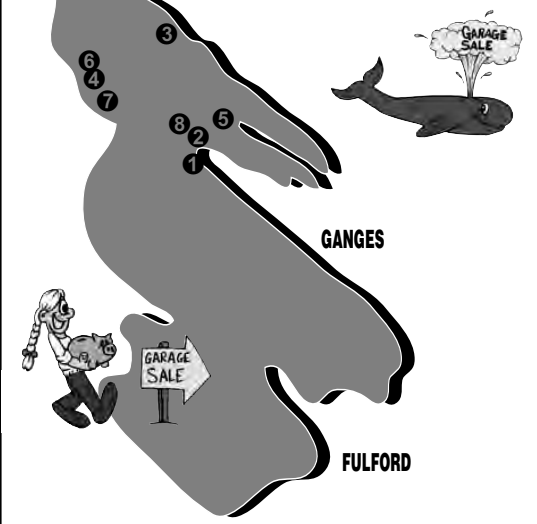
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This Week's Horoscope by Michael O'Connor

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

Taking your love to new places and perhaps to new heights is on your mind. What constitutes the need and quality of your love expressions depends on you. Perhaps it is finding an ideal mate or creating more harmony with your romantic partner. Alternately, it may be that desires to express your love through some form of art appeals to you. Either way, your commitment is required.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

Healing, improving, repairing, refining – all these share something in common and represent a focus for you now. That the focus surrounds love and romance is likely. Again, whether it is a person or an activity, the quality of your expression is up for review and refinement. Staying focused on priorities stands to be your greatest challenge now. Concentrate!

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

Desires for love and affection are leading you to reflect and ponder. What is working and what is not? Where and when did problems begin? These and other such questions may be on your mind. Often the roots can be traced to childhood experiences and conditioning. Deep issues can be traced to past lives. Either way, you can direct your intention to realize understanding and healing.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

Some times we move and shake, other times we are moved and shaken, and sometimes both. So which is it for you now? Something wants to give. You are wise to cooperate with big change now. Perhaps it is just what you want, or need. At worst, all your fears are up. This is where 'The Power of Now' can help. This does not mean disregard yesterday or tomorrow, just that you focus on now.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

You have taken new leads and now it is time to strengthen your overall foundation. Knowing clearly what you want to achieve will help a lot. Do you have a vision, a plan and a breakdown of goals? If not, it will be worth the effort. Be willing to cooperate with people and situations. It is likely that you need to make some important changes that include new knowledge.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

The time has come to take some bold new initiatives. It is likely that your mood is pretty intense and your focus extra sharp. Expect this to continue. Staying 'cool in the heat', in all respects, will be an added challenge. You may well have to work extra hard to succeed now. Faithful perseverance may also be required. A new level of power is rising, yet you must earn it.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

A stressful cycle continues. You are eager to advance, yet you want to do so privately and/or on your own terms. This may also well prove to be an expansive time. Change in relationship and at home are influencing each other. You are in the mood to try new angles and modes of expression. Fortunately, there is reason to believe that you feel strong and are determined to succeed, if quietly.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

Are you a mystic, or a dreamer, or in denial a deceiver? Nothing personal, self-deception of some kind is very common. This is so because of the complexity of our psychology and of the reality of belief-based selective perception. Now is a good time to take a closer look at yourself and your situation. It will prove practical for you to summon the courage to see your self and situation better.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

A desire to break through somehow in your social, public and/or professional life is in the spotlight. The time has come to achieve goals that have been gestating for some time. In the short term, you may have to deal with confidence issues, perhaps especially linked to career, but any social activity qualifies here. Are you willing to redefine yourself? Are you able? If uncertain, seek assistance.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

The time of gathering your resources is drawing to a close. Soon you will be called to mark your target. Setting your sights clearly is often a challenge, and sometimes even more so, like now with Mercury Retrograde. Consider both the long and the short term perspective, but be careful not to confuse the two, as is more likely in this communications storm period. Think twice....

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

Meeting new people in the midst of a soul searching journey is a tricky mix. You may prefer to listen much more than speak, at least over the next few weeks. Conserving your energy and even activating whatever extra reserves you may have feels right. This may include a desire to exercise more. Like an arrow drawn and poised to fly, you likely feel the stress. 'Calmness is power'.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

A deep metamorphosis has begun. The shift may be subtle or obvious. Either way, things will not revert to 'the way they were'. Your willingness to work with the process is ideal. You may be asked to move beyond existing relationships, whether personal or professional. Meeting people according to who they are, yet according to your truth as well, is among the challenges. Mind open, avoiding assumptions, you will prevail.

