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PARC to challenge grant rejection

Commissioners working on FOI request

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Parks and Recreation Commissioners want answers as to why the provincial government rejected their 2011 Community Recreation Program application earlier this spring.

"We didn't expect anything could conceivably go wrong with our proposal," said commissioner Stanley Shapiro. "We were put in the top area [of priority] as opposed to the medium and the low."

PARC submitted what it felt was a strong application to receive \$400,000 in funding under the provincial government's CRP program in December. The funds were intended to cover 80 per cent of the total cost to construct a multi-use outdoor recreation park beside Fernwood Elementary School. The "shovel-ready" project would have included three baseball fields, a soccer pitch and a walking trail.

Commissioners expressed disappointment in March when their application was not among the 98 applicants that received a share of the \$30-million fund.

"I want to know what happened and I think we have the right to know," Shapiro said during PARC's monthly public meeting on Monday. "If there were more people in the top category that could be funded that's one thing. . . . however, if

ISLANDERS IN NEED

Pender toddler needs liver transplant

Fundraisers planned to help struggling family

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Pender Island parents Rita May McEwen and Josh Westlind are in many ways an average young family struggling to make a life in the Gulf Islands; McEwen is a graduate of Gulf Islands Secondary School and now an early childhood educator working in daycare, and Westlind is a carpenter's helper originally from the Kootenays.

The birth of McEwen and Westlind's daughter Kaiya turned the family's path away from anything average when they were told their little girl has Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, a rare genetic disorder that means the liver cannot produce enough of an important protein protecting the liver and lungs.

Most people don't find out they have the condition until they are in their 20s, or older, when symptoms of lung disease develop. But in Kaiya's case, a barrage of tests after she was born jaundiced revealed the condition early on. Around 10 per cent of children born with AIAD develop liver disease, as Kaiya has.

"She looks like a normal baby, but she has a swollen belly, and she looks a little younger than she is because she's not fully grown," explained Kaiya's aunt Terri Robertson, who lives on Salt Spring.

Kaiya and McEwen spent the past month at the Children's Hospital in Vancouver, where the 16-month girl had treatment to drain a dangerous build-up of fluid in her abdominal cavity. Her father stayed at an apartment nearby, while her seven-year-

old brother stayed with family.

During their time at the hospital, the entire extended family contracted norovirus. For Kaiya and her mother this meant several periods in isolation. The tiny girl also had to endure being on a feeding tube, had an IV drip inserted into her foot for various medications and had near-constant blood tests.

On Friday, Kaiya's doctors finally said the drainage was successful and she could go home. The reunited family will now wait for a transplant assessment, to take place in Edmonton in June.

"Even as we realize it is temporary, it will be such a welcome reprieve to be able to go home to our son,"

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NEWSBEAT

SECONDARY SUITES

Maliview group opposes suites plan

Local infrastructure already beyond capacity, say speakers

ratepayers with "hundreds of thousands of dollars" in upgrade costs, regardless of whether property owners have the benefit of a secondary suite or not.

These include odour issues, maintenance costs and further pollution of Trincomali Channel.

consultation sessions but continues to gather islanders' opinions about several pilot-project proposals under review.

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Legalization of suites along Salt Spring's Maliview Drive could increase taxes, decrease livability and push the neighbourhood's strained local sewer system over the brink, according to speakers at Thursday's local Trust committee meeting.

"To put it simply, too much density means too much sewage," said Maliview Sewer Commission member Sharon Bywater. "If we have to do an upgrade at this time, our affordable neighbourhood will become unaffordable."

Many residents fear the "grandfathering" of existing suites and legalization of new ones would saddle the area's 95

sewer system problems. Despite extensive upgrades to the sewage facility in 2005, the Maliview plant still does not comply with Ministry of Environment standards as a result of aging sewage drains and population pressures.

"Extra suites will only add to the burden and the bills," Newmeyer said.

Maxine Leichter, a Salt Spring Water Preservation Society board member, said the Maliview predicament is not unique on the island. She urged the Trust to work with the Capital Regional District as well as private and public utilities to review how a doubling of densities in areas where suites would be permitted could affect water district and sewage disposal operations.

Salt Spring's LTC has already held two secondary suites public

consultation sessions but continues to gather islanders' opinions about several pilot-project proposals under review.

Although owners of all suites will eventually require compliance with CRD building standards, a decision to grandfather current suites on Maliview would trigger an immediate requirement to complete a further upgrade on the sewer system.

"I thought the Maliview points are well taken," said LTC member Peter Grove. "One certainly wouldn't want to stick the people of Maliview with a triggering effect."

LTC members said the suites issue is still a "work on progress." An updated staff report will be presented during the LTC's next meeting on May 17.

Grants: 'Pork-barrel politics at its finest'

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we find that people in the medium category were awarded funds and people in the top category did not [receive any] that, I think, is worth knowing and making a stink about."

Shapiro is working on a Freedom of Information request, which he said is intended to determine what percentage of groups in the top-priority category received CRP infrastructure grants.

"I'll gladly put my name on it," said PARC chair Gregg Dow.

Dow said other unsuccessful applicants have questioned the grant process, even in the provincial legislature during question period.

"There are a lot of eyes now starting to look at how this was awarded," he said.

Media reports that coincided with the naming of grant recipients in late March noted that nearly \$2.5 million in funding was awarded

to projects in the Chilliwack-Hope and Port Moody-Coquitlam ridings, sites of provincial elections in April.

"I was there from the start when we went through the process of picking the top three [proposals] for the CRD and, of course, the one that came out the highest was what was put together around this table," said Wayne McIntyre, Salt Spring's CRD director. "It was a fantastic proposal... but none of the CRD proposals got approved."

Commissioner Jane Horsburgh said she believes the entire grant process is an example of pork-barrel politics at its finest. While she isn't optimistic about the FOI request's impact, she said following up is required.

"I think we can apply for an FOI and I think it is a very good thing to do, but I think our chances of getting a true answer are zero to nil because I think this was a political award from start to finish and they gave the money to people they liked best

in the ridings where they were sure to get re-elected or ridings where they hoped to get re-elected," she said on Monday.

Commissioners agreed pursuit of the information by means of an FOI would not likely derail any future provincial grant applications.

"I don't see that we have anything to lose, but we may just possibly have something to gain," Shapiro said. "I wouldn't bet on it, but we may just possibly have something to gain."

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Family overwhelmed by response

KAIYA

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McEwen wrote in an update on her family blog.

"For us to be able to regroup and get prepared for the next phase I know will give us more strength."

Family help during the extended hospital stay came from McEwen's mother and aunt and from Westling's mother on Pender. The David Foster Foundation, which provides support for the families of children in need of life-saving organ transplants, helped with the Vancouver apartment. But further support will be greatly needed for the long road yet to come.

There may be a chance that a family member will be able to donate a portion of liver to Kaiya. Family members who also have the inherited gene for ALAD (as her

parents both do) will not be eligible, however, and potential donors will have to be screened for blood type, healthy livers and other factors.

A number of fundraising efforts have been set up by friends and family. Bracelets with Kaiya's name in beads are being sold for \$10 at various locations around town. Community members can donate their refunds at the Salt Spring Refund Centre to "baby Kaiya." A save-a-tape box is being set up at Country Grocer, and donations can be left in jars at Salt Spring Midwifery, CIBC, Embe Bakery and Tree Frog Daycare, to start.

Those who want to make larger donations can do so at Islands Savings account #2216190 on Salt Spring, or at Pender's HSBC Bank, transit #10610 and account #188860150.

A hamburger barbecue is

planned at Country Grocer for the August long weekend. A dance at Beaver Point Hall and a silent auction are also being planned, while other Pender events will take place.

"I am overwhelmed with everyone's response, by family, friends and other supporters out there that are helping us with their fundraising," McEwen wrote.

"When something like this happens to you, and you are met day after day with messages of action, it is truly inspiring. You would always hope that everyone in this situation would be met with the kind of responses that we have, and it's all so surreal."

To follow Kaiya's progress, register with www.caringbridge.org and log into the website "Kaiya." Contact Robertson at terri.mc@telus.net or phone 250-537-9914 for more information on how to help.

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ANIMAL WELFARE

'Free-roamers' viewed as community responsibility

Local BCSPCA aims to clip animals' exponential population growth

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Staff at the island's BCSPCA branch say it's time Salt Spring takes responsibility for the up to 1,600 feral cats that live on the island.

"In my short tenure as manager, I can certainly tell you that Salt Springers care a great deal about their animals, whether they be domestic or feral or wildlife, but we also have a problem with free-roaming cats and I'm not so sure if the community is fully aware of that," said branch supervisor Sean Hogan during a presentation to members of the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee on Thursday.

Nearly 60 per cent of the cats that pass through the BCSPCA's Lower Ganges Road branch are what Hogan considers free-roaming animals. These are animals that are stray, abandoned or feral, and often unapproachable. Kittens born in the wild usually take on free-roamer characteristics after about eight weeks whereas the process



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Salt Spring BCSPCA branch manager Sean Hogan with some of the branch's latest residents. An open house runs this Saturday at the Sharp Road shelter from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

is more gradual for abandoned or lost animals.

"You won't see them that much, but they are there," Hogan said.

In most cases, Hogan added, adult cats that have spent much of their lives in the bush are not easily socialized and unable to find a permanent home.

"Feral adult cats are often euthanized and that isn't

something we want to continue," he said.

One of the ways other B.C. communities have reduced the needless euthanization of animals is through the introduction of a community spay and neuter fund. Such a fund would initially target animals owned by residents who cannot afford the operations and the island's significant population of "loosely owned" cats.

"These are the ones that show up at a property to get fed," Hogan said. "There's a high number of those, but when it comes down to it the guardians will not claim ownership and will not necessarily seek medical care for it, or sterilization."

Low-income residents, Hogan added, are half as likely to have their animals spayed or neutered, but near-

ly always take advantage of subsidies when offered.

Given that an untreated cat and her kittens can produce up to 470,000 kittens over a seven-year period, a community fund is perceived as an essential tool to control an impending population explosion. Hogan said experiences of other communities have proven that funding community sterilization programs can also have positive effects on wild bird populations, animal conflicts and health, animal complaints registered and the subsequent burden on agencies like the BCSPCA, Capital Regional District, Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre and even the RCMP.

"Cat over-population is a community issue. It doesn't belong to any one agency," Hogan said. "Perhaps what we all can do is shift our attitudes and accept that free-roaming cats do have a home in our community. Sterilization programs are a key element to humane animal management and ensuring that these are available and affordable is going to be the first step."

While the LTC is limited in what support it can provide because it is essentially a land-use and zoning govern-

ment agency, trustees offered Hogan what political support they could as he pursues other sources of funding.

"It is a problem for sure, but I don't know if we can fund it since it is not to do with land use," said LTC member George Grams.

Funding could, however, be available from the Capital Regional District, the local government agency that oversees animal control services. Salt Spring CRD director Wayne McIntyre, who attended Thursday's meeting, suggested he was interested in the proposal and called for specifics about potential long-term cost savings.

"If we can save money, I'd like to see the numbers," McIntyre said.

Similar community funds, which range anywhere between \$7,500 and \$40,000, have been established in Burnaby, East Kootenay, Kamloops, Kelowna, Nanaimo and Quesnel.

Hogan anticipates that a Salt Spring program could be initiated for as little as \$5,000.

"I want to emphasize the consequences of ignoring the problem," he said. "The burden will just continue to increase on residents and the community at large."

News briefs

Penny drive thrives

The Copper Kettle Society is extending its successful fundraising drive and awareness campaign with new dates and locations, making it easy for everyone to donate their "coppers" to the pot.

Spokesperson Cherie Geauvreau reported that as of Monday 46,000 pennies had been collected to aid future initiatives such as affordable housing and to provide immediate food and clothing for those in need.

"We're very encouraged by the response, and we've been able to discuss our wagon wheel design [for affordable housing] with lots more interested people," she said.

Geauvreau will be outside Country Grocer and accepting pennies between 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Tues-

days, May 8, 15 and 29. There are also donation jars at Salt Spring Literacy, Upper Ganges Liquor Store, Bruce's Kitchen, Pemberton Holmes and the Harbour House.

Market dog sitting

The Salt Spring Islands Parks and Recreation Commission has given the green light for the BCSPCA to begin a "dog-parking service" next to the Saturday market at Centennial Park on a trial basis until the end of July.

"A lot of people get quite attached to their animals and it tends to be an ongoing process with the [bylaw enforcement] officer, so this is a way of providing service outside of the market area," said Lorraine Brewster, Salt Spring's new parks and recreation manager.

A staff report presented to commissioners indicates that

dogs in the market are of concern due to crowded market conditions and vendors' fears about the canines' interference with food products.

"Presently our bylaw officer has been managing the situation by educating and informing dog owners that dogs are not allowed in the park and asking owners to remove dogs," reads the report. "However, there is a concern that pet owners may choose not to attend the market in the future."

For a nominal donation, the project will give dog owners the option to temporarily check their pets into a secured and safe area where they will be monitored by BCSPCA staff. The designated area will be to the left of the Cenotaph, near the public washrooms.

The May long weekend is the target start date.

Commissioners will review the project near the end of the

trial period and make a decision on its long-term merit.

Scam letter

Islanders are being warned that an old but new-again scam letter is hitting local mailboxes.

Helen Varzeliotis said her household received two letters that were from China and mailed in Spain, claiming that the recipients would inherit some money left to them by a relative.

Salt Spring RCMP told Varzeliotis their office had received a number of reports from island residents about similar letters.

Food bank fundraiser

A Salt Spring Food Bank fundraiser is taking place in the parking lot of Country Grocer on Saturday, May 5, thanks to the local Shaw Com-

munications team.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Shaw employees will collect cash and food donations for the island's food bank, and also raise funds through the sale of barbecued burgers and beverages for \$5.

As well, every pound of food donated will be matched by Shaw and by Campbell's.

PARC grants

The island's Parks and Recreation Commission has awarded nearly \$12,000 to community groups as part of its 2012 spring recreation funding program.

This season's recipients are Island Pathways, \$5,000; Salt Spring Therapeutic Riding Association, \$3,000; Earth Festival Society, \$2,500; Salt Spring Community Services, \$1,000; and Earth Day Salt Spring, \$250.

