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TAKING SHAPE: Crews install windows on the back side of the new Ganges library, amid other activities at the busy work site. See story, Page 2.

CENSUS

Census results confirm greying trend

Salt Spring near top of provincial curve

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Gulf Islanders once again find themselves ahead of a trend, with census figures showing local seniors populations are larger proportionally than regional and national averages.

Newly released 2011 census numbers for age and gender put Salt Spring's median age at 53.2 and that of the Southern Gulf Islands at 59.7. Those statistics compare to 44.8 across the Capital Regional District and 41.9 in British Columbia.

Seniors — people aged 65 or older — make up a quarter of Salt Spring's population and outnumber children by more than two times, with 2,580 people aged 65 and over, and just 1,245 aged 14 and under.

The shift toward an older population comes as the islands' boomer generation moves along the demographic grid. According to census numbers, the most populous age bracket on Salt Spring in 2006 was 55 to 59, with the next highest 50 to 54. In the 2011 they were 60 to 64, and 55 and 59, respectively.

Salt Spring's grey hair count does not compete with Qualicum Beach, though, where nearly one out of every two people is a senior for 47.2 per cent of the total community.

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BIRD SHOOTINGS

Peafowl slaughter saddens residents

New homes sought for two survivors

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring RCMP are calling for calm as an island neighbourhood struggles to handle a dispute that's decimated a party of local peafowl.

Tensions crested about 10 days ago when Mount Erskine neighbours reported the last of the party's peahens had been shot with a rifle and left for dead.

"In recent weeks, all but two male peacocks have been killed; some left to die slowly of their wounds," said RCMP Cpl. Martin Beardsmore.

Although peafowl are not protected under the province's Wildlife Act, Cpl. Beardsmore said he's troubled someone has decided to hunt the animals with a

rifle in a quite densely populated neighbourhood.

Apart from being dangerous, he said, discussion with the Capital Regional District's conservation officer indicates the use of a rifle is contrary to the island's "shotgun only" provisions.

Mount Erskine Drive resident Susan Jensen was among a group of eight people from the neighbourhood who met with police on Monday to discuss concerns about the slaughter.

Jensen and other area residents have devoted considerable effort to finding a new home for the last two peacocks before they too are killed.

She said the birds moved into the neighbourhood about four years ago. The original peafowl are

believed to have lived on a local property before they decided to stretch their wings and explore the neighbourhood. The birds have been frequent visitors to many homes in the area that overlooks Baders Beach ever since.

Peafowl, which are indigenous to South Asia, are not native to Salt Spring.

"They decided they liked the area," Jensen said. "They can feed themselves, but we all feed them little treats."

The birds are especially fond of broccoli, she said.

Whereas Jensen and many other neighbours realize the birds' shrill cries may not appeal to everyone, they argue shooting the birds is not the proper way to

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NEWSBEAT

LIBRARY PROJECT

Library building on the rise in Ganges

Project steams ahead on time and budget

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Being a member of the media does have the occasional perk.

Take last week, for instance, when Driftwood reporter Sean McIntyre and I were given a guided tour inside the downtown Ganges library project, while the rest of the local citizenry makes do with craned-neck sneak peeks from McPhillips Avenue.

The project is about 60 per cent complete, says library building committee chair Duncan Hepburn, and it's still on track to be open before the end of this year.

"There's been no hiccups," said Josh Frederick, senior project engineer for the Capital Regional District, which is overseeing the project. "[General contractor] Knappett has been doing a terrific job."

Once inside, the first thing one notices is how much natural light streams in from various quarters. One of those well-lit areas is called "the program space," where community events seating 50 to 60 people can be held. It will open onto a small courtyard area,

as will the children's section — giving access to a secure outdoor space where kids or adults can get some fresh air.

The building also has a couple of smaller meeting rooms that can be rented by the public or used for people writing exams, for example.

Besides a young-adults section, lots of space for bookshelves, some 40 seats will be available for work stations, in addition to "soft seating" areas.

The mezzanine floor — made of an attractive and super-strong laminated wood product — was being installed last week, so it was easy to visualize the partial second-floor part of the project.

"We're very pleased with how it's turned out," said John Dunham, the field architect for Chang Holovsky Architects Inc., who also lives on Salt Spring Island.

Second-story space will house the Salt Spring Archives and provide work and staffroom areas for library personnel.

Outside, the main entrance will be reached through a set of curved cement stairs on the north-east corner of the lot, with wheelchair access originating further up McPhillips Avenue.

On the environmental



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Glulam beams for the library's mezzanine floor in the process of being installed last week.

front, the heat source is geothermal, a solar hot water collector will be installed on the roof, and as much natural ventilation and heating as possible is incorporated into the design.

Ganges Creek has also been given stellar treatment, with a 10-metre stream protection and enhancement area in place, a rain garden that will act as a sediment filter for the creek and plans to remove invasive species.

An original idea for a green roof has been dropped, due to onerous water and maintenance requirements.

The project had been criticized for not being

led by a local company — although only one of several bidders for the general contract was from Salt Spring — but Knappett has hired a couple of local men for its crew, and a number of island subcontractors have worked on the project.

They are Mike Akerman Excavating Ltd., Charlie's Excavating, Dave's Drilling & Blasting, Gulf Coast Materials Ltd., Ironic Developments Ltd., M&M Trucking and Excavating, The Rental Stop, Salt Spring Auto Parts, Salt Spring Garbage Services, Slegg Lumber, Spencer's Excavating, TNT Signs, Windsor Plywood and

Wolfe-Milner Land Surveying Inc.

Having architect Dunham on Salt Spring, Knappett's supervisor Tony Guzin living on the site, and library board members readily available has contributed to a smooth-running project, said Hepburn. He also praised the CRD's role from both project management and financial points of view.

Frederick commended the library association for its "tremendous volunteer spirit," and concluded, "It's been a good team effort."

For a timeline of the project's progress to date, see www.crd.bc.ca/projects/index.htm.

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Rifle shooting cause for concern

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handle the matter.

"This is a bigger issue. It's a Salt Spring issue about how we live together," Jensen said on Monday. "Is it okay to kill something in your neighbourhood? What's next, cats and small noisy children?"

"People are incensed by this. It's just so un-Salt Spring."

After last week's killing, the neighbours want to ensure the two remaining peacocks can be kept safe until a new home is found.

