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RAR bylaw gets first reading for third time

New wording eases ditch restrictions

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The planner responsible for incorporating the provincial government's Riparian Areas Regulation into local legislation is confident new wording introduced at Thursday's Local Trust Committee meeting is a compromise for both opponents and proponents of proposed Bylaw 449.

"People have a number of concerns and questions that they wanted addressed in this bylaw, so it was felt by staff that there was an opportunity to come back with a revised bylaw addressing some of those concerns that have been raised," said Kris Nichols during the Salt Spring LTC's monthly public meeting on June 2.

The three main changes in the third version of the bylaw, he said, focus on clarified wording, amalgamation of maps and an easing of ditch restrictions.

"Ditches have been, and understandably are, a concern for a number of residents on Salt Spring RAR continued on 2



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

TAGGED: Salt Spring ALS Tag Days campaign coordinator Rita Dods pins a blue cornflower on Cpl. Martin Beardsmore, one of 33 volunteers involved with fundraising efforts that brought in \$6,200.

ISLANDS TRUST

Advisory groups to review abattoir proposal

Facility among Area Farm Plan recommendations

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee has referred a temporary use permit application to put a mobile abattoir at 1447 and 1449 Fulford-Ganges Rd. to its agricultural and environment advisory committees for further review.

The proposed facility just south of Garner Road will cover roughly half an acre and include covered livestock holding pens, a 34-foot trailer used to process and hang animals, a cooling area and a cut-and-wrap facility, along with some small storage buildings.

Speaking at Thursday afternoon's LTC meeting at the Lions Hall, trustee George Ehring said he feels it's crucial to have the matter discussed by the committees given the project's proximity to a creek and potential impact on island agriculture.

An abattoir is but one of the infrastructure components required to revitalize farming and local food production on Salt Spring, according to the Area Farm Plan released in January 2008.

"There is a lot of support for this from farmers and others in the community who are interested in local food," said Anne Macey on behalf of the Spring Island Agricultural Alliance.

ABATTOIR continued on 2

FEDERAL POLITICS

Elizabeth May takes seat in Parliament

Saanich-Gulf Islands MP to join GISS grad ceremonies

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Newly elected Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Elizabeth May is confident she can still effectively represent the interests of Saanich-Gulf Islands in a Conservative-majority Parliament.

May's win in last month's federal election

brought a close to the 14-year reign of former Conservative MP Gary Lunn, a fact that's stirred grumbles from those who feel islanders' concerns will be left to cool on the back benches.

"I am very sensitive to that criticism," May said in an interview from Ottawa on Tuesday morning.

In her defence, the Green Party of Canada leader points to the new federal budget's death of financial treats for Saanich-Gulf Islands residents. Given that the latest budget is 99 per cent

similar to the Conservative's pre-election budget drafted while Lunn was in power, May questions if the concerns of Saanich-Gulf Islands residents were ever really at the forefront.

"This is the same budget we would have had if Gary Lunn was in power," she said.

Moments before heading back into Parliament to discuss the budget, May laid into the document in earnest, calling it "silly and trivial."

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NEWSBEAT

Ditch setback reduction in new bylaw

RAR

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Island because ditches as we well know are drainage for property and for roads and I would hesitate to guess that all properties have a road by them, if not a ditch," he said. "Therefore the impact of a 30-metre development permit could be viewed as quite onerous for a number of residents."

New language in proposed Bylaw 449 reduces the RAR setback requirement along man-made ditches to five metres.

Given that most property setbacks range between 4.5 and 7.5 metres from lot boundaries, Nichols said, it's conceivable many landowners will not even be affected by the five-metre ditch DPA.

"If people are adhering to the setback, this development permit area won't impact that development," he said.

Nichols noted the change was pursued after "numerous concerns were raised regarding the hardship that the RAR definition of streams placed on many landowners."

He said the Trust office has received approximately 170 pieces of correspondence from island residents about proposed Bylaw 449 since early April. The bylaw seeks to protect drinking water and fish habitat by amending the existing Development Permit Area 4 that protects lakes, streams, wetlands and riparian areas by expanding setbacks in areas designated as riparian-area watersheds.

Comments from the Islands Trust's Advisory Planning Commission and Advisory Environment Committee noted the proposal doesn't go far enough.

Some commissioners and committee members want the

RAR to apply to some streams outside the list of designated watershed areas.

"To take this approach outside of the RAR-designated watersheds would go beyond the initial intent as well as the previous DPA 4 and the implementation of RAR," Nichols wrote in a staff report dated May 30. "While this approach does have merit in protecting non-fish bearing streams and their surrounding habitat, it introduces a number of new variables for this bylaw and therefore should be considered in the future in a separate bylaw with improved mapping."

Proposed Bylaw 449 incorporates advice to clarify maps associated with streams in the designated watershed areas. The new amalgamated map will be included with the new bylaw and made available on the Salt Spring LTC's website.

"I just wanted to thank the planner for thoroughly listening to all the input, which I also did as a trustee," said trustee Christine Torgrimson. "I appreciated the extensive and thoughtful and constructive input received from the community and think that we have a much improved version of the bylaw at this juncture, so thank you."

A public hearing on the bylaw has been set for Tuesday, June 21 at the Harbour House Hotel from 5 p.m. onwards. Comments on proposed Bylaw 449 will continue to be accepted until the hearing is adjourned.

An original version of the bylaw received first reading on April 7. It was then rescinded and a second one given first reading on April 20.

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Agro-industrial use deemed suitable for neighbourhood

ABATTOIR

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Macey said the project has been made possible thanks to a fundraising effort that's collected more than \$300,000.

She asked that the Trust do everything in its power to facilitate the application process to ensure funds granted to the project aren't jeopardized.

Details supplied by the Salt Spring Island Agricultural Alliance predict the facility will be used approximately 67 days per year to slaughter and process lamb, beef, poultry and pork. The

proposal involves leasing the property for a five-year period. Applicants will look for a permanent site during that time.

The subject property is split-zoned Rural and Industrial 2 and used for gravel and soil storage and sorting.

According to a staff report presented to trustees at Thursday's monthly LTC meeting, "All components of the facility are designed to be temporary and mobile in order to be relocated to a permanent site when one is made available."

As an agro-industrial land use, states the staff report, the

"There is a lot of support for this from farmers and others in the community who are interested in local food."

ANNE MACEY
 Salt Spring Island
 Agricultural Alliance

proposed location's industrial zoning is compatible with neighbouring properties' agri-

cultural and industrial zoning.

"Concerns regarding the sounds coming from the refrigerator units at night should be mitigated by a minimum front lot-line setback of 15 metres as well as the existing vegetation and berm along the front lot line, which should serve to buffer some of the humming noises," reads the report.

The LTC's advisory groups meet on the third Thursday of each month. To confirm advisory committee dates, times and locations, contact the Islands Trust office at 250-537-9144.

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EMPLOYMENT

Employment project outlines plenty of work ahead

Proposals include living-wage campaign, microloans and Sunday market

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A new report released by the Salt Spring Island Literacy Centre last week confirms much work is needed to improve the employment experience for many Salt Spring Island workers and business owners.

A higher-than-average cost of living, wages below the provincial average and a need for more employment services and peer support groups rank the island near the bottom of the pack for workers looking to get ahead.

The result is a business and employment setting that more closely resembles that of a third-world country rather than one of the world's leading industrialized nations, said Gordon Handford, a literacy centre board member who wrote the report.


"It's very much who you know and reputations are very important," he said. "There's really a sense that you're lucky to have a job and that you should be grateful."

Hanford and the many community volunteers who've worked to produce the report, called "You're not Really a Salt Springer Until you Have Held Four Jobs Simultaneously," provide dozens of recommendations to create a better working and business environment for employees and business owners.

Besides a lengthy list of workers' concerns and complaints, the survey reveals that employers too have their share of troubles.

"Anecdotally, the consultant encountered comments from employers that the problem on Salt Spring Island is not hiring someone, 'it's having them come back the second day,'" reads the report.


Handford said the literacy society has already begun work with the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce to implement the good employer awards program



Salt Spring Literacy Society

"You're not really a Salt Springer until you have held four jobs simultaneously"

Improving the employment experience of workers on Salt Spring Island



By Gordon Handford

to recognize businesses that adhere to a set of employer criteria.

"Using standard indicators of good employment practice, it is suggested there ought to be annual public awards distributed locally and advertised in the local media to the better employers," Handford writes in his report.

There's also a call to begin work on Salt Spring Island's very own living-wage campaign. Such a campaign, similar to one

put in place in London, England, would establish a manageable figure somewhere between minimum wage and the usual living wage of about \$27 per hour.

Contrary to fears of higher expenditures, findings cited in the report indicate creation of a living wage "was not as onerous on business as anticipated and has led to decreased absenteeism, reduced turnover, great job satisfaction and greater customer evaluations."

Given the provincial debate regarding the minimum wage, however, Handford agrees such a prospect is among the report's more long-term recommendations.

While the so-called traditional streams of employment are harder to come by on the island, Salt Spring excels to the head of the class when it comes to the prevalence and success of self-employed workers.

More courses designed to help people manage their businesses more efficiently combined with a mentoring network and access to microfinance opportunities akin to those provided by Galiano Island's Community Loan Fund, Handford said, would serve to promote the stronger points of the island's economy.

There's even a suggestion that islanders explore the creation of a Sunday market that could promote "struggling new crafts people, secondhand or flea market-type sales and local people who do not have a space in the Saturday market."

Of utmost importance, however, is the need for islanders from all segments of the community to recognize the significance of the issue and engage with other islanders to craft a solution.

"On Salt Spring, things are either on fire or they're ice cold," he said.

Judging from the difficulties Handford describes about the survey process, it's evident the prevalent mood is cooler than the norm.

Given that the employment situation is closely connected to housing affordability, health, education and so many other hot topics, Handford argues that employment can be a solution to so many island issues.

"One of the main goals is largely to see that Salt Spring doesn't have yet another survey that slips between the waves," he said.

The full report can be downloaded under the links section at saltspringliteracy.org. For more information about the project, contact Rachel Scott at 250-537-9717 or drop by the centre's Ganges office at 126 Hereford Ave.

News briefs

Float plane crash

The Transportation Safety Board has launched an investigation to determine why a float plane flipped over during takeoff from Bedwell Harbour on South Pender Island on Friday evening.

Neither of the plane's two occupants were seriously injured when their privately owned Cessna-180 found itself upside down moments after the pilot's third takeoff attempt ended in near tragedy on June 3 at about 8:15 p.m.

"Two fishing vessels and two dinghies responded

almost immediately after the incident and one of the vessels recovered the occupants who were standing on the pontoons," said Dan Bate, a Canadian Coast Guard spokesperson.

The passengers were taken to a local medical clinic as a precaution and later released, Bate said.

Members of the Outer Islands RCMP detachment, BC ambulance and a Coast Guard vessel from Salt Spring attended the scene.

Customs warnings

Salt Spring RCMP issued Canada Shipping Act warnings to five vessels during a

marine patrol in the areas of Ganges Harbour, Captain's Passage, Annette Inlet and the Chain Islands last week.

Police remind boaters from the United States it is their responsibility to properly clear customs with CBSA at a designated port of entry prior to continuing their cruising activities in Canada.

Police remind Salt Spring residents to be extra cautious this weekend with the coming Gulf Islands Secondary School graduation ceremonies. There will be additional visitors, vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians on the island creating traffic challenges and parking issues. Drivers are asked to

travel extra carefully on this occasion and to be mindful of no parking areas throughout the Ganges area.

The detachment offers its congratulations and best wishes to the graduating class of 2011. "Please celebrate responsibly and have a safe weekend."

For the record

Evelyn C. White's Rock Solid column in the June 1 issue of Aqua magazine did not contain a revised first paragraph the author provided once the date of Oprah Winfrey's last TV show was known. The first sentence should have read: "With her last original show broadcast on May 25th, Oprah Win-

frey ended her remarkable 25-year television run."

Sorry about that, Evelyn!

Foot traffic modified

BC Ferries passengers travelling through Fulford Harbour are advised that construction has begun on the foot passenger walkway.

Work that started on June 1 will modify the walkway to improve access for customers travelling with bicycles and other large items, the company says. While construction is underway, foot passengers will temporarily load and exit via the main vehicle ramp. Customers are advised to use caution

and to follow crew directions.

Picnic time

Portlock Park is getting a new picnic shelter.

Parks and Recreation Commissioners have approved spending up to \$12,000 on the project.

The new structure, which will be nearly twice the size of the former facility, will be built primarily by members of the island's Lions Club.

The new building will be partially enclosed on three sides, make use of recycled timbers from the previous structure and be situated next to the tennis courts near the park's western boundary.

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NEWSBEAT



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HONOURED: Salt Spring's Jim Bird at his Mansell Road weather station with his Award of Merit plaque received last week for 40 years of outstanding service as an Environment Canada volunteer weather observer. Climate volunteers have been taking daily readings of Canada's climate since 1840. Each year, certificates and awards are presented to individuals and families who have reached milestones of long-time continuous service as volunteer climate observers.

LOCAL GOVERNANCE

ISG demands answers from government

Regarding letter and meeting treatment

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Islanders for Self-Government is seeking answers from the provincial government over its handling of a request

for speakers to attend a town hall meeting on Salt Spring.

In a May 23 letter to Ida Chong, the Minister of Communities, Sports and Cultural Development, ISG outlines how the group invited Chong's predecessor and a ministry staff person "to talk about the

current role of the provincial government in our governance model and how that might change with incorporation." E-mail correspondence between ISG and ministry staff occurred between Jan. 28 and March 9, until ISG was advised that assistant deputy min-

ister Mike Furey would ultimately respond.

However, as the letter explains, Furey's April 1 response to ISG vice-president Cliff Jones was not directly received by Jones, but a copy was posted on the website of Salt Spring Local Trust Committee trustees George Ehring

and Christine Torgrimson, along with Ehring's interpretive comments.

Besides asking if ministerial policy was followed in sending an unsigned copy of the letter to the Islands Trust (or anyone else) without a cc list on the original letter, ISG wants clarification of its contents. While ministry staff were simply asked to participate in an informational meeting, as Islands Trust, Bowen Municipal Council and Capital Regional District personnel have done, Furey's response stated that only "elected officials" could extend such an invitation and then detailed why an incorporation study was not warranted for Salt Spring.

"We simply extended an invitation to speak at a public town hall meeting to assist our efforts to educate Salt Spring Island voters about the complicated, fractured and not always effective current form of governance for our island, which is not easy for the uninitiated to comprehend. This raises the question as to why Mr. Furey felt it was necessary to express 'the ministry's perspective' that things have not changed significantly enough since 2002 to warrant a further study. At no time did we ask the ministry for a study."