Funds will go towards construction of a pathway

between Wildwood and Booth Canal Rd., fencing the new community gardens at Rainbow Road, subsidizing riding lessons and operating expenses, building a storage shed at the Core Inn youth centre and funding events associated with Earth Day celebrations.

Toastmasters open house

Anyone curious about what the Toastmasters leadership and public-speaking group can do for them won't want to miss an open house event on Saturday, May 5.

From 2 to 3 p.m. at the Catholic church meeting room on Drake Road, an information session and demo meeting will show how Toastmasters can help people reach their professional and personal goals. More information is available online or by calling Dennis Fortin at 250-537-1710.

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TRANSPORTATION

CRD adds Salt Spring to regional plan

Cycling and pedestrian draft to be presented at Velo Village

component could help snap the island into place as the last link in the existing Salish Sea Regional Trail Network.

"I see this as being really important both in symbolic terms and in practical terms," SSITC chair Donald McLennan said.

"It makes the CRD master plan whole and it gives us significant credibility."

The CRD board has budgeted 72 hours of regional planner Sue Hallatt's time toward the project and a technical advisory committee from Salt Spring has been assembled comprising CRD manager Kees Ruurs, McLennan and SSITC vice-chair John Wakefield, and cycling advocates Brenda Guiled and John Rowlandson.

The master plan itself will be created by Alta Planning and Design, the company that produced the CRD's regional

plan. All previous studies and information — including 2005's Salt Spring Island Cycle Route Inventory prepared by Richard James, mapping and references in Salt Spring's Official Community Plan and 2011's SSI Cycling Survey — will be brought together into a standardized mapping format.

McLennan said the plan is a necessary first step toward eventually building a safe cycling route from Fulford to Vesuvius.

"Unfortunately, when you're doing a major infrastructure you don't just build it — you have to go the longer route," he observed.

Salt Spring CRD director Wayne McIntyre intends to ensure the regional body includes rural needs in its future planning processes, including recognition of the electoral areas in the

draft strategic plan for 2012.

"It makes the CRD master plan whole and it gives us significant credibility."

DONALD MCLENNAN
SSITC chair

He has also moved the CRD ask the province to invest in cycling infrastructure in rural areas, as resolved by the B.C. Union of Municipalities.

"A lot of things are really coming together. We're getting some impetus and we hope it continues," McIntyre said.

A first draft of the Salt Spring Cycling Master

Plan will be presented at the Velo Village rural cycling conference in June. The final report is expected for the end of August.

In other SSITC news, the commission presented updated information on the North Ganges Transportation Plan at a public meeting held on April 24. Panels showed where new cycling lanes and bus stops will be constructed on Lower Ganges Road starting this summer.

CRD project manager Josh Frederick said easement agreements with nearby property owners have been finalized and contracting tenders will be going out in the next two weeks. Ground breaking is expected to take place in August.

Road widening and line painting will most likely occur in September once the tourist season has ended.

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BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Capital Regional District has addressed a huge oversight in its Regional Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan by officially acknowledging Salt Spring's part to play in the scheme.

Members of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission announced Thursday the CRD has agreed to supplement the plan for its Vancouver Island constituencies, released in October 2011, with a Salt Spring Master Plan.

The original document envisions boosting cycling and walking in urban areas by 25 per cent. The Salt Spring

ISLANDS TRUST

LTC extends video pilot project

Staff to pursue further legal input

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee have again extended the pilot-project to record public business meetings as staff gather further legal opinions about liability issues associated with online publication of the proceedings.

"I'm not prepared to press on with seeking a [request for proposals] until we have legal advice, because that will affect what that RFP looks like," said LTC member George Grams.

Trustees want Islands Trust lawyers to provide more details about liability concerns and what steps, if any, can be taken to

repost edited portions of the Feb. 23 LTC meeting online.

"If there is advice that we are obtaining from other sources that indicates that the Trust might not be in breach if it posts that videotape, can we post the full thing in the interest of transparency and accountability?" Grams asked during Thursday's LTC meeting.

Any legal advice the Trust receives about the issue, he added, should be summarized and made available to the public.

Funding to continue the pilot project until the end of June will come from the Salt Spring LTC's local expense budget. According to cost estimates provided in an April 3 staff report, the contract value to record, edit and post video of the LTC's bi-monthly regular business meetings is in the range of approximately \$15,000 per year.

LTC members initiated the project in February as a way to offer island residents an opportunity to follow happenings of the island's LTC without having to sit through lengthy daytime meetings.

"I'm really pleased that we had this whole issue during the pilot project process. I think it's fantastic," said trustee Peter Grove. "Notwithstanding what some people have to say about it, it's very good that this came to the surface so we can deal with it."

LTC videos can be viewed at youtube.com/saltspringvideo. Viewers are encouraged to post comments about the pilot project.

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ISLANDS TRUST

LTC issues Star Barks 3-year TUP

Slegg and Stitches applications inch forward

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee has issued a three-year temporary use permit that enables owners of the Star Barks pet supply store to operate in compliance with land-use regulations.

Because retail sales are not allowed on land with industrial 2 zoning, the applicant will need to rezone the property at 1429 Fulford-Ganges Rd. to ensure long-term compliance.

Islands Trust staff supported the application after they noted

no conflicts with the island's official community plan "as a whole."

The current land use, staff said, does not limit future industrial uses on the site and has not caused significant concern among neighbours.

"As a retail use in an industrial zone on a brown fields site, the application is not considered to increase sprawl but rather to be intensifying or infilling an already impacted site," reads part of the April 13 staff report.

In other Trust news, LTC members continue to move ahead with the long line of approvals for a new Slegg retail store on Beddis Road. LTC members approved a development permit application after they determined the compa-

ny's new structure complies with "non-village commercial and industrial" design guidelines.

"As a retail use in an industrial zone, the application is not considered to increase sprawl

....."
ISLANDS TRUST
STAFF REPORT

Salt Spring's LTC gave the project's pending rezoning application second reading in early

April. A public hearing date is anticipated for the last week of May.

LTC members also gave first reading on Thursday afternoon to a land use bylaw amendment application to permit the long-term compliance of Stitches Quilt Shop. The business currently operates under a temporary use permit.

The application has been referred to public agencies and the Trust's Advisory Planning Commission for further comment.

"Hopefully, we've been able to show that what we have done is both a benefit to the community and usage of the property," said applicant Karen Tottman during Thursday's LTC meeting. "We want to continue."

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NEWSBEAT

RCMP

Car crashes cause siren-filled week

Charges pending for several drivers

Salt Spring RCMP attended a number of car accidents this week involving both single and multiple vehicles.

Police, BC Ambulance and Salt Spring Fire Rescue were all on the scene of a collision at the intersection of Upper and Lower Ganges roads just after 11 a.m. on Thursday. Police determined that a small car turning left from Upper Ganges failed to proceed safely and collided with a northbound mini van on Lower Ganges Road. The driver of the small car and the passenger of the mini van were both transported to Lady Minto Hospital with minor injuries. Motor Vehicle Act charges are pending against the driver of the small car.

A new driver received a violation ticket for travelling too fast for slippery road conditions in the early hours of Saturday morning. Her vehicle left the travelled portion of North Beach Road and came to rest in a ditch around 1:30 a.m. The driver was uninjured, but the vehicle sustained substantial damage.

RCMP, BC Ambulance Service and the Salt Spring Fire-Rescue responded to a single vehicle collision at the intersection of Walker's Hook and Stark roads early Sunday morning. An older compact car with five occupants was heading to Ganges when it



A small car sustained major damage in a collision at Upper and Lower Ganges roads on Thursday. Emergency services dealt with five motor vehicle incidents in six days.

failed to make the left turning bend at Stark. Blood samples were obtained from the driver at Lady Minto Hospital and will be forwarded for analysis to determine whether the driver had consumed alcohol prior to the crash. The front passenger sustained a head injury and was airlifted to Victoria General for treatment, but it is not believed his injuries are life threatening.

Police responding to a collision at Morningside bakery in Fulford around 7:40 p.m. Sunday night found a truck had driven into

the stucco wall, causing extensive damage. Officers determined the driver had consumed alcohol and issued a roadside driving prohibition. Charges under the Motor Vehicle Act are also being considered.

Police joined emergency response teams from BC Ambulance and Salt Spring Fire-Rescue on Beddis Road around 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday. A driver travelling toward Ganges crashed head-on into a tree after swerving to miss a deer. He was taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

SCHOOL SPORTS

School sports programs still on track

Few activities left in school year

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The 2012 mountain biking and golf seasons have been cancelled at participating B.C. schools, but Gulf Islands student athletes won't be too inconvenienced by teachers' withdrawal from volunteer activities.

Stacy Mitchell, director of athletic programs for Gulf Islands Secondary, said locally there are only a few seasons that extend into the spring. Of these, senior girls soccer alone might be affected by the job action with the withdrawal of teacher coaches.

How the season plays out could be determined by how other districts manage to deal with the change. The local girls

will also have to make do without the guidance of devoted school coach Doug Pearson, but Mitchell said community volunteers who have already stepped in will help the season to proceed normally.

"For us on Salt Spring, we actually have a lot of support from administration staff and really great support from parents and other volunteers," she said. The senior girls' season may

also be helped by the fact the league includes independent schools such as Shawnigan Lake School and Brentwood College.

Mitchell said junior girls' soccer, another team that could have been affected by the job action, is already done for the season because they failed to qualify for the next round.

Updates on spring seasons can be found at www.bcschoolsports.ca.

CRIME

Thieves delay water treatment plant upgrade

Grade-A gravel missing

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Highland and Fernwood Water District ratepayers are facing yet another delay to the area's nearly complete water treatment facility.

The most recent hold-up is a result of thieves who trucked off two loads of top-quality gravel that was being stored beside the new plant on Maycock Road near the north

end of St. Mary Lake.

The gravel, valued at approximately \$600 a load, was for part of the new unit's filtration system.

"This is no ordinary gravel as it has to meet a specific standard of size gradation and the authorized supplier is located in the USA," said water district chair Sharon Bywater.

"If anyone is aware of the production of exotic plants being hydroponically grown in clean white pea gravel or the

appearance of a newly and attractively gravelled driveway, the RCMP will be glad to know about it."

Bywater said she suspects the gravel was stolen early last week. The cost to replace the material will probably be the

contractor's responsibility but, she said, the need to order more will add at least several weeks to the project.

Aside from the inconvenience to ratepayers, Bywater said, the theft has left a sad mark on the

island.

"It's always upsetting when people steal," she said.

Anyone with any information about the missing gravel is asked to contact the Salt Spring RCMP at 250-537-5555.

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ISLANDERS



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Pat Dickson amid the plants and remains of his former home site.

Pat Dickson still cheerful despite loss of his home

Personal philosophy serves islander well

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Long-time islander Pat Dickson is readily recognizable for his cheerful grin: it's one that rarely disappears regardless of his difficulties.

The smile has even stayed on his face despite losing all his possessions and complicating a serious medical condition during a fire that destroyed his Byron Road home two months ago.

"The only difficulty I've had was realizing I just didn't have the stuff anymore," Dickson said during a recent visit to the Driftwood, noting he kept offering to get things for people before remembering his reality.

Although he didn't realize it at first, it seems Dickson's health was also likely affected by smoke inhalation. He suffers from two terminal lung diseases, including a progressive pulmonary fibrosis and subsequently has a severely weakened immune system. A case of pneumonia he came down with after the fire may have been linked to the incident.

"I think the smoke that I was exposed to was more potent than I thought."

While he's now bunking with friends and starting to think about rebuilding his beloved garden, Dickson is dealing with the fact that most of his plastic potting containers melted and his soil was contaminated as a result. Luckily, the dahlias that he is particularly fond of were in storage away from his cabin at

the time of the fire. Chris and Marilyn Schmah at Foxglove Farm and Garden Supply have offered to help him get going again and have already donated many bulbs to the effort.

Dickson is waiting to see how his prognosis turns out before he commits to any long-term plans, however, because as he cheerfully announces, his feeling is that he only has three to eight months left. In addition to lung disease he also suffers from Hepatitis C, which can't be treated because of the other medications he's on.

When asked how he can remain seemingly unfazed by all these misfortunes, he answers, "We realize we're not the body — we're the self. That's the most important thing we should know. And I've had some wonderful experiences that make it quite easy for me."

Dickson has enjoyed an active spiritual practice since the 1970s and was initiated by Swami Muktananda in 1975. The swami's teachings allowed Dickson to "practise dying" and to become aware of reincarnation.

"Meditation also allows you to know there's more than just this time around," he explained. "And what you gain here in understanding, you don't lose that. There's really nothing to worry about."

Dickson has praised the efforts of the firefighters and integrated emergency response teams who attended the scene of the fire and is grateful to his friends, neighbours and community for providing continued support ever since.

"Their kindness is making me a kinder person," he said.

ENVIRONMENT

Suzuki Elders group formed

Forum and film preview May 9

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An influential group of activists will be on Salt Spring for a special forum organized by the Institute for Sustainability Education and Action taking place Wednesday, May 9 from 2 to 4 p.m.

I-SEA director Margery Moore has recognized the importance elders must play in any cultural change. Their role is highlighted in the film Wakan Tanka, a creative effort to mobilize environmental action that she has been working on for the past year.

"An amazing transfer of wealth and knowledge is about to happen. These are the boomers — they're not just going to sit back and retire, they're going to 'refire,'" she said.

The evidence is embedded in the newly formed Suzuki Elders, a volunteer association working with and through the David Suzuki Foundation. Several members will be present at the forum to facilitate a discussion of seniors' role in the environmental movement.

A fictional narrative with a contemporary soundtrack and video game esthetics will weave through interviews with scientists, activists, First Nations elders and green technology innovators.

Participants include David Suzuki, James Hansen, Raffi, Dan Jason, Bristol Foster, Grandmother Agnes from the International Council of Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers and ethnobotanist Pakki Chippis. Filming is now complete and the project is about to enter its final production phase.

Moore will be showing a promo clip of the film at the forum as a catalyst for dialogue. Discussion will centre on topics such as how elders are defined in today's society, how they are received and how to engage them in environmental causes.

"Elders have seen the degradation that's happened over time, but they also have hope . . . we need both elders' wisdom and youth's excitement to make it work," she said.