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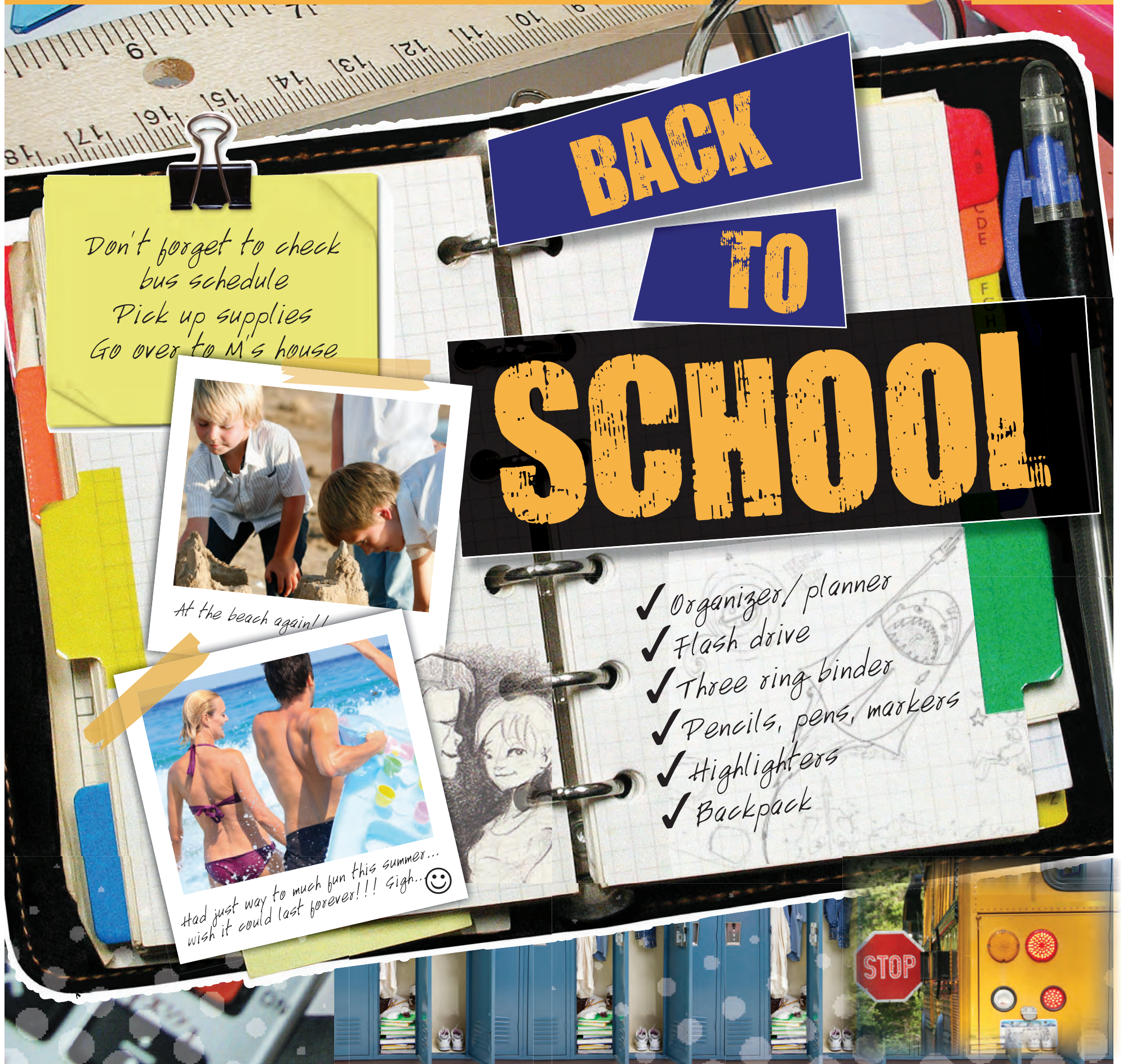
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Facing the kindergarten dilemma once and for all

Agonizing over choice on an island of options

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

August's first chill provokes an instant physiological response in Canadians that is as impossible to deny as the genetic knowledge that sends cariboo on their winter migration.

It's back to school time, and even if (like me) you haven't been classified under the grade system for 20 years, the knowledge

that September's coming still stirs up mixed emotions of excitement and dread.

This fall my son Jamie will bring our family into the inevitable cycle (fall still seems like the true new year, much more natural than January or the spring). He's not going back to school but becoming part of it for the first time as he enters kindergarten at Salt Spring Centre School.

While for many parents the beginning of school is a huge turning point as the first time they have to release their children into the wider world, for me there's been a steady progression back to full time work ever since Jamie turned one. Since he turned four he's been in child care almost

every day of the week, so I've gone through all the separation anxiety I expect to experience.

The journey leading up to kindergarten has not been easy, however, and it's something I've been thinking about, often agonizing over, for the past year. My first worry was that Jamie won't be quite five when school starts, with his birthday near the end of October. Some studies have recommended that boys would benefit from not starting school until they are six, and this is an option available to us in the B.C. school system. In discussion with my husband, however, he was very opposed to the idea, mainly because all Jamie's friends would be

advancing without him. (A second reason had something to do with sports teams that I don't really understand.)

So, that settled, the next question was where to send him. On Salt Spring, unlike other places, we "suffer" from having the many options we are lucky enough to enjoy. Our personal dilemma hovered between the public school in our area with good reports of its kindergarten teacher, putting him in the full-time kindergarten year at the Waldorf preschool, where he had wonderful results last spring, or trying the Centre School's full-day program.

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BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The back to school rush heralds the end of a hard-earned summer holiday for more than just students as parents prepare for yet another year of concocting enticing and appetizing school lunches and snacks.

According to a 2008 Statistics Canada survey, nearly eight per cent of elementary school students and roughly 20 per cent of secondary school students begin the day without sitting down to breakfast.

Given that a poor diet contributes to long-term health issues like heart disease, diabetes, cancer, osteoporosis and obesity, making sure children have the right stuff in their lunch box is an essential part of growing up healthy.

In spite of successful programs such as the Gulf Islands Secondary School's Culinary Arts cafeteria program, efforts to ban junk food from school vending machines and implementation of a free fruit and vegetable program, the first and biggest steps towards that healthy lifestyle begin at home.

That puts the onus on parents to keep things fun and tasty without sacrificing nutrition.

According to Christine Godlonton, owner of Dinner's Ready catering services, that seemingly impossible task isn't so hard after all. What's even better, she added, is that creating delicious meals that are fun to eat can be accomplished without taking too much time or breaking the bank.

"You can send a whole apple, but that tends to come back untouched," Godlonton said.

Cutting that apple up into bite-sized portions, however, is a sure bet to get kids snacking healthily throughout the day.

"It's the same thing, but just looks better."

Even sandwiches, in Godlonton's experience, are being replaced by crackers with meat, cheese, dips and vegetable toppings.

The general idea, she said, is to make lunches as easy and convenient as possible.

"I just try to make it easy so that he eats," Godlonton said of her efforts to get her son eating healthy. "A whole sandwich is kind of daunting."

A province-wide survey of high school students revealed that between 20 and 25 per cent of students weren't getting enough servings of fruits and vegetables each day.

Because bite-sized portions can be easily slipped in to fit today's children's hectic schedules, kids can work away at getting their servings of fruit and vegetables over the course of the whole day.