Shelly Vermeulen, a resident of Collins Road, has launched several pleas to the greater community in hopes of stopping the slaughter. She's received a tremendous amount of support from people across the island.

Cpl. Beardsmore said police



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Remaining two Erskine peacocks.

hope residents can trap and relocate the remaining peacocks. He asks that anyone who is not supportive of the animals to be mindful of efforts being taken by their neighbours, who clearly wish to see the peacocks safely relocated.

Neighbours have also raised concerns about the use of a firearm in the area. Although the use of rifles is forbidden, Jensen said, she's alarmed that it is legal to discharge a shotgun on the island, so long as it is not fired within 100 metres of a building, from a car or across a road.

"If somebody is shooting with real bullets in our neighbourhood, that's not really safe; it's unacceptable," Jensen said.

Coincidentally, Ling Weston reported seeing a peacock in the 1400 block of North Beach Road on Tuesday morning. She wonders if anyone owns that bird or knows where it came from.

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INVASIVE SPECIES

Island goats take bite out of invasive species problem

Broom, ivy and blackberries are key to healthy goat diet

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The pulling, twisting, heaving and grunting experienced firsthand by islanders who've declared an all-out spring assault on broom means only one thing for a lucky herd of Burgoyne Valley goats: it's dinner time.

Shakthi, Trika, Maya, Priya and Tara are among some of the lucky animals that have spent the past few weeks feasting on truckloads of broom that have been delivered to their front yard by islanders who've embarked on the annual campaign to rid the island of the yellow-flowering shrub.

Unlike animals with a more particular palate like cows or sheep, goats appreciate a varied diet that includes many of the island's pervasive invasive species like English ivy, blackberries and Scotch broom.

"They like all the plants that people hate," said Jan Steinman, co-founder of Salt Spring's EcoReality ecovillage.

When Steinman learned of gardeners' efforts to rid the island of broom, the permaculture expert saw the perfect opportunity to connect EcoReality's herd of about a dozen Nubian goats with a virtually unlimited supply of material.

"If we didn't have people bringing us broom, we'd be going out into the woods and trimming trees," he said.

Rather than foraging through the forest, gardeners and land-

scapers have kept a steady stream of broom flowing into Steinman's feeders for several weeks now.

He figures it takes the herd about a week to eat its way through two or three truckloads of material. When the goats are through with the tastiest bits, stalks and stems are thrown into a wood chipper and spread along the 43-acre property's extensive network of garden pathways.

As with any decent permaculture initiative, the result helps people from different parts of the community accomplish their goals by working together.

Because broom is high in tannins, a natural deworming agent, the goats are getting a tasty treat that keeps them relatively free of intestinal parasites.

"It's also a way of valuing what you have rather than wishing things weren't the way they are," Steinman said.

The Salt Spring Island Conservancy has put considerable effort to informing islanders about broom's negative effects on indigenous plants as well as the significant fire hazard the plant represents during the hot and dry summer season. Broom is par-

"It's a way of valuing what you have rather than wishing things weren't the way they are."

JAN STEINMAN
EcoReality ecovillage



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

EcoReality's Nubian goats enjoy a broom snack. The farm is happy to take islanders' cut broom, ivy and blackberry plants to feed to the goats.

ticularly troublesome because it can spread so quickly, especially in clear areas like roadsides and power-line corridors.

While broom-clearing campaigns are nothing new on the island, this is the first year organizers have decided to unleash the goats.

"This year we're happy to have found a very sustainable system which allows for easy, free disposal of broom through the spring and summer," said Jean Wilkinson, an organizer of the Salt Spring Island Conservancy's local broom-busting campaign.

Through a partnership with the Parks and Recreation Commission, Wilkinson has estab-

lished a free drop-off for broom and other invasive plants near the end of Kanaka Road. The collection centre is hoped to give islanders a central place where they can get rid of their broom without having to burn it or leave it on the ground.

"With these convenient disposal sites in place we wanted to publicize the campaign more, and got the idea of putting 'Cut Broom in Bloom' signs along the road from Broom-Busters on Vancouver Island," she said. "I think the response has been encouraging. I've heard many people talk of tackling the broom on their properties, but there's still a ways to go."

And that's great news because

Steinman's goats appear to have an insatiable appetite for the stuff.

"I certainly wouldn't say the amount we've received is disappointing, but we could always use more," he said.

The Kanaka Road drop-off station is open on Fridays and Saturdays until the end of October. For more information, contact Wilkinson at 250-537-4877 or visit the Salt Spring Island Conservancy's website, www.saltspringconservancy.ca.

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News briefs

Dog daycare now at market

A dog-sitting service for Saturday market visitors that began on the Victoria Day long weekend is getting rave reviews from market vendors, pet owners and canines too.

"I was there on Saturday and there were lots of happy dogs and lots of happy volunteers," said Gayle Baker, a member of the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission.

PARC and the local BCSPCA branch teamed

up to give dog owners a safe spot to keep their dogs while shopping at the Saturday market, where dogs are prohibited. Dogs are supervised in a fenced area near the Centennial Park washrooms by BCSPCA volunteers in exchange for a small donation.

The service's inaugural weekend raised about \$300 for the branch, according to PARC manager Lorraine Brewster.

The BCSPCA is looking for volunteers to assist with what's hoped to be a popular service throughout the market season. For details, contact BCSP-

CA branch supervisor Sean Hogan at 250-537-2123.

Chefs cross water for third year

Hastings House Country House Hotel has announced a new line-up of B.C. talent for its third annual guest chef program, Chefs Across the Water.

The 2012 program builds on the tradition of connecting the region's fine dining establishments while highlighting the incredible bounty of local

produce. This year distinguished chefs from three Relais & Châteaux luxury hotels and gourmet restaurants will participate in a series of gastronomic island adventures, starting with chef Nicholas Nutting of The Wickaninnish Inn on Monday, June 11.

Chef Lee Parsons from The Wedgewood Hotel visits Monday, Sept. 17 and Sonora Resort's chef Terry Pichor finishes the season on Tuesday, Oct. 16.

Visiting chefs will prepare their own five-course dinner menus incorporating Salt Spring produce and seafood, including locally

caught Dungeness crab and sable fish, and local lamb and livestock.