The letter, which is copied to Premier Christy Clark, asks Chong to give the matter her immediate attention. Jones said his group had received no acknowledgement as of Tuesday.

Communities ministry spokesperson Marika Glickman said ISG's May 23 letter would be answered and noted an apology had been made for the "inadvertent correspondence error" regarding the April 1 letter from Furey. ISG's May 23 letter is posted on the ISG website at www.islandgov.org.

THEFT

Canucks fans want flag returned to Mouat's

Mouat's Trading Co. staff were letting their Canucks pride fly high last week until thieves ruined the party on Saturday night.

The company had just bought and installed a huge "Johnny Canucks" flag on the Ganges store's flagpole, marking the Vancouver team's participation in the Stanley Cup finals for the first time since 1994, only to discover it gone on Sunday morning.

Mouat's Home Hardware manager David Griffiths said a witness told him he overheard people having drinks at Shipstones speculating about stealing the banner, which is three times the size of the regular Canadian flag at Mouat's and cost about \$150.

The culprits left their ladder propped up against the building. Griffiths said store staff are appealing to whoever took the flag to return it to the store on a

"no-questions-asked" basis.

Anyone with information about this incident can also contact the Salt Spring police detachment at 250-537-5555.

According to a detachment press release, "Police don't feel that the theft in any way contributed to the 8-1 loss to Boston on Monday night."

The Canucks lead the best of seven series against the Boston Bruins two games to one.

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NEWSBEAT

POLITICS

Holman to vie for NDP nomination

Provincial election expected this fall

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's former Capital Regional District director has announced his intention to seek the NDP nomination for Saanich North and the Islands.

Although the provincial election has not yet been called, Gary Holman is starting his bid early to build up a strong campaign for the expected September event.

He was the NDP candidate in the election of 2009 and lost by just 260 of 29,000 votes.

This time he hopes to close the gap for a victory over incumbent Murray Coell by gaining a broader share of the progressive vote.

Since 2009 Holman has been doing economic consulting and has served on a number of non-profit society boards. He has also been a member of the NDP's standing Committee on the Environment and the Economy, where he has helped sharpen the environmental focus of the party's platform.

"The Conservatives have reneged on Kyoto and done the least amount of action they

can on climate change, and it seems to have fallen right off the radar of the B.C. Liberals government," Holman said about environmental issues.

"I think we're going to be a lot stronger on that level."

The NDP's plan for the Liberals' carbon tax, for example, has now changed from scrapping it to making it more effective, by increasing taxes for corporations and high-earning individuals and reinvesting the revenue in things like public transit and renewable energy.

Holman believes the Liberal agenda has meanwhile placed economic growth at the clear expense of the environment. Examples he cites are Premier Christy Clark's support for oil tankers off the B.C. coast and her promise to reopen the Fish Lake mine proposal — the idea to use the lake as a mining waste dump was approved by the province but overruled by the federal government last November.

The independent bodies meant to watch over public corporations have meanwhile lost their teeth.

Holman observed that BC Hydro's smart meter plan has received no independent scru-

tiny, and the Environmental Assessment Office has turned into a "rubber stamp for development."

According to Holman, Clark's entire Families First campaign is "more symbolism than reality," as her party's pattern has been to decrease income tax but increase user fees on everything from medical services to university tuition to ferry fares.

Taking real action against B.C.'s poverty is part of the NDP platform, Holman said, which will include a poverty reduction plan with target levels and timelines, and incorporate affordable housing and social assistance tax guidelines.

Other issues he has promised to tackle include recognition of the ferries system as an essential service and the restoration of general surgery at Lady Minto Hospital.

To change a system that is actually putting more burden on middle and lower middle-income families, Holman hopes voters will unite to bring in an NDP government this fall.

And although he acknowledges it can be challenging for Gulf Islands candidates to win over voters on the Saanich Pen-

"... the federal election shows voters are willing to support a progressive candidate."

GARY HOLMAN
Candidate

insula, he feels there are more than enough commonalities to bring the riding together.

"We had some really good results on the peninsula last time, and the federal election shows voters are willing to support a progressive candidate," he said.

"Land conservancy is very important to them... things like food security, protecting green space, protecting the rural landscape. We're not as different as one might think."

The NDP's nomination meeting date has not been set, but will probably take place in July. Holman invites anyone interested in helping his campaign to contact him at gholman653@gmail.com or 250-653-2042.

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LOCAL VENDORS

Tuesday food market starts next week

The market in the United Church Meadow starts up next week and food vendors are invited to get ready to participate.

Market coordinator Brigitte Gonzalez said all food producers and growers are welcome to join in the weekly event, which takes place Tuesdays from 9:30

a.m. to 2 p.m. beginning June 14.

Registration and set-up begins at 8:30 a.m.

Vendors need to obtain a food permit from Vancouver Island Health Authority inspector Chris Laughlin, and can do so by email (chris.laughlin@viha.ca), phone

(250-544-2426) or fax (250-544-2425). Gonzalez is happy to provide the form and help with filling it out.

For more information, visit Gonzalez at Rendezvous French Patisserie or her stall at the Saturday market, or call 250-537-8400.

May aims to promote riding interests in Ottawa

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ance the budget and eliminate the deficit within four years, she added, has sent a palpable shiver of fear through Ottawa's civil service.

"There are a lot of people who are very nervous," she said.

At the same time, the budget includes \$5 million to celebrate the Calgary Stampede, another \$5 million for the Canadian Football League's 100th Anniversary Grey Cup in 2012 and a new office of religious freedoms in the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

"There are many things that add up to a lot of new spending," she said.

At the same time, cuts are expected to eliminate the per-vote subsidy, a program put in place nearly two decades ago to harness the influence of campaign donations made by influential trade unions and powerful corporations.

It may be small change at the federal level but, May said, modest amounts scattered over superficial

projects throughout the budget quickly pile up to major dollars and place other long-standing government programs in jeopardy.

"We can cut fat, but we need to make sure we don't cut into bone," she said.

Speaking up in Par-

liament to ensure cuts aren't relegated to back room discussions with little or no debate, May added, is among the most effective strategies she can use to defend the interests of all Saanich-Gulf Islands residents, including the nearly 54 per cent of

voters who didn't vote Green.

After two weeks in Ottawa, May returns to the riding later in the week. She will participate in the Gulf Islands Secondary School graduation ceremony on Saturday afternoon.

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NEWSBEAT

EDUCATION

Young apprentices honoured

GISS's SSA program flourishes

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A gathering of more than 50 students, teachers and local business owners to celebrate the cream of the GISS apprenticeship program last week shows how far the program has come and offers hope it will continue to grow in years to come.

When program coordinator Maggie Allison became involved with the program three years ago, she was able to manage the three registered students off the side of her desk.

Today, she said, the program has evolved and expanded to include 22 full-time students.

Allison and her colleague Shari Hambrook said they hope to see 30 prospective tradespeople enter the program in the upcoming school year.

The secondary school apprenticeship program offers students a



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Four GISS grads from last year receive \$1,000 Ministry of Education scholarships, supported by workplace sponsors and GISS staff.

chance to gain the valuable experience they need to begin work as a cook, carpenter, sheet metal worker or any of the other more than 100 trades certified under the province's Industry Training Authority.

"It helps them mould and shape their career quite early on," Allison said.

Besides helping students earn a spot in a potentially lucrative and

understaffed sector of the workforce, the ITA, in conjunction with the province's Ministry of Education, offers annual scholarships of \$1,000 to students who complete more than 480 hours of training and maintain a satisfactory academic standing.

"This is a celebration of our apprentices," said GISS principal Judy Rad-dysh.

Coleman Everest, a

grad of 2010 who completed his level 1 professional cook training and earned his SSA at Auntie Pesto's in Ganges, will use his cheque to help pay for his next semester at southern Ontario's Stratford Chefs School.

For someone who found himself in the Cafeteria 9 class by accident, Everest's decision to persevere shows how a life-long passion can develop in the most unlikely of circumstances.

"If you want to become good at something, the most important thing is patience," he said. "It takes time to develop skills."

Everest was honoured alongside fellow 2010 grads Mike Smith and Bailey Marion, who are pursuing cooking careers, and Ethan Smith, who completed 1,100 hours of training with Salt Spring Sheet Metal and finished his level 1 sheet metal course at BCIT. He also completed level 1 carpentry through the GISS ACE-IT program with Camosun College.

"Pick a trade and stick with it until you get your ticket," advises Ethan Smith. "Don't give up."

Allison said she hopes the success of this year's scholarship winners, combined with the strong demand for tradespeople in a variety of fields, will encourage other students to follow suit.

"This is an amazing thing, a very positive thing," she said. "We hope to create a buzz and an awareness of the opportunity."

Last Wednesday's celebration was sponsored by members of the 2010-2011 Secondary School Advisory Committee. Members include Bellavance Welding, Hazenboom Construction, Tony Hambrook Construction, Nick Langford Construction, Scott Antonik Plumbing, Johnson Automotive, Last Bite Catering and Bruce's Kitchen.

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THOUGHTS & NEWS

Dry Mouth from Dr. Richard Hayden

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Combatting dry mouth is tough. Drinking lots of water helps (but causes some other inconvenient issues!) by keeping tissues hydrated as well as rinsing food out of the mouth.

CariesFree makes some xyletol based products that can be used to spray the mouth as well as rinses that many people find very helpful. Using take home flouride trays also work well to combat tooth decay caused by dry mouth.

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NEWSBEAT

FIRST NATIONS

Reburial of First Nations bones — a look at the step-by-step process

Six individuals, artifacts ultimately found in Ganges

BY JONATHAN YARDLEY
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

As the architect and representative for the Creek House Phase III project, I am now in a position to tell the owner's side of the story related to recent activities on the Mark's Work Warehouse site in downtown Ganges.

In December 2010, during the process to obtain an amendment to the existing development permit, it became apparent that the site was located on a designated archaeological site, which triggered the need for an alteration permit under the Heritage Conservation Act.

The permit, prepared by Jessica Ruskin of Millennia Research Limited, detailed how the investigation would be carried out and the notification process if human remains were found. It was reviewed by 11 First Nations bands, who have an interest in this area of Salt Spring Island. These are as follows: Halalt First Nation, Lake Cowichan First Nation, Lyackson First Nation, Penelakut First Nation, Stz'uminus First Nation, Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group, Pauquachin First Nation, Tsartlip, Tsawout First Nation, Tseycum Indian Band and Tsawwassen First Nation.

Archaeological excavation started on March 3. As with the normal requirements of the alteration permit, the professional archaeologists always work one on one with a First Nations

representative. During the first two days, members of the Tsawout and Tsartlip were present.

The first human remains were found on March 7 and were in the form of scattered long bones, indicating that this site had been previously disturbed. Under the guidance of Simon Smith Jr. (Tsartlip), these fragments were recorded, collected and placed in a blanket for re-burial.

As soon as any human remains are discovered, work immediately stops on the site and all 11 First Nations are informed, following which direction is sought as to how to proceed. In this case, following many discussions, a meeting was held in April at the office of the Tsartlip First Nation in Brentwood Bay, at which it was decided that work could continue with the archaeological excavation and that, in consultation with the other First Nations bands, Tsartlip would lead the organizing for the reburial of these first human remains.

Further excavation on April 12 found more human remains associated with the first individual burial recovered together with two siltstone concretions, possible beads and a nephrite celt. A roasting pit feature was also excavated. On April 13, further human remains were exposed adjacent to the south sidewalks.

On April 14, individuals two, three and four were found. Accordingly, construction work stopped. Discussions were held with Chief Simon Smith, Sr. (Tsartlip) and he directed that individuals two and

... 11 First Nations were part of both the decision-making process and actively involved with the site

three could be covered with sediment (midden material) and remain in place and that work could proceed. Further excavation revealed individual four. On April 18, further work was carried out on site with individual five being revealed.

With our reporting to the 11 First Nations, an in-depth on-site review and meeting were held on May 6 in order to resolve the issue of whether the remaining remains should stay on site with correct encapsulation procedures or whether the remains should be removed off site for re-burial.

The outcome of the six-hour meeting was that the bones were uncomfortable where

they were currently laid and wished to be relocated in a quieter location, although not all First Nations agreed that the remains be removed.

Late Monday, May 16, it was determined that the 11 First Nations would become responsible for the removal and re-burial of the five human remains.

Work on the excavation re-started on Wednesday, May 18 and led to discovery of a sixth individual. During this intense day of excavation, several grave goods were found, including three sawn nephrite celts, two shouldered contracting stem points and a bone chisel. Laura Sylvester (Penelakut) was the elder supervising the removal.

Returning the next day, the remains of all six individuals were then transported to a private waterfront property at the south end of Salt Spring Island where the re-burial was completed. At both the re-burial and the beach-held burning ceremony, D'Ann Owen and Vashti Thiesson of Millennia and myself were asked to participate, which was a great honour for us all.

The various protocols were followed, 11 First Nations were part of both

the decision-making process and actively involved with the site investigation. I believe that the care and respect given to the six individuals that were found, with their removal and re-burial in a peaceful and quiet location, was the best outcome for all concerned.

Thanks must be given particularly to Vashti Thiesson and Jessica Ruskin for the very sensitive and diplomatic way in which, as professional archaeologists, they handled the project. The co-operation and great knowledge that all the First Nations participants brought to us all is deeply felt.

Upon the completion of the building for Leon Aptekmann, a memorial plaque will be unveiled, giving details of the above events and respecting the six reburied individuals.

The writer is architect for Phase III of the Creek House project in Ganges. A more detailed version of this account is posted on our website at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com in the News section.

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MANAGING YOUR MONEY

Domestic contracts – do you need to set your own rules of engagement?

These days it seems we often read about high-profile couples who have entered into 'domestic contracts' -- also known as prenuptial agreements, cohabitation agreements, or marital agreements. The couple takes this step because one or both partners do not want the standard rules concerning family property, the family home, spousal support, and pension rights to apply to them. Instead they establish a contract that specifies what each partner is entitled to in the event of a breakdown in the relationship and/or the death of one of the parties.

If you're considering setting your own rules of engagement, here are some things you need to know about domestic contracts.

Who should consider a prenuptial agreement? A 'domestic contract' is usually recommended for a person who owns a business, has a large net worth inheritance they wish to protect, or is bringing a valuable family home or cottage into the relationship that would otherwise be shareable, by statutory rules, at the time of separation.

When is a domestic contract valid? To be enforceable, domestic contracts should be in writing, signed by both parties, and witnessed. Each of the parties should have received independent legal advice. As well, each party must provide complete financial disclosure of assets and income. If the contract is a prenuptial agreement, it should

be signed well in advance of the wedding day.