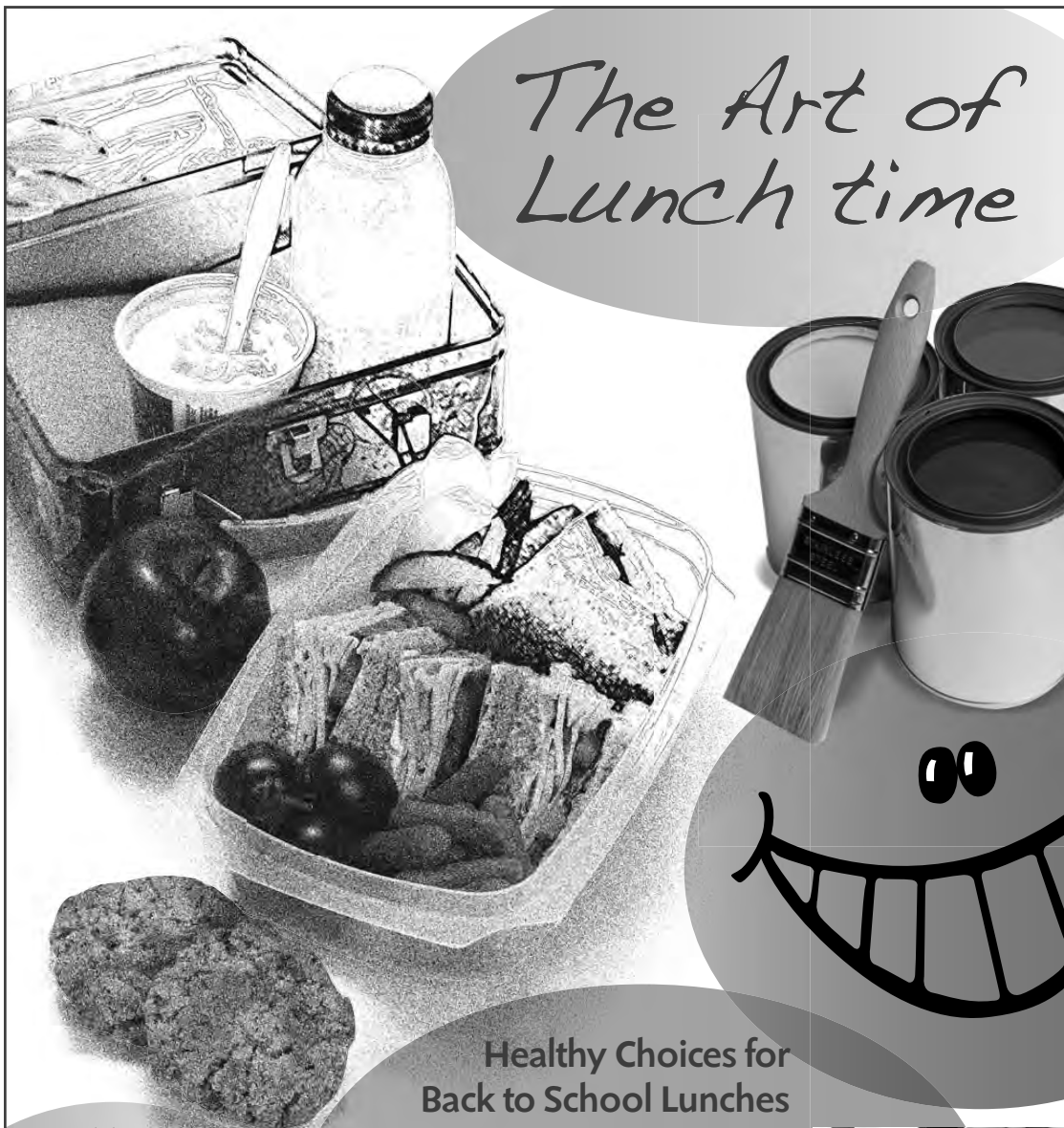
When it comes to desserts, Godlonton finds it easy to forgo the grocery stores' processed food aisles in favour of home-made granola bars and puddings.

Getting kids to help out in the lunch-making process, she said, is a great way to get kids engaged and informed about what they're eating.

"It's good to get the kids involved in what they want," she said, adding that time spent in the kitchen can encourage something else that's shown to be in short supply — quality family time.



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Salt Spring kids get off the school bus on the first day of school in 2009. The new year begins on Tuesday, Sept. 7.

Making the big decision

KINDERGARTEN
continued from B1

After many months of going back and forth with our preference, we decided at the last minute to sign him up at the Centre School. Despite my strong belief that the public school system needs to be supported and putting kids in private schools gives the government an excuse not to provide adequate education funding, the reality of current funding choices has led me to act otherwise.

Kindergarten hours are 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Monday to Thursday at Salt Spring public schools, although this fall a full-day program will be implemented on the other Gulf Islands. This means we'd have to leave work in the middle of the day, pick up Jamie from school, and then leave him in

child care. We've opted instead for the Centre School's five-day program running from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day, and I'll stretch my four-day work-week to five shorter days to match the schedule.

We also like the Centre School's smaller, homier environment, with classes ranging to about 10 students each instead of the 22 kids Jamie would be among at a public school. And although we'll be paying tuition, the amount is a great deal less than what we've been paying in childcare up to now, and around the same as what we'd pay for after school care.

I felt a deep sense of relief when our decision was finalized, but just the other day I had another moment of panic when my son had a rough morning at daycare, requiring him to have a chill-out session away from

the other kids without books or toys.

What if he is too young for kindergarten? What if his frequent behaviour issues are inappropriate in the school setting? What if there are no boys in his class and he doesn't find a good buddy to bond with?

Regardless of your personal situation, I'm sure sending your child to school for the first time brings up a host of worries in every parent — and am equally sure the worries won't end, only change, over the years. I'm hoping the joys of meeting new friends, learning new things and the mentorship of great teachers will help outweigh those worries in time.

When next September rolls and around and it's "back to school" for real, I'm guessing my seasonal flutter will consist of more excitement than dread.



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JAZZED: At left, Henry Boudin plays with the Silver Fox Trio at Mistaken Identity Vineyards, one of three "good life venues" at the 5th Annual Salt Spring Jazz Festival. Above, Bob Delion (left) leads a bass workshop with Ben Arney, Andy Hickman and Daniel Hunter at Acoustic Planet Music Studio. Some 23 acts, workshops and jams took place at several different island venues from Friday afternoon through Sunday night for the jazz festival.



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Woodwinds and strings are provided by Chris Lane, who

mixes in bamboo flutes and lap steel with traditional guitar riffs and soaring sax solos. Percussionist Charles Zappa lays down the rhythms with earthy beats of tribal music for the digital age.