For more information or to book a Chefs Across the Water dinner, visit: www.hastingshouse.com.

PARC to raise pool fees

Rainbow Road Pool admission fees will rise by up to 3.5 per cent in September, following a Monday vote by members of the island's Parks and Recreation Commission.

The single-admission ticket price for adults, youth, children and fami-

lies will increase to \$5.65, \$4.50, \$3.35 and \$13.56, respectively.

The cost of multi-swim passes and lessons will rise two per cent. School group lessons, rental rates for non-profit and commercial users, and the cost of Sunday's popular Twoonie swim will not change.

Support for the fee increase was required to maintain a pool cost recovery of 29 per cent, according to a PARC staff report.

Camp Colossal fees will also go up \$2 per day, their first increase in a decade.

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BANDSHELL BOYS: Arvid Chalmers, left, and Arnie Hengstler relax in this highly visible structure on their property in front of The Fishery. Is it Lady Minto Hospital's new operating theatre? The listening post for under the dock? Or a stage for a new revue of exotic male dancers? Actually, it's just a bandshell that was brought in for Chalmers' and John Fraser's joint 65th birthday party at the site earlier this month. The above explanations were suggested by Chalmers as alternatives to the fact he hasn't bothered to move the bandshell, which is owned by Ian Mott, elsewhere.

ISLANDS TRUST

RAR pilot mapping needs peer review

Trust wants 'tightest information' possible

LTC members have directed staff to prepare terms of reference and budget implications to conduct a peer review of a stream-mapping project conducted earlier this spring by the Island Stream and Salmon

Enhancement society.

"The main streams are not so much in question, it's the tributaries," Islands Trust planner Stefan Cermak said at the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee's May 17 meeting. "I think that is where the public will have the most concern."

"We're looking to assuage concerns because it's going to

affect property owners. This is going to affect how much stream is 'RARable,' so we want to make sure that, upon peer review, we are able to have the tightest information that we can."

The pilot project covered the St. Mary Lake and Cusheon Lake areas, two of the island's 26 watersheds subject to the provincial government's Riparian Areas Regulation.

"It's an excellent start as those are some of the primary drinking watersheds," Cermak said.

The goal of conducting a pilot is to give property owners a sense of how and where RAR will affect land owners. Cermak said the report will be released once the peer review is complete.

ISLANDS TRUST

Secondary suites inching closer

Large pilot area proposed

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Staff at the Salt Spring Islands Trust office have begun work on a draft bylaw to permit the legalization of secondary suites in a specially designated pilot area.

"I think we are all eager to move into the bylaw drafting situation and I think this will reveal what's doable and what's implementable," said Sheila Malcolmson, chair of the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee.

Under the current proposal, new and existing secondary suites would be allowed in Pilot Area One, an area that covers 1,458 properties. Pilot Area One was developed by Trust staff based on

a proximity to transit routes and exclusion of sensitive watershed and well-capture areas.

The area excludes the Maliview Sewer District, Cedar Lane Water District, and Cedars of Tuam Water District, where residents raised concerns about population pressures on limited infrastructure and water supply.

The pilot area includes approximately 1,050 parcels within the North Salt Spring Waterworks District.

"North Salt Spring has a lot of research and data and the staff and the commissioners of [the water district] have not flagged secondary suites as a concern," said Justine Starke, the Trust planner responsible for the secondary suites file, during the LTC's May 17 meeting. "However, we are hearing from other experts

in the community who report that there are concerns, they just aren't being recognized by the district."

Among those "other experts" is Mike Larmour, the former NSSWD general manager who believes the NSSWD's St. Mary Lake and Maxwell Lake reservoirs cannot handle the potential population increase. Any effort to draw more water from either lake, he said, carries possibly serious environmental and economic consequences.

In a May 14 letter to LTC members and NSSWD commissioners, island resident Ron Hawkins calls upon the district to present evidence to support their position.

"Let this be public information," Hawkins wrote.

"Please understand

the NSSWD are my friends. I appreciate their work, very much. However, I do not always agree with or understand their thinking and assumptions, or lapse of same."

Although satisfied by the NSSWD commissioners' assurances, LTC members stressed the importance of reviewing the pilot-project process one year after the draft bylaw is adopted.

"I like the incremental approach," said LTC member Peter Grove.

The public can expect to see a draft bylaw in the coming weeks. A formal public hearing will be required before LTC members vote on the matter.

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CHESS

Island teen ranks with chess masters

Farley Cannon places fourth in country

Salt Spring student Farley Cannon scored a fourth-place finish at the national Chess Challenge in Halifax over the Victoria Day long weekend.

He was named Team B.C.'s representative for Grade 11 at the national finals after placing second

at the provincials in Victoria on April 6.

Each province sends a team of 12 players to the nationals, with one competitor for each grade. Players compete as a team, but play individually against provincial champions of the same grade.

B.C. placed third overall at the event behind Ontario and Quebec.

This year's championship was held at Saint Mary's University in Halifax, hosted by the Nova Scotia Scholastic Chess Association.

Cannon competed in tournament chess as a young child but quit playing for several years.

His interest was recently rekindled through an independent directed study program at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

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While Salt Spring's population grew by 6.2 per cent over the past five years, actual numbers of young people in almost every age group from 0 to 24 fell. One significant difference was the 0 to four bracket, which grew from 300 children in 2006 to 375 in 2011. That number reflects and betters the national trend, which increased for the first time since the 1956 to 1961 baby boom and saw 11 per

cent growth in Canada, compared to 25 per cent growth on Salt Spring during the same period.

Gender figures also reveal interesting trends. It turns out women who feel they can't find a good man on Salt Spring are probably correct: females outnumbered males consistently from age 18 up (with the 75 to 79 age bracket being an anomaly. There's 10 more men than women in that age range on the island).

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NEWSBEAT

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Caution urged on Lower Ganges trail

Erosion pulls man down steep bank to harbour

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring Island man is lucky to have escaped with minor injuries after he fell down a steep embankment on Lower Ganges Road when the dirt path he was walking along disappeared beneath his feet.

"My concern is that the public is made aware of the problem," said Colin Clark.

The incident happened across the street from All Saints church on a narrow trail that runs on the shoreline side of a concrete barrier separating Lower Ganges Road from a bank leading down to Ganges Harbour.