Space will be limited at the event so participants should RSVP to sustain@saltspring.com. A \$10 donation is suggested.

Information about the film is at www.wakan-tankafilmm.com.

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FISHERIES

Fingerlings take to SSI lakes

Annual spring restocking of St. Mary and Cusheon done

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Things just got a whole lot easier for fisher-folks who dream of reeling in their catch on St. Mary and Cusheon lakes as fish hatchery staff from Vancouver Island recently dropped off a truck load of roughly 2,500 cutthroat trout.

The delivery of live trout is part of the Vancouver Island Trout Hatchery's annual spring stocking program. Cusheon and St. Mary Lake are among approximately 75 lakes that receive deliveries of trout every spring as anglers get ready to hit the water.

"These fish will provide an excellent fishery for all to enjoy," said hatchery manager Brian Martin. "Our goal is to ensure that anglers, families and kids of all ages will be able to access high-quality, low-cost fishing opportuni-



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE
Dave Rife and Georgina Fosker restock St. Mary Lake with a truck load of trout.

ties close to home." The work is undertaken by the Freshwater Fisheries Society of British Columbia, a group funded through annual fish licence sales, in conjunction with the province's Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural

Resource Operations. Hatchery staff will soon be back on the island with a shipment of 500 rainbow trout destined for Stowell Lake and another 5,500 for St. Mary. Fish culturalist Georgina Fosker said the

lake is tested for pH and total dissolved solids before the fish are released. The results are analyzed by Nanaimo-based provincial government scientists, who use the data to determine future stocking levels.

Each year, the Freshwater Fisheries Society of B.C. stocks about 800 lakes and streams throughout the province. The Cowichan Valley hatchery alone provides about 350,000 fish for lakes, streams and rivers on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

"Salt Spring Island is unique in that many of the lakes on the island have resorts on them which provide excellent opportunities to generate revenue for the island's economy," Martin said.

Salt Spring's lakes must be continually stocked as a result of natural predators, conflicts with invasive species like yellow perch and the skilled anglers who are fortunate enough to haul in a catch.

CONTEST

Farmers' market needs logo

Fresh look sought through contest

Salt Spring's Tuesday Farmers' Market group is appealing to the community to design its new logo.

The designer of the winning logo will be awarded \$50 in gift certificates to Bruce's Kitchen and \$50 in gift certificates for the mar-

ket. The contest closes, Monday May 21.

"The logo must support our motto: Buy Local! Eat Fresh," explains market coordinator Jacquie Harkema. "We want people to see that local food is not only beneficial for individual health, but also for the long-term health of our community and our planet." Images should be emailed in

JPEG format to ssstuesdaymarket@gmail.com. For more information, check the website at www.saltspingtuesdaymarket.com or contact Harkema at 250-931-6336.

The Tuesday Farmers' Market is a free event, open to families and people of all ages. It is located in Centennial Park and takes place from 3 to 7 p.m. every Tuesday from June through October.

ISLAND HISTORY

Transformation of island historical sites basis of May 9 presentation

Neumann and Kahn lead talk

The changing face of Salt Spring history promises to be an interesting and informative program for the Salt Spring Historical Society's

annual general meeting. "It will be a chance for us to see the old and the new as we revisit demographic changes," states a press release. "With the use of computer technology and oral presentations we will get a flavour of our chang-

ing past. The question may become, have we changed at all?"

On Wednesday, May 9, beginning at 2 p.m. at Central Hall, Charles Kahn and Frank Neumann will show the evolution to modern format of some of the island's

historical sites. Discussion will be included to explain the differences.

The public presentation will be followed by tea and coffee and general discussion. It will be the last presentation before meetings resume in September.

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EDITORIAL

Playing hard ball

How disappointed were members of the island's Parks and Recreation Commission when they learned the province had rejected its application for a \$400,000 grant for a multi-use recreation facility on the island's north end?

Their reaction could probably be compared to that of Canucks fans after their team's early exit from this year's NHL playoffs.

Bewildered, stunned and stupefied are certainly more appropriate descriptors.

Not only does the failed Fernwood project represent the commission's second strike when it comes to building such a facility, all the proverbial ducks appeared to have finally lined up at just the right time.

PARC had successfully negotiated an arrangement with the Gulf Islands School District to secure the site and a draft plan for the project was soon on the table. Proposed baseball and soccer facilities received widespread support from island sports groups and the usual neighbourhood

THE ISSUE:

Community grants from the province

WE SAY:

Follow the money

complaints about noise and traffic were nowhere to be heard. It also made the Capital Regional District's "top priority" list.

When the province announced plans to divvy up \$30 million in community recreation grants to shovel-ready projects designed to "address the unique challenges faced by communities with respect to meeting their recreational infrastructure needs," commissioners liked their odds. As in hockey, however, a team's prospects are rarely worth the paper they're written on.

PARC's decision on Monday to find out why their proposal was denied is only the latest sign that not everyone is happy with how the grants were awarded. Talk of political favouritism and the BC Liberals' fishing for votes has surfaced in other affected communities.

The decision to file a Freedom of Information request with the province may not reveal conclusive proof of any shady dealings; many might say it's a simple case of sour grapes. Regardless of motivation and whatever transpires, the volunteer commissioners deserve a pat on the back for speaking truth to power.

Unlike the Canucks, they're not done yet.



Black Saturday lets us care 'a lot'

BY NADINE SHELLY

A few weeks ago I attended a talk at the high school by Bill McKibben, a writer, environmentalist, and founder of 350.org (a global climate change awareness movement) who was invited to the island by a local student group. McKibben spoke with sensitivity and passion to the audience of students, teachers, and community members.

He apologized for the fact that much of the information he had to share about climate change could be pretty depressing, and tried to end on an up note, emphasizing the power of everyday people to create change and the attainability of practical, sustainable energy solutions.

The talk lasted for over an hour, and with spring sunshine beckoning through the gym's windows, it was easy to understand why some of the audience grew a bit restless. While I often know this restlessness myself, when faced with facts and far-off seeming problems, that afternoon I was reminded afresh of the urgency and immediacy of these issues.

Looking around at the faces of our island's youth, many of whom I've had the privilege of watching grow from babies into young adults, I felt deeply moved. As we heard about the devastating effects of global warming on places around the world, brought vividly to life with stories and images, the enormous burden we are placing on our children became painfully clear.

We are giving them a future filled by probable food shortages, erratic weather patterns and increasingly violent storms; industries that pollute our air, land and water; and lifestyles that encourage consumption, regardless of social or environmental cost. Is it really up to them to figure out how to fix all the problems that it's taken us generations to create?

I don't think so. I think it's going to take all of us, old and young, rich and poor, all of us with all of our differences, working together

VIEWPOINT

to ensure that we, and they, have a viable future on this one-of-a-kind planet. In the words of the Lorax, a character in a book of the same name by the beloved children's author Dr. Seuss: "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it's not." I'm grateful to live in a place where a lot of people do care a whole awful lot. Please join us at a short, peaceful, creative community gathering on Climate Action Day, Saturday, May 5, in Centennial Park between 12 and 1 p.m. The title of our event is Black Saturday and people are encouraged (though not required) to wear black as a symbol of the imminent danger of an oil spill on our coast and as a show of mourning for our endangered environment.

We will not abandon our children and grandchildren to the ravages of the climate change crisis.

In conjunction with hundreds of 350.org "connect the dots" events happening around the globe that day, we hope to raise awareness of the links between local issues and the impacts of climate change. This year's event, co-hosted by the Salt Spring No Pipeline Coalition, highlights the profound importance of calling on our government to stop pipeline expansion and uphold a moratorium on supertanker traffic on our coast.

As Elizabeth May, our MP, wrote in response to the 2012 budget, "We need a grassroots mobilization that says to Stephen Harper, 'We will not abandon our children and grandchildren to the ravages of the climate crisis. You have no right to turn your back on our kids. We will stop you.'"

Let's make sure our children, and theirs, can enjoy what we have always taken for granted: our precious coastal home and living waters, and a planet full of wonder, abundance and diversity.

The writer is one of the organizers of Black Saturday, a poet and a mother. For more information about 5/5/12, go to 350.org Climate Action Day Events.

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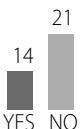
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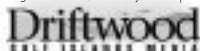
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I think I'll make wind chimes out of them.

DAVE ABLEY
Lay them end to end and see if they make it to Booth Canal from Ganges.

Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less.

Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication.

 Read and reply to letters online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com under the Opinion tab.

Stacey's view reassuring

I thoroughly enjoyed Mike Stacey's amusingly creative take on the smart-meter issue ("How to break up with your dumb meter," April 25 Driftwood).

Mr. Stacey beautifully encapsulates the emotional lunacy surrounding the small but noisy opposition to smart meters. Well done!

In my experience, a typical anti-smart-meter rant is as crazy and as poorly informed as Mr. Stacey has portrayed: "Are you stupid? ... Can't you see? It's Big Brother! BC Hydro is trying to kill you! ... somebody can hack into the system to find out if your porch light is on. ... It'll kill you in no time flat! ... Don't come crying to me when your teeth and hair fall out!"

In response to this onslaught of fact-chal-

lenged irrationality, the rational, critically minded character in Mr. Stacey's tale sums thing up perfectly by stating: "She wasn't making a hell of a lot of sense. ... I decided that she really wasn't all that bright."

Far from the dangerously heinous conspirators posited by the anti-smart-meter ranks, the BC Hydro that most of us are familiar with, as Mr. Stacey points out, "is a bunch of guys that go out in the middle of the night when it's blowing and snowing to get [our] power back on as quickly as possible."

As Mr. Stacey also correctly points out, "Visible light is electromagnetic radiation, and we're constantly bathed in radiation from cell phones, computers, microwave ovens and killer toasters. ... It's not a malfunctioning nuclear reactor we're talking about here."

Unfortunately, hard facts such as these do not seem to penetrate the fearful irrationality of anti-smart-meter campaigners. These hard facts do indeed fall "on deaf ears."

It's therefore warmly reassuring to know that there are rational, critically minded individuals out there like Mike Stacey who are well-informed and not vulnerable to buying into the fact-challenged irrationality of the anti-smart-meter ranks; people willing to stand up and challenge the claims of anti-smart-meter campaigners.

DAVID FIELD,
CO-SPOKESPERSON,
BC CITIZENS FOR GREEN ENERGY

Suitable locations

I'm sorry that I wasn't clear in my April 4 "We're not Nanaimo" letter regarding development on

Salt Spring Island.

I am not against development or light industry here, but it would be a good idea to have a light industrial park for this. Our main tourist drive from Fulford village into Ganges is not a suitable location.

Good community planning does pay attention to aesthetics. Tourists tend to be drawn to beautiful places.

BIRGIT BATEMAN,
MERESIDE ROAD

Troubling oil spill issues

Since writing the March 28 Viewpoint headlined "Risks too great for tanker traffic," it has become clear that requiring Premier Christy Clark to stand firm in defence of our environment and economy is a matter of urgency and principle.

This became even clearer to me following informal talks with Coast Guard personnel and after listening to Gulf Fish Deformities, which aired on CBC's The Current on April 23.

Also, from The Guardian, on March 31, "Gulf Dolphins Pay a Heavy Price for Deepwater Oil Spill" there was this comment following the article: "The sinking of the oil is due to the solvent BP used to break up the visible spill so that the oil would sink. Scientists were screaming bloody murder, the EPA ordered BP to stop, but they ignored the federal order and kept using it. This solvent is just as toxic, maybe more so, than the oil. Exposure by humans can be fatal."

To provide some perspective, the Deepwater Horizon disaster spilled

4.7 million barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico. That is the equivalent of 2.35 VLCC tanker loads.

So, we now know how an oil spill would be handled should a spill happen here. Clean up the surface of the ocean and leave the crude oil/diluted bitumen on the ocean floor.

Why? The answer is simple: no other way to remove it exists.

Meanwhile, research into the biological impact in the Gulf of the oil left on the ocean floor is ongoing. Conclusions have not been reached but the evidence of damage and disease is mounting.

What is it going to take to convince these people of the foolishness of their plans? And we live in an earthquake zone too, which seems to have been lost in the discussion.

ROGER MIDDLETON,
SALT SPRING

No shortage of topics, but it's time say goodbye

By God, change is afoot. There is something in the wind — maybe the pollen, maybe the hummingbirds or the bees, but change is definitely afoot. Is Mercury in retrograde? Just take a look at my personal dance card for this past April.

At the beginning of the month I came within a whisker of purchasing a sleek, black Mercedes convertible. A week further into April, I was enthralled with a knock-off imitation of a classic BSA motorcycle, and once again was cheque-book ready before backing down. I purchased a pricey David Jackson painting. I ended a five-year long-distance relationship. In this last week, I booked a solo holiday in Rome. Yes, change is afoot for this cowboy.

Change is not only afoot in the wretched life of this columnist. It is happening throughout the island. We have a brace of new trustees that are quickly coming up to speed, bringing energy and renewed conciliation to island politics. We have a new CRD director who has brought a sense of optimism to the island's water woes. We have a new PARC manager, a CRD general manager and the new library is taking shape, and at the Driftwood we have a new publisher riding herd over the typists.

With all this change afoot, it is not surprising that late last week I woke up at 3 a.m. in a cold sweat. I had experienced an epiphany, a moment of clarity, my very own burning bush sign from the almighty. In a blinding flash, it came to me that it is time to tender my res-

ignation as a columnist at the Driftwood. Time to hang up the spurs. Even at that ungodly hour, a little voice whispered in my ear, "But Peter, are you sure you aren't doing the wrong thing?"

It's not as if there is nothing left to opine upon. Just a while back, PARC's bid to construct a baseball diamond at Fernwood school was rejected by the province, thus relegating nine kids' teams to one ball diamond at Portlock Park. The various slo-pitch teams continue to play in a waterlogged sheep pasture deep in the south-end woods.

There is the very exciting Velo Village weekend happening in June, where hundreds of cyclists will come to the island for a few days of workshops and celebrations — ironically, a mere month before work begins on some serious dedicated bike paths on the island.

I saw a bumper sticker on someone's pickup truck that read, "If I'm not hunting, I'm thinking about it." That's enough of a blood boiler for a column.