When vocalist and didgeridoo player Stu Fergie was a child, Yakin Andu elders gifted him with the nickname DidgeriStu, a nod to his prodigious skills on his chosen instrument. Now, DidgeriStu is all grown up and his skills on the otherworldly Australian instrument are too.

OKA has independently sold over 60,000 albums worldwide. OKA's hypnotic, high-energy live performances consistently set themselves apart as a festival crowd favourite with their originality, honesty and passion. This summer, on their fifth Canadian tour, the

combo has blown the crowds away at the Vancouver Folk Festival and at Shambhala.

"It's the kind of sound you spread the news about with an almost missionary fervor," says promoter Gary McNutt. "The OKA show in Duncan is part of the ongoing community-to-community exchange between our islands and the tiny mountain kingdom of Lesotho, southern Africa. The country is known as The Roof of Africa, for its incredible mountainous terrain and the antiquity of the cultures that survive and thrive there."

Funds raised at the benefit concert will go towards Glasswaters Foundation projects in Lesotho, which include building accommodation for disabled and HIV-positive children living at the Phelisanong centre in the mountains of

Lesotho. Lesotho has become a focal point for global solidarity with Salt Spring students, agriculturalists, social workers, health professionals and grandmothers. Dedicated islanders are working to raise funds and awareness to turn the tide on the HIV/AIDS pandemic that is devastating Lesotho.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

ART EXHIBIT

Musical passion explored in artwork

Marlys Moys shows her work at the Core Inn

BY MELISSA WEIGEL
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Who is Marlys Moys? Well, she's a self-declared "spaced cadet" (she laughs).

After seven years on Salt Spring she recognizes that she's got a bit of the seven-year itch going on, but still loves the island's charm. Her art, however, is beyond the typical baskets and clay creations our community flaunts. Hers is rock.

Moys' passions and ambitions are for music; she describes rock music as her salvation. It's only appropriate then that her art also focuses on music, featuring paintings of the Ramones, ACDC and the Beatles.

"I love music and it inspires me to draw," she says.

She recognizes that her childhood obsession with The Beatles fuelled her well, although it set her apart from her peers at the time. Most people's interests change like the wind with whatever popular media prescribes us. Moys' are authentic and have remained stable over time. Now she is publicly showing her interests and talents through her art.

Moys is holding an art



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Marlys Moys with two of the pieces in her Aug. 20-21 art show at the Core Inn.

show on Friday, Aug. 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. and on Saturday, Aug. 21 from noon to 4 p.m. on the third floor of the Core Inn on McPhillips Avenue.

Artistic and musical ability runs in her family, she says, and it is the support of her family that fostered her artistic ability in her early years. She fondly recalls how her mother rarely got her colouring books

as a child because she thought they stunted creativity. (We parents can learn well from this: Moys is thankful for that and attributes that to much of her current ability to create.)

Moys feels like art is her place; it's where she belongs whether she likes it or not. She reflects on how "the sacrifice for creativity is your sanity"... she

brainstorms: "I wonder what it would be like to be a 'normal' person... hmmm." (I bet many of us can relate to that thought.)

Perhaps we can learn from Moys' passion to create art: if we express ourselves, it really doesn't matter what it "might be like," we just are.

Moys has spent a lot of time alone, as any

self-respecting soul-searching eccentric artist has. She readily acknowledges that she's different than most people and sees that it is through her creation of art that she copes with her uniqueness and expresses it.

Why create art?

"I'm not sure, really. I just like to make people happy, I guess. I kind of feel like this is my job and I just got to do it."

We can all learn from Moys' passion to follow her instincts and roll with her true talents. Come check out some of her creations this Friday and Saturday at the third floor of the Core Inn and perhaps learn a little about how our uniqueness creates something really cool in the world, not just an awesome painting of the Beatles.

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The group that has been singing together for over a decade will perform music by Mendelssohn, Gounod and Haydn, and traditional and contemporary folk songs, including the lovely In the Evening by Susan Crowe.

Quartet members are Connie Holmes, soprano, Lyle Eide, tenor, Anke Smeele, alto, Alan Robertson, bass and their accompanist Beth Ranney. All are members of Salt Spring Sing-

ers and share a wealth of musical and choral experiences, and an enduring friendship that is evident in their obvious joy of making music together.

Over the years they have contributed their music to various fundraising causes, local care facilities and ArtSpring's Christmas event.

The Aug. 25 event is the last in the Music & Munch weekly summer series, with concerts returning to a once-a-month schedule in September.

Music starts at 12:10 p.m., and while it is free, donations to Music Makers are always welcome.

The \$5.50 tickets for the optional light lunch following the music are sold at the door prior to the concert.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

ART REVIEW

Playful meets political in Hennessy Showcase exhibit at Mahon Hall

Mayne Island artist's Souls exhibit at ArtCraft until Aug. 25

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Mayne Island's MD Hennessy, the feature artist at ArtCraft's new stage exhibition Souls, creates folk art sculptures that combine whimsy with wit and the playful with the political.

From the bottom up, her figures carry some similarities: a pair of actual shoes gleaned from a thrift store give rise to a pair of bamboo legs. What comes next, however, is anybody's guess, with sculpted forms and found objects giving form to Hennessy's interests and obsessions.

According to her statement, the artist originally started out with finding shoes, then creating sculptures by trying to imag-



ine who would possibly fill them. A good example of this process is Party Animal, a large blackbird wearing what appear to be Japanese rice-picking boots with the big toe separated. The friendly looking bird wears a tiny top hat with silver trim and a silver harness on his back from which balloons in primary colours rise. He definitely looks ready for take-off.

In other pieces, Hennessy looks for shoes to match the character she is creating. The complex matter of "necessary development" is tackled in Bare Mountain in Sheep Country, with parts of the figure representing the apathetic public (the sheep-skull head), contractors and developers. The latter two partners are the left and right side of the body, with two different glossy dress shoes. One hand reaches out in a handshake while the other grips a \$20 bill. The back of the jacket manifests the scene in action, with tiny Monopoly-type houses, an excavator, a thicket of tree stumps and wire lines.