The 15-metre

(50-foot) fall, which occurred late on the evening of May 19 as he walked home from a local pub, left Clark with damaged knee ligaments and several broken ribs.

Although initially embarrassed, Clark decided to go public when he realized the danger was still present. Erosion concerns in that spot make the trail hazardous for anyone who uses the trail.

Clark spent last week being referred between a variety of local and provincial government agencies, none of which claim authority over the area. Thankfully, he said, a worker at Mainroad Contracting agreed to erect a small warning sign along the path several days after the incident.

"We are trying to make it so that the same

thing doesn't happen again," said Dale Johnson, a Mainroad Salt Spring employee.

The roadside, he added, is a "no man's land" that straddles federal, provincial and likely private lands. He advises pedestrians to avoid the cliff-top trail and stay on the paved shoulder on the street side of the barrier.

"The barrier is there for a reason," Johnson said.

Clark isn't sure how long it would have taken him to get back up to the road if his friends had not been around to help him out. He considers himself extremely fortunate not to have been severely injured or killed during the incident.

"It's amazing I didn't hit my head on a tree or break my neck," he said.



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Colin Clark damaged knee ligaments and broke several ribs after falling down a steep embankment on Lower Ganges Road across from Park Drive.

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COAST GUARD

Federal cuts could impact West Coast boater safety

Coast Guard reductions to save taxpayers \$79.3 million

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The federal government's decision to eliminate 62 Coast Guard positions on the West Coast by the end of the year is expected to affect boater safety throughout the southern Gulf Islands, according to the employees' union spokesperson.

"These cuts have been going on for a long time. Eventually there has to be a lack of service somewhere," said Dave Clark, a Public Service Alliance of Canada representative.

In mid-May, the federal government announced plans to close the Canadian Coast Guard station in Vancouver's Kitsilano neighbourhood, an announcement that will result in 38 layoffs. The station's operations, a government spokesperson said, will be transferred to the Sea Island station in Richmond.

"Since the Sea Island base and the Kitsilano base provide overlapping services, the government decided to consolidate services into the Sea Island base on the advice of the Canadian Coast Guard," wrote Mélanie Carkner, a DFO communications officer, in an email. "This decision does not change coverage service levels and will not compromise safety. This move will align services in Vancouver with levels that

currently exist at other comparable ports in Canada."

Carkner said Sea Island will be the home of an inshore rescue boat during the busy season and a new hovercraft in late 2013.

"Between the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, we have found \$79.3 million of savings for Canadians primarily by adjusting our internal operations and administration," she said.

According to Clark, those savings are bound to come at a cost to the safety of boaters who rely on the stations. In 2012, he said, Coast Guard stations at Kitsilano and Sea Island each responded to 300 calls.

The combined volume Sea Island can expect to handle when cuts come into effect in 2013, he said, is unprecedented anywhere in North America.

"What that will look like afterwards? I don't know," Clark said.

As for the new hovercraft, he said, it's slated to replace the CCG Penac, a 28-year-old hovercraft stationed at Sea Island.

Neither the Ganges Coast Guard station nor Salt Spring's Coast Guard Auxiliary unit were directly affected by the cutbacks.

Randy Strandt, CGA Pacific president, said he too is unsure how cuts will affect operations of the province's 46 volunteer auxiliary units.

"We were surprised to hear of the announcements and were not consulted, nor were we a part of any decision in this announcement," he said in a May 23 statement.

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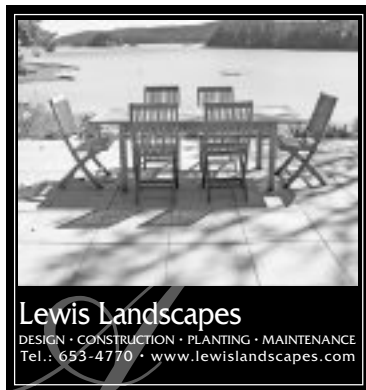
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THE CARS STOP HERE: Salt Spring car-stop champions celebrate the installation of the island's first safe pull-out sign on Friday. From left are: Elizabeth White of Transition Salt Spring, volunteers Gary Lehman and Barry Head, and Salt Spring Transportation Commission chair Donald McLennan.

RCMP NEWS

Kayak and licence plate thefts occupy SS police

Information on Christmas crash still sought

Salt Spring RCMP are investigating the theft of an 18-foot orange Northstar kayak taken from the beach at Island Escapades on May 12, and are seeking help from anyone who may have information leading to its recovery.

Police have also received several reports of licence plates being stolen from vehicles which were parked on the roadside for sale. Police remind motorists that vehicles parked in pullouts are subject to tow-and-

charge provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act.

RCMP are still investigating a serious hit-and-run collision that occurred on Christmas night, 2011, when a vehicle carrying a 48-year-old mother and her 10-year-old daughter was struck by a southbound pickup truck, causing extensive damage and injury. The truck driver fled the scene.

RCMP later located and seized a truck from a north-end residence and forensically linked it to the collision. Anyone with information about this incident, the truck, or its driver is asked to contact the detachment at 250-537-5555.

CYCLING

Bike to Work sign-up on now

Teams register for June 18 to 24

BY EMILY FRASER
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Most people don't like the idea of biking to work. The day is long enough and pedaling home isn't all that attractive.

But that's not the case at Salt Spring Middle School and Mouat's Trading. Tiffany Wightman and Rick Wilson are leading their Bike to Work teams from June 18 to 24, during the Velo Village celebrations. Many individuals and several other local businesses have taken the challenge of biking to work during Bike to Work Week on Salt Spring.

So how many kilometres will a person ride to and from work each day? With all of the great benefits like improving your health, reducing carbon emissions, saving money and reducing traffic congestion, you can't go wrong.

There is a little competitiveness in this event, especially with prizes to be announced, but also the idea of winning and having the most kilometres travelled on your team or even on your

own. Biking to work is also a great way to challenge yourself by timing your ride each day and trying to get better.

Bike to Work Week and Velo Village are a great way to celebrate the new bike lanes that have been approved this year, which will make bicycling on Salt Spring more tolerable for bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists, as well as making it a lot safer.

We know that Salt Spring has a way to go before it becomes bicycle heaven on earth 365 days a year, but with the bike lanes coming in the near future it will become much safer and easier to bike places you need to go.