What can be included in the contract? Generally, these contracts deal with property issues, and support rights, although some jurisdictions allow partners to make an agreement regarding the education and moral training of a child. Only separation agreements can deal with child custody and access arrangements. Regardless of the type of agreement, it may be overturned by a court if it is found to be unconscionable or if the parties did not provide complete disclosure at the time the agreement was entered into.

For married couples, a domestic contract is the basis for 'opting out' of statutory rules that would normally apply. But common-law couples may decide to establish a contract to 'opt in' to statutory rules that in many jurisdictions may only apply to married partners. For example, a common-law couple living in a jurisdiction that divides 'family property' only upon a breakdown of a marriage may wish to specify the equal division of 'family property' in a contract, even though they are not married.

Be sure to get both legal and financial advice before entering into a domestic contract as each jurisdiction may have different rules and regulations.

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EDITORIAL

Evolving bylaw

Unlike the words of the Row, Row, Row Your Boat round, the attempt to make Salt Spring bylaws comply with the Riparian Areas Regulation has been anything but a gentle, merry journey down a RAR-defined stream.

Public outcry about the impact of proposed Bylaw 449 — with an emphasis on proposed 30-metre setbacks from ditches (which are defined in the province's RAR as "streams" if they connect to waters providing fish habitat) — caused some ferocious eddies to surface.

After negotiating with the provincial government, the ditch setback was slashed to five metres, as detailed in the new version — a significant change to reduce the bylaw's impact on property owners.

THE ISSUE:

SS LTC's proposed Bylaw 449

WE SAY:

Uncertain if concessions will satisfy opponents

The lack of accurate maps was also a big concern. The Trust has taken a stab at addressing that by merging the two published maps, but that wasn't really the issue. It won't likely ease people's worries about being unnecessarily dragged into meeting the requirements of Development Permit Area 4.

The LTC has at least agreed to try to pursue funding for "improved, incremental" mapping, but it sounds like more lobbying may be needed on that front.

Streamlining the whole permit process and drastically reducing DPA 4 permit fees is also on the Trust agenda, which would ease some of the sting.

Former trustee Eric Booth has made a valiant effort to save the island from having to adopt 30-metre setbacks by calling on a specific clause in the Fish Protection Act. When he and Kimberly Lineger were trustees in 2005, they believed the LTC's existing environmental protection bylaws met the then-new RAR requirements and therefore need not be adopted now. But the island's existing DPA 4 setbacks are 10 metres and the RAR stipulates 30 metres. What two elected officials "felt" at the time is not going to convince the provincial government, however eloquently the argument may be expressed.

The June 21 public hearing will be the final chance to plea for adoption or rejection.

Somehow we suspect we haven't heard it all yet.



Exaggerated garden project benefits

BY JOANNE FERRIMAN

It is with surprised interest that I read the article in the May 25 Driftwood regarding the Croftonbrook garden program ("Seniors' garden gets green thumbs up"). While I believe in giving credit where credit is due, I find that a great deal of "creative licence" has been taken throughout this piece.

The claim that three-quarters of the tenants are participating in this project is simply inflated. As a matter of fact, the poor response referred to by one of the key people working on the project resulted in giving most of those who wished to participate two boxes instead of one. And not all are being used to raise food — the primary objective, according to the article.

The two raised beds referred to as "massive" are long and narrow. However, they represent an approximate planting area of about 144 square feet. As for the "legions of new gardeners" referred to, the definition of a legion is a multitude of people at the low end, and thousands at the high end.

How does one measure the "upswelling of participation" or the spokesperson's claim that "the whole health and welfare of the people, which is what this is all about, is really paying dividends."

These are superlatives that cannot be quantified, but sure sound good when served up to the public.

By the way, there are numerous people who do sit on a couch a good part of the day because they need to, or have to. Should they be looked down upon? There are quite a number of tenants with various health issues and limitations. That's why they're at Croftonbrook! And contrary to the messianic tone of the article, not all tenants find gardening their thing.

There are also those who are not so enamoured with the fact that even though the \$6,200 was from a grant, it has been spent on about nine participants, plus the approximately 144 square

VIEWPOINT

feet mentioned above and considered a community garden. That's a lot of money per box. And it didn't even include deer proofing them with netting, wire, etc. Two empty boxes are still simply sitting forlornly on the lawn waiting for someone to give them a

home.

While the board basks in the limelight, they have failed to address some long outstanding issues in the realm of gardening and/or upkeep.

Although extraordinary and expensive steps were taken to erect a highly contentious wire fence to "protect" a small area of lawn in late January, the whole back yard has numerous unsightly dump sites, plus torn-up lawn areas from trucks, cars, etc. Wooden bins that are supposed to be used to collect cuttings and branches in the back yard are literally broken down and falling apart. And tree branches simply get parked beside the nearest tree. No chippers here!

There is still one patio that was supposed to be fixed immediately after the drainage project was finished last October. The patio floods every time it rains.

The last commitment (in writing) to fix this problem was mid-March. Another tenant, in her '80s, simply got tired of asking for hers to be completed and recently arranged to have it done privately to make it safe to walk on. Also supposed to happen after the drainage program was a reallocation of parking spots to address tenant special needs. But again, no forward movement.

So while the board is decompressing from their ecstasy and have stopped patting themselves on their backs, perhaps they can finally take action to remedy the above issues. Perhaps they may even develop a severe case of humility and altruism.

The writer is a Croftonbrook resident.

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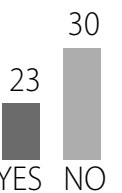
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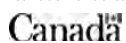
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**JONATHAN BROOKS**

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**BARB KINEAR**

Anytime taxes go down is a good thing for me.

**CAREN FENNEL**

I think it has changed my mind and made me think that it's okay now.

**NEIL FRIDD**

No. It's a total mistake that is killing small businesses.

**ALANA RAMSAY**

I really don't know. I don't feel anything I do will change the tax.

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I bought my land on Salt Spring Island and have been here now for over a decade with the freedom to conduct my home-based busi-

ness and fulfill my dream of a little farm. Every fall for the past seven years the community has enjoyed my beautiful Swiss cows at the fair.

My piece of land is like a piece of my very own soul. I nurture and care for it so that it may prosper and bring good. Everyone stepping onto this land, which is now being tended to by my husband and I, is taken by its charm. If only they knew it once was no more than a hillside overgrown with alder, broom and brambles.

If the proposed Bylaw 449 is passed, this proverbial Salt Spring property will revert to being nothing but a hillside of shrubs. There will be no more cows . . . and I will effectively have been robbed of my freedom for which I have sacrificed everything known to me at that time.

NATASCHA WILLE,
SALT SPRING

Resolve water issue

Firstly, I wish to thank our dedicated trustees for the excellent work they are doing, and for all their care and concern about our precious island.

Secondly, I want to indicate that I am in support of the Riparian Areas Regulation. The importance of this issue became very clear to me last summer. I was just about to take a plunge into St. Mary Lake when I was met by a strong, sickening smell of septic tank contents. Needless to say, I did not swim in St. Mary that day and have no plans to swim there again until this issue is resolved.

Clearly, protective measures are needed to restore the water quality of the lake, not only for drinking and for recreational purposes such as swimming, but more importantly, and

more urgently, for the fish and other wildlife that depend on the lake for survival.

TERESA HITCH,
SALT SPRING

Important

I am completely discouraged and dismayed at the loud voice a small group of islanders continuously have in making headlines in the Driftwood for their destructive vitriolic activities aimed solely at destroying the Islands Trust.

I thank George Ehring, Christine Torgrimson and Sheila Malcolmson as well as all the other members of the Islands Trust, for all their hard work in trying to protect the Gulf Islands not only for those of us who live here now but also for future generations. Your work is important and appreciated!

KAREN CLARK,
SALT SPRING

Appalled and disgusted

As a member of this community and a third-generation Salt Spring Islander, I am appalled and disgusted at the proposed Bylaw 449.

If it were not for the excellent article by Eric Booth, island residents and landowners would have unknowingly had this rammed down their throat. Talk about "the fox in charge of the hen house."

As Bob Akerman wrote in his book called *The Akerman Family: Growing up with Salt Spring*, I also grew up with Salt Spring, as many others who are still here working, raising their families, etc. Since inception, the Islands Trust has sought to gain control over the island to so-called "preserve and protect" it, when — in my opinion — they

are building a little empire to suck money from the taxpayers and squeeze out the people who created the charm, mystique and intrigue of the island and our community.

Despite the gallant efforts of my grandparents and uncles and many others in the first and second world wars, the control and oppression has filtered through — except this time it doesn't "goose-step." It comes in the form of a small group of people making the rules while the rest of us sleep.

In my observation, the Islands Trust could not plan a decent meal, never mind a unique, diverse and growing community. In the end they might destroy what they want to protect.

COLIN BYRON,
SALT SPRING

MORE LETTERS continued on 10

Mobile devices propel rudeness quotient into outer space

Sometimes it seems that technology is here only to make us feel smaller and more insignificant. A perfect example of this is the telephone.

Does this sound familiar? You're in a store and standing at the counter dealing with one of the clerks. You've got your wallet out and are just about to complete your purchase. Just then the store phone rings and the clerk excuses himself to answer the call. For the next few minutes, while you stand there with your cash in hand, the clerk will wander through the store searching the shelves, go on the computer to check inventory and prices, and flip through some old catalogues to find that certain "something" for the caller. You wait patiently, but inside you are screaming, "I was here first! Why am I chopped liver while you treat the person on the other end of the phone like *pate de foie gras*?"

Still not convinced? Here's another example. Even before the invention of the cell phone, somebody came up with this "wonderful" innovation by the name of "call waiting." Ostensibly, this phone service made it possible for you not to miss an important call in the event that you were already on the line to someone else. It allowed you to cut away from your present phone conversation so you could receive your incoming call.

Of course, a better name for the service would have been "callus interruptus," especially if you were the one who was so unceremoniously put on "permanent hold" while the conversation from which you have been excluded drones on and on endlessly. What

seems like an eternity later, the person with whom you had been speaking remembers you are on hold and asks if you are still holding. All you can get out is a "yes, but . . ." before you hear a click and realize you are back on "hold."

When it comes to poor etiquette and just plain rudeness, you hit the mother lode when you have to deal with people using mobile devices. It doesn't matter whether it's a BlackBerry, iPod, iPhone, or just your everyday ordinary cell phone, these devices offer the opportunity for users to really treat others like unwanted spam. Number one on the guilty list is the fellow engaging you in a sincere, heartfelt conversation who then surreptitiously reaches into his pocket, pulls out his BlackBerry and checks for text messages while nodding his head sympathetically as if he was hanging on your every word.

Why the dishonesty? Why not just be up front and say, "I'm much more interested in any 'twitter tweet' I might get from a complete stranger than your outpouring of trust and emotion to me."

I have to admit here that I am not exactly an expert when it comes to these devices. The only palm devices I use (if you exclude the TV remote) are a pen and a razor. Nonetheless, I don't let this teensy weensy technicality stop me from calling myself Mr. Mobile Device Manners and giving you my "Top 5 List of

**Shilo Zylbergold**

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

Mobile Device No-No's:

When calling someone's cell phone, don't begin the conversation with "Where are you now?" In the old days, the obvious answer would have been, "I'm standing next to the phone, stupid." So why is it now necessary to track the other person's every step and move like you were some kind of bylaw enforcement stalker?

If you absolutely have to use a cell phone in a public place, keep your voice down. Booming your voice out across the room like you are announcing the scoring play at a Canucks game only makes you look like a complete nincompoop intoxicated with the illusion of your own self-importance. (Most people who have to resort to this kind of behaviour are probably only pretending that there is someone on the other end of the line.)

Just because you have Google Earth downloaded on your device, doesn't mean you have to use it under any provocation. Surely you can still appreciate nature in all its glory without having to say, "Wow, what an incredible butterfly on that unfurling rose bud! Let's see what it looks like from outer space."

Most likely your mobile device can also function as a camera. If the only pictures you seem to get are taken by holding your camera phone at arm's length above and in front of you and aiming back at yourself ("this is me in front of the Eiffel Tower and here's one of me sitting on the Great Wall of China — do

you want to see what it looks like from outer space?"), you have a problem. This may come as a shock to you, but there are other fascinating subjects that exist in this world besides you, yourself.

Downloadable ring tones may be cute for a nanosecond or two, but after that they get dreary and boring really quickly. Don't subject those around you to having to listen to Tchaikovsky's entire 1812 Overture played with tones that sound like farting geese while you fumble around in your bag trying to find your cell phone.

The two greatest evolutionary leaps that have set *Homo sapiens* apart from the rest of the animal kingdom are the development of the cerebrum cortex of the brain and the manipulative ability of the opposable thumb. With the invention of text messaging, both of these Darwinian advantages seem to have been negated. Enough said.

Nobody asked me, but even though rudeness has been around since before the invention of the wheel, modern technology has exponentially accelerated its display in everyday life. Leading the pack in "Rudeness Quotient" are mobile devices. Now that you've read this short list of "no-no's," you are probably better prepared to socialize properly. You may want to print up this list in 72 font size so you can't ignore or forget about it. Hmmm, I wonder what it would look like from outer space?

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OPINION

Measurable improvement?

I saw Peter Lamb's Viewpoint article in the Driftwood written in his capacity as coordinator of the Salt Spring Island Water Council, wherein it supports Riparian Areas Regulation Bylaw 449.

Does the Water Council, or better yet, the professionals of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, have any opinion documents prepared by the B.C. government-approved qualified drinking water professionals backing up the Water Council's

support for the RAR bylaw?

If so, can they quantify in numerical terms how much of an improvement will result directly from RAR ditch setbacks in the quality of the water fed into St. Mary Lake and the resulting numerical improvement that Waterworks customers can expect at the faucet?

Will the sacrifices of Salt Spring Island residents produce any measurable improvement? Will they be able to taste or smell the difference?

Convince me.
**R. HARLAND,
WOODLAND DRIVE**

MORE LETTERS

Turning the tide

On May 2, Elizabeth May was elected by Saanich-Gulf Islands voters to a seat in Parliament by a margin of 7,300 votes. The Conservatives prevailed nationally in 166 ridings by only 6,200 votes, the NDP finished second in 122 ridings and Quebec came back to the country after being too long away.

I find all of this very heartening because these results show that this was no clear-cut majority. The next four years may seem like it will be smooth sailing for

the governing party, but this story is new.

There are people in Parliament now who actually want to work together. First Nations, youth, women and our charming and smart Elizabeth May. Could this be the beginning of Canada's spring?

No matter what happens in Parliament, more and more politicians from all parties and people in our country will be paying attention to the accumulating effects of floods, fires, storms, unseasonal weather and the inevitable accidental disasters such as the destruction of the Goldstream River or the Rainbow pipeline spill in Alberta. Where will we go from here, having elected the first Green in North America?