Several of Hennessy's sculptures helpfully come with a detailed explanation of the elements involved, such as Talking to Myself. This figure sits on the ground with legs stretched straight out



(the shoes are denim sneakers with white laces), "looking" at its own face, a mask cast in plaster. Where the head would be is a small tree hung with tiny scrolls. Scrolls, all of which are filled with tiny writing, are also attached to the back of

With other pieces, no further explanation is required beyond the title

the mask. Hennessy explains the scrolls reference as fortunes handed out by Buddhist monks in Japanese temples. The recipient can choose to hang the fortune up instead of taking it if she or he doesn't like

what it says. "This made me think about how we filter all that we say to ourselves: some for the better, some to our own detriment," Hennessy notes. With other pieces, no further explanation is required beyond the title, such as Sometimes at Night I Worry. Here the feet are wearing slippers and the body wearing green pajamas, a glass of milk in one hand and an angry-looking red puppet on the other. The "head" is a small blob in a heavy black frame, where a mask face is put to rest beneath a grey blanket. A raven perches on one bed post, while another is right on the blanket. It's a humorous, if slightly ominous, expression of the artist's psyche.

Finding Georgia is not a shoe-based sculpture but a wall piece built into the

PHOTOS BY CHLOE SJUBERG
Above is MD Hennessy's Sometimes at Night I Worry, with various wall sculptures in the background. At left is Noises You Hear When It's Quiet. The Showcase Gallery exhibit opened Friday at Mahon Hall.

framework of a small red chair, set into a slightly larger blue rocker. A raven is pecking at the seat back, directing the viewer's eye to what the bird can't see: a large magnifying glass against the back wall covers an image of a person inside a house, looking out toward the desert through the glass doors.

Hennessy explains elsewhere that she frequently uses the red chair to represent herself in drawings. In this case, the chair is covered with actual dust from Georgia O'Keefe's refuge in New Mexico. The piece can be read as Hennessy's tribute to a mentor, the red chair resting on the blue chair's supportive embrace.

Souls continues as the ArtCraft showcase exhibit through Wednesday, Aug. 25, open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Mahon Hall daily.

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ART BEAT COLUMN

Leatherbarrow-Evans pieces: perfect companions

JD Evans opens expression at Gallery 8 summer show

A solo show combining the paintings of JD Evans and Bob Leatherbarrow's art glass at Gallery 8 this month reveals a lightness and loosening appropriate for the summer mood.

Leatherbarrow's kiln-fired glass vessels become sculptural with designs inspired by bivalves, while Evans' paintings take a turn from highly detailed precision to open expressive movement. It's delightful to see how each artist evolves their craft individually — seen together, Leatherbarrow's marine- and zen-influenced vessels are the perfect companions to Evans' Asian-influenced abstraction.

Divinations II is a new example of a style Evans has perfected: the large-format work, 36 by 60 inches, contains several familiar elements rendered in grand scale. The mytho-symbolic scene has a magical landscape framed by the large arches of a spiritual sanctum, ornamented with detailed patterning of hieroglyphic marks in gold and bronze. Figures within seem about to engage in an



Elizabeth Nolan

ARTBEAT

ON THE ROCK

at work in her paint choices, but her generous movements speak of a new willingness to let go artistically.

Passing at Night is another abstract work. A few lines on the vertical and diagonal give the impression of framing and perspective, which along with the title suggest a cityscape seen from a vehicle rushing by at night. Bright yellows, oranges and reds among the black and grey create a neon city-sign impression, as seen in the bustling cities of Korea and Japan.

The Photographer is tall and narrow, at 30 inches high by just 2.5 inches across. The strip of abstract painting involves a transition between colour areas, the top third painted over with a ribbon of mauve falling into white. With a tiny figure and tripod positioned in front as if taking a photo of a waterfall, the entire piece is transformed from amorphous colour to landscape, from abstract to narrative.

Transient Grace is an Arctic-looking landscape of peaked mountain ranges and frozen glacier pools, all in cool blue and white. Swirling movements suggest the powerful winds that buffet and carve the ice.

PHOTOS BY DERRICK LUNDY

At left, one of Bob Leatherbarrow's bivalve pieces. Below is JD Evans' Transient Grace.

unknown ritual of deep importance.

In contrast to this line of work is another new painting, Rogue Wave. In vast swoops of colour, Evans combines multiple shades in every brushstroke in amazing combinations against a mauvy-pink "sky." Her customary precision is clearly

The painting shows the marriage of Evans' precision with her new openness: there are no movements or strokes that aren't carefully placed, but at the same time there is a freedom to the motion appropriate to a landscape where human intervention is unimaginable.

Leatherbarrow's glass vessels and art pieces are always a pleasure, combining patterns of opaque and translucent tones that catch the light. In his bivalve pieces, the artist glues together the two halves of each shell on the hinge, which open at various degrees to show the delicate coiled glass "guts" inside. Black Boa Clam, eight inches in diameter and around six inches high, is glossy black on the shell's outside edge and lacquer red inside, with a complex tube of pale blue, white and yellow representing its meat.

A series of Galactica Clams is patterned with opaque white blobs set in translucent orange, contrasted with slender blue feet. Tridacna Gigas Clams are soft lavender with red. Encephalon Coral is a round glass ball in deep blue and white, topped with a narrow red spiral like the candle in a birthday cake. All of these marine pieces, with their colour combinations and forms inspired by nature, provoke a deep satisfaction.

The Evans and Leatherbarrow show can be seen upstairs at Gallery 8 until Sept. 4.



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Wed. August 18

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

In the Garden of Eden. A special Music & Munch presentation at All Saints as part of the Anglican Parish Flower Festival. 12:10 p.m. followed by optional lunch.

Open Stage. With Stephanie Rhodes at Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

Live Music in the Vineyard. Every Wednesday with Harry Warner & Friends at SS Vineyards. 2 to 4 p.m.

Fiddleworks. Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Art Camp. For kids aged 5 and up. Fables Cottage. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Info: 250-537-0028.

Arrive Alive. Jerry's Rangers Happy Hiker Sticker. Ruckle Park interpretive program. 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Busy Builders. Ruckle Park interpretive program on beavers. 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Thurs. August 19

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Summer of My Amazing Luck. Shameless Hussy Productions presentation of the award-winning comedy. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.

Rocky Horror Show. Fulford Hall. 8 p.m. SOLD OUT.

Mike Alviano. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

Simone & the Soul Intentions. The Pub at Fulford Harbour.

Open Mic. The Local. 6 to 10 p.m.