And here's an added incentive. For people who work in the Ganges area, when you bike to work between June 18 and 24, you'll be able to grab a morning shower at the following locations: Rainbow Road Pool from 6 to 8 a.m. as well as at North End Fitness and Living Strong local gyms throughout the week.

Register your team now at www.biketowork.ca/user/register or contact me, Emily Fraser, at emily.m.fraser@gulfislandssecondary.ca.



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IDEAS

'Hungry Ghosts' author is next SS Forum visitor

Dr. Gabor Mate leads discussion on addiction, mental health and ADD

The Salt Spring Forum hosts one of Canada's leading thinkers on addiction, mental illness and their deeper causes when Dr. Gabor Mate presents a community discussion at Gulf Islands Secondary School on Saturday, June 2.

According to press material from the forum, Mate is also a leading expert on attention deficit disorder.

"For years he served as the physician in residence at the Portland Hotel, a last-chance destination for addicts in Vancouver's Downtown East Side. Today, he is a best-selling author who has attracted acclaim and criticism for challenging conventional thinking on addiction, mental health and ADD."

Mate's work focuses on the broader context in which human disease and disorders arise, emphasizing the role of the mind-body connection in the emergence of mental and physical illness. His latest book, *In the Realm of Hungry Ghosts*, explores the social context that creates a broad spectrum of addicts — from high-functioning workaholics to destitute users.

His best-selling book called *Scattered Minds: A New Look at the Origins and Healing of Attention Deficit Disorder* examines parent-child relationships and how our fragmented and highly pressured society relates to ADD in children. Mate's work weaves together neuroscience, case histories and his own experience in a passionate argument for changing the way we deal with children, addicts and mentally ill members of society.

Start time for the June 2 presentation called *Hooked: Addiction, Mental Illness and Attention Deficit Disorder* in a Culture of Stress is 7:30 p.m.

Purchasing tickets in advance is strongly recommended. Tickets are \$15 (although forum members pay \$10) and available from Salt Spring Books, Morning Inside Organic Cafe, Bakery and Bookstore, Salt Spring Air, Mouat's and Salt Spring Coffee.

NEWSBEAT

CAREERS

GISS apprenticeship grads get boost

Celebration held at the school on May 23

BY SHARI HAMBROOK
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Three GISS graduates of the Secondary School Apprenticeship Program each received \$1,000 scholarships from the Ministry of Education last Wednesday.

Benjamin Barter, Aren Ludlow and Haydn Smith all qualified for SSA scholarships by graduating from GISS with over 480 hours of apprenticeship training, C+ marks or better, and then continuing work in their trade areas to accumulate over 1,100 hours of work-based training by November of 2011.

All three students knew they wanted to become involved in the trades when they were in Grade 10, and the SSA Program allowed them to receive credits towards graduation for their paid work under qualified journeymen.

Barter has apprenticed under both Bruce Wood at Bruce's Kitchen and Steve Overholt at Marketplace Café. He is currently finishing his Level 2 Professional Chef training at Vancouver Island University, where he has had an exciting year, even competing at the Westin Bear Mountain Resort Restaurant.

Smith apprenticed under local carpenter Brent Mainprize for a short while before moving to Victoria in his Grade 12 year and working full time in commercial construction on the Bay Centre and the Royal Jubilee



Haydn Smith, right, with sponsor Adam Leach of DODECA Construction Group.

Hospital renovations. He is presently working for DODECA Construction Group renovating apartment buildings and condominiums. Smith is the first GISS carpentry student to complete Level 1 and Level 2 technical training before graduation under this new Secondary School Apprenticeship/ACE-IT model.

Ludlow has used his carpentry skills to take him around the world. He has spent summers working under local carpenters Chester Ludlow and Ron Besley on a number of projects and renovations.

After graduating from GISS, he was contracted to build four beautiful new tables for the GISS library. In the fall, he travelled as part of the Latitude Program to Fiji as a carpenter

of sustainable housing. He has been building schools and other projects in Fiji for the year and will return to Salt Spring in July.

The May 23 apprenticeship celebration was well attended by GISS apprenticeship students, parents, sponsors of the current students, local tradespeople, SSA advisory board members and business owners who support the apprenticeship programs.

GISS cook apprentices catered the event with amazing food.

Guest speaker Dennis Green of GO2, a tourism and hospitality industry training organization, was impressed by the community of Salt Spring and how successful the apprenticeship program has been here, as employers are able to support each other and provide work-based training for the local students.

Parents like Gail Mussell, whose son Byron will graduate from high school on June 9 as an electrical apprentice, are appreciative of the apprenticeship program.

"We are so thrilled he's had this goal and focus for these past two years. It's all worked out so well for him and he's off to Camosun in July, which will make us empty nesters for the first time in 32 years. It took our other three children quite a long time after graduating to decide on their paths, so it's great that Byron has a goal already. It's such a great program!"

The writer is GISS' Secondary School Apprenticeship program teacher.

EDUCATION

Middle school teachers ahead of curve on personalized learning

BCTF-sponsored program enables inquiry

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Local teachers are at the head of a class of independent thinkers when it comes to implementing personalized learning in B.C. schools.

A Salt Spring Middle School professional development project was one of eight across the province to qualify for funding from the B.C. Teachers' Federation in 2011-12. Personalized learning and how to implement it successfully were the focus of individual projects, with results presented at a special event held at the SIMS library last Wednesday.

The self-directed inquiry projects were aided by two facilitators, and funded through a BCTF grant of \$3,500 matched by the Gulf Islands School District.

"We really want to build a form of professional development teachers enjoy and model it. Teachers control the focus of what they're doing," BCTF researcher Charlie Naylor said of the process.

"We really get people engaged with thinking about what they do and how to move their teaching forward."

Gulf Islands Teachers' Association

president Jack Braak added, "This is how we best learn, is to take things we're curious about and explore. The union puts a lot of money into professional development, and for good reason."

A BCTF presentation on the self-inquiry format argues that teachers perform better when they see themselves as agents of change, rather than victims of change. With personalized learning methods enshrined in B.C.'s education plan, but no clear government direction on how the plan is to unfold this coming September, SIMS teachers became active agents by looking at their own teaching methods and exploring how to adapt them with applied projects throughout the 2011-12 school year.