The next federal election can turn the tide for our environment, our communities, the possibility of lasting peace and a green economy. Let's work together across party lines to find common-sense solutions and send those solutions to Parliament with the person best qualified to do the job.

By 2015, let's have more first-time voters turn out at the ballot boxes than ever before. Let's listen to the children and youth in our community. They will help us all focus on clean air and water, good soil, natural diversity, the end of poverty here and elsewhere, freedom to experience nature and the end to all war.

Well done, Saanich-Gulf Islands. Let's keep going because spring is finally here.

**CHERIE GEAUVREAU,
SALT SPRING**

Fulford Day

On May 17 this year an elite group assembled in an annual ritual at Fulford Harbour.

While others geared up for "Soccer May-Long," or cheered Stanley Cup hopefuls, or dreamt of approaching tomato-planting day, this secret society was diabolically discussing the cancellation of Fulford Day!

Starting in May 1990, following the howling success of the previous summer's initial event, this society has convened right under the noses of Salt Springers to decide whether to share Fulford Day with the rest of us.

These are not bad people. Maybe a bit modest and tight-lipped, but they really love summer barbecues with their families and neighbours, and especially with live music. In fact, they have such a great time with their funny little society and Fulford Day itself, they've tired themselves out. Well, duh! Three quarters of them collect retirement pensions.

In an ironic twist, it has been learned that these worn-out old party animals will be meeting again on June 14 in the Old Age Pensioners

back-room at Fulford Hall. Opening ceremonies at 7 p.m. Pop in if you want to stop them from keeping all the fun to themselves.

**STEWART RIMMER,
SALT SPRING**

BC Ferries rip-off

I have lately had the occasion to travel to Vancouver via Tsawwassen.

Three weeks ago my return charge for a weekend thru-fare was \$93.95. This past Saturday I came back and the thru-fare was \$98.55. Wondering why the increase I checked and found it was the new fuel surcharge.

But further investigation uncovered the fact that there is currently a special rate on all major routes. The special fare from Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay for two people is \$51.35. When compared to what I paid it left a difference of \$47 that I was paying for the thru-fare. The chief steward on the ship told me that the special does not apply if you are buying a thru-fare because you are now going to a minor route. So if I had bought a separate fare from Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay, then a separate fare from Swartz Bay to Salt Spring, it would have saved me \$15.

Two things annoy me: the fact that no one told us when we bought the ticket that we could save money purchasing separate fares, and secondly, that BC Ferries would not consider a thru-fare from a major route eligible for the special rate and that they would not rectify the charge.

As I sit on the ferry writing this it is running late and I am sure I will miss the turnaround. But that again is another complaint for another time.

**GARY LEHMAN,
SPRING GOLD WAY**

The just republic of I.Trust

The June 1 "Trust probes 'white-washing' claim" story is a significant contribution to understanding the Trust corporate credo and I hope it gets the attention it deserves, to the very end.

At the Dec. 8, 2010 Islands Trust Council meeting in Victoria, I presented a delegation titled The Collapse of I.Trust Justice System. The Trust neither denied the facts, nor refuted the reasoning — they only hid the four-page document.

Islanders considering availing themselves of the Trust justice system should ask the Trust for a copy of that delegation.

**TOM VARZELIOTIS,
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OPINION

RAR Bylaw 449: a Trojan Horse

BY JOHN
MACPHERSON

In last week's Driftwood, trustee George Ehring explains how the Riparian Areas Regulation bylaw protects both fish habitat and drinking water, and local economics too ("Ecosystem health an economic issue").

He then softly polarizes the issue, inferring it's a choice between the environment and being willfully opposed. In this and other ways, trustees deflect criticism that Bylaw 449 is a Trojan Horse imposing unnecessary costs because there is no accurate mapping. In the latest twist, the bylaw materially alters the RAR definition of "stream" mandated by the province — streams are no longer "that which provide fish habitat."

This means every single drainage ditch throughout the island is about to become a protected "stream."

Deflection #1: Trustees have said the cost of mapping fish-bearing streams and tributaries is "impossible" or "too high," implying that blanket zoning is actually needed.

The truth is simple: the Trust never

requested an estimate from a company qualified to quote on such mapping.

The company that mapped North Pendere Island quotes just \$50,000 to map Salt Spring. By Trust formula, Salt Spring's share would be just 40 per cent or \$20,000 or under \$4 per taxpaying property owner. Hardly onerous, as Peter Lamb — now of the Water Council — suggested in the Driftwood two weeks ago. Mr. Ehring has said accurate mapping would be a waste of time and money anyway. Trustees actually prefer blanket zoning incorporating inaccurate mapping prepared with good intentions but without GPS by Kathy Reimer in 1996. Why?

Deflection #2: Trustees argue this RAR bylaw is now overdue to satisfy the province. Yet Mr. Ehring and former trustee Mr. Lamb ignored RAR from 2005 to 2008 while reworking the official community plan, attempting to impose size limits on houses and huge setbacks for waterfront properties due to stated concerns about climate change. Mr. Ehring and Ms.

Torgrimson have now waited almost another full term. Another few months could hardly hurt if we got a better bylaw (with an accurate map).

Deflection #3: Trustees say they have "no choice" with RAR. They dismiss both Eric Booth and Kimberly Lineger, our former trustees who swear that Salt Spring was in compliance with RAR as of March 31, 2005.

The reasoning is less important than the fact the RAR gives local governments the authority to form a legal opinion. RAR also "deems compliance" if local governments were already compliant with the previous Streamside Protection Regulation. The Trust has yet to respond with a legal opinion: officials offer bureaucratic opinions instead. See www.islandstrust.org.

Deflection #4: Mr. Ehring talks of streams as if we all know what a stream is. Yet the bylaw defines "stream" to include water courses whether usually containing water or not, and every ditch contributing to them. They are also no longer connected to fish habitat. This means

confusion when Bylaw 449 turns 60 per cent of the island into a development permit zone, with all drainage ditches becoming protected streams. Where are the RAR streams requiring 30-metre setbacks? Can setbacks for ditches be reduced if they are all streams? Jack Giles, a retired Queen's Counsel, says the bylaw will be invalid if "streams" are not identified. The Trust has yet to respond.

Trojan Horse #1: Within the DP zone, homeowners will be legally required to pay for a development permit and for a qualified environmental professional to prepare a report satisfying the Trust if they disturb the soil nearby anything that looks like a ditch or gully, however dry they may be and regardless of fish habitat.

On the other hand, if the bylaw had accurate mapping and a focus on RAR using the RAR definition of "stream," it would excel in protecting fish habitat while eliminating unnecessary costs and confusion for homeowners. Drinking water may merit its own clear bylaw to

supplement.

Deflection #5/Trojan Horse #2: Mr. Ehring suggests ecosystem health is an economic issue.

While this sounds virtuous, it is double edged in that blanketting 60 per cent of the island with uncertainty and unnecessary costs may actually persuade people to avoid living here, with negative impacts on both the local economy and the community. At least one prospective buyer has written to the Trust, and I've heard that realtors generally agree.

E-mail the Trust at ssinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca before the public hearing expected later this month.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident.

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Ditches

We live on an island. The water we have here is all we've got. Surely toxic algae blooms in our drinking water and recreational lakes should be evidence enough!

The provincial RAR should have been implemented years ago, as we were required to do in 2006. The anti-Trust rhetoric is offensive and misleading. It seems to me that the Trust has tried to ease this in as gently as possible and by doing so has caused more harm than good.

Water quality depends on environmental protection. Every stream, ditch, pond, swamp, marsh and forest contributes to the quality and safety of our water, whether they are on some map or not.

Not only does this depend on us all individually to protect our water but we need to consider the maintenance of our roadside ditches.

Before privatization of road maintenance our local ditches were gently sloped, grassed and maintained by regular mowing.

Some of our roadside ditches are sloped and mowed, which is good, but new ones and some of the most dangerous

are dug out each time, making them ever deeper. Recently this was done to ditches in the Fulford valley. Silt and mud from these ditches can go into the salmon-spawning streams there, which makes it even more

serious and harmful. This also makes the ditches deep and dangerous to both vehicles and people. It also gets rid of our water too quickly. I can't believe that a backhoe is cheaper than a mower as a

means of doing good ditch maintenance.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 449

NOTICE is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing concerning **Proposed Bylaw No. 449**, for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained therein. At the public hearing, all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions.

DATE: Tuesday, June 21, 2011
LOCATION: Harbour House Hotel, 121 Upper Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island
TIME: 5:00 PM onwards

Proposed Bylaw No. 449, cited as "Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 434, 2008, Amendment No. 1, 2011".

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 449 is to meet the requirements of the *Riparian Areas Regulation* (B.C. Reg. 376/2004) by amending Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 434 by replacing in its entirety Development Permit Area 4 (DPA4) – Lakes, Streams and Wetlands with a new DPA4 – Lakes, Streams, Wetlands and Riparian Areas. Among other things, this new DPA4 will implement the requirements of the Riparian Areas Regulation (RAR), protect sensitive riparian habitat and increase the protection of drinking water watersheds through designating a development permit area pursuant to Section 919.1 of the *Local Government Act*.

A copy of the proposed bylaw, and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee, may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing Wednesday, June 8, 2011 and up to and including Monday, June 20, 2011 at 4:30 PM. Proposed Bylaw No. 449 may also be viewed on the Islands Trust website at: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltr/ss/pdf/ssbylamendocp0449.pdf>

Enquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to the Islands Trust at 250-537-9144. For Toll Free access, request a transfer to the Islands Trust via Enquiry BC: in Vancouver at 604-660-2421, and elsewhere in BC at 1-800-663-7867. Written submissions may be delivered as follows:

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3. To the **Local Trust Committee at the Public Hearing.**

All applications are available for review by the public. Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

NO REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BYLAW WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Pauline Brazier, Deputy Secretary

RANTS & ROSES

Rants

A big pile of manure to the riders who think the newly repaired trail between Baker Road and Quarry Drive is for horses. It's a hiking trail! Many of us have waited years for PARC to repair it, and just last month they did a fabulous job of upgrading it only to have you and your horses come along. You chewed it all up and left great gapping holes sunk in it — so nice for us to break an ankle in! I am a horse lover myself and I would never do what you did to this trail. Take your horses somewhere else please! Anne Williams

May Boston Bruins fans strike you down. To the persons responsible for stealing our Vancouver Canucks flag from Mouat's flagpole on Saturday night, please return it so we can all enjoy it. We thought this island was better than that . . . or is this Boston? Mouat's staff

Roses

A cornucopia of award-winning roses to all those who volunteered to help with moving about 7,500 items from our library's permanent collection into temporary storage. Members of our regular core of dedicated volunteers worked with others who responded to our special request for community assistance to make this happen. We are especially grateful for all the work done by Rotary members, whose contribution has been indispensable. Stan Shapiro, SS library

A lush bouquet of apple blossoms to the sponsors and volunteers who made Play 4 Africa such a success: Thrifty's, Barry and The Farmers' Institute, Nick Futter and crew, Cassandra Goodwin and friends, Country Grocer, Sports Traders, Windsor Plywood, John Martin-McNab, Jill, Josh, John, Anyta, Enanda and Joann, Graham Meek, Kemal Evans, Rani Dunkley, Daniel, Uptown Pizza, Murray at Gulf Islands Brewery, Scott

McNutt and the Driftwood . . . along with anyone else who pitched in: You planted hundreds of fruit trees for orphans in Lesotho! Way to play!

The Grades 3/4 class of Salt Spring Elementary school would like to send a huge bunch of roses to Country Grocer for allowing us to hold our BBQ and car wash at their location on May 28. This was a successful fundraiser for the class' year-end field trip, and we wish to thank everyone who came out and supported us!

"100 teen heart-throb roses to everyone who helped out with and came to the First Annual Spark Fest. First and foremost to SWOVA's board for enabling us to hold the event. James Cowan for leading me through the process. To all the Pass It On young women and R+R Youth Team members who worked so hard to make it happen. To all our sponsors: Seabreeze Inne, SS Adventure Company, Studio One, SS Inn, Marketplace, Bruce's Kitchen, B Side Cloth-

ing, Om Grown Clothing, Laughing Daughters' Bakery, Island Escapades, SS Books and Country Grocer. To the bands who played pro bono: Owen Hooper, Mike Edel, Cleo Madelaine, Steph MacPherson, Lindsay Bryan, and Maurice. To Carla and Silas and their family for dedicating their day to make it happen. And finally to Kipp Nash who thanklessly filled in all the gaps. Kate Maurice

A dozen red roses of respect and gratitude to Kate Maurice, Mentor Supervisor of the Pass it On Project and coordinator of the First Annual Spark Fest. For her tireless passion and commitment to youth. For making the First Annual Spark Fest one of enthusiasm, colour and substance. For creating a vision that the youth could hold on to, commit to and honour with their unique brand of enthusiasm for respect, mentoring and appreciation of our greater community. Thanks for igniting a spark and letting us see there is much to be proud of in the youth of our community.

A truck load of roses to Hawthorne Hills Gravel Sales for the three-quarters crush they donated to the annual Choices/ Community Initiatives golf tournament. Thank you so much for your generous donation!

Roses to whoever it was who had a misadventure on the Beaver Point Road and dumped a load of trash down the bank, but came back to clean almost all of it up. Thank you for being responsible! A nearby resident

One well-rooted cutting of Rosa pisocarpa to Jack Giles for his sharp legal analysis of Bylaw 449 in the June 1 Driftwood. Andreas Gedeon

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About the Foundation The Foundation makes a real difference in our island community. We nurture community vitality by building our Community Endowment Fund to help ensure a vital future for our island's charitable organizations; by granting funds—over \$100,000 each year—to a wide range of organizations and community initiatives; and by building community, bringing people together to stimulate new ideas, increase participation and strengthen philanthropy.

2010 highlights

- Donations and bequests totalled \$176,724
- Community Endowment Fund neared \$3.3 million
- Almost \$100,000 in grants given to 23 organizations from our Community Endowment Fund
- \$70,600 in Shaw Family Bequest grants given for affordable housing and for researching a shared space facility for non-profits
- Ad Hoc Community Building Committee formed
- Friends of the Foundation established

named funds and estate funds

We are most appreciative of our many Named Funds donors, who have provided a lasting legacy to our community through their donations and bequests. All Named Fund gifts and bequests are held in our Community Endowment Fund.