A woman phoned me last week to say that there is a creepy old geezer hitting on her 16-year-old daughter on the public transit, but they can't do anything about it because the official line is that creepy old geezers have just as much right to ride the buses as


Peter Vincent

HEAD TO HEAD

her daughter, even if her daughter is terrified to ride the bus and comes home in tears. That's enough of a blood boiler for a column.

No, there is plenty of fodder left out there, but it's time to pass the pen on to someone else. I have been writing these columns for close to nine years now, every two weeks, come hell or high water, without miss. The columns don't materialize out of thin air, over a cup of coffee. It takes hours of research, hand-wringing, obsessing and whinging to build an opinion backed up by a reasoned argument.

My UVic philosophy prof Charles B. Daniels always used to bark at me that "one is entitled to whatever outlandish opinion one wants, as long as one can back it up." I have always tried to live by that credo in my columns. You may not always have agreed with my point of view, but I hope you recognized that my argument was not pulled out of a hat, that it had some merit.

Beyond the above mentioned prof, I owe a great deal to my friend and well-known national essayist Elizabeth Nickson, who encouraged me to pursue writing despite my Canadian low self-esteem. Elizabeth taught me to toss out the superfluous. Elizabeth made me a better writer. I wager she is lunging for her red pencil even as she reads this.

I owe a huge debt to my long-suffering editor Gail Sjuberg, who took a chance hiring an unknown based on a very rough-hewn rant about the price of island gas. Since then, she has defended me against truculent readers and extremists I had somehow offended on both sides of the political spectrum. When someone called to register their displeasure, it was Gail Sjuberg who took the heat on my behalf. She deserves a sainthood.

And to all those who have stopped me on the street or in the grocery store or at some miscellaneous garage sale, coffee shop or ferry terminal, who have said, "I don't always agree with you, but I like your column," I can't tell you how much your kind words have always meant to me.

It wasn't the bit of extra pocket money that kept me writing. It was the random pats on the back, sometimes by complete strangers who recognized me from the glaring mugshot that accompanied the column. That is the reason I kept scribbling.

So, thank you. It has been my pleasure.

Editor's note: We warmly thank Peter Vincent for his years of dedication to a grueling and important task, and for not screaming too loudly when the editing knife marred his precious prose. You were well worth all the trouble you caused, Peter.

He can still be reached at republicof-saltspring@mac.com.

OPINION



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SQUEAKY CLEAN: Gia Hasenfratz dries Alice at the Centre School Leadership Class' dog-washing day held at Rainbow Road Dog Park on April 21.

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Premier Clark needs to stand up to Harper

BY ROGER MIDDLETON

The way the Enbridge-sponsored Northern Gateway Pipeline proposal is being handled is troubling.

The prime minister gives every indication that he and his government have already made up their minds. Rather than keep an open mind, as a good leader would, he has aligned himself with the oil industry and appears to be acting as their chief agent.

In this situation, can the outcome of the environmental review process be in any doubt?

Meanwhile, our premier seems content to "wait and see the outcome of the review process before any decision is made." By that time it could be too late.

Fortunately, there are many things she could be doing right now.

She could, in unison with other premiers, demand that a national energy strategy be developed, to focus first on Canada's energy security. After all, this is what China is doing. Shouldn't we be doing the same?

She could take charge, channel her inner "Danny Williams" and tell Prime Minister Harper that there will be no pipelines or marine terminals constructed in B.C. unless the B.C. government is completely satisfied that our environment, coastal communities and economy are properly safeguarded.

She could send someone to Michigan to find out what has been happening at ground zero on the Kalamazoo River. Here is a very relevant case study, the only diluted bitumen spill in water, albeit a river and not a marine environment, and we need to study it.

It is almost two years since over 800,000 gallons of diluted bitumen spilled, much of it ending up in the Kalamazoo River, and the clean-up continues.

She could explore the insurance provisions in place to cover the risk of a marine spill off our coast and, if she bothered to do so, she would find they are totally inadequate.

She could ask about the technology and personnel required to clean up in the event of a major spill. If she did, she would find out that the technology does not exist for a diluted bitumen spill in a marine environment. The residue from a major spill off our coast could be with us for 100 years or more.

She could review the BC Marine Spill Prevention and Preparedness Strategy,

prepared after the Nestucca barge spill in 1988, investigate and report back to us as to how prepared we are today in the event a major spill occurs.

She could be telling us how much federal government support and resources would be made available and how the federal government would respond should a spill take place.

Enbridge provided the Transportation Safety Board with a risk-assessment report that estimates the risk of a minor oil spill at one in 250 to 350 years and a major spill at one in 15,000 years.

She could let us know that she did not accept this report, initiate a new study by independent insurance consultants and insurance providers, and get a more accurate assessment of our risk position.

We have major concerns

here. We are right to look

to the premier to take

the lead.

After all, Enbridge's opinion is hardly unbiased or independent and the company's liability ends at their marine terminal.

We can also assume that the super-tankers plying our coastal waters will be crewed by sailors who lack the lifelong experience and deep respect for the forces of nature that B.C. sailors manning our local shipping have.

Finally, she could estimate the range of costs to clean up after a spill, the amount of time it would take, the cost to the B.C. economy and the extent to which British Columbian and Canadian taxpayers would be on the hook.

In my opinion, it is high time we put our concerns on the desk of our premier and demand she take a stand to ensure our economy, coastal and inland communities and the environment remain fully protected.

We have major concerns here. We are right to look to the premier to take the lead. After all, isn't that what a premier is supposed to do?

If she is still not sure what she should be doing, maybe she could go ask Danny Williams.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident.



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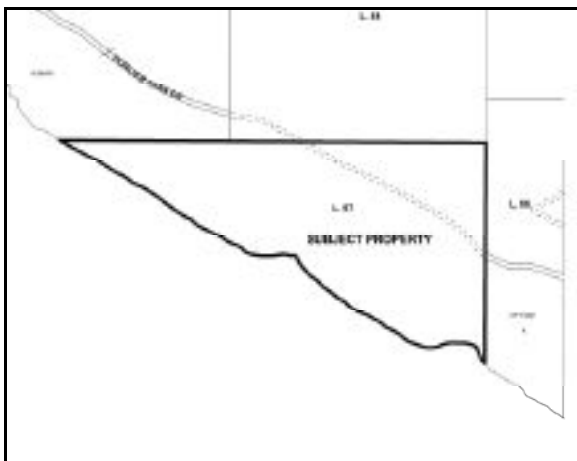
NOTICE

GALIANO ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE GL-TUP-2012.1

NOTICE is hereby given that the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee will be considering a resolution allowing for the issuance of a Temporary Industrial Use Permit pursuant to Section 921 of the Local Government Act. The proposed permit would apply to District Lot 57, Galiano Island, Cowichan District. PID 002-025-175

The purpose of this temporary use permit would be to permit the owner the ability to conduct educational and retreat programming activities and associated overnight camping uses for up to 36 people on the subject property. The proposed uses would be facilitated by the Galiano Conservancy Association (GCA), who recently purchased the subject property in early 2012. Educational programming would be the primary use on the subject property, with associated overnight camping and related infrastructure limited to two specific areas. This proposal is meant to serve as a precursor to a future proposal to rezone the property for a permanent Restorative Learning Centre. The permit would be issued for three years and the owner may apply to the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee to have it renewed once for an additional three years.

The general location of the subject property is shown in the following sketch:



A copy of the proposed permit may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., V8R 1H8, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays, commencing, May 2, 2012 and up to and including May 12, 2012.

Enquiries or comments should be directed to Planner Kris Nichols at (250) 405-5170 or Kaitlin Kazmierowski at 250-405-5194, for Toll Free Access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867; or by fax (250) 405-5155; or by email to: information@islandstrust.bc.ca, before 4:30 p.m. May 12, 2012. The Galiano Island Local Trust Committee may consider a resolution allowing for the issuance of the permit during a Local Trust Committee Business Meeting starting at 1:00 p.m., Monday, May 14, 2012 at the Galiano South Community Hall, 141 Sturdies Bay Road, Galiano Island, BC.

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

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RANTS and Roses

Huge bouquet of roses to the person who cleaned up the boat wreck at Baker Beach. Thank you for keeping our shorelines clean. S. Green

Chocolate, vanilla and strawberry-scented roses to everyone who helped out with the Salt Spring Centre School's Leadership class' projects: Janet and Sheri, who shared the basics of dog care, Jim and the Rainbow Road Pool for hosting and providing supplies, the SPCA for joining in, Rob and the vendors at the market for hosting the flash mob, and all the parents for helping out with supervision and supplies! Pass on the random act of kindness! From the Owls Class at SSCS

I give my heartfelt thanks to the man who found my wallet on Tuesday, April 24 and turned it in to the RCMP. Until the wonderful phone call came from the RCMP I was having a pretty worrisome day. Thank you so much again! Bill Earl

A big bunch of roses to the young man at the skate park who came to my attention after I had an accident on my bicycle. Also roses to the RCMP officers who were quick on the scene and attended to me until the ambulance arrived. And thanks and more roses to the ambulance attendants and to all the hospital staff. I feel so fortunate to have had such good and friendly care. I cannot thank you all enough. I am recovering well. Jean

An armload of fragrant yellow roses to Rosemarie Keough and her fabulous crew of gnomes and fairies that put together the folk dance weekend at Fulford Hall. The dancing was beautiful, the celebration and mixing of cultures was inspiring and the food was delicious. So many happy people are your fuel as you head towards the 10th annual next year.

Beautiful pink fragrant roses to Ramona and her marvellous crew that pulled off the fabulous bean supper at Beaver Point Hall. It was incredible to feel the gathering of community, the age-old tradition of our south-end farmers, that feeling of spring renewal and the presence of our departed elders. The food was fabulous, so thanks to all the great people who supported the supper in every way. HB

Shopping carts full of roses for Pat Baynes and Country Grocer for the card. All our guests and cooks at Soup's On really appreciate your generosity. Bon appetit! Andrea

StageCoach Theatre School would like to send a "Wonderglow" of roses to the following helpers in this wonderful community who made our annual show possible: The government of B.C. for the gaming grant of \$7,000; the SS Exchange, Fishbowl, Island's Marketplace, the SS Chamber of Commerce and the Driftwood for their excellent promotion of this event; Zandra Stratford for our beautiful poster design and Kevin at Barnyard Grafix for printing; Windsor Plywood, Acoustic Planet Music, Salt Spring Books, B-Side Clothing, West of the Moon, Pernickety Clothing For Kids, Patina Antiques, TJ Beans, ArtSpring theatre and many other businesses and individuals for their financial support and donations of products to our silent auction; all the parents and board members who made goodies and ran our concession, helped set up the silent auction, got their kids to rehearsals, found costume items and helped them run lines for months. With honourable mention to the following people: Michele MacKenzie for designing and constructing all of the fabulous Alice costumes nearly single-handedly; Tanya Grant and Michele MacKenzie for the Queen of Hearts costume; Chris from the SIMS costume department and Jason Donaldson from GISS for the loan of costume pieces; Karen Arney for her fabulous musical direction, and Andy Hickman and Doug Rhodes for creating the best theatre band ever; our stage manager and props creator supreme, Carolyn Walkner; Carol Adam, Rae Findlay, Jim Lightfoot and Bob Twaites for assisting Adina with the sets; Cat Lightfoot, Carolyn Creswick, Corina Walde, Mariette Klemm, Shannon Wutzke and Tanya Grant for assistance with backstage and costumes; Tomiko Koyama and Aiko Shebib for the beautiful make-up; instructors Kate Maurice, Scott Chamney, Naomi Jason and Bob Twaites for an excellent year of classes; and lastly, to you, our audiences for supporting these kids, and for helping us make these programs sustainable and affordable for island families.

Pathway funds are still needed

BY JEAN GELWICKS

After a half dozen people congratulated me and Island Pathways for the \$1.4-million approval for its North Ganges Transportation Plan, I knew we had a problem.

This most worthy project has NOTHING to do with Island Pathways — except that we love it and support it. It is not our project and we definitely do still need money for our 2012 pathway project.

The NGTP is a partnership between the CRD, the B.C. Ministry of Transportation and the Salt Spring Transportation Commission. The project entails two bike lanes and an off-road pathway from Atkins Road, past Country Grocer and down to Upper Ganges Road. The project has been in the works since 2006.

Island Pathways has been one of the biggest fans of this project as it will form the core of the Ganges village pathway network, which has been a vision of the community for over 15 years and a main focus of Island Pathways. This vision would have anyone within walking distance of Ganges being able to leave their car at home and walk safely on an off-road pathway into town. This would be great news for all

of us because it fosters improved public health, stronger communities, less congestion, safer streets, lower energy use and a cleaner, safer environment.

Island Pathways, through its Partners Creating Pathways working committee, has been slowly working away at constructing the less complicated parts of this network — with great success, I might add.

We have two volunteer project managers for this year's project along Lower Ganges Road from Sharp Road to Book Canal, covering both pathway and bridge construction. We also have generous donations of gravel, rock and concrete, all the bridge materials, a volunteer group of skilled people ready to build the bridge and a brilliant group of volunteers. We have our construction permits in place. We just do not have all the funding for our 2012 pathway yet.

If you support community pathways, please give to the Island Pathways' Step Up for Safe Pathways campaign. We definitely do not have \$1.4 million in the bank.

The writer chairs the Island Pathways Partners Creating Pathways Committee.

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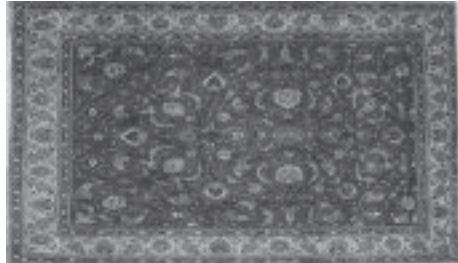
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Dinner table sets the scene at annual pottery show and sale

Mahon Hall
event runs on
May 4-5

Members of the Salt Spring Potters' Guild will offer everything a banquet table can hold when The Dinner Party spring show opens at Mahon Hall on May 4.

Thirty island potters and sculptors have been working all winter on both new and familiar designs for the event. They will showcase items ranging from traditional place settings and serving pieces to sushi plates, bakeware, and decorative and sculptural work, all displayed on a long, central banquet table.