Individual projects ranged from a constructivist view of what personalized learning means and what the specific roles are for the various players involved (student, parents, teachers and school); how to break down top-down teaching models and re-imagine teachers as part of the learning continuum (including personal teacher websites); how school counselors can better meet student needs in the transition, and how to implement personalized learning meth-

ods into specific programs such as French Immersion and MY SEEC.

During a follow-up presentation at the end of the event, French Immersion teacher Christianne Bevan noted plenty of challenges in bringing students through the applied projects over the past year, but felt everyone had learned something in the process.

"This is how we best learn, is to take things we're curious about and explore."

JACK BRAAK
GITA president

"This is not clear cut. It's messy and it's not tidy," she said, adding her plan now is to start much smaller and more simply with implementation strategies in September.

MY SEEC teacher Sarah Bateman said her ecology education program is in some ways well-suited to the new education model, joking, "I feel like I'm a giant personalized learning experiment happening."

But a survey of her students showed that some will be far readi-

er for independent study than others. Her project has been how to work with students and parents to set goals and timelines, and to make sure the same core competencies are being met in individual projects.

"I think the process has been great and I'm hopeful I'll get something in place that will support my students next year," she said.

Richard Lee has been applying personalized learning methods in his classroom for the past three years in a trial-and-error approach to learning how the model can best be taught to kids. His view is that in order for the new educational plan to be successful, there needs to be funding that supports smaller class sizes, increased parent/teacher consultation and specialized teacher-training outside of regular, self-directed professional development days.

Providing there is proper support, he feels the system has a lot to offer.

"By asking kids to invest their own self in their education, they're going to have a reason to learn," he said.

"Kids should understand that learning should be for their own personal growth, and if we can get them to understand that, we'll be able to teach them anything."

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EDITORIAL

Jumping the gun

With the last of the peahens effectively ousted from the small residential community near the end of Collins Road last week, there's no chance the fabled party of peafowl will make a comeback.

The final two peacocks, who are said to be understandably frustrated by the loss of their last female partner, can only hope to get relocated before they too are dispatched by the rifle-toting resident who has clearly had enough of the birds' unwanted droppings and shrill cries.

Whatever the fate of the Mount Erskine neighbourhood's last peacocks, the recent peafowl shootings have, not surprisingly, touched a nerve among islanders, many of whom have expressed outrage over the animals' slaughter.

"Sad," "appalling" and "insane" are only a few of the words some residents have used to describe the killings.

THE ISSUE:

Peafowl slaughter

WE SAY:

Shooting birds not the answer

Many islanders like to believe that Salt Spring is among the few places left on Earth where compromise and consensus can prevail, a place where the needs and desires of the community take precedence over the inclinations

of any one individual.

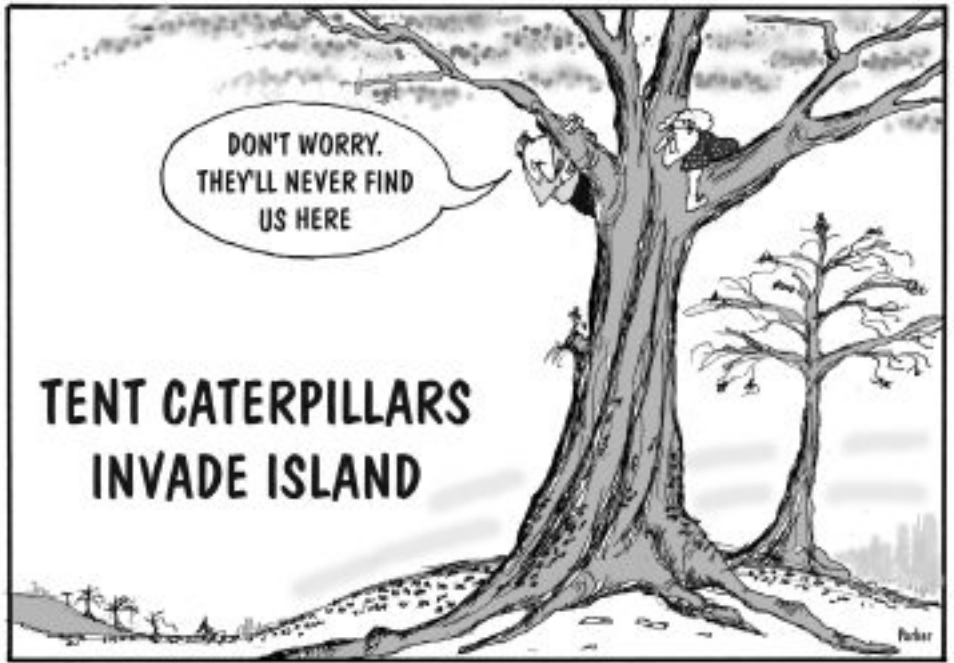
Living in such a community should mean both sides of any debate can hash out a compromise without resorting to name calling, threats, police intervention and gunfire.

The Collins Road peafowl are considered neither pets, farm animals nor wildlife. As such, they are afforded no protection under provincial or federal regulations. Undoubtedly, this regulatory "grey area" has challenged local authorities and encouraged much of the frustration expressed by both sides of the peahen saga. Such a disastrous outcome was inevitable given that the issue has lasted for so many years.

It's an exceptional situation, but it is from these unforeseen and surprising events that people and communities stand to learn the most about each other and themselves.

The peahens of Mount Erskine may be doomed, but now that residents have sounded the alarm, it remains to be seen what happens to the last lonely peacocks, two birds that now have more reason to howl than ever before.

One thing we're sure of is that the illegal use of a firearm is not an acceptable solution to any island problem.



Tips for sharing our island roads

BY JOHN WAKEFIELD

Getting to our destination safely is always the goal when we are on the road.

While our island pastoral roads can be calmer than urban areas, they can also be twisty, undulating and narrow in nature. Combine that with the fact that they can be busy with motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, scooters, farm equipment and wildlife, and it pays to use your road sense.

With large numbers of cyclists rolling into town from June 21 to 24 for the Velo Village conference, it is a particularly apt time to remind us all to use our road sense and share the road. There will be some changes in traffic flow and no doubt some delays and we urge cyclists and motorists both to exercise extra patience and diligence.