Jessie Mouat Toynbee Fund	\$154,360	Stowel Lake Farm Fund	11,000
Saltsea Holding Fund	101,800	Bob and Bev Unger Fund	11,000
Mimi Gossett Memorial Fund	101,000	E. A. (Effie) and W. M. (Will) Mouat Memorial Fund	10,880
Barnie and Bill Cowan Fund	52,600	James A. Brown Fund	10,490
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Anonymous #7	41,465	Nels Vodden Fund	10,000
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Shaw Family Estate	\$705,820	John Lees Estate	9,000
Ruby Alton Estate	298,171	Gordon Parsons Estate	5,000
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Ruth Crane Estate	35,463	John H. Kavelin Estate	500
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- our new Friends of the Foundation group: Tom Toynbee (chair), Gladys Campbell, Wendy Kaye, Patrick Lee, and John Pickering
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2010 grant recipients and their projects

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ArtSpring—Islands Arts Centre Society

To purchase choral risers for use by local choirs and guest performers using ArtSpring as their venue

BC Epilepsy Society

A flow-through grant from CIBC Wood Gundy's Children's Miracle Fund for training resources and the travel costs of workshop leaders

CNIB

A donor-directed grant for the purchase of reading material for the visually impaired

Core Inn—SSI Community Services

To purchase computers for use in the youth's internet café, in a safe, drug- and alcohol-free environment

ELF Program—School District #64

A flow-through grant from Islands Savings Credit Union for the ELF Program (Early Learning for Families) for the purchase of gym equipment for children

Family Place—SSI Community Services (SSICS)

A flow-through grant from Islands Savings Credit Union for the educational component of SSICS's prenatal educational program, Great Expectations

Fulford Elementary School—School District #64

To support Fulford School's "Fulford Forests Forever" environmental studies project

Greenwoods Foundation—Meals on Wheels

To purchase insulated bags for hot food delivery to seniors or others needing this kind of assistance

Island Pathways

To help with the cost of surveys, design plans, and completion for stage three of the Ganges Urban Pathway

Ptarmigan Music and Theatre Society

Toward the costs of music sessions for people with physical and mental challenges

Salt Spring Film Festival Society

To purchase projection screens for use at the Film Festival and for other events throughout the year. The screens will also be made available to other community groups.

Salt Spring Hospice

To assist with the establishment of a program of care and support for the caregivers of those with terminal illnesses

Salt Spring Island Arts Council

To help with the cost of improvements to the stage lighting system at Mahon Hall

SSI Community Services—Administrative Services

Toward the purchase of a client-management software system

Salt Spring Island Conservancy

Two grants—one to help establish a new K-Grade 1 Stewards-in-Training program and another for interpretive and trail signs for SSI Nature Reserves, including the Andreas Vogt, Manzanita Ridge, and North View Reserves

Salt Spring Island Co-operative Preschool

Toward improvements to the school's security fence and access to improve the safety of children and parents and help reduce vandalism

Salt Spring Island Daycare

Toward costs associated with the creation of a playground at the daycare's new centre on Drake Road

Salt Spring Island Land Bank Society

For costs associated with Dean Road House to provide additional affordable accommodation for an adult or single parent and child

Salt Spring Island Land Bank Society

A grant made possible by a bequest from the Shaw Family toward costs associated with Brackett Springs, an affordable housing project

Salt Spring Island Public Library

To help with costs of an automatic disc repair system for the over-4200 disc collection. The equipment will also be used by other community groups.

Salt Spring Island Search and Rescue Society

To purchase a generator for Search and Rescue's new command vehicle.

SSI Middle School PAC (Parents' Advisory Council)—School District #64

Toward the cost of a new sound system for the gymnasium. The sound system is used frequently throughout the year for school and public assemblies.

SWOVA (Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse)

Two grants—one to assist with the costs of a series of sexual health and healthy relationships workshops and the other to help with costs for workshops for Grades 7 to 10 students in SWOVA's Respectful Relationships Program

Tuned Air Choral Society

To purchase choral binders for the Vive Voce Choir

Victoria Human Exchange Society

For the purchase of equipment and furnishings at Grandma's House and Bittancourt Manor, which both provide transitional housing for people facing challenges

Volunteer Salt Spring—SSI Community Services

To cover the costs of two workshops for community volunteer organizations and to help promote use of the Volunteer Salt Spring website

Volunteer Salt Spring—SSI Community Services

A donor-directed grant to help support Volunteer Salt Spring, a virtual volunteer centre

Women's Empowerment Group—SSI Community Services

To support the Women's Empowerment Group, which helps women overcome addiction and take charge of their lives



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All donations to the Foundation are valued. All leave a legacy because they help build the Foundation's Community Endowment Fund. We invest carefully, and the resulting returns are distributed to our island's charitable organizations for community initiatives each year—year after year after year. Donations can be made through the website (below), by phoning 250-537-8305, or by mail to the SSI Foundation, Box 244, Ganges PO, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K2V9.

Arts & Entertainment



MUSIC



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

"Just a few guitarists" from Gulf Islands Secondary School's music program kicked off both nights of last week's music shows.

GISS show serves up a variety of musical treats

Students shine with original pieces

BY MEGHAN HOWCROFT
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Music was definitely in the air last Wednesday and Thursday nights as the Gulf Islands Secondary School music shows struck a winning chord on the ArtSpring stage.

Introducing Thursday night's show, music teacher Bruce Smith mentioned how impressed he was that despite a coinciding Vancouver Canucks game, they still managed a sell-out for both nights.

This is truly a testament to how renowned these music shows have become in the community.

Kicking off the night was the D Block Gui-

tar Class with pieces Drowsy Maggie and Asturias. Featuring "just a few" guitarists (it looked like somewhere around 20), the Celtic and Spanish sound-ing numbers were as entertaining as was the students' entrance; two rows of musicians sat down one by one in a fluid wave-like motion, perfectly timing the arrangement of their guitars and the crossing of their legs.

As the stage was being reset, one-man fiddling machine Wesley Hardisty warmed up the full house with Tweener, a lovely jiggy piece that made my feet bounce. As always, Hardisty is in his element onstage and his love of music shines through in every bow stroke and tap of his toe.

In Cow Block Parade, a thumpingly good original composition, Ian MacPhail and Callum Grant-Cawdell took to the drums for a piece that included

interesting rhythms, not to mention great showmanship.

Musicians Karissa Bascom, Danille Aftias and Emmy Lyytikainen slowed things down with Ghost, a memorable piano, guitar and vocal composition that started off small and fragile and built in intensity and fullness. These gals will be ones to watch over the coming years, especially when they gain a little more confidence onstage.

Scottish Carney was short but definitely sweet, with Carly Davenport, Alex Graham, Bradley Hoffman and Grant-Cawdell creating tight sounds on piano, drums, trumpet and bass. And in The Great Funk Invasion, Ryan Quist, Grant-Cawdell and MacPhail shone, having composed one seriously groovy funk number.

Phoenix Lazare proved she's extremely comfortable flying solo, with just her guitar and

voice taking centre stage. Mesmerizing the crowd with her original piece Pretend Bad Guy, this sorrowful ballad had great lyrics and a melody that highlighted Lazare's pure vocals and beautiful vibrato.

Another stand-out number was Car Alarms, an original composition by indie rock-star quartet Owen Hooper, Oscar Kempe, Geoffrey McFarlane and Clayton Upex.

Here are four students who understand the importance of stage presence! Although the performing end of things overshadowed the vocals at times, they rocked their way through this raucous number and left the crowd hungry for more. It's obvious that music is the force majeure in these young men's lives.

After intermission Smith's Cuba Choir took the stage for Enya's magical Orinoco Flow. With the syllables in the lyrics following the pat-

tern of the music, this is not an easy piece. That said, the choir was sensational, hitting all the intricate rhythms like pros and playing all the instrument accompaniment by voice alone.

A special treat was We Play Blind, a wistful and wonderful piece written by Sierra Lundy and sung with Clayton Upex. While I would like to see a little less restraint behind Upex's unique vocal stylings, I was totally taken with his old skool crooner style and unassuming charm. And Lundy's beautifully warm and sweet voice lent itself perfectly to the old-fashioned sound of this number. With such complementary voices and such sweet swagger, I can't wait to see more from this up and coming duo!

Always my favourite portion of the night, Smith's Senior Choir astounded in two stellar pieces—Africa and Lean on Me. The choir has a very powerful

and solid lower range (including both male and female choristers) and with flawless cut-offs and moving solos by Kempe, Lazare and Anna Melious amongst others, the full, pure sound gave me shivers of delight.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the killer stage crew who executed seamless and well thought-out transitions between pieces; it takes no small skill to reset the stage after every single song, with each number featuring a different arrangement of musicians, instruments and equipment.

It's more than a little impressive that the majority of pieces were original compositions and Smith and his students should be very proud...not only of their incredible musical skills, but also of the high level of commitment and professionalism that are evident in every single show they put on stage.

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PHOTOGRAPHY

Local featured as panoramic master

Group show at Palmela, Portugal this summer

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Uri Cogan is one of a dozen people in the world to be included in the Masters of Contemporary Panoramic Photography exhibit, open to the public this summer at the stunning Palmela castle in Portugal.

While the former idea of panorama moved along a horizontal axis, the modern version takes in the world from all directions at once. Viewable in their entirety only via a computer screen, the resulting images contain 360 degrees, wrapping around the centre point of a sphere from which the viewer can navigate the interactive image in all directions.

The technique involves a wide-angle fish-eye lens, a panoramic head attachment for the tripod and special software to stitch together the component photos. Surprisingly, it only takes four segments to construct the whole, but the process is not easy.

Cogan's career path suggests either an ability or a willingness to see from a broad range of perspectives, which lends itself well to his use of the panoramic form. In Israel he once worked for an investigative news magazine whose offices were torched, causing the loss of most of his early images. More recently he came out of retirement to document Salt Spring's Texada logging protests. A famous photo from that period captures the island's senior police officer at the time holding hands with a circle of protesters while they seek consensus.

With contemporary panoram-



Uri Cogan self portrait.

ic photography, which he discovered on the internet, Cogan has found a forum for his creativity in a technique more usually dominated by commercial use.

"Since I'm not in the business I have no obligations to anybody — so I can do whatever attracts me," he explained.

Cogan is a participant of the World Wide Panoramic Project, a non-commercial, non-competitive and uncensored forum whose members produce images for a different theme each equinox and solstice. One of his first contributions was in winter 2004, with the theme "Sanctuary" where he created a view of the forest at Mount Maxwell.

Other themes Cogan has worked on include "Diversity" (summer 2009), for which he photographed the international leaders of tomorrow at Lester B. Pearson United World College of the Pacific. Time, his piece for summer 2009, is a fabricated image with the universe as backdrop and floating panels containing the Biblical verse in Ecclesiastes 3 which begins "To

every thing there is a season." Cogan has added to the experience with a haunting vocal track by his singer/songwriter wife, Susan Cogan.

It was Cogan's participation with the World Wide Panorama project that first brought him into contact with Donald Bain, the curator of the exhibition in Portugal. Bain invited Cogan to submit from two to six images as one of the world's masters of the panoramic format.

The problem, as Cogan observed, was how to print out images that are meant to be viewed in the round. He chose just two: Elevation, a piece that Bain had mentioned in particular, was produced while Cogan was recovering from surgery and feeling quite high from all the pain killers.

He put together an image of himself meditating in the lotus position (shot by his wife Susan) with a view of his lush garden, but digitally altered so that he appears to be floating several feet above the ground. This piece had the top and bottom sections of the sphere trimmed off and printed as a long horizontal strip almost five feet long for the exhibition.

Diversity, the second image he chose, was printed using the "little world" projection in circular form, with a five-foot diameter. The panoramic view of the students runs around a tiny globe in the centre.

For those not planning a visit to Palmela, some of Cogan's work will be exhibited on-island at the Salt Spring Photography Club's Eclectic Visions show from June 24 to July 6 at ArtSpring. His interactive panoramas can be accessed at www.uricogan.com. The World Wide Panorama Project is at www.worldwidepanorama.org.

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PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

IRIS FOCUS: Photographers capture the colour and beauty of irises grown by Salt Spring's Ted and Sonia Baker, as two bus loads of iris enthusiasts from all over the U.S. visit the garden on Saturday.

MUSIC & MUNCH

Clarinet-piano duo from the mainland take All Saints stage

Cris Inguanti and Ken Broadway do Brahms, Debussy and Gaubert

For the most part, performers for the Music and Munch recital series are local musicians whose following is well established.

Once in a while, professionals from Victoria or Vancouver make their way to Salt Spring to enjoy both the hospitality of the community and to share their musical talents.

Playing at Music and Munch on June 15 is one such musician, clarinetist Cris Inguanti, who has a Salt Spring connection with islanders who have

attended his classes at the Western Canada Amateur Musicians' Society camp in Langley each year.

Inguanti is a sought-after soloist, orchestral musician and chamber music collaborator. He has performed in Europe and North America, won prizes in chamber music competitions and has recorded with the New Philharmonia of Portugal and the Manhattan Wind Quintet.

He is currently the assistant principal and bass clarinetist of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, as well as a sessional lecturer at UBC.

Joining Inguanti will be Vancouver pianist Ken Broadway, whose prestigious career has

taken him throughout the world as a soloist, accompanist and chamber musician.

He is most recognized for his work with pianist Ralph Markham as one of the world's most accomplished piano duos.

Their program next week will centre around the Brahms F minor Sonata, and includes some Debussy and Gaubert.

Music begins at 12:10 p.m. at All Saints church, followed by a delicious optional light lunch at a cost of \$5.50, for which tickets must be purchased before the concert.

All donations received go towards furtherance of the recital series.

This Ain't Your Dad's Metal Roof

Advertorial

Salt Spring homeowners discovering the benefits of "Ironwood Shake" roofs

Advertorial

Ironwood Shake and Tile

With Spring upon us, many Salt Spring homeowners are thinking about replacing their aging roofs after a nasty wet season.

Although there are just about as many roofing options as there are rainstorms in a Vancouver Island winter, more and more homeowners are choosing to invest in a roofing material known as "Ironwood Shake," a type of metal roof that many say strikes the perfect balance of beauty, durability and affordability. "Often when people hear 'metal roof' they immediately think of those long-form metal roofs that you see on barns and country houses," says Len Anglin, owner of Ironwood Shake and Tile. "But Ironwood Shake looks just like other high-end roofs, like concrete tile. You wouldn't even know



Forget everything you think you know about metal roofing! Permanent metal roofs, such as these Ironwood Shake roofs, are beautiful, eco-friendly and last forever.

it's metal to look at it." Ironwood Shake is just one style of what Anglin calls "permanent metal roofs," a category that also includes European tile and heavy shake styles, as well as a stunning new "Iron Slate" profile that was introduced on Vancouver Island just this year.

Like concrete tile roofs, Ironwood Shake is guaranteed for life, has great "curb appeal" and tends to considerably increase

the value of a home. However, concrete tiles can become porous if not treated regularly, and their incredible weight – about 10 pounds per square foot – essentially makes concrete a non-option unless the home was built with a specially engineered truss.