And while no food will be included on the banquet table display, visitors can look forward to the usual delicious buffet of appetizers and desserts at the opening of the

show beginning at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 4, delicious delicious buffet of appetizers and desserts at the show's reception from 5 to 8 p.m. on the Friday evening. Individual potters will also have their work on separate tables for sale, just in time for Mother's Day or other gift giving occasions, and there will be an exhibit of fun and unique pieces on the stage.

The show continues from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

A raffle — with tickets costing only \$1 — will be held during the show to win a special tea set from Meg Buckley, one of the island's best known and beloved potters.

Pottery on the banquet table will be available for purchase, but will be left in place until the end of the show on Saturday, allowing everyone an opportunity to see the exhibit.



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Ceramic artist Melissa Searcy with some of her new work that will be at the May 4-5 Potters' Guild sale.

CONCERT

Two cellos and piano meet at unique ArtSpring concert

Final show of 2011-12
ArtSpring season

ArtSpring hosts an extra-special event on Sunday, May 6, when Salt Spring cellist Paula Kiffner, Victoria cellist Pamela Highbaugh Aloni and pianist Jamie Syer perform.

"So many people have said to me that the cello is their favourite instrument," says Kiffner. "Certainly it is mine. What draws people to the sound of the cello is the human quality of its range. The cello covers almost the entire range of the human voice and possesses a warm singing quality."

For Sunday's concert, which begins at 2:30 p.m., the trio has chosen a program of interesting and varied work — some of which is transcriptions and some written originally for two cellos and



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Paula Kiffner

piano. Two well-known opera arias arranged by Kiffner are also included.

The three musicians have worked together for many years, mainly in Victoria, where Aloni has been artist-in-residence at UVic since 1991 and a member of the well-known Lafayette String Quar-

ter. Syer has just retired from his long-standing position as dean of the Victoria Conservatory.

Kiffner is a former cellist with the Vancouver Symphony and has pursued an active career as a soloist. She is also a Salt Spring Chamber Music Festival faculty member.

"It's a real treat to end our 2011-12 concert season on such a high note," said ArtSpring executive director George Sipos. "These are all first-class musicians and we are privileged to have Paula living here in our midst."

The concert is sponsored by Victoria Olchowecki and will be preceded by a Garry Oaks Winery wine tasting starting at 1:30 p.m.

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Held on the first Thursday of each month, the talks — covering a broad spectrum of topics — are meant to create dialogue and understanding of art-related subjects from the perspective of art appreciation and collecting.

Gallery owner Ian Sigvaldason will be on

hand to lead the discussion and the gathered guests are invited to ask questions on any topic related to North West Coast art. For people who have ever wanted to know what the totem pole represents or how the style changes from tribe to tribe, this freestyle talk will help demystify these and

other questions.

NWC Freestyle begins at 6 p.m. and runs until 8 p.m. at the gallery, located seaside at Mout's.

Light refreshments will be served.

An exhibition of NWC art continues through the month. Call the gallery at 250-537-2421 or visit www.pegasusgallery.ca for more info.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

EXHIBIT PREVIEW

Prepare to be moved by Jensen exhibit

LeRoy Jensen estate show of drawings opens Friday

BY MARGARET DAY
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

An exhibit of 100 drawings by any artist offers an extraordinary opportunity for insight into a working life.

In this instance we have selections from a collection of drawings of women and children made over a lifetime by LeRoy Jensen, chosen from his estate by his artist daughter Gabrielle Jensen, for whom drawing is also a preferred art form.

By any measure the result is an exceptional celebration of the rich heritage of our art island home.

One of the first rules of Jensen's art practice was "do not lie." In the immediacy of a drawing there is truth as in no other form of art. A good drawing exists in the present, the maker's process and intent as personal and direct as on the day made, a record of human activity as old as time. The simplest way of expressing a visual idea, a drawing can also represent a search for meaning, a process of discovery for both artist and viewer.

Drawings demand focus and clarity of perception. Jensen's keen sense of where the firmest stroke would best be made, where to lay it down and where to take it away, ensures that every drawing in all three



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Gabrielle Jensen with some of the 100 drawings in the 'foundations' exhibit of work by her late father LeRoy Jensen. The show opens Friday night at 116 Langley Road.

mediums used is true to the expressive nature of his basic language.

Pencil is unyielding, precise. A finely orchestrated feeling for the subject gives the line life. Volumes are rendered with a minimal means but still evoke signature passages of dark voluptuousness and sweet abandon.

Ink and wash are a painter's territory, yet here a boldness and abstract exaggeration of form goes beyond his paintings. Similar in nature to drawings of Picasso from the era when Jensen studied art in the south of France, they reflect a man more sympathetic to women

than Picasso. The embroidered exuberance of a waistcoat, the generosity of a flirtatious neckline, a headscarf the better to set off a profile, the severity of a single scooped line of a dress to pin a back against a chair. In drawing after drawing whole personalities are revealed with deft understanding of women clothed and unclothed.

Charcoal and chalk are the most sympathetic of mediums, soft and yielding, capable of intense blacks, here used in full to explore our human condition. The absolute quiet and serenity of a face at ease in dappled light. The dark tension of another, knees clasped,

besieged by life. The intense sadness of a woman left to walk off alone with a baby carriage. The comfort of an infant held safe in the all-enveloping softness of sheets and pillows, and a mother's love.

All his life, Jensen's concern was to express his ideas in a way that would touch the souls of those who looked. This is an exhibit to take your time with; allow yourself to be touched.

The show opens at Jensen's studio at 116 Langley Rd. in Vesuvius on Friday, May 4, beginning at 5 p.m. The exhibit continues through the weekend and thereafter by appointment until May 20 at 250-537-1299.

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CONCERT

Cosmic musical journey will resonate at SS Centre concert

Tuesday night performance by David Hickey

The unforgettable Crystal Journey concert presented by David Hickey returns to Salt Spring on May 7 as part of a cross-Canada tour.

Hickey will set up his 15 to 20 quartz crystal bowls, eight to 10 paiste planet gongs, a vibraphone and a santoor at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga, beginning at 7 p.m., for two 40- to 50-minute sets.

"Nothing is amplified, pre-recorded or rehearsed," explains press material. "Each set and performance is sonically pure and unique."

Planet gongs are tuned to the natural harmonic series based on the orbital properties of the Earth, moon, sun and planets.

"All of these gongs resonate in harmony with the celestial bodies and communicate a distinct aspect of the music of the spheres, which was first documented by Pythagoras in the 6th century B.C. Each planet gong contributes a vital pitch to the

total harmonic resonance of our solar system."

The intent of the performance is to create expansive and improvised music, to awaken consciousness and to provide a cosmic musical journey into the unknown.

Musical inspirations are Jerry Garcia, The Grateful Dead, John Lennon, George Harrison, The Beatles, Bob Dylan, Bob Marley, Miles Davis and Frederick Chopin, to name a few.

Tickets for Crystal Journey (\$20) are available at the door.

For more information, visit www.crystaljourney.ca.

SWING DANCE

Victoria swing dancers ready to share skills at Fulford Hall events

Weekly lessons and dance series possible

Members of Victoria's Red Hot Swing will be back on Salt Spring next weekend for lessons and dance fun at Fulford Hall starting Friday, May 11.

Husband-and-wife team Kevin Savage and Christabel Kerslake will follow up on a similar program they hosted at Mahon Hall in April

with a lesson and dance event. Doors will open at 8:15 p.m. on Friday, and a one-hour beginner's lesson gets going at 8:30.

With 13 years of dancing behind them and eight years at the forefront of Victoria's swing scene with the Red Hot Swing school, the pair and their colleagues have performed at numerous events and taken home many awards over the years. Most recently they brought a team of 18 to

perform at the Lindy Hop western championships in Vancouver.

Despite their prowess, Savage said even those who have never danced before will enjoy Friday's lesson.

"We remember what it was like to be beginners and we take that into account — we make sure that what we do is accessible for everyone that shows up. It's simple but it's ridiculously fun."

The evening les-

son will follow with a DJed swing dance until around 11:30 p.m. Saturday's lesson (at 10:30 a.m.) is for the intermediate level, and in this case, Savage, said, some previous dance experience will be required.

Friday's lesson costs \$10 and Saturday's two-hour lesson is \$20. If the weekend is successful, Red Hot Swing could run a weekly lesson/dance series on Salt Spring throughout the summer.

Don't miss this one!
WOMEN of SALT SPRING 2012

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Published in the May 16 Edition of the Driftwood and it's online!

TRADE SHOW EVENT

WHEN: Thursday, May 17

WHERE: Mahon Hall

TIME: 4-7 pm drop by anytime

TICKETS: \$5.00

THE EVENT:

The Salt Spring Island Women in Business trade show will provide professionals with the platform from which to interact and conclude business with their trade & consumer clients.

Visitors will have a unique opportunity to meet and interact with local women in business who represent the products they admire and consume. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather the information you need to make informed purchase decisions, and indeed to purchase directly from the exhibitors

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

BOOK REVIEW & LAUNCH

Writers explore the body's many mysteries

In the Flesh launch with authors on Sunday, May 6

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Do you identify yourself with a particular body part — one which has tormented, delighted or mystified you throughout your life?

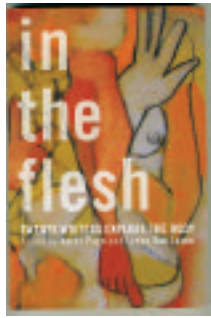
Or perhaps you are someone who doesn't give much thought to your outer casing, preferring to concentrate on an interior life until the body's needs inevitably force their attention upon you.

For readers of either ilk, a new book edited by Kathy Page of Salt Spring and Lynne Van Luven offers endless material to ponder as 20 writers share their thoughts on the topic, one body part at a time. The collection, published by Brindle & Glass, is anecdotal and educational, witty and at times heart-breaking. Its finely crafted writing serves to underline the strange truths of how we inhabit and make sense of our forms, which are created both by nature and culture.

"The body is us — and not us," the editors write, observing that most changes happen involuntarily and sometimes without our noticing. But at times of acute awareness, "we suddenly live right in our bodies. When we are all body and filled with a sense of horror, amazement, ecstasy, then we are forced to have a relationship with the silent partner, the one we ignore but finally can't avoid, the entity that makes everything possible and sets our limits too."

The essays begin with Julian Gunn's Reading Faces: a natural place to start, in some ways, for its focus on our primary outlet of communication and identification. Gunn's story highlights the social importance of the face — how people see us, how we understand ourselves — with an extra layer of significance: the writer is a transman, born female but having gained the body he feels he should have with help from hormone therapy.

When Gunn's friend Stenton, also a transman, attempts to scan the author's face for a scientific study, and fails, the experience brings considerable



anxiety. But although Gunn touches on his gender identification, that is not the source of his anxiety. While Stenton is able to look through the flesh to see the underlying bone structure, it's a swelling condition affecting the flesh that causes Gunn's grief.

"When I'm having an attack, as I have been more or less continuously for a year, my face becomes subtly estranged . . . It looks like an imperfect, yet unarguably accurate, replica. The things I like about my face, the gestures and expressions I think of as mine, look like carica-

tures performed by a stiff-faced replica."

Brian Brett addresses the betrayal of body parts in Cage of Bones. In typical Brett fashion, bones become the touch point for a lyrical wandering through associated ideas, as his own sore bones open the door to a number of memories and musings from childhood and golden youth to human anatomy and mad cow disease. Bones even lead to the horrors left behind by the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia, but it's Brett's story of having a knee replaced without pain relief that will haunt your memory.

Lorna Crozier offers a philosophical treatise on the brain in a lovely set of 13 passages. Her approach is more distanced than some of the personal accounts, but her language reveals the poet's attention to detail.

She makes statements such as "The brain believes in ghosts. It knows they exist because it creates them," and "The brain is its own mole, digging in the dirt of dreams. It is its own sea, drowning in dead fish and salt. Since it has never felt the wind, it takes the sky's

word for it." Her contribution is a wonderful illustration of a body part by example, showing the marvels only the brain is capable of.

Meryllyn Simonds takes an unusual approach to the penis in the hilarious and creative Twenty Questions. Not having a penis herself, she recounts her fascination with this body part over her lifetime.

There are more personal essays that use a body part to explore individual and human tragedy: Susan Oldman weaves a discussion of personality by blood type into an account of an elderly father's demise, and Caroline Adderson's treatise on hair reveals her connection to the Holocaust. But there's also the lighter touch, such as Candace Fertile's good-humoured acceptance of her "flat Cree ass."

Some of the participating authors will be on hand for the Salt Spring Books-sponsored book launch at ArtSpring this Sunday, May 6 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Join Page, Richard Steel, Brian Brett, Margaret Thompson and Julian Gunn for readings, refreshments and lively discussion.



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Outgoing Lions president Russ Spencer and Lorne Beaudette (new club president) man the BBQ at Ruckle Heritage Farm Day at Ruckle Provincial Park.



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Nai'a Garrett-Steele tries her hand at cutting a log the old-fashioned way.

Scenes from Ruckle Heritage Farm Day & Beaver Point Hall Bean Supper



PHOTO BY AMBER OGLIVE

Alex Staicesku gets a thrill from a well-used tractor.



PHOTO BY RICK NEUFELD

Ramona Riegel serves up a heaping plate at the Beaver Point Hall Bean Supper held Sunday at the hall.



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Turkeys are among the animals on display at Ruckle Heritage Farm Day.



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Stanley McGowan "blesses" a brown Tarentaise steer.

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HOME ADAPTATIONS for INDEPENDENCE

New program helps seniors, people with disabilities modify homes

Would a new ramp, handrails or walk-in shower help you maintain your independence at home?

BC Housing's new Home Adaptations for Independence (HAFI) program helps low-income B.C. seniors and people with disabilities make home modifications that will allow them to continue living at home.

Through HAFI, homeowners and landlords with eligible tenants can apply for financial assistance of up to \$20,000 for improvements that make their home more accessible and safe.

The goal of the program is to enable people who have physical limitations to live at home longer. People's physical needs change over time – sometimes, a small improvement to a home can make the difference between being able to live independently or not.

Types of eligible projects include:

- Handrails in hallways or stairways,
- Ramps for ease of access,
- Easy-to-reach work or storage areas in the kitchen,
- Lever handles on doors,
- Walk-in showers with grab bars, and
- Bath tub grab-bars and seats.