The most concentrated cycling traffic during the festival will be after the arrival of the bike-only ferry from Swartz Bay. The Saturday, June 23 10:35 a.m. arrival time will see a large group of cyclists riding from Fulford, along Beaver Point, Stewart and Beddis roads into Ganges. The northbound lane of this route from Beaver Point Road to Fulford Ganges Road will be re-dedicated for bicycle-only traffic from approximately 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Northbound motorists will be asked to use Fulford-Ganges Road instead and, if practical, all motorists should avoid this route entirely during this critical period. The rest of the time, watch for increased cycling traffic, especially on routes to the ferry terminals.

Some specific tips for both motorists and cyclists:

- Drivers**
- Slow down where there is no clear line of sight — a cyclist may be around that next blind corner.
 - Exercise extra care when you overtake other vehicles and cyclists on narrow and/or twisty roads.
 - When passing a cyclist, leave at least one metre between your

VIEWPOINT

vehicle and the cyclist.

- Stay calm and relaxed. Keep your emotions in check.
- Obey posted speed limits and instructions of flag persons.

- Left shoulder check when exiting your vehicle when parallel parked (or in the Fulford ferry line-up on Fulford-Ganges Road).

Cyclists

- Ride as far right as practicable to the right side of the road (one metre away from the edge of the pavement).
- Don't ride side-by-side of another cyclist.
- Cyclists have the legal right to use the road and are not required to cycle on any part of a road that is not paved.
- Be visible (cyclists must use a headlight and tail light half an hour after dawn, and half an hour before dusk, but using them with bright reflective clothing all the time is a good idea).
- Stay calm and relaxed. Keep your emotions in check.
- Be predictable.
- Use (hand) signals when changing lanes, turning, stopping or slowing down.
- Wear a helmet, it's the law.

There will be some changes in traffic flow and no doubt some delays . . .

Each year in Canada, almost 3,000 people are killed in road crashes and another 200,000 are injured mainly due to driver impairment, speeding, driver distraction, fatigue and failure to buckle up. Remember that travelling safely protects our friends, neighbours and families.

The bottom line is that common sense is always in order for all motorists and cyclists — stay sober, slow down, stay alert and use safety equipment (belts and helmets).

And on June 21-24, please be extra patient and diligent on the road. The Velo Village cyclists will thank you for sharing our lovely roads.

The writer is a member of the Island Pathways Velo Village team.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Have Conservative budget cuts gone too far? Yes No

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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do islanders need to slow down on the roads?

42 YES
 21 NO

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IslandVoices

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Is it okay to kill something in your neighbourhood?
What's next, cats and small noisy children?"

SUSAN JENSEN, ON PEAPOWLS DEATHS

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: How are you dealing with tent caterpillars?



BANANA JOE CLEMENTE

I don't have to do anything. They don't eat palm trees.



MARIAN HARGROVE

We're hand-picking them off our strawberries, raspberries and fruit trees and we also have wide bands of tangle-foot around our fruit trees.



MADISON FEATHERSTONE

I don't make my living off plants, so I just see it as part of a cycle.



BETH MCDERMOTT

We have consciously accepted them.



DAVID GARRETT

I just moved here. I didn't know what they were but they're crawling everywhere

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.

Slowpokes pull over

I want to thank Dan Dickmeyer for his response to the Rabson article regarding slowing people down on the Fulford-Ganges Road (May 23 "Not too slow, please" letter).

I have followed people more than once on that highway at 30 km/h all the way from Fulford to Ganges. I can't tell you how frustrating that is. After reading Dan's letter, I actually called the RCMP to find out if it is illegal to go so much slower than the posted speed limit. The officer I spoke to said in fact there are no minimums for our rural roads as there are in other jurisdictions. However, he added the responsible and, more importantly, the courteous thing to do is to watch your rear-view mirror and pull over to let other vehicles by you if you don't want to go the posted speed limit.

He also said that although it is extremely difficult to prove that someone is deliberately acting as a "pace car," that is illegal.

I'm one of the people that Dan mentioned that does

have a slower lifestyle, but still have appointments to make and ferries to catch. There are lots of people who do pull over — however, there are lots too who hog the centre line, and do well under the speed limit with no regard for anyone else on the highway. Dan was right. It can lead to road rage or to people taking unsafe actions simply because they are so frustrated.

I realize we are all aging and some of us can't see well, hear well or process information easily. I know that as a result people go slower. While I appreciate the fact that they do not want to get into an accident, their actions of going so slowly without letting others by can do just that — cause an accident.

Please, if you want to do less than the speed limit, pull over and let the guys behind you by — it only takes a second or two to do and you won't have people hurling insults at you. Instead you'll get many thank-yous. Courtesy is a circle — what goes around, comes around.

KISHORI HUTCHINGS,
MAIN STREET

Eloquent Arvid

Re: Arvid Chalmers' Flukimus Maximus show on Sunday evening: In my dreams I can hold an audience spellbound for 80 minutes. On Sunday night Arvid did it for real.

It was simple, brave beyond measure (make that belly dance), effortlessly funny and touching. We should all be so lucky to have our lives summed up with such eloquence. You could hear a pin drop, Arvid. I'm sure Robin threw you bravos.

Glad I was there.
SCOTT HYLANDS,
SALT SPRING

No slow conspiracies

There have been a number of wild "conspiracy" theories regarding our "Slow Down It's Salt Spring" campaign.

To Dan Dickmeyer (May 23 letter writer) and a few others who have concerns, I would like to assure you our only intent is to have people who drive at excessive speeds slow down to

protect the children, adults and pets of Salt Spring.

In addition we are hoping to get people to adopt the philosophy of "slow down" in supermarkets, sidewalks and in their overall lives.

Along the way we are trying to teach our sons the ins and outs of starting a small business by selling T-shirts, tote bags and such at the Saturday market. I do hope there is nothing sinister in this.

We do not intend to slow traffic on Fulford-Ganges to a crawl, zap the energy from the brains of senior citizens or stock Stowel Lake with piranha.

Now, in regards to the mother ship landing in the middle of Ganges . . .

JAN RABSON,
SLOW DOWN IT'S SALT SPRING CAMPAIGN

Bike route

Regarding Atkins Road being designated as a bicycle route (May 16 "Bad road" letter) — that is not true.

The sign there will let you know to turn left onto Swanson Road. You will end up on Park Drive and hit the main road by the Anglican church. The intent for this

bypass was so that bicyclists did not have to deal with the congested area by our "strip mall" (from Country Grocer to Golden Island Restaurant).

I do agree that Atkins Road is very bad, absolutely not to standard, but that is the Ministry of Transportation's mandate.

People like the letter-writer should let the MoT know and lobby for keeping our roads up to standard.

MARGARETHA NORDINE,
SALT SPRING

CRD survey pointless

The Capital Regional District must go. Once again the mindless mavens — yes, I do know that is an oxymoron — of the CRD are proving how out of touch they really are. I just got an extremely detailed survey from the CR(U)D asking for the most intimate details about my house and property, presumably to once again boost my taxes.

Why don't they ask about my drinking water, or rather lack thereof?

Wouldn't the fact that we had to buy bottled water last year — and it looks like

we may soon be doing that again — have more to do with the value of my property than the number of closets in my house?

I have a lake view. Let me rephrase that. I have a view of a toxic mud puddle containing water you may not drink, fish or swim in. I would think that is of more concern than the square footage of my carport.

The CRD has abrogated its responsibility to provide services, i.e. potable water, to my property, therefore I feel I do not owe the CRD any taxes. I feel that anyone using water from St. Mary Lake or living along the shores of St. Mary Lake should withhold the CRD share of their property taxes until such time as the CRD lives up to its responsibilities.

To send out a detailed survey, the purpose of which can only be to raise taxes, at this time is proof that the CR(U)D has their collective heads up where the sun don't shine. Enough is enough.

K. BUTLER,
FAIRWAY DRIVE

MORE LETTERS continued on 11

Do we really want to encourage cycling on SSI?

BY JOHN BATEMAN

Head to the Velo Village web page and the description that meets your gaze is this: "Velo Village celebrates rural cycling. Between June 21st and 23rd Salt Spring Island will be bicycle heaven-on-earth — the most welcoming place on this planet to be riding your bike."

I am considering sending those two sentences to the good people at Webster's so they may consider citing them as the most perfect example of an oxymoron one can find.

If we are to believe, like the description states, that there is a heaven and hell, then I think in cycling terms Salt Spring is closer to the latter. I'm not sure even the most sinister of minds could create a more hostile environment for pedestrians, motorists or cyclists. Narrow roads with blind crests and corners certainly don't make for the most relaxing country jaunt. Add to that mix a population of drivers that are racing to ferries, to work or are simply driving with their testosterone level on high and you have a recipe for a really

bad Stephen King novel.

I do come to this conclusion from a place of experience. Having travelled these roads many times as a cyclist, motorist and pedestrian, I actually feel safest when I am home doing chainsaw work in my bathing suit. I am a safe cyclist. I wear a helmet, use my hand signals and cycle on the road in the direction of traffic. The only place I cycle now, however, is Hornby Island where they actually have some semblance of a bike lane and far fewer cars. There is nothing more challenging and dangerous for motorists and cyclists when they all meet on one of the many narrow and winding places on this island.

Although Salt Spring is a wonderful destination for any number of outdoor activities, cycling is not one of them. It's not because I'm anti-cycling. It's because this island simply isn't ready to be advertised as a cycling destination, although inexplicably it has

GUEST COLUMN

been for many years. After reading much of the available travel literature about Salt Spring, I'm sure many touring cyclists have arrived on this island and considered turning around — and not because of the grocery prices.

Even worse are the field trips of school children brought here to enjoy a relaxing pedal. At times I have seen dozens of kids stretched out over many kilometres, weaving back and forth on the road. They are usually chatting or racing each other, all the while having no idea that there are even cars on the road. It's scenarios like this that force drivers into situations they might not be capable of handling.

Indeed this island is visually stunning, but while cycling here and often driving here, all I can think about is the distribution of my assets.

I'm sure there are some cyclists who are

quite capable of riding on roads such as ours — cyclists who don't feel entitled to break the speed limit, ride side by side or stop around a blind corner or on a hill. These riders are in the minority, however. On a perfect island, I would be happy to take the bikes out with my family, but Salt Spring is still years and millions of dollars away from that realization.

Enter the Velo Village experiment. Having a rural cycling awareness gathering would be better suited to a place that has already established a safe cycling environment — a model that rural communities can view and take an example from. Yet hundreds of cyclists will still descend on Salt Spring in June.

I hope that Velo Village will act as an educator and not as an advertisement to bring droves of more cyclists before Salt Spring is ready for them.

The writer is an observational therapist, writer and broadcaster living on Salt Spring.

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OPINION

Canadian colossus: Hesjedal victory could be the start of something incredibly special

Ryder Hesjedal has done the unthinkable.

The 31-year-old Victoria native made history Sunday after becoming the first Canadian cyclist ever, and only the third non-Italian cyclist since 1997, to earn first place in the prestigious Giro d'Italia tour.

In case you didn't know, the Giro d'Italia is one of the three major European cycling Grand Tours, with the others being the Vuelta a España and the Tour de France. Not only did Hesjedal become the first Canadian winner of the Giro d'Italia tour but he's also the first Canuck to win any of the three Grand Tours.

In a sport dominated by Europeans, Lance Armstrong and steroids (whoops), Hesjedal's victory not only stands as a phenomenal accomplishment in itself but also as a statement to the world that Canadians are indeed a threat in sports outside of hockey.



Patrick
Cwiklinski

OFFSIDE

We're good at sliding down snowy mountain-sides too, I guess.

But let's be completely honest for a second here, shall we? The 2010 Winter Olympics proved Canadians were exceptional skiers, snowboarders and sled people (that can't be the actual term, I'm sorry) and while it was a fantastic journey and superb event, did we not already know that we were great at those sports from the beginning?

I don't mean to sound overconfident bordering on cocky with this, but there really aren't many countries that can compete on the same level as Canada when it comes to winter sports. There are

some, just not many.

And don't get me wrong, I'm not trying to belittle the many Canadian milestones that were made in Vancouver, but to me, Hesjedal's win on foreign soil signifies something much bigger.

Now this might sound a bit off topic for your typical sports column, but just hear me out for a second. Over the last couple of years there's been a huge influx of Canadian talent crossing over to the United States and overseas with the likes of musical artists such as Justin Bieber and Drake making it primetime outside of this beautiful country.

Hesjedal can be our Bieber — for sports obviously people, for sports. There can only be one Bieber, I