Ironwood Shake, on the other hand, can be installed over just about any existing roof, and once installed the roof lasts for decades without

any maintenance. In Ontario, says Anglin, there are homes with 100-year-old metal roofs that still look great.

Another explanation for Ironwood Shake's rise in popularity is its growing reputation as an eco-friendly roofing option. Its heat-reflecting properties have earned it an Energy Star rating and the manufacturer is located in nearby Surrey, which means fewer emissions due to trans-

port. In addition, the roofing materials are recyclable and therefore don't end up in landfills, and rainwater running off an Ironwood Shake roof is free from toxic waste from oil refining, a concern with cheaper asphalt or fiberglass shingle roofs.

Anglin, who lives in Courtenay and has been in the metal roofing industry for more than 35 years, says he's installed "thousands" of perma-

nent metal roofs on Vancouver Island. In fact, he's never installed any other type of roof.

"I have no confidence in them," he explains. "If you want a beautiful, eco-friendly roof that will last forever and increase the value of your home, you can't do better than a permanent metal roof. It's the least expensive architecturally designed metal roof on the market, yet it's superior in many ways

to other materials. I absolutely believe this is the best product and the best price."

To learn more about Ironwood Shake and other permanent metal roofing options, visit www.ironwoodshakeandtile.com and www.vancouverislandsbestroof.com. For a free, no-obligation estimate, call 250-380-4853 (Victoria), 1-877-334-1717 (toll free) or 250-898-7008 (cell).

Ironwood Shake and Tile

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

CONCERT PREVIEW

Berklee's Hailey Niswanger Quartet on tap

Jazz talents tour Pacific Northwest

The Hailey Niswanger Quartet, comprised of some of the finest jazz talents from Boston's Berklee College of Music, will perform at ArtSpring on Wednesday, June 15 during a tour of the Pacific Northwest and Hawaii.

Led by saxophonist Niswanger, a native of Portland, Ore., the group is comprised of Takeshi Ohbayashi, from Hiroshima, Japan, on piano, Mark Whitfield, Jr., Brooklyn, N.Y., on drums, and Aaron Darrell, Norfolk, Va., on acoustic bass.

A press release from the esteemed collage states that Niswanger's musical gifts and accomplishments far exceed her years. The saxophonist, just back from a May tour of Ethiopia with



Hailey Niswanger

the Either/Orchestra, has shared the stage with jazz greats Dee Dee Bridgewater, George Duke, Phil

Woods, James Moody, Christian McBride, McCoy Tyner, Maceo Parker, Wynton Marsalis and Mark Whitfield,

among others.

According to the Wall Street Journal's Nat Hentoff, "She plays with remarkable authority and drive . . . and with the élan and dynamics of an unmistakable pro."

Niswanger's June 2009 recording debut as a leader, Confeddie, established her reputation throughout North America. Confeddie appeared on the Jazz Week Top 50 chart three times and was among the top 100 jazz CDs in the country for two months.

In 2008, Niswanger was a featured artist at the Mary Lou Williams Women in Jazz Festival at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., where she won the festival's saxophone competition. At Berkeley, where she attends on a full scholarship, Niswanger is enrolled in the Berklee Global Jazz Institute, led by Grammy-winning jazz

pianist Danilo Pérez.

Performing with the BGJI, she has been featured at the Newport, Monterey, Puerto Rico, and Panama Jazz Festivals. In September 2009 she was selected as the new alto saxophonist for the internationally acclaimed Either/Orchestra, occupying the chair previously held by Miguel Zenon and Jaleel Shaw.

Tickets for next week's show are \$17.50 for adults, \$5 for youth, available at ArtSpring or online at www.artspring.ca.

SCHOOL MUSIC

Arntzen-Wright concert marks SSE water focus

This Thursday night at the school

Salt Spring Elementary School invites the community to celebrate World Oceans Day with them through a water-themed concert on Thursday night.

Singer-songwriters Holly Arntzen and Kevin Wright, from the Vancouver-based Art-

ist Response Team, are working with students this week to get ready for the June 9 concert, which begins at 7 p.m.

"[Arntzen] provided all of the songs and our music teacher taught them to the students throughout the year," said school principal Marie Mullen.

The concert caps a year-long school focus on water stew-

ardship, with the most recent activity being a tour of Ganges Harbour and creation of a giant, detailed harbour map. SSE's Grade 4/5 class made a presentation on the harbour to the June 2 Salt Spring Local Trust Committee meeting with the map also on display.

World Oceans Day is on Wednesday, June 8.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Harbour images at bistro

Daybreak celebrated in Firestone photos

Islanders and visitors can see morning in Ganges Harbour at its finest at a Bocados Bistro exhibition of photos by local photographer Curt Firestone.

The five images form part of Firestone's new series called Morning.

"Morning reflects the calm of early morning light as it enters Ganges Harbour," states a press release about the photos. "The five images chosen for Bocados are very special. While we are familiar with sunsets and the light of the late day, early morning light is often ignored by photographers. Firestone has captured the combination of the quiet and electric colours of daybreak."

Firestone is president of the Salt Spring Photography Club.

Bocados is located in Grace Point Square.



Drive Angry - no 'story, dialogue and stuff'

"I didn't particularly like Drive Angry very much, but my cousin Regis in Tallahassee apparently thought it was pretty amazing, so let's hear his review instead. I'll do a little "editing," because he's not exactly family friendly most of the time.

"So, Drive Angry was freakin' sweet. I wish I'd seen it in the actual movies, cuz, you know, then it was in 3D and then you get to pay the extra three bucks. Anyway, so, Nicholas Cage plays this guy, his name's John Milton — what a dumb name, sounds like a writer or some wussy like that — he busts out of Hell and comes back to Earth to get revenge.

"Yeah, like, actual Hell. It's not one of those things where the U.S. South is really bad so it just feels like Hell. So Milton meets this hot chick Piper, and she's got this kick-ass '69 Charger, and the two of them drive off to find this Devil Cult guy who killed Milton's daughter.

"So, like I said, the movie was dope. Cage shoots, like, at least 50 guys in the movie, and when he shoots them there's a lot of times when he hits like a leg or something and there's blood and guts everywhere. There's also this scene when

he's b... uh, having sex with this skanky waitress, and the bad guys burst in, and he shoots them all while never stopping having sex. Wish I could do that.

"The Piper girl was totally hot. She looked like 15, but you know she's actually 20 or something because Hollywood always teases you like that. I really liked it when the camera followed her butt around while she walked. My girlfriend didn't, though. She called it "objectivation" or something — some word she learned at college. Dumb.

"So anyhow, Drive Angry 3D was cool. It's not, like, you know, good or anything, but I never cared much about story or dialogue and stuff. That's for artsy crap like that Quentin Tarantino guy, or those romance things that chicks like. As long as I see boobs and explosions, I'm happy as a pig in poop."

You've got to hand it to Regis, he's pretty persuasive. I think I'll stick to movies that are at least movies, because, you know, I like that story and dialogue and stuff.

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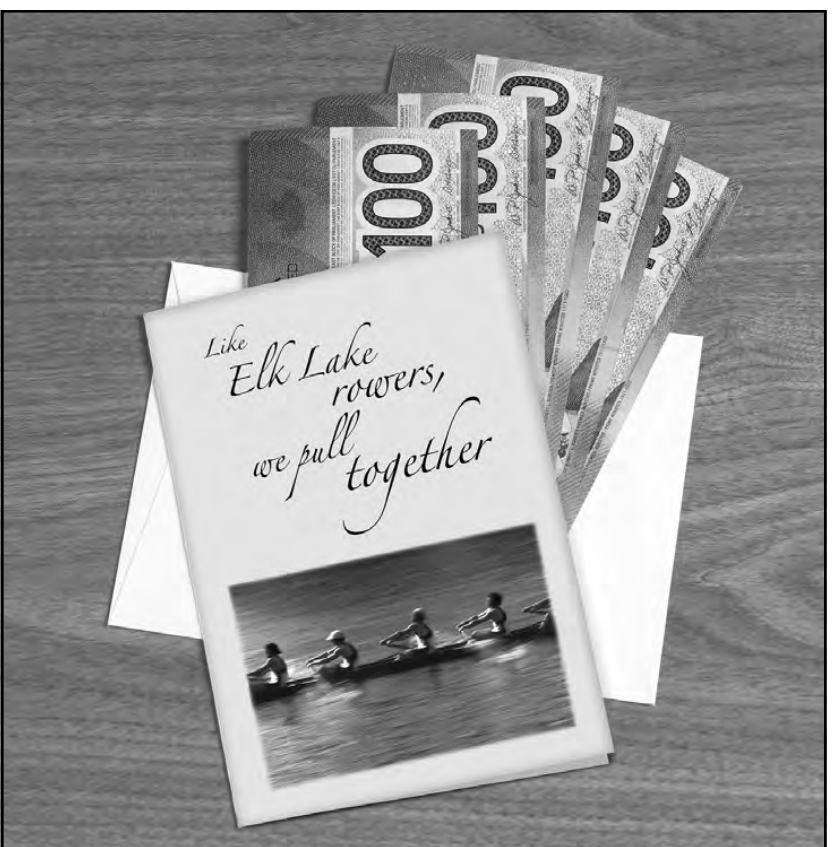
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Wed. June 8	Thurs. June 9	Fri. June 10	Sat. June 11	Sun. June 12	Tues. June 14	Wed. June 15
<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Imaginary Invalid. Moliere play by GISS Second Story Theatre at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Simone Lamers & Mike. Harbour House Hotel. 9 to 11 p.m. (After the hockey game.)</p> <p>Velvet Band. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.</p> <p>Gordon Keel & Friends. Baritone/bass singer with Kaya Hunter and Tami dos Santos at Music and Munch. All Saints. 12:10 p.m.</p> <p>Open Stage. With Stephanie Rhodes at Moby's. 8 p.m.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>SD64 Board of Education Meeting. Public meeting at school board office. 1 p.m.</p> <p>Public Open House Information Meeting. Regarding SSI Parks System & Rainbow Road Community Park Master Plan. Rainbow Road Pool. 4 to 7 p.m.</p>	<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Water Theme Concert. Holly Arntzen and Kevin Wright of the Artist Response Team and SS Elementary kids. SS Elementary School. 7 p.m.</p> <p>Terry Warbey. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.</p> <p>Simone and the Soul Intentions. Shipstones. 7 p.m.</p> <p>Open Mic. Thursdays at The Local pub. 6 to 10 p.m.</p> <p>Stephanie Rhodes. Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9 p.m.</p>	<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Simone and the Soul Intentions. At Shipstones. 7 p.m.</p> <p>Paul Mowbray. Harbour House Hotel. 9 to 11 p.m. (After the hockey game)</p> <p>6:30 to 9 p.m.</p> <p>Synergy. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Bakers' Open Garden. Iris, rhodos, peonies and more at 185 Furness Rd. 250-653-4430</p> <p>Kids' Express. Workshops on emotions for kids aged 5 to 8. At Celtic Place Studio, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Info/register: 250-931-8762 or healingplace@shaw.ca.</p>	<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Battle of the Best. Come out and vote for your favourite musician on Salt Spring. At the Local, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Bill Johnson. Live blues at Moby's.</p> <p>Lloyd English & Friends. Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9 p.m.</p> <p>Mike Demers. Shipstones. 7 p.m.</p> <p>Jon Middleton. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Bakers' Open Garden. Iris, rhodos, peonies and more at 185 Furness Rd. 250-653-4430</p>	<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Tom Hooper. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.</p> <p>Mon. June 13</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Wesley Hardisty. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.</p>	<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Open Stage with David Jacquest. At the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Fulford Day Committee. AGM to discuss 2011 event at the OAP room at Fulford Hall. 7 p.m. Volunteers needed.</p> <p>SSI Transportation Commission. Monthly public meeting at PARC portable. 4-6 p.m.</p>	<p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Cris Inguanti and Ken Broadway. Clarinet-piano duo perform Brahms, Debussy, Gaubert at Music & Munch. All Saints. 12:10 p.m.</p> <p>Hailey Niswanger Jazz Quartet. Hailey Niswanger, on alto and soprano saxophones, is joined by Takeshi Ohbayashi on piano, Aaron Darrell on acoustic bass and Mark Whitfield, Jr. on the drums. ArtSpring, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Ramesh Meyers Songwriting Workshop. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.</p> <p>Oldtimers Cafe. Musical open stage for all ages at the OAP room at Fulford Hall. Every Wednesday from 7 to 11 p.m.</p> <p>Open Stage. Wednesdays with Stephanie Rhodes at Moby's. 8 p.m.</p>

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EXHIBITIONS

- **Gallery 8** presents the **Trilogy Exhibition**, with work by **Pat Bennett, Bly Kaye** and **Dennice Stambuck**. At the gallery in Grace Point Square until June 12.
- **Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art** features work by **Dr. José Bustillo**, with half proceeds of sales benefiting the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation. Show runs daily to June 15, Mon. to Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays.
- **Pegasus Gallery** is exhibiting **Diana Dean** landscapes: oil on paper and pastel drawings.
- **Kabi Ponds** art exhibit of large oil paintings of lily and lotus ponds in the **ArtSpring** lobby through June.
- Photographer **Curt Firestone** has images from his **Morning** series hanging at **Bocados Bistro**.
- **Danica Lundy** shows paintings at **Barb's Bakery & Bistro**.
- **Roger Donnelly** shows his paintings at **Island Savings Credit Union**.
- See **Lyman Whitaker's** wind sculptures at **Grace Point Square**.

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YOUTH GROUPS

Sparks, Brownies and Guides fly up to next level

Guiding group gives thanks to community

BY GAIL TEMMEL
 SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Girl Guides of Salt Spring has had another very successful year. We ended our year on June 2 with our Advancement Ceremony, held at the Community Gospel Chapel.

Our audience of parents and special guests watched the hour-long program as six Sparks, seven Brownies and four Guides left their units and “flew up” to the next level. The girls were excited to receive their pins, certificates and flowers as they shook hands with their leaders, said goodbye to the younger girls and walked across the bridge to be met by members of the group they were joining and be taken back to their new unit. Many of our leaders were presented with special awards for their individual achievements and dedication to the girls and the pro-



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Salt Spring Sparks, Brownies, Guides and their helpers at the Advancement Ceremony on Thursday.

grams Guiding offers.

We would like to thank all of those who help our Girl Guide units throughout the year and we greatly appreciate that our island community is always there to support us. First and foremost is Chris Cormack and the Community Gospel Chapel for the continued use of their spaces for our weekly meetings; the Legion for their very generous donation to

our girls attending the provincially sponsored international camp, Spirit of Adventure Rendezvous, happening this July in Agassiz — as well as having us participate in the Remembrance Day Parade and helping out at their Mother’s Day breakfast.