T. Riley. Live at Shipstones. 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

The Challenges and Opportunities of Conscientious Parenting. Talk by psychotherapist Adela Barcia at SS United Church. 7:30 p.m. A Centre for Child Honouring event.

WOLF Kids Info Session. Informational workshop about Wolf Kids and the Art of Mentoring Youth in Nature Connection. 600 Fulford-Ganges Rd. 6 to 8 p.m. Info/register: 250-538-8102.

Young Writers' Workshop. Workshop with Lorraine Gane for aspiring writers aged 11 to 17. Salt Spring Library teen room. 1 to 3 p.m.

Jerry's Rangers Program. Ruckle Park interpretive program. 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Art Camp. See Wednesday listing.

Fri. August 20

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Fiddleworks Gala Concert. Centennial Park at 7 p.m., followed by a hoe-down from 8 to 10 p.m. Bring lawn chairs and blankets.

Shag Harbour Band. Dinner and dancing at the Harbour House Hotel.

Run for Cover. Shipstones. 7 p.m.

Simone and the Soul Intentions. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

Paxton Bachman Trio. The Pub at Fulford Harbour.

Music with Silk, plus Wine & Food Tastings. Complimentary wine and food from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., with music by Silk from 2 to 4 p.m. Salt Spring Vineyards.

FM Hi-Low. Live soul at Moby's. 8 p.m.

Billie Woods. Jazz at the Harbour House lounge.

Rocky Horror Show. SOLD OUT.

ACTIVITIES

Art Camp. See Wednesday listing.

Argentine Tango Practica. Top floor, Core Inn. 8 to 10 p.m. Beginners welcome.

Sat. August 21

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

OKA. Australian world-beat at Beaver Point Hall. 8 p.m. Fundraiser for Glasswaters Foundation.

Rocky Horror Show. SOLD OUT.

Elaine Ryan & Co. Folk music at the Harbour House. 7 p.m.

Soul Shakedown. Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

Run for Cover. Live music at Shipstones. 7 p.m.

John Lefebvre and the Stonehouse Ravens. Live at Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

Paxton Bachman Trio. The Pub at Fulford Harbour.

ACTIVITIES

100 Mile Green Medicine. Two-day workshop with herbal elder Don Ollsin. Info/register: Leslie, 250-538-1911.

Welfare Rights. Part of a free Know Your Rights and How to Use Them series of talks at the United Church meadow. 2 to 4 p.m.

Co-op Preschool Fundraising Garage Sale. At 110 Aldous Rd., 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Argentine Tango Workshop. With Monica and Gabriel at All Saints. 7 p.m. Followed by milonga at 9 p.m. Info: 250-653-4589.

Sun. August 22

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Jazz in the Vineyard. Paul Mowbray & Mike Wall perform at Salt Spring Vineyards. 2 to 4 p.m.

Norris Clement Trio. Live jazz at Moby's. 7 p.m.

A Neil Young Harvest. Special Neil Young night at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

Paul Mowbray. Jazz at the Harbour House lounge. 7 p.m.

Barley Brothers. The Pub at Fulford Harbour.

ACTIVITIES

Herbal Medicine Making & Herb Walk. Third of three sessions with Rainbow Ramadevi May. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info/register: 250-537-1503.

Dances of Universal Peace. At Salt Spring Centre of Yoga on Blackburn Rd. 7:30 p.m.

One of a Kind Vancouver Artists' Reception. For artists to learn about how to participate in the show. Harbour House Hotel, Crofton Room. 3 p.m. RSVP to vancouver@oneofakindshow.com.

Mon. August 23

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Big Al and Tubob. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

WOLF Kids Info Session. See Thursday listing, except it's at Beaver Pt. Hall. 6 to 8 p.m. Info/register: 250-538-8102 or dovredfox@hotmail.com.

Art Camp. See Wednesday listing.

Tues. August 24

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Stage with David Jacquest. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Market in the Meadow. Tuesday farmers market runs next to the SS United Church. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Art Camp. See Wednesday listing.

Toddler Time. Arts & crafts for kids aged 2 to 4. Every Tuesday at Fables Cottage. 10:30 a.m.

Fulford Water Service Area Special Public Meeting. Fulford Hall. 2 p.m.

Wed. August 25

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Salt Spring Vocal Quartet. Music & Munch presentation at All Saints. 12:10 p.m. followed by optional lunch.

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EXHIBITIONS

- **Photosynthesis**, the 10th anniversary exhibit, opens at **ArtSpring** on Wednesday, Aug. 18 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Runs daily to Sept. 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Marlys Moys** shows her artwork at the Core Inn, third floor, on Friday, Aug. 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. and on Saturday, Aug. 21 from noon to 4 p.m.
- **JD Evans & Bob Leatherbarrow** have an exhibition of work at **Gallery 8** daily to Sept. 4.
- **MD Hennessy** is the Showcase Gallery artist at **ArtCraft** at **Mahon Hall** until Wed., Aug. 25. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- An exhibit of paintings and sculpture by **Diana Dean** from 1980 to 2010 shows at **Starfish Gallery and Studio** until Sept. 6.
- Sculptor **Morley Myers** has a show of plasters and waxes at his **Merchants' Mews** gallery.
- **The ArtCraft Gift Shop** of the **Salt Spring Arts Council** is open daily in historic **Mahon Hall** daily through the summer from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art** welcomes 8 new artists to the artist-run gallery. Photographer **Bob Rogers**, stained glass artist **Rachel Vadeboncouer**, sculptor **Kathleen Horsdal**, painter **Judy Harper**, painter **Tina Louise Spalding**, bead jewellers **Leslie D'Athe's** group, gold and silver jeweller **Virginia Midgett**, and sculptor **Frederich Johner**.
- **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.
- **Shirlee Lewis** and **Gail Sibley** feature new work called **Still Life & Other Reflections** in the **ArtSpring** open space until Aug. 31.
- "Nesting" is the theme of the 2010 **Salt Spring Potters Guild** display in **Mark's Work Warehouse** windows, which runs through 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**.
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

ART REVIEW

Potters' guild goes maternal with window-filled Nesting exhibition

Summer-long Ganges window exhibit well worth a look

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Nesting is the theme this year of the Potters Guild's annual showcase at Mark's Work Wearhouse in Ganges, and while the idea is undeniably sweet, the artists involved never descend to the precious.