The projects must be permanent and fixed to the home, although exceptions can be made for equipment that gives access to an existing part of the home (e.g. a bath lift).

Launched in January 2012, HAFI



The new Home Adaptations for Independence (HAFI) program helps low-income B.C. seniors and people with disabilities make home modifications for safe, accessible and independent living.

is funded by the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia through the Canada-

day-to-day activities. As well, the total household income and assets must be below a certain limit. BC

B.C. Affordable Housing Initiative. Through the HAFI program, \$15 million in grants or forgivable loans will be distributed to qualifying B.C. residents over the next three years.

To qualify for assistance from HAFI, recipients must be a low-income senior or person with a disability, a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant, and a B.C. resident. Someone in the household must have a permanent disability or loss of ability that makes it difficult to perform



Housing can tell you the income and house value limits for your area when you apply.

The program is open to both homeowners and those living in market rental accommodation where rents are at the low end of market levels; landlords must

apply for improvements on behalf of eligible tenants.

Eligibility requirements, an application guide and application forms are available at www.bchousing.org/HAFI.

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

YOUTH SERVICES

Celebration for Kirsty Chalmers' 20 years of caring

Youth worker takes a step back from Core Inn

BY MELISSA WIEGEL
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

We are celebrating Kirsty Chalmers and her 20 years of dedication to the Core Inn and youth health on Salt Spring Island.

From its inception 20 years ago and right through to today, Kirsty has been instrumental to the development, growth and continued existence of the Core Inn as a drop-in program for youth in our community.

Twenty years ago, there was little for young people to do on Salt Spring, leading many to engage in risky behaviour. One such incident led to the death of two young people in our community. Grief-



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Kirsty Chalmers.

stricken families, friends and community members mourned the losses, but also poured their energy into thinking about what

needed to be gained. Trish Noble, currently a Salt Spring Community Services outreach worker, forged the path in mobilizing people to help fill this void.

What was missing was somewhere safe for young people to go and hang out: a place that they felt was theirs; where they would not be judged and looked down upon for their teenage angst, but where they would be valued and honoured, with safety. Kirsty was a teen representative on the original Core Inn governing board as they secured the property at 134 McPhillips.

Years ago one could find Kirsty hanging out at the Core Inn as one of the youth who frequented there. Just like many of the youth that go to the Core Inn today, Kirsty's role was not limited to just

"hanging out." Over the years she involved herself in the program's development and came up with ideas that would help the Core Inn fully meet the needs of the youth it serves. She later worked there as staff and then eventually became its program coordinator.

Today, the Core Inn still stands and operates as a valuable resource, not only to our youth but to our whole community.

The transition from being an independent organization to joining the Salt Spring Community Services organization in 2008 has increased the stability of the Core Inn. Thanks to Kirsty Chalmers, and others like her who show kindness, compassion and understanding to the youth of our community, the Core Inn is alive and striving to achieve its original

vision. Although Kirsty is almost a fixture at the Core Inn, she has decided that it's time to step back and let someone else take the lead. Kirsty knows that a new person will also bring love and devotion to Core Inn programming as she has over the years. The community still has Kirsty in her role as a child and youth counsellor for Salt Spring Community Services, so she's still putting her heart into youth health in our community.

We want to thank Kirsty immensely for all she has done over the past 20 years, helping keep young people cared for, safe and having fun on Salt Spring Island!

To make a donation to the Core Inn Youth Project, contact Community Services at 250-537-9971.

BUSINESS

It's time to sign up for Women in Business trade show

Event at Mahon Hall on May 17

Salt Spring's 2012 Women in Business event will be hosted by Driftwood Gulf Islands Media, along with co-sponsors Island Savings, Small

Town Chicks, Hastings House and the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce.

This year the event is a trade show taking place at Mahon Hall from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 17, where everyone is invited to meet local female entrepreneurs and learn about

their businesses.

"There is a limit to the number of displays due to space availability and tables are sold on a first-come first-serve basis, so book your tables right away if you haven't already," said Driftwood publisher and event co-organizer Amber

Ogilvie.

Tables can be booked through Driftwood sales representatives Rick MacKinnon, Leanne Brunelle and Sheena MacLeod at 250-537-9933.

The Women in Business event is ideal for women already running or thinking

about starting a business, those interested in professional development and networking with like-minded women, and women who want to know what resources, opportunities, products and services are available to them.

The May 17 event is open

to everyone in the community. Tickets cost \$3 in advance — available at the Driftwood office — and \$5 at the door.

The Driftwood's complementary Women in Business special feature will be part of the Wednesday, May 16

PRESCHOOLERS

Take the tour to learn about programs for preschoolers

Twelve centres open; concert in the afternoon

An event set for Saturday, May 5 is an ideal way for families to visit and learn about programs for preschool-age children on Salt Spring Island.

The Early Years Play Tour is a community initiative being organized by the Coalition for Children and Families of the Southern Gulf Islands.

As press material explains, the coalition is a group that meets regularly to share information about services and programs for young children, as well as for professional development purposes.

From 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, 12 different places will welcome visitors — see the map to the right of this article.

A variety of "early years centres," including licensed child care centres and preschools, family resource programs, Strong Start (ELF) centres and schools will host open houses with activities. Families can pick up

a detailed map at the first centre they visit on the tour in the morning and enjoy play activities at each location. As they go from place to place they will also receive a "passport folder" that children can stamp and in which parents can collect information to reflect on later.

Beginning at about 1 p.m. at the Salt Spring Elementary School grounds, children's entertainer Jim Raddysch will give a concert and families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch.

Fruitsicles will be provided for the children, along with delightful face painters. In case of rain, activities will move inside to the school gym.

"Saturday, May 5 will be a day for families to connect with each other and to meet many of the wonderful people who work with the youngest members of our community," says the coalition.

This event is supported by the work of the island's local early childhood service providers and financially by School District 64 and Success by Six.

Early Years Play Tour

"An opportunity for Salt Spring families"

Tour open at these Day Care Facilities
9:30 am – 12:30 pm on Saturday May 5, 2012

① Fernwood Elementary School	150 Fernwood Road
④ Kids Country Club Child Care	167 Elizabeth Drive
⑥ Gulf Islands Early Learning Centre	381 Lower Ganges Road
⑦ Salt Spring Island Co-op Preschool	110 Aldous Road
⑧ Family Place	120 Park Drive
⑨ Strong Start Salt Spring Elementary ELF	122 Rainbow Road
<i>(Early Learning for Families)</i>	
⑩ Phoenix Elementary School	163 Drake Road
⑪ Little Blue Early Learning Centre	324 Fulford Ganges Road
⑫ Strong Start Fulford Elementary School ELF	203 South Ridge Drive
<i>(Early Learning for Families)</i>	
⑬ Tree Frog Daycare	215 South Ridge
⑭ Morning Glory Daycare	128 Hilltop Road
⑮ Little Red School House	1365 Beaver Point Road

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WEDNESDAY

STITCH DIMENSION QUILT GUILD meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of September (and the first and third Wednesday of subsequent months) at the SSI Baptist Church (rear door), 7 to 9 p.m. New members welcome. 7 to 9 p.m. Info: stitchdimension@gmail.com

GENEALOGY GROUP meets on the last Wednesday of each month for discussion and sharing at the Mormon Church. 7 p.m. Info: claudia2@shaw.ca.

every WEDNESDAY

BALLET FOR ALL AGES with Naomi Jason at Salt Spring Arts Academy (320 Upper Ganges Rd. above Home Design Centre), 6 to 7:30 p.m.

BOOMERFIT - FULFORD HALL Improve core & muscle strength, bone & joint health, balance, posture, agility, cardio & flexibility. 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Info: Trisha, certified personal trainer, 250-653-4656, trisha.synergify@gmail.com

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP for people caring for individuals with Alzheimers and others. Every Wednesday at Salt Spring Seniors (379 Lower Ganges Rd.) at 11 a.m. Info: Margaret Monro, 250-537-5004.

CONTEMPORARY DANCE CLASS with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd. 5 to 6:30 p.m. Multigenerational class suitable for dancers of all levels. Info/register: 250-537-5681, anna@bonesforever.com.

FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE is open at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 221 Vesuvius Bay Rd. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Info: 250-537-9573.

HIP-HOP FOR KIDS with Naomi Jason at the SS Arts Academy (320 Upper Ganges Rd.), 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.

LEVEL 1 YOGA (Beginners welcome!) with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio. 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.

MIXED LEVELS YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio. 6:30 to 8 p.m.

NATURAL PAINTING & DRAWING with Lisa Lipsett. All levels drop-in classes. (\$20). 600 Fulford-Ganges Rd., 1 to 3 p.m. Info: Lisa@creativebynature.org, or visit www.creativebynatureconnection.com

PILATES CLASS with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd., 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Pilates is a body conditioning system that builds flexibility and long, lean muscles, strength and endurance. Info: Anna, 250-537-5681, anna@bonesforever.com

PUMP PRIMERS co-ed heart health fitness class. All Saints By-the-Sea. 7:45 to 8:45 a.m.

SENIORS STRENGTH & FLEXIBILITY classes at South SS Seniors, Fulford Hall annex. 9 to 10 a.m.

SENIORS YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio. 11 a.m.

STAMPS GROUP meets at SS Seniors Services. 10 a.m.

SUNRISE FLOW YOGA with Lisa Duttman at Still Point Yoga Studio. 6:45 to 7:45 a.m.

TAOIST TAI CHI beginner class at All Saints. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Info: 250-537-1721. www.taoist.org

UBUNTU FAMILY SONG CIRCLE at the Gatehouse, Stowel Lake Farm. 5 to 6 p.m.

VIPASSANA MEDITATION with Heather Martin at the Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. 7 to 9 p.m.

YOGA LEVEL 1 with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio. 9 to 10:30 a.m.

YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at The Gatehouse, Stowel Lake Farm. 9 to 10:30 a.m.

ZEN MEDITATION at 210 Cedar Lane at 7 p.m. Call 250-653-2411 for details. Newcomers always welcome.

THURSDAY

BINGO at Meaden Hall on the first and third Thursday of each month. Legion Ladies Auxiliary fundraiser. 7 p.m.

LIFE STORY WRITING at South SS Seniors on the first and third Thursday of each month. Fulford annex. 1 to 3 p.m. Info: Patricia, 250-653-2344.

SS COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION meets on the third Thursday of the month at the school board meeting room from 4 to 6 p.m.

every THURSDAY

BRIDGE LESSONS at SS Seniors Services. 10 a.m.

DANCE-STRETCH-BREATHE with Naomi Jason at The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE is open at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 221 Vesuvius Bay Rd. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info: 250-537-9573.

FIT FOR LIFE CLASSES with Betty-Lou Lake. All Saints lower hall. 8:45 to 10:15 a.m. Focus on balance, strength, flexibility. Target group is boomers and up. Info: blake@telus.net; 250-537-1638.

FUSION BELLY DANCE with Kaia Mitchell at Ganges Yoga Studio. 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

HATHA FLOW YOGA (classes with Isabelle Ma at Ganges Yoga Studio except no class on May 17). 4 to 5:30 p.m. Call 250-931-0040 for more info or email lotushealing@shaw.ca.

KIDS' YOGA at Rogue Yoga (320 Upper Ganges Rd.), 4 to 4:45 p.m. Info: info@rogueyoga.ca or 250-537-4480.

KINDERGYM runs every Thursday for kids aged 0 to 4 and their parents. Toys and indoor equipment available for playtime. Community Gospel Chapel. 9:30 to 11 a.m. \$2 per family. Coffee & tea supplied.

LIFE STORY WRITING at South SS Seniors. Fulford Hall annex. 1 to 3 p.m.

LUNCH HOUR YOGA at Rogue Yoga (320 Upper Ganges Rd.) 12:15 to 1 p.m.

NIA for 50+ at South SS Seniors. Fulford annex. 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Pre-registration required. Info: Donna, 250-653-9985.

RADIANT HEART YOGA/PILATES class with Laurie Steffler at Cats Pajamas St. Mary Lake Dance studio on Langs Rd. 8:30 to 10 a.m. Info: 250-537-5250.

SALTY WHEELS SQUARE DANCE CLUB meets every Thursday at Central Community Hall at 7:30 p.m. Info: Marilynne Cunningham at 250-537-5356.

SALT SPRING BADMINTON CLUB. GISS gym from 8 to 10 p.m. For teens and adults. Bring own racquet and non-marking gym shoes. \$3 drop-in.

SENIORS YOGA at Rogue Yoga (320 Upper Ganges Rd.) 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Info: info@rogueyoga.ca or 250-537-4480

SMARTSOMATICS SPRING CLASS with Nelly Kosteljik at North End Fitness. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Email or call Nelly at smartsomatics@shaw.ca or 250-537-2056.

SS SENIORS MEMBERS LUNCH for SS Seniors Society members at SS Seniors Services. 12 noon.

SSI WEAVERS & SPINNERS Guild hosts interesting and inspiring programs for weavers, spinners, knitters and other fabric artists. ArtSpring. 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Beginners welcome.

SS WOMEN'S AA closed meeting Thursday nights at OAP wing of Fulford Hall.

STAY & PLAY DROP-IN at Family Place. 120 Park Drive, noon to 3 p.m. Drop-in program for families with children ages 0 to 6. Soup from Auntie Pesto's provided. Try library open.

TAOIST TAI CHI beginner class at All Saints. 10:30 a.m. to noon. Info: 250-537-1721. www.taoist.org

YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 4:30 to 6 p.m.

ZUMBA with Valri Cunningham at Ganges Yoga Studio. 6 to 7 p.m.

every FRIDAY

BOOMERFIT - FULFORD HALL Improve core & muscle strength, bone & joint health, balance, posture, agility, cardio & flexibility. Co-ed class, all fitness levels. 9 to 10 a.m. Info: Trisha, certified personal trainer, 250-653-4656, trisha.synergify@gmail.com

BRIDGE at SS Seniors Services. 1 p.m.

CARPET BOWLING at South SS Seniors. Fulford Hall annex. 10 a.m.

COFFEETIME at SS Seniors Society. 10 a.m.

DRAWING & PAINTING at South SS Seniors. Fulford Hall annex. 12:30 p.m.