We thank the United Church for allowing us space to come back after the Remembrance Day parade to warm up with hot chocolate;

Barry Dunster and the Farmers’ Institute for the use of their buildings and grounds for sleepovers and camps as well as the great donation for washing dishes at the Fall Fair; the wonderful “pie ladies” of the Women’s Institute for their kind donation; Ted Akerman, the Scouts and Windsor Plywood for allowing us to share in the fun of Christmas tree selling; the Lions

Club for their donation to our girls who served at their Christmas dinner; Thrifty Foods for helping out with camp food and allowing us to sell cookies out front; Country Grocer and their employees for their continued support through their save-a-tape program, discounts for groceries and putting up with little girls out front selling cookies; Meadowbrook, Heritage Place and Amanda and Deb of Transitions for giving our girls the opportunity to learn about giving service to others in our community; hiker Lynn Thompson for showing our girls new places to enjoy the out of doors and the Driftwood for sending Derrick Lundy out to take pictures of our events and for their continued support of our activities.

Last but not least, we thank the husbands and children of our Guiders who lend their support and wives so that they may give so much of their time to Girl Guides.

Guiding has some-

thing for all ages and our newest island group is the Salt Spring Island Trefoil Guild, which came into being just this spring. For all those “retired” Guiders who would like to reconnect with your Guiding roots, please call the number below. We look forward to a lovely summer break and will return in September, with registration for all Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders and Rangers taking place on Thursday, Sept. 15, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Gospel Hall.

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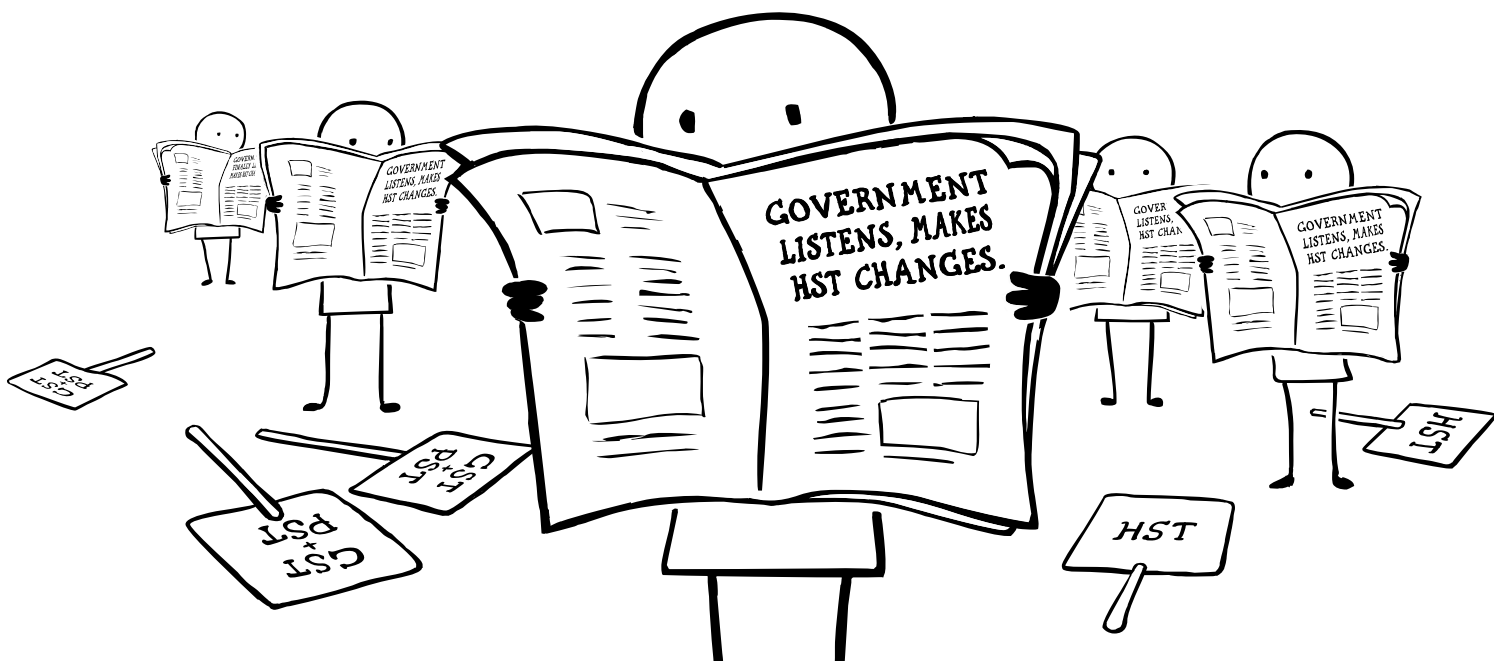
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Stewardship nominees set

From fire protection to food

Islanders have nominated eight individuals and two groups for the 10th annual Islands Trust Community Stewardship Awards Program.

Nominees' projects range from community work to conservation, from food security, recycling, protecting and restoring lakes to car ride stops, and building a new community medical clinic.

Group nominations are the Hornby New Clinic Committee for its medical clinic project, and the Pender Island Fire Rescue department for serving and protecting the Pender Islands.

- Individual nominations are for:
- Sue Ellen Fast, Bowen Island, for community and conservation work;
 - Henning Nielsen, Denman Island, for his work towards establishing a new provincial park on Denman Island;
 - Gisele Rudischer, Gabriola Island, for her efforts to raise public awareness of the Islands Trust mandate;
 - Jane Wolverton, Galiano Island, for her work with the Galiano Food Program;
 - Nadia Krebs, Galiano Island, for her work with the Galiano Island Recycling and Resources Society;
 - Barry Mathias, Pender Islands, for the Car Stops Program;
 - Sara Steil, Pender Islands, for her community and conservation work; and,
 - Wayne Hewitt, Salt Spring Island, for his work to protect and restore lakes.

The Islands Trust Council will select the recipients during its quarterly meeting on Denman Island next week. Recipients will then be notified and their awards presented at local Trust committee meetings later this year.



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WOOD WORK: GISS students Jed Phillips, Ben Phillips and Lukas Wenzel sell wooden bowls and plates at the Saturday market in Centennial Park.

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SD64

District receives innovation grant

Research project addresses rural learners

The Gulf Islands school district has received a \$12,500 grant to enhance rural learning through the Growing Innovation Program, a partnership between the Ministry of Education and the University of British Columbia.

The Gulf Islands' pilot project Connecting Generations was one of 17 grant proposals approved out of 61 submissions from rural districts. The project will expand on the creation of a "living library" of community residents enthusiastic about talking with youth, with the goal of building bridges between generations, promoting inter-generational learning and strengthening community. The Connecting Generations project was launched in January of 2010.

Gulf Islands school board chair May McKenzie said, "We are very proud of the work being done here in the district in support of rural schools and look forward to sharing our findings with educators across the province."

UBC graduate students will offer support and provide resources to help districts and schools assess the effectiveness of their projects.

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This swan and her horde of cygnets captures the attention of several nearby cameras.

Gardeners and artists — they're peas in the same pod

Now that we've ushered in North America's first Green MP and the Canucks have moved onto the next playoff round, we can finally get back to the island's most important pursuit — gardening.



Meghan Howcroft

LIVE AND LEARN

Gardening on ol' Salt is the penultimate pastime, the most rewarding recreation and the surest route to becoming a true islander. Having always loved to get my hands dirty, I've found my Mecca here on Salt Spring, a place where the gumbot is a cultural symbol and everyone grows a little something in their backyard . . . even if not all of it's legal.

Basement apartments, university dorm rooms and short-lived rental homes have meant significant gardening gaps in my life, but now that I've snagged a house (and yard) of my own, I'm turning over a new leaf and luring my gardening mojo back again. Although I've just begun unearthing my gardening potential, I've already discovered some intriguing gardening insights for newbies like me to germinate on.

Firstly, I've learned that gardeners (especially of the Salt Spring variety) are always, ALWAYS gardening — even when they're not. These islanders might be attending yoga class, conversing about the high price of gas, or polishing their healing crystals, but deep in the furrows of

their brains the gardening thoughts are swirling like cherry blossoms in the wind. Is it too early to plant the carrots? Will our deer-fence hold up for another year? If I see that freaking rabbit one more time . . .

I've fallen into this "gardening of the mind" myself, spending bucketloads of time this winter with a mug of tea in hand, staring blankly out at the yard. When my husband asked what I was doing, I replied (rather disdainfully), "I'm gardening, of course." Gardening requires an incredible imagination, since so much time off-season is spent planning, dreaming and imagining what might crop up over the next few months. It's akin to staring at a blank canvas, or a shapeless lump of clay before the artistic process begins to bloom.

Which leads me to a second gardening truth — that gardening is an art form as creative as any other this island is renowned for . . . maybe even more so. After all, what could be more creative than planning a garden plot, blending colours and textures, mixing together functionality and beauty?

Like artists, gardeners (with the aid of Mama Nature) create something from nothing and the act of gardening can be, like any art form, inspiring, mysterious and oftentimes frustratingly difficult.

And speaking of difficult . . . holy Moses smell the roses, gardening is some backbreaking work! When the owner of our local nursery proclaimed we were young enough and strong enough to accomplish most tasks by hand (without rototillers and the like), we had no idea how deep we'd have to dig — both internally and in the dirt.

After double-digging two feet down for over 100 square feet and then pounding in posts for the blimey deer fence, I thought my back was permanently broken! Okay, I mean I thought my husband's back was broken, since he did most of the work. But I did help maneuver a wickedly heavy 150-foot roll of game fencing and that task alone taught me that building a garden truly has to be a "labour" of love. Otherwise, why bother?

Another gardening fact? As with eating, drinking and shopping, with gardening it's easy to get carried away. If you're not careful you could end up with enough seeds to plant a football field, a shed full of useless (yet shiny) gardening tools and a garden much larger than you can manage

— even with the help of a mighty digging machine/husband.

It's so easy to do, especially in spring when there's such palpable excitement in our local nurseries. People flitting everywhere, rooting through seed packets and buzzing around mason bee houses. One glance into someone else's shopping cart and suddenly you want everything they have — even if cat-shaped wind-chimes were not on your list. With serious gardeners it's all about restraint.

The most inspiring fact is that gardening has the ability to bring communities together. Even with our wildly divergent views and opinions, when islanders are gardening the rabbits, deer and slugs become the common enemy and all our energy is focused on the same thing — praying for the sun! When it comes to reconnecting with nature, growing our own food and cultivating our art, it turns out we're all just peas in the same pod.

Gardening is who we are . . . it's what we do. I'm thrilled to live somewhere gumbots are more fashionable than heels and a seed catalogue more arousing than a Playboy magazine. I might be a little green behind the ears, but come summer I hope this colour will have moved to my thumbs . . . leaving them as green as our new MP.

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Taking place at the Salt Spring Exotic Mushroom Farm in 144 hours from June 26 to July 15, the hands-on, theory-based course will help individuals learn to support themselves and create sustainable communities at a working, profitable permaculture farm.

According to press material, "Permaculture is a science-based, ethical-design methodology that aims to create regenerative human habitat. In simpler words it's considering everything within a project to use the least amount of energy to have more over time."

Since it was created over 40 years ago, permaculture has proven citrus can grow 1500-metres high in the Austrian alps and that rehabilitated salty deserts in Jordan found 400-m below sea level can produce mushrooms.

"Here in our own back yard, islanders can produce their

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"Permaculture is an umbrella with many different topics underneath: ethics, principles, design methodology, seeing natural patterns, understanding climatic factors, working with trees as exchangers of energy, the many uses of water in the landscape, soils as the basis for life, reworking the earth to capture water and provide fertility to the land, strategies for building and growing anywhere in the world (drylands, tropics, cool climates), using fish and

aquaculture to provide food and finance and strategies to create resilient communities."

Permaculture BC is a local education-based company that supports individuals and communities in how to provide for themselves. Bernakevitch is currently working with food forest expert Richard Walker on a large commercial permaculture landscape in Alberta, and a book on permaculture design.

Course days run 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with some evenings.

For more information or to register, visit www.permaculturebc.com or contact javan@permaculturebc.com.

BRIDGE TRICKS

No true failure at island's May bridge nights

Enthusiasm fails to wane for all

BY JILL EVANS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Gore Vidal said, "It is not enough to succeed. Others must fail." Oh gloom!

Those who succeeded among five and a half tables on May 16 were George Laundry and Paul Retallack (first), Jeff Bell, back

from Ontario, and Prem Margolese (second), Liz and Oleh Mycyk (third), and Zelly Taylor and Ian Thomas (fourth). The rest didn't fail — they just didn't succeed as much?

May 23 was the Victoria Day holiday and it was good that four full tables showed up. This time Jeff Bell and Brent Vickers were well ahead of the rest, with the Mycyks in second place and the Laundry-Retallack pair in

third.

So here's to future widespread success as Churchill saw it: "Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm," or in the words of Bill Gates: "Success is a lousy teacher. It seduces smart people into thinking they can't lose."

It was back to five and a half tables on May 30, with Jeff Bell, partnered this time by Prem Margolese, succeeding over

the top again with a whopping win. But nothing daunted, Ian Thomas and Zelly Taylor climbed to second place, while fun-loving Vonnie Bryant and Ruth Topping made it to the third spot. There was plenty of pleasure too for Liz and Oleh Mycyk, in fourth place.

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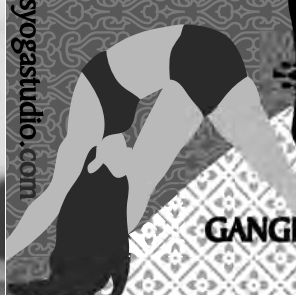
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MARY KATHERINE MOAT (nee Lees)

September 9, 1922 - May 29, 2011



Mary Katherine Moat died peacefully at home in Victoria on May 29th 2011 with her loving family beside her. She was predeceased by her parents, Harold and Lillian (McDonnell) Lees, her husband Charles Pleydell Moat, and her younger brother John Lees. Mary was born and raised in North Vancouver, and studied Nursing at St. Paul's Hospital in 1941. In 1948 Mary and her younger sister Frances moved to Toronto to work, and then to the U.K. where they met their relatives and worked for a year before returning to Salt Spring Island where their parents then lived. She and Frances cared for their mother until her death in 1953.

Mary met Charles Moat later that year, and they married in March 1954. Their first daughter Jackye was born in Edmonton, shortly before Charles retired and relocated the family to "Maracaibo" on Long Harbour, Salt Spring Island. Son Ian was born in 1959, but died in infancy. Daughter Alison and son Trevor were born in 1962 and 1963 respectively. Mary and Charles moved their family to Saanichton in 1971, and Mary built her own home near Sidney shortly after Charles died in 1983. She moved to St. Charles Manor in 2009. She will be dearly missed by Jackye and Bob Mills, their sons Christopher and Steven and daughters-in-law Nicole and Andrea; Alison and Angus Graeme and their children Michael, Sarah, and Emily; Trevor Moat and Mary Jo Hughes and Trevor's daughters Prairie and Eliza; Mary's sister Frances Montgomery and her brother Charles Lees.