Several artists have contributed versions of natural nests with ceramic eggs, each with an individual flair that makes the creation unique.

E.J. Fuller's ova are classic robin's egg blue, set off by a feather in a similar bright sky shade. Her nest is itself nesting, set in a bowl of patch-worked slab ceramic. The sections have been carved with stripes and polka dots and glazed with the soft blue of worn denim. The entire structure rests on a triangular stand of overlapping twigs. The elements and textures are disparate but nevertheless harmonious in their composition.

In Hand Laid, Libby Jutras also replicates robin's eggs set within a natural nest. She adds the elements of glazed ceramic cut-outs of a lizard and a dragonfly and ceramic tree buds for her artistic touch. Tracy Harrison's version, Blue on Black Nests, employs a woven ceramic nest in black glaze. Nestled within are what appear to be three large turquoise stones. The glossy finish results in a surreal feeling, a nest not quite of this world.

Diana Thompson has two small bowls carrying three eggs each — one all in natural matte white and one in pale lemon yellow. She also has nesting bowls with up to 10 tiny dishes stacked immediately inside each other. One set, with the widest being no more than six inches across, has contrasting layers of pale green and soft grey, just barely-there tones allowing Thompson's subtlety to move the viewer.

Kuno Egger's bird house is shaped like an acorn with a round door and a twig perch. The surface of the house and its capped roof have been striated with fine lines resembling wood grain, with sunny yellow glaze contrasting with deep terra cotta.

Kathleen Horsdal goes sculptural with Aphrodite's Handiwork, a tiny terra-cotta baby surrounded by soft down in a wicker nest. Aphrodite herself, a large nude sculpture seated casually on the ground, looks like an older and more shrivelled version of what we normally expect the goddess of love to be, opening the possibilities.

Florence Roberge also has an installation-like design with Au Debut à la Fin. Three small natural nests arranged in a line anchor the scene, the centre nest carrying tiny white eggs. A sculpted old woman is standing at the left, while an old man emerges from the cave-like nest on the right, charting the cycle of life.

Claire Olivier tackles a metaphoric version of



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At top, a bird house by Kuno Egger; above is Anne Byrne's Nesting show piece.

nesting in the casting of a pregnant woman's bust and belly. This is a truly beautiful piece, with its simple rounded forms and subtle, natural ornamentation. The fire cast form has imprints of ferns and cedar boughs left bright white among the softly coloured body, which deepens to dark brown around the edges.

Karen Dakin draws out the mothering metaphor with her sculpture of a mother and baby asleep together in a deep armchair, the baby hugged to the mother's chest, each with an expression of bliss.

Several artists have used the nesting theme to organize their functional ware to beautiful effect. Anne Byrne has a set of five petal-shaped cups in a flower-shaped tray, glazed in soft moss green with a burnished brown rim. The green is repeated in a

set of oversized shakers on a unifying tray.

Meg Buckley nests wide-mouthed bowls with spouts in delightful cream with brown speckles.

Judy Weeden, always unique, has a salt and pepper set on a tray, the containers shaped like rhomboid towers and decorated with the black-on-terra-cotta look of ancient Greece.

The show continues through the end of August: take a moment to pause, or make a special trip, to see these delightful offerings by local artists.

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LIVE THEATRE

Summer of my Amazing Luck makes ArtSpring tour stop on Thursday night

Canadian comedy hits the ArtSpring stage on Thursday night when Shameless Hussy Productions presents Summer of My Amazing Luck.

Based on the first novel by Miriam Toews, playwright Chris Craddock's stage adaptation won the 2005 Sterling

Award winner for Outstanding New Play.

"In this hysterically funny new play, two young mothers are out to shatter stereotypes — or should they really give a rat's ass?" asks press material. "Lucy and Lish are simple women at the mercy of a large, complex and

often heartless social safety net and they are hitting the road in a beat-up van full of kids and toys."

Summer of My Amazing Luck stars Renée Iace, Thomas Conlin Jones and Daune Campbell.

It runs on Aug. 19 only, beginning at 8

p.m.

Tickets cost \$17.50 for adults and \$5 for youth.

See the Aug. 13 Driftwood Weekender for an interview with actor Iace and more about the play, or visit our entertainment section online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com.

MUSIC

Neil Young gets Tree House tribute

Dave and Nikki host Sunday event

Hosts Dave Jacquest and Nikki Hanssens invite music lovers to "put on your boots and spurs and ride your llama side saddle" to the Tree House Cafe on Sunday, Aug. 22 for A Neil

Young Harvest.

Dave and Nikki's All-In-One Entertainment and approximately 30 local entertainers will provide their takes on the canon of one of Canada's biggest ex-pat rock stars. Performers include Lane 31, Synergy, the Saltshakers, the Mancubs

and more. Entertainment runs from 6 to 10:30 p.m.

Musicians can sign up to perform by contacting Jacquest through Facebook.

The complete itinerary can also be viewed by logging on to Facebook and searching for A Neil Young Harvest.

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Clash of the Titans

In 1981, a little movie called Clash of the Titans came along and blew my eight-year-old mind. I loved the glowing Gods in their gleaming white Olympus, feared the disgusting giant scorpions growing out of a villain's spilt blood, adored the nymph-like Princess Andromeda's big eyes and rosy cheeks, and giggled at the sight of the goofy, golden robot owl that chirped like an airborne R2D2.

Now, of course, we have the Hollywood remake, in which everything is bigger and badder and more cynical. It's pretty much as bad as I imagined it would be, yet to be fair the original is pretty terrible itself . . . and both are entertaining.

The story is that of the Greek Perseus, a human fathered by the Gods' leader Zeus. In a very rough reworking of the ancient myths, Perseus is fated to be the humans' hero in a conflict with the Gods. Proudful humans are renouncing the Gods, and Hades convinces Zeus that the only solution is not benevolence but brutality.

The humans of the city of Argos are told that unless they sacrifice their princess Andromeda, Poseidon will unleash the monstrous Kraken to destroy the city. Perseus heads out into the dangerous wilderness to hopefully find a way to kill the Kraken himself, in the process

coming into bloody battle with all manner of dangerous foes.