EVERYBODY STRETCH — Everyday stretches for the everyday body to classical music with Catherine Bennett. Ganges Yoga Studio. 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT CLASS at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd. 10-11 a.m. Move with less pain and stress by learning how to make any activity more effective and more enjoyable. Info: Anna Haltrecht, 250-537-5681, anna@bonesforever.com

LEVEL 2 YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio. 9 to 10:30 a.m.

LEGION MEAT DRAW at the Legion. 5 p.m.

MAH JONG at SS Seniors Services. 12:15 p.m.

PUMP PRIMERS co-ed heart health fitness class. All Saints By-the-Sea. 7:45 to 8:45 a.m.

ROLLERBLADING at Fulford Hall for all ages. 7:30 to 9 p.m.

STAY & PLAY drop-in for parents and kids 0 to 6 at Family Place, 120 Park Drive, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Light lunch provided.

TANGO PRACTICA at the Core Inn, third floor. 8 to 10 p.m. \$5. Info: Teodoro, 250-537-8825 or ssi.tango@gmail.com

WINE AND FOOD PAIRINGS free at Salt Spring Vineyards on Lee Road. 12 noon to 5 p.m.

SATURDAY

BRIDGE at South SS Seniors on alternate weeks. Fulford Hall annex. Info: Patricia, 250-653-2344.

every SATURDAY

DAD 'N' ME Pancake Breakfast for kids and their dads at Family Place, 120 Park Drive. 8:30 to 10 a.m. Time for dads and their kids to meet, eat and play together.

LEGION BRIDGE at the Legion. 12 p.m. Info: Nancy Stout, 250-537-5376.

LEGION MEAT DRAW at the Legion. 5 p.m.

WINE AND FOOD PAIRINGS free at Salt Spring Vineyards on Lee Road. 12 noon to 5 p.m.

ZUMBA DANCE FITNESS with Lee Sigmond at Ganges Yoga Studio. 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

every SUNDAY

DRAGONBOAT RACING team for men and women practices on Sundays from April through July. Contact Mary Rowles, 250-653-4139; maryrowles19@hotmail.com for info.

KARMA KLAS yoga at Ganges Yoga Studio. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free (with donations gratefully accepted). At Still Point on May 6 and 13 only.

SALT SPRING BADMINTON CLUB. GISS gym from 7 to 9 p.m. For teens and adults. Bring own racquet and non-marking gym shoes. \$3 drop-in.

SALTY DOGS AGILITY CREW meets at 988 North End Road, 9 to 11:15 a.m., \$5 drop-in fee. Info: www.saltydogs.ca or contact Diane Alton-Kaighin at saltydogsagility@yahoo.ca

TAI CHI CHEN & YANG STYLES. All levels class at Seven Stars Tai Chi Club, 210 Cedar Lane. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info: Osman, 250-537-5667.

WINE AND FOOD PAIRINGS free at Salt Spring

MONDAY

SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT trustees meeting runs on the third Monday of each month at the Ganges fire hall. 7:30 p.m.

SALT SPRING PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION meets on the fourth Monday of each month in the Portlock Park Portable, 7 p.m. The commission's Parks Planning Committee meets on the second Monday — although actual meeting dates are subject to change. Info: PARC, 250-537-4448.

every MONDAY

BEGINNERS/LEVEL 1 YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio. 6 to 7 p.m.

BONES FOR LIFE MOVEMENT CLASS with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd., 2 to 3 p.m. A comprehensive exercise program to increase strength and agility through dynamic movement and weight-bearing activity. Info: Anna, 250-537-5681, anna@bonesforever.com

CHESS at SS Seniors Services. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with lessons from 11 a.m. to noon.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE meets every Monday at 6:45 p.m. at Salt Spring Seniors Services. Info: George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or pastorale@shaw.ca.

FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT CLASS with Alice Friedman at the Gatehouse, 190 Reynolds Rd., 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. Info: Alice Friedman, 250-653-4332, alicec@salspring.com

FUSION BELLY DANCE with Kaia Mitchell at Ganges Yoga Studio. 10 to 11 a.m.

LIFE DRAWING every Monday at the Core Inn (third floor). 1 to 3 p.m. Info: Jose Campbell, 250-537-1121. Drop-ins welcome.

MIXED LEVELS YOGA with Celeste at Still Point Yoga Studio. 4 to 5:30 p.m.

PILATES FUNDAMENTALS CLASS at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd., 5 to 6 p.m. This class is designed for people new to Pilates and those wanting to work on deepening their understanding of Pilates. Info: Anna Haltrecht, 250-537-5681, anna@bonesforever.com

PUMP PRIMERS co-ed heart health fitness class. All Saints By-the-Sea. 7:45 to 8:45 a.m.

READER'S THEATRE at SS Seniors Services. 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

SALT SPRING SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS meet every Monday at All Saints Church hall. Basic class 6 to 7 p.m., mixed class 7 to 8 p.m., intermediate class 8 to 9 p.m. Info: Mary Davidson, 250-653-4357.

SENIORS STRENGTH & FLEXIBILITY classes at South SS Seniors, Fulford Hall annex. 9 to 10 a.m.

SENIORS YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio. 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

SUNRISE FLOW YOGA with Lisa Duttman at Still Point Yoga Studio. 6:45 to 7:45 a.m.

TAI CHI CHEN STYLE. All levels class, including beginners, at Seven Stars Tai Chi Club, 210 Cedar Lane. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Info: Osman at 250-537-5667.

TOASTMASTERS public speaking group meets Mondays at the Catholic Church, lower room, 135 Drake Rd. 7 p.m. Members of the public welcome.

THE CLINIC by OPT: Options for Sexual Health is open every Monday at the Core Inn 2nd floor. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 250-537-8786.

UBUNTU Community Song Circle with Barb Slater at Ganges Yoga Studio. 2 to 3:30 p.m.

every MONDAY

VINANA YOGA at the Gatehouse, Stowel Lake Farm. 5 to 6:30 p.m.

YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 4:30 to 6 p.m.

TUESDAY

SSI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Portlock Park portable. 4 to 6 p.m.

every TUESDAY

ART GROUP meets at SS Seniors Services. 1 p.m.

CHESS CLUB meets at SS Seniors Services. 7 p.m.

EVERYBODY STRETCH with Catherine Bennett at Ganges Yoga Studio. 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT CLASS with Alice Friedman at Still Point Studio. 5 to 6:15 p.m. Info: Alice Friedman, 250-653-4332, alicec@salspring.com

FIT FOR LIFE CLASSES with Betty-Lou Lake. All Saints lower hall. 8:45 to 10:15 a.m. Focus on balance, strength, flexibility. Target group is boomers and up. Info: blake@telus.net; 250-537-1638.

HIP HOP/CARDIO/STRETCH with Naomi Jason at the SS Arts Academy. 5:15 to 6:30 p.m.

KUNDALINI MOVING MEDITATION from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and ECKHART TOLLE PRACTISING PRESENCE from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Info: Amrita, 250-537-2799.

LOST CHORDS CHOIR meets at SS Seniors Services. 10:30 a.m.

LUNCH HOUR YOGA at Rogue Yoga (320 Upper Ganges Rd.) 12:15 to 1 p.m. info@rogueyoga.ca or 250-537-4480.

MEN'S FLOOR HOCKEY at Fulford Hall. Bring hockey stick, gloves, knee or shin pads, good running shoes, dark and white T-shirt. 7 p.m. \$5.

CHILD YOGA for parents and caregivers and children under 2. Family Place. 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Until May 29.

SS SEARCH & RESCUE — Learn ground survival, search and rescue techniques at the SAR Hall. 7 to 9 p.m. Or phone Chuck Hamilton, 250-537-6601.

SENIORS BOWLING at Kings Lane Recreation. Info: Julie Webb, 250-537-5094.

STAY & PLAY DROP IN at Family Place, 120 Park Drive, noon to 3 p.m. Drop-in program for families with children ages 0 to 6. Soup provided.

TAI CHI PRACTICE SESSIONS at Seven Stars Tai Chi Club, 210 Cedar Lane. Applications, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.; Yang dance, 2 to 2:30 p.m.; Chen style, 2:30 to 3 p.m.; Water style, 3 to 3:30 p.m. Info: Osman at 250-537-5667.

TAI CHI Yang style all levels class, including beginners, at Seven Stars Tai Chi Club. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Info: Osman at 250-537-5667.

TOUCH DRAWING CLASS with Lisa Lipsett at 600 Fulford-Ganges Rd. Drop-in. \$20. 1 to 3 p.m. Info: Lisa@creativebynature.org; 250-537-9785; www.creativebynature.org

WOMEN'S FOCUS YOGA. Marrying yoga and its sister science of ayurveda creates a fuller experience in understanding our female body. Led by Jeanie Vasilikos at her home. 5 to 6:30 p.m. Email her at jeanierm@gmail.com for info.

YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE — Slow Flow... for tired bodies! SS Centre of Yoga. 5 to 6 p.m.

YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at the Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. 7 to 8:30 p.m.

YOGA WITH GAY MEAGLEY at the Gatehouse. 5:15 to 6:45 p.m.

ZUMBA DANCE with Lee Sigmond at Ganges Yoga Studio. 5 to 6 p.m. (Except no class on May 8 and June 12.)

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MORTON, Fred Arthur.
 Following a brief illness Art died peacefully with his family and friends beside him in Lady Minto Hospital, Salt Spring Island, B.C., on April 21st, 2012. Art was born May 9th, 1920 in Rock Bay Hospital, near Sayward, B.C.

Art was predeceased by his beloved wife Doris. He is survived by his brother Ralph, his sisters in law Ruth and Norma, nieces and nephews.

There will be no service at Art's request. In lieu of flowers may we suggest donations to Salt Spring Island Conservancy, P.O. Box 722, Ganges, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2W6, or a charity of your choice.

Art and his family have been deeply grateful for the exceptional kindness and dedication of the staff at Lady Minto Hospital and for many years of care by Dr. Jan MacPhail. We are indebted to the staff and residents of Meadowbrook for their warm welcome and support, and to the wonderful friends and home care who have done so much for him over the years.

A celebration of Art's life will be held at Meadowbrook, 121 Atkins Road, Ganges at 2pm on Saturday May 26th, 2012.



The family of Patsy Sinner (Robinson) invites all her friends to join us to celebrate Patsy's 88th birthday.

Open House Saturday, May 12 2-4 pm Salt Spring Island Sailing Club 152 Douglas Road

No gifts please, your "presence" is Patsy's gift!



Jean Agnes Johnston

February 16, 1930 - April 2, 2012

Donee join us for a "Celebration of Life" at Ganges United Church, 11 Herford Avenue, On May 19, 2012 at 1:30pm. Refreshments to follow.

Isabelle Richardson and her family are most grateful to their friends on Salt Spring Island for their support and expressions of sympathy following John's death. So many of you were extremely kind and thoughtful. We were simply overwhelmed.

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SSI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

AGM Meeting

Wed. May 9, 2012
 At Central Hall, 2 PM
Election of Officers
Annual Financial Statement
Other business of the Society

Program
 Charles Kahn and Frank Neumann

"Salt Spring History Past and Present"
 A visual and oral presentation on the changing History of Salt Spring Island.

check our website
<http://saltspringarchives.com/historical>
for more details

Tea/coffee to follow the meeting
 All are welcome

DOBELL, Richard Ravenscroft



Richard Ravenscroft "Dick" Dobell passed away peacefully on April 26, 2012 in South Surrey, B.C. He was born in 1922 in Cheshire, England to parents Alfred Temple and Gladys Dobell. Dick is survived by sons James (Brenda), Peter (Tracy) and grandchildren Michael (Laura), Alison (Bryan), Laura, Charly, Tegan and great grandson, Avery. He was predeceased by his first wife Pamela (mother of James and Peter), second wife Vivienne and granddaughter Claire.

Dick immigrated to Canada with Pam and his young family in 1950 and began a long and successful career in the lumber business. Dick was also an avid boater and a member of the West Van Yacht Club for over twenty years. Retiring to Salt Spring Island he spent many happy years involved with the tennis club, beach combing and cultivating his vegetables. He was a true gentleman and we will miss him dearly.

A memorial will be held on Salt Spring Island at a later date. Contact rdobellmemorial@gmail.com for details.

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NOTICE OF 2012 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETINGS OF THE SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will be meeting to consider various matters of general business such as applications received, bylaw reviews and meeting notes. Starting at noon, up to 45 minutes will be available for the public to discuss local land use matters with the Local Trust Committee. Those who wish to present a more formal petition, or make a delegation to the Committee as an agenda item, must make a request to the Islands Trust staff at least 14 days in advance of the meeting.

Regular business meetings are scheduled for:

Date	Time	Location
Thursday May 17	9:30 AM	Hart Bradley Hall, Lions Club, 103 Bonnet Ave.
Thursday June 7	9:30 AM	Hart Bradley Hall, Lions Club, 103 Bonnet Ave.
Thursday July 5	9:30 AM	Hart Bradley Hall, Lions Club, 103 Bonnet Ave.
Thursday August 2	9:30 AM	Hart Bradley Hall, Lions Club, 103 Bonnet Ave.
Thursday August 30	9:30 AM	Hart Bradley Hall, Lions Club, 103 Bonnet Ave.
Thursday September 20	9:30 AM	Hart Bradley Hall, Lions Club, 103 Bonnet Ave.
Thursday October 11	9:30 AM	Hart Bradley Hall, Lions Club, 103 Bonnet Ave.
Thursday November 8	9:30 AM	Hart Bradley Hall, Lions Club, 103 Bonnet Ave.
Thursday November 22	9:30 AM	Hart Bradley Hall, Lions Club, 103 Bonnet Ave.
Thursday December 13	9:30 AM	ArtSpring, Multi-Purpose Rooms, 100 Jackson Ave.

The proposed meeting agenda is usually available one week prior to the meeting and may be obtained at the Islands Trust office or on our website.

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INFORMATION

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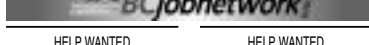
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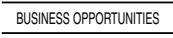

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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

Books in the Twittiverse

A circulating library in a town is an evergreen tree of diabolical knowledge! It blossoms through the year. — Richard Brinkley Sheridan



Arthur Black

WIT & WHIMSY

The first library I ever saw was less than 20 feet long and sat on four wheels.