Mary's life was lived passionately and fully. She was a tireless and graceful sister, wife, mum, grandma, and friend. Kindness, consideration of others, community service, and honesty were amongst her unfaltering values. She led the Parents' Auxiliary at St. Michael's University School for nearly a decade, later serving on the school's Board of Directors, and on the Board of the Victoria Symphony. She "never had time for sickness", always making sure work was done - and done well.

Mary's kitchens were places of constant communion for friends and travelers of all ages. She crafted remarkable meals and baked goods from scratch; she knitted and stitched clothing of all sorts for her family and for her volunteer activities; she loved gardening and created beautiful landscapes of ponds, flowers, shrubs, and vegetables that many enjoyed. All her creations exhibited her unique hallmarks of love and care. She remained fiercely independent, seeking always to help others even after her hearing, eyesight, and finally her memory, failed. She led by example and lived with great dignity - many learned from and with her.

Mary's family is deeply grateful to Svitlana Kolganova, her live-in caregiver and cherished friend of seven years, to the staff of St. Charles Manor who made her final months and days as comfortable as could be, and to Mary's niece Kath Murray (Lees) for her palliative experience and support. A memorial service and reception will be held at St. Luke's Church at 3821 Cedar Hill Cross Road, 1:30pm on Thursday June 16 2011. In lieu of flowers, donations to the CNIB, the Arthritis Society, or to a charity of your choosing would be most appreciated.

Friends and family will forever remember Mary's long waves goodbye from her kitchen window, even in the years after her eyesight had failed. Good night, dear Mary, your work is complete now, and the time has come for you to rest.

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NINA DENYER

passed away June 5th, 2011 surrounded by her loving family.
 Special thanks to Karen Berg, the staff at Lady Minto Hospital and all the friends who have supported Nina and Nigel, particularly over the last six months. A celebration of Nina's life will be held at the SSI Golf and Country Club, 805 Lower Ganges Rd, Thursday, June 9th, from 3-5pm. Memories start at 3pm followed by Nina's favourite way of ending an afternoon: a glass of wine with an appetizer. Rather than flowers, please make a donation to Lady Minto Hospital Foundation.

WEDDINGS

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Campbell Blair

On May 29th, 2011 at 11:30 p.m., Campbell Blair passed away peacefully after a short battle with cancer. Campbell is survived by his family Pat, Jim, Alison and Campbell. Campbell loved Salt Spring Island, and especially his friends at the golf club and soccer team. Our family would like to thank Dr. Dykstra (Vancouver), Dr. Leon, and all the staff and volunteers at Lady Minto hospital, and the staff and volunteers at Victoria Hospice Society, who all took such good care of him during these last few weeks. Donations can be made online at www.victoria-hospicefoundation.org.

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Salt Spring Film Festival is looking for a dynamic and skilled coordinator to provide leadership for our festival organizing team. You will have experience in the arts, event planning and excel with a variety of software and social media applications. You will have superb interpersonal skills as well as excellent writing and research skills. A passion for film is essential. This will be a one year part-time position possibly renewable annually. January and February will be full time prior to the Film Festival Weekend in March and the rest of the year will be part-time. Starting date will be August 15, 2011. Please submit your resume and letter of application by June 25, 2011 to **dpaine53@gmail.com** and also if you require further information.

Island Women Against Violence (IWAV) is seeking an Executive Director

iwav Island Women Against Violence

IWAV is a non-profit society providing services throughout the Southern Gulf Islands to women and their children affected by violence and abuse.

The Executive Director is responsible for the management and administration of the organization. Key areas of responsibility include quality service delivery, staff supervision, fiscal management, community liaison and public relations.

Qualifications required/preferred:

- Master's degree in a related field or an equivalent combination of training, experience and education.
- Solid working knowledge from a feminist perspective in area of violence against women and children
- Minimum of 5 years management level experience
- Demonstrated knowledge of community based programs and services.

For more information and to view a complete job description, please visit: **www.iwav.org**. Applications will be accepted until June 27, 2011 by email at: **kp108@telus.net**.

SUMMER STUDENT JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District (Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue) requires One (1) Summer Student for: general field/maintenance work and administration support from June 27th to August 19th, 2011. Students should be in good physical condition and able to work in all weather conditions. B.C. Driver's License, Class 5 is required ("N" Novice class accepted). Rate of pay is \$16.00 per hour. Proof of current registration in a full time program at a post-secondary educational institution is required.

Applicants are invited to submit resumes - **Clearly Marked "SUMMER STUDENT"** with reference to the:

Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District
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Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2T1
Attn: Fire Chief
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Fax: (250) 537-2507
Email: **info@saltspringfire.com**
Website: **www.saltspringfire.com**

Applications close at 4:30 p.m., Friday, June 17th, 2011.

The Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District would like to thank all candidates for their interest. Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.



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This Week's Horoscope by Michael O'Connor
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Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)
Gathering new knowledge, facts and information is likely now. This is connected to a busy schedule doing errands attending meetings.... You are in the mood for new ideas and perspectives. With your ambition levels on the rise, your energy levels may need an extra boost to keep pace. Meanwhile big returns are coming in – hopefully you have invested well.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)
An abundance of energy, determination and drive is leading you into new territory. Security is on your mind and you will do whatever you feel you must to create it. Achieving more money, skills, streams of income, insurances, and answers etcetera, is on your mind. The trade-off is that you may have to let go of what you already have to get what you really want and need.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)
Taking new leads finds you entering new territory. Overcoming both inner blocks and outer obstacles is likely. Drawing upon inner faith and confidence reserves is featured. This trend will continue. Seeing both the forest and the trees asks that you look to the big picture. Reach out to discover what others know and what knowledge and insights they can share.

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22)
You have probably been enduring a busy pace of late. Now it is time to retreat and rest as much as you can. Sometimes these come from doing something new and different. A good book can prove fulfilling in more ways than one and now looks like an ideal time for such a departure from the daily grind. If you must, work behind the scenes to set things up for later.

Leo (Jul 22 – Aug 23)
Striking a balance between your own individual needs and those of others is the call now. This includes acknowledging what these are. Taking an internal inventory for your self and openly and sincerely communicating with key others to know what they want and need, is the ticket. Meanwhile, your public and professional world is expanding. Aim to give more!

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22)
Getting more attention than usual is likely now. Making use of it could lead to promotions, new jobs or even a change in career direction or solar positioning altogether. Asking for favours and earned rewards from authority figures will bring positive results. Be willing to invest as well, whether it includes money, time, energy and/or focus.

Libra (Sep 22 – Oct 22)
Seeing a bigger picture of yourself and your life is the call now. This includes deciphering who has what you want and need. Reaching out to the talents and resources of others will bring rewards. You may also feel the itch to travel – anywhere! Outline your plans now so they are clear and so that you do not get distracted by the agendas of others.

Scorpio (Oct 22 – Nov 21)
Some openings are presenting themselves and you are excited about the prospects. There may be several all at once, however, so you may have to review your priorities and long-term needs and desires. Working with the flow of change in your overall lifestyle is necessary these days, so be willing lest life help you along with a needed push or shove....

Sagittarius (Nov 21 – Dec 21)
Changes on relationship fronts may feel refreshing. Desires for more friends and social stimulation are likely. The time has come to take a more independent approach somehow. You may have to take some calculated risks though. This is where good friends can help. Knowing what you want and asking is the proven method. Change in relationships is brewing – cooperate!

Capricorn (Dec 21 – Jan 19)
Creating a healthier flow continues. Taking an imaginative approach is ideal yet seeking escape will find you running and getting nowhere. Balancing logic with intuition is extra ideal now. Breaking through inner and outer lines of resistance is likely. Investing as necessary to establish a more solid base and reliable rhythm is important now.

Aquarius (Jan 19 – Feb 19)
A creative cycle continues and is on the rise. Initiating new leads for creative expression will bring satisfaction. Inventiveness is likely and could include re-inventing yourself and/or helping someone else. Clearing the way for this on the home front is ideal. You may not feel like it but will be happy you did. With a new wave of confidence and perhaps abundance, dreams are coming true!

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)
Keeping busy close to home continues. This may include gardening projects and creative expressions of all sorts. Simply enjoying your castle and family may be enough. Yet, attending to hobbies and cultivating talents will prove satisfying too. Catching-up with extended family and close friends will prove timely.

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TRACK AND FIELD

High schoolers cap spring success

Morgan completes double-medal performance



PHOTO BY JOHN DENNISTON

Grace Morgan, left, races down the track at the B.C. high school track and field championships.

Three members of the Gulf Islands Secondary School's track and field team returned from the provincial championships in Burnaby on Saturday with a spring in their step and a few pieces of hardware.

Grace Morgan finished her high school athletics career by capturing a bronze medal in the 100-metre race and a silver in the 200 m. She finished the events with times of 12.41 and 25.04 respectively.

Morgan's next destination is the University of Alaska in Anchorage where she's set to begin her first year on a track

scholarship in the fall.

Her teammate Kevan Brown finished just shy of the podium in the 800 m with a time

of 1:59. Brown will trade his track shoes for soccer cleats when he attends Nanaimo's Vancouver Island Uni-

versity in September.

Grade 9's Gunnar Rasmussen got some valuable experience at the provincial level by

placing 16th in the discus event.

"For an athlete to be so new at the sport of discus, Gunnar placed really well at the high school championship," said coach Karen Brown.

She said Rasmussen's true passion, the javelin, was not offered to competitors at the Grade 9 level.

The June 3 and 4 event at Burnaby's Swangard Stadium brought together some of the best young track and field athletes from across the province.

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TRIATHLON

Father's Day triathlon and pool party set

Kids of Steel, Sprint and birthday events on June 19

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

The Rainbow Road Pool is the centre of celebration on Sunday, June 19, with the second annual Father's Day triathlon merging with the pool's third birthday.

As pool manager Jim Raddysh explains, the triathlon has two segments: the Kids of Steel race for youth and a Sprint Triathlon for the older set.

The Kids of Steel portion is suggested for participants aged 15 and under, but Raddysh said if a family shows up wanting to join in together, all members can certainly follow the shorter KOS routes.

Those are a 200-metre swim (eight pool lengths), a five-kilometre bike ride and 1.25-km run.

While the routes do not take place at Portlock Park, Raddysh said the cycling distance is equivalent to riding 12.5 times around the track and the run is three times around.

For the Sprint Triathlon, participants must swim 500 metres (or 20 lengths), complete a 20-km bike ride and a five-km run.

The event starts with registration at 8:30 a.m. and everyone should be back at the pool site by 11 a.m.

"Then lunch will be served for all the athletes and volunteers and awards given out," said Raddysh.

Celebrations will then roll over into the pool party, with a free swim (plus games and prizes) offered from 1:30 to 5 p.m., along with some birthday cake at 3 p.m.

Triathlon registration is \$40 for individuals and \$60 for teams of two or more, which covers the cost of T-shirts, athlete packages

and putting on the event.

Event sponsors are Pomodoro Pizza, Sports Traders, Thrifty Foods, Country Grocer and Island Escapades.

For people who don't want to enter the triathlon but would like to be part of the fun, a number of volunteer positions are available, from lap counters for the swim to traffic control people for the bike and run routes.

Raddysh also said appropriate running shoes and bike helmets are mandatory and made a point about equipment safety.

"The bikes will be inspected prior to the event and bikes that are not considered safe for the road will not be able to be used. If anyone has concerns about the safety of their bike they should get it checked first."

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North America's 'fastest-growing game' eyed for Portlock

PARC ponders pickleball court

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It may sound like a new something-or-other at the Saturday market, but pickleball fans will have to travel up to Portlock Park to satisfy their fix.

That's where the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission hopes to finish construction of the island's first public pickleball court just in time for summer.

Kees Ruurs, PARC's general manager, said a husband and wife pickleball team consulted him about setting up a playing surface on the island earlier this Spring.

"I'd never heard of the sport," Ruurs confessed. "It falls somewhere in the middle between the strength of tennis and the speed

of racquetball."

Stephen Mueller and his spouse Trudy took up the sport about five years ago while wintering in Arizona, a pickleball hotbed where the game is played by folks of all ages.

Mueller said he became involved in the sport to get active and return to racket sports while he recovered from an Achilles tendon injury. He said the sport offers a surprisingly intense workout but is simple enough to give beginners a chance to hit the court and have a good time.

"It's an excellent game that way because you don't have to be highly skilled to play well," he said. "The beauty of this is you get a good workout."

The game is played on a surface that's about the same size as a badminton court with a net that's slightly shorter than a standard ten-

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STEPHEN MUELLER
Pickleballer

nis net. In most cases, matches are played by teams of two who take turns serving a three-inch diameter plastic whiffle ball. The rackets resemble large table tennis paddles that make it easier to put some spin on the ball.

According to Pickleball Canada, a national association to promote the sport in Canada, the game got its name from Pickles, a dog

who'd fetch whiffle balls as the game's founder refined the rules of the game while holidaying with his family on Bainbridge Island in Puget Sound during the 1960s.

Nearly 50 years later, pickleball courts have spread across the United States and can be found across the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island.

"I don't see it as faddish because it appeals to such a broad base of players," Mueller said.

The Muellers, who've met several other islanders interested in the game, said it's becoming frustrating to travel to Ladysmith, Nanaimo or Cobble Hill each time they're in the mood for a match.

PARC has proposed to paint pickleball lines over one of the tennis courts at Portlock Park. Ruurs said the new lines will not require the sacrifice of any tennis courts.



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SAILING Skips launch race series

Imp breezes past
competition in
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Sailors who competed in the year's inaugural event of the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club's Wednesday evening race series on June 1 contended with a lack of wind and the lure of the Stanley Cup Final's game one.

Only three of the four vessels that began the competition stuck around to complete the two-leg race in Ganges Harbour once winds picked up by about 5:30.

"Craig Leitch's son Adrian crewed on Imp and they put on a good show, taking full advantage of the light wind," said Empezar's Gyle Keating.

Imp went on to finish in first place with a race time of 1:13:12. Empezar placed second and Yolanda came in third with a time of 1:34:54.

"While Imp managed to stay under spinnaker for most of the remaining two legs, Empezar and Yolanda were having to switch sails regularly in the shifting wind," Keating said. "As usual the light winds showed who had the best tactics, which were reflected in the finish times."

The Wednesday evening race series continues through the summer. The next race is scheduled for June 8, the same time as game four of the Canucks-Bruins final.

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