There are all kinds of problems with Clash of the Titans, the most general of which is that it's just so frustratingly bland. I attribute most of this to director Louis Leterrier, who also managed to snoozify the recent Incredible Hulk film (no, not Ang Lee's 2004 version, which is criminally underrated). Leterrier seems more interesting in making things look right than caring about flow, or tension, or managing his actors.

As a result, Clash of the Titans generally looks and feels great. I was worried that maybe its CGI monsters would look fake, but only the half-snake, half-woman Medusa is poorly done. The action sequences are generally exciting and fluid, most notably the scorpion fight and the climactic clash between a Pegasus-riding Perseus and the gargantuan Kraken.

I'm not sure which is worse, the original with its cheesy Ray Harryhausen stop-motion special effects, or the remake with its tired writing and performances. Let's be optimistic, though, just for kicks. If you're looking for a decently fun time with swords, babes and freaky creatures, either will do just fine.

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YOUTH AMBITIONS

Island teen off to school in Wales

Kaylea Kray looks to community for financial assistance

SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With fewer than three weeks left before school rings back into session, one Salt Spring Island teenager is a whole lot more excited than you might expect.

On Aug. 20, 16-year-old Kaylea Kray will embark on the experience of a lifetime when she departs Salt Spring for the prestigious Atlantic College near Cardiff, Wales.

Kray had initially applied for the International Baccalaureate program at Victoria's Lester B. Pearson United World College of the Pacific on a whim.

Her application didn't quite make it to the final interview stage, but staff thought it good enough to pass on to the World College's sister school in Wales.

Kray was contacted with an early morning

phone call in the spring for an interview.

Next thing she knew, she'd been accepted to study at a world-class institution alongside 350 students from 75 countries.

Atlantic College offers high school students entering Grade 11 a two-year pre-university program that combines learning and volunteer service.

The school, which was established in 1962 as the first of 13 International World Colleges, is housed in what's rumoured to be a 12th-century haunted castle.

"Once I started to look at it, I realized what an opportunity it was," Kray said.

She said the opportunity has helped temper any regrets of leaving family, friends and her home for so long.

Kray won't be back on the island until her month-long winter break comes around in December and January, but she's confident e-mail, Skype and Facebook will all help alleviate any potential homesickness.



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Kaylea Kray in the Thrift Shop's book section.

Even her father is slowly getting used to the idea that his daughter will be studying and living more than 7,500 kilometres away.

"We didn't really expect this when we encouraged her to apply to Pearson [College]," said Ryan Gibson. "Of course, we're very proud of her. It's an excellent experience for her and we believe she will be a good ambassador for Salt Spring and for Canada."

Given her background in the arts, an interest in science and a penchant for soccer, Kray has always kept an open mind when it comes to choosing a career.

After getting accepted to Atlantic College, she said, those choices have become even greater.

"Getting shown so many different options will definitely change my perspective," she said. "I'm going to go

with an open mind and maybe find myself."

Since Kray will be considered an international student, tuition (including room and board) is expected to reach as much as \$60,000 for the two-year program.

She's spent the past several days visiting local businesses for help covering her family's costs. For more information, Kray can be reached by email at adria.ryan@gmail.com.

EDUCATION

Nature-based homeschooling program offers information sessions this week

Wolf Kids has openings as it begins its sixth year

Parents and educators interested in Wolf Kids and the Art of Mentoring Nature Connection will have an opportunity to learn more this week during two exciting information sessions on Salt Spring.

For the past 12 years, Wolf mentors David Krieger and Tashmyra Crowe have been studying and mentoring youth in nature connection with master tracker and educator Jon Young, as well as trackers, guides and indigenous elders in Thailand, the U.S.A. and Canada. They focus on developing deep and lasting connections to nature through hands-on experiential programming in the out of doors. For Wolf Kids they have joined with Salt

Spring wilderness teacher Jean-Claude Catry to offer a full-time, nature-based homeschooling program for children and youth aged seven to 14. Wolf Kids is celebrating its sixth year and there are presently openings for new students this September.

"There is much talk about literacy today," explains a press release. "Parents and educators often worry that kids are not getting the right instruction in reading, writing and math to succeed in the world. But we are illiterate when it comes to the Earth. In preparing ourselves and our children for a world we can only barely imagine, nature literacy is as important as the 3 Rs."

In a typical day at Wolf Kids, activities revolve around what are called "core routines," which allow experiential learn-

ing in nature to take place. They include storytelling, expanding our senses, questioning and tracking, animal forms exercises, wandering, mapping directions, exploring field guides, journaling, creative expression, permaculture, habitat restoration, practising subsistence activities, bird language, deep awareness and giving thanks.

Parents and educators interested in learning more about Wolf Kids and the Art of Mentoring Youth in Nature Connection are invited to a free hands-on informational workshop on Thursday, Aug. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. at 600 Fulford-Ganges Rd., or on Monday, Aug. 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Beaver Point Hall. Donations are appreciated.

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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY



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DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Bridge players advised to heed Star Trek wisdom on journey

Things only impossible 'until they're not'

BRIDGETRICKS

BY JILL EVANS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Aug. 2 was B.C. Day this year, to honour the pioneers who boldly went where no man had gone before (except for the hundreds of natives), explored strange new worlds and sought out new life and new civilizations.

Some of the bridge regulars must have trekked elsewhere on the holiday though, because there were only four and a half tables at Seniors that Monday evening. Jeff Bell and Prem Margoese had no trouble gaining

first place, with the volcanically logical women, Gisela Welsh and Joanne Elizabeth coming second. Blanche Poborsa and Gerry Nicholson were third, and there was a tie for fourth, with Isabelle Richardson and Jean Elder matching George Laundry and Paul Retallack. May the rest beam up, live long and prosper.

On Aug. 9 it seemed many had returned to Earth and there were six full tables. Summer visitor Nancy Arnold partnered with Don Sharp and they proved there is intelligent life down here

with a solid first place. Jeff Bell and Prem Margoese were close behind, with George Laundry and Paul Retallack in the third spot.

Ian Thomas and Zelly Taylor took over fourth, bumping its usual occupants, Isabelle Richardson and Jean Elder, into fifth. The others may benefit from Captain Picard's words of wisdom, that things are only impossible until they're not, and that "It is possible to commit no errors and still lose. That is not a weakness. That is life." And bridge?

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