It was a bus — a bookmobile, we called it. We lived in the sticks with no municipal buildings whatsoever, never mind a library. So the elders spake and decreed that once a week, for two hours at a time, the library would come to us.

As I recall, you entered at the back door of the bookmobile, browsed your way through a narrow corridor surrounded by hundreds of books and emerged, with your selections duly noted and stamped, by the front door.

Seems almost Dickensian now, traipsing to a book wagon at a crossroads to pick up your weekly supply of reading material. Today, the land is festooned with free and public libraries that border on the palatial.

Heck, you don't even have to put your shoes on — you can order books on the Internet; even download entire texts to your e-book reader or iPad.

I'm not the only one who's

noticed. Two independent bookstores in my town have closed this year.

Libraries are adjusting to the new reality as well. Recently in the magazine *The Walrus*, Michael Harris wrote of his visit to the brand new City Centre Library in Surrey, B.C.

It's surprising the word "library" made it into the name of the structure. The building features a café, a recreation centre for kids, a plethora of "interactive" sculptures and furniture — and oh, yeah — books too.

A "librarian" at the centre explained to Harris that "Our jobs are becoming more about helping newcomers with their language skills, or helping people access government services... we're kind of social workers, actually."

Harris even interviewed the architect of the new multi-million-dollar City Centre Library. He notes that in their conversation about the architect's motivation and vision

for the structure, "books" were not mentioned once.

That's the trouble with books — they refuse to go faster. The opening chapter of Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities* consists of one magnificent cathedral of a sentence that runs to 120 words. We live in a time that embraces Twitter, a communications device that allows only 140 characters.

Not surprising that our libraries — as book repositories — are under siege. But we need to be careful about that. Back in 642, Moslem armies overran the city of Alexandria in Egypt capturing, among other things, the most famous and extensive library in the world. The story goes that the victorious general asked what was to be done with the books therein. His superior, a Caliph named Omar, replied: "If the writings of the Greeks agree with the Koran they are superfluous and need not be preserved; if they disagree they are pernicious and ought not to be preserved."

The manuscripts — containing all the written knowledge of the ancient world — were consigned to be used as fuel to heat the public baths.

It is said that they kept the furnaces blazing for six months.

COOKING

Meals Ahoy! chef and author offers taste of new cookbook

Special event in Ganges this Saturday

Salt Spring's Chef Kelly Klesick has just published a cookbook and is both signing copies and offering free appetizers at an event this Saturday.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Old Salty in the Harbour Building in Ganges, Klesick will meet with people to talk

about his book called *Meals Ahoy! Gourmet Meals on Your Boat*.

"From Pacific Sushi to Drunken Shrimp, from Smoked Tofu Salad to Genoa Bay Mussels, from Jerk Chicken to Finger Licking BBQ Chicken, *Meals Ahoy!* presents recipes that will tantalize any palate," states a press release about the book. "Take the stress out of entertaining on a boat and make it the enjoy-

able, fun experience it should be."

Inspired by the author's many trips across the Pacific, *Meals Ahoy!* is a cookbook made especially for boaters. It conveys how gourmet cooking on a boat is as easy as cooking at home. With years of experience as a chef in the galley as well as restaurants and kitchens around the world, Chef Kelly has brought his expertise to

this unique collection of galley recipes. Each recipe has been tested over and over again in the galley itself and is easy to prepare regardless of on-the-water conditions.

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Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)
 As though cruising through the city at an off peak hour, you have a chance to observe the many people and places there are to see. Still, your focus must remain sharp. The biggest challenge is your ability to see the bigger picture. Yet it is exactly what you need to do for the sake of making sound investments, like an overview on all the best sales.
Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)
 This is an expansive go-ahead time for you. You are ready to take a few risks and gamble. Your sights are set on more than one objective. Other people and circumstances are pushing you beyond your comfort zone. This is where the plot thickens. Keep an open mind, yet clarify priorities and boundaries.
Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)
 Due to ambitions to expand your position somehow, the time is right to work behind the scenes and/or to prepare the ground. You're 'to do' list stands to be extensive and varied. Pacing yourself so you can balance rest with productivity will feel right. Yet, there may be some real work to attend to close to home. A varied approach will keep your energies fresh.
Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22)
 The waves of change continue to wash in. In fact, they may well be getting bigger. With the right attitude and approach these could prove to bring big advantages and rewards. Yet, the changes may not be so easy to handle or accept. Your ability to assert your self, as necessary to meet the challenge, is ideal. Yet, avoid trying to control people and situations and intend to cooperate.
Leo (Jul 22 – Aug 23)
 A time of recognition and advancement continues. Meeting new people and establishing new connections and friendships is likely. A proactive and enthusiastic approach may be necessary, let alone ideal. Setting your sights on the bigger picture and long-term goals is the other side of the coin. Be willing to work, trust and exercise your executive with full diplomacy.

Libra (Sep 22 – Oct 22)
 Who has what you want and need? This is a good time to ask and receive. The law of returns has been active in your life with plus and minus results. There is reason to say you are still in an endurance phase. Things stand to alleviate somewhat in several weeks. Proceeding with sobriety and discipline remains important and this will continue. Accept support.
Scorpio (Oct 22 – Nov 21)
 Dealing with dual desires perhaps especially on relationship fronts continue. Should I stay or go? Is there a middle ground? Sober thinking implies paying attention to the details. Yet, keeping an open mind is also important. Working to push through inner and outer resistance implies acting upon what you feel is true versus right. Go easy on yourself amidst this complex process.
Sagittarius (Nov 21 – Dec 21)
 Changes in your usual routine and rhythm are increasingly evident. These may not be so easy to handle or avoid. Yet, they are stimulating your mind and perhaps social activity. Mix enthusiasm and creativity for what is happening for best results. Pay extra attention to creating harmonious exchanges with others. Who you know is more important than what, now.
Capricorn (Dec 21 – Jan 19)
 A sizable creative wave is coming in. You stand to get some of the best of it. Yet it is important that you are fully prepared to give to the situation and perhaps in more ways than one. Maintaining a close connection with your inner most self, your core, however you identify with that, will enable you to feel strong, focus and overcome distractions.
Aquarius (Jan 19 – Feb 19)
 Enjoying a more peaceful pace close to home is likely now. Entertaining new leads and directions is featured. These are opening new doors of awareness and perception. The process is causing you to get to the bottom of things somehow, to secure the base. This calm state and increased awareness will support you to proceed with greater confidence now and for future prospects.
Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)
 A busy time following new leads towards establishing new rhythms and foundations is in focus. Others and circumstances are pushing you to be focused, clear and decisive. With so many fronts to manage, this may be easier said than done. Change and transformation are underway for you. This implies endings and new beginnings. Trust and cooperate with this dynamic.

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GYMNASTICS

Salt Spring Gymnastics group ready for fresh start

Head coach and parent board available to support those interested

Gymnastics on Salt Spring has touched some 600 kids, 200 adults and 25 coaches over the years.

A meeting set for Friday, May 11 will hopefully see the impact continue as the current parent board of the Salt Spring Gymnastics and head coach Rani Chonka prepare to pass the torch to a new group of gymnastics enthusiasts.

The meeting will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. at Fulford Hall, the recent home of Salt Spring Gymnastics, where the board and Chonka will be available to share information to those interested, including people who may be able to take on coaching duties.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

A past participant in recreational gymnastics on Salt Spring.

Chonka is retiring from coaching and being the owner of Twist N Flip Recreational Gymnastics and looks forward to spending more time with her family, but will always cherish her experience.

"Being a part of gymnastics on Salt Spring has been a magical experience, full of amazing accomplishments. Many thanks to my coaching team for being spontaneous, positive and encouraging. Thanks to the volunteers, the parents and the Fulford Hall committee for seeing how special this program is for children.

"Most importantly, a special thanks to all the gymnasts for making my job so rewarding. I will cherish all the memories and I am grateful for all the friendships created."

Chonka says Salt Spring Island competitive gymnastics formed as a non-profit society in 1999 with the vision of a small group of parents who wanted their children to have the opportunity to be competitive gymnasts in B.C. while not having to travel off-island for training.

"There are many unique stories

to be shared about how this group of willing hands were able to start something from nothing," said Chonka. "The team was formed, coaches were recruited and with community fundraising support the vision lifted off the ground, literally as the kids took flight in their acrobatic tricks.

"Since then there have been many successful stories printed in newspapers throughout B.C. with our local kids bringing home medals, team spirit awards and most creative choreography awards."

Salt Spring girls currently training with Duncan Dynamics and showing well in competitions throughout B.C. are Kristi Reynolds, Annika Berendt, Leticia Taylor, Charlotte McIntyre, Taylor Akerman, Alexandra Murphy-Macdonald, Darby McIntyre and Chelsea Kaye.

FOLK DANCE

Annual island folk dance festival celebrates diversity

Recap of April 27 to 29 weekend

BY TERRAKA JONES
 SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

An assortment of cars, vans and trucks lined the parking lot at Fulford Hall over the weekend.

Dancers and musicians streamed past the welcome sign into a beautifully decorated venue filled with colourful banners, an ethnic doll display, wonderful food and friendly faces.

From April 27 to 29, Rosemarie and Pat Keough hosted the ninth annual Salt Spring Island Dance Festival. The festival has become a favourite with folk dance enthusiasts throughout the Northwest and beyond.

This year 130 participants danced, performed, taught and volunteered. They were mostly off-islanders and came from the Gulf Islands, Van-

couver Island and the mainland. Others travelled a great distance to take part — from Seattle, Manitoba, Ontario and California. Thirteen dancers from the group called Akatombo (the Red Dragon fly Folk Dance Group) flew from Japan to experience the event.

Dancers are drawn to the Salt Spring festival by the friendly atmosphere and expert teachers brought in from around the world to teach authentic ethnic dances. This year Željko Jergan taught Croatian folk dances and Richard Schmidt and Renata Jarko taught Polish circle and couple dances.

After the teaching, there was plenty of time to socialize and dance to old favourites. People crowded the dance floor when Seattle band Kafana Republic performed an Eastern European repertoire. Music selections included favourites from Bulgaria, Macedonia, Bosnia, Serbia

and Croatia.

The continued success of the festival is largely due to the Keoughs' careful planning and the cooperative effort of many individuals. Volunteers are responsible for everything from greeting to decorating to kitchen help.

Dancers are treated to wonderful meals created by Chef Kelly Kelsick and his dedicated team. Generous sponsorship from Cusheen Lake Resort and Freybe Fine Foods has aided the festival for several years.

Rosemarie was inspired to host the first Salt Spring festival when she remembered her oma's stories of week-long wedding celebrations in the German Ukraine, where dance music was played around the clock and villagers enjoyed wonderful food and celebrated their community.

Rosemarie travels the world and is amazed by the variety



PHOTO BY BRUCE SHARPE

International dancers are among the participants in the 2012 Salt Spring Dance Festival that took place at Fulford Hall over the weekend.

of dance traditions she witnesses.

"This diversity must be cel-

ebrated!" she says. Next year's festival will take place April 26 to 28. Those interested should

contact Rosemarie at rosemarie@keough-art.com to be added to the mailing list.

LONDON 2012

Olympian needs Round SSI crew

Legendary sailboat confirmed for race

Aspiring sailors and veteran sea dogs have a once-in-a-lifetime chance to experience a Round Salt Spring Race unlike any other as five-time Olympian Richard Clarke continues his Long Harbour to London 2012 fundraising campaign.

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Clarke will skipper the 42-kilometre race on a Transpac 52 Braveheart that holds the all-time record in Victoria's legendary Swiftsure regatta.

Clarke is calling on people to sign up as crew for the 38th annual Round Salt Spring race as he continues to raise funds for his trip to the London Olympics in fewer than 100 days. Clarke has qualified and continues to train for his fifth trip to the Games. He will compete with teammate Tyler Bjorn of Montreal. The duo are confident they stand to win Canada's first Olympic gold medal in sailing.

"No previous experience is required, however, sailing may become addictive," said Andria Scanlan, Clarke's spouse and fundraising coordinator.

Round Salt Spring race organizers expect to see about 120 boats, ranging from maxi-boats to small club racers.

"Because the course offers

unique challenges such as tidal currents and variable conditions, it's a great test of tactics, seamanship, navigation and sailing ability," reads information on the race website.

Along with his upcoming Olympic competition in the Star-class event, Clarke has established himself among the world's elite sailors as a two-time Melges 24 world champion, Volvo ocean race winner and Pan Am Games gold medalist.

Crew members can sign up with Clarke for a minimum recommended donation of \$500. All funds raised by the event go toward the Clarke and Bjorn London 2012 Olympic campaign.

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 Feature-packed toy hauler - half-ton towable!!! Pwr. awning, Happijac pwr. bunks, separate bedroom, fuel stn.

Stk #12N1448
MSRP \$39,970
 Open House Savings Price ♦

\$131* bi-wkly OAC
\$31,480

2012 Island Trail 202RBS Travel Trailer
 U-shaped dinette slide, electric jacks, key-less entry, power awning, leather furniture, marine receiver w/USB & MP3 hook-up

Stk #S12N11181
MSRP \$24,720
 Open House Savings Price ♦

\$83* bi-wkly OAC
\$19,980

2012 Sundance 277RL XLT 5th Wheel
 Dual slides, elec. awning, ducted A/C, dual panes, pillow-top mattress, counter-top extension, 32" LCD TV

Stk #A12N2121
MSRP \$43,790
 Open House Savings Price ♦

\$137** bi-wkly OAC
\$37,980

2012 Heartland Prowler 29P Ti 5th Wheel
 Aerodynamic Titanium design for easy & efficient towing, triple slides, peninsula kitchen

Stk #12N1496
MSRP \$51,690
 Open House Savings Price ♦

\$144** bi-wkly OAC
\$39,960

2012 Coleman 250GS Travel Trailer
 Coleman Premium Upgrade pkg. incl. on this solid 1-slide unit. Sleeps 4-6 comfortably. Queen master w/loads of storage.

Stk #M12N177
MSRP \$30,196
 Open House Savings Price ♦

\$89* bi-wkly OAC
\$21,325

2012 Kodiak 279RBSL Ultra-lite
 SUV towable luxury trailer w/kitchen island, opposing kitchen/living slides, beautiful design - a must see!

Stk #M12N1200
MSRP \$35,490
 Open House Savings Price ♦

\$134* bi-wkly OAC
\$31,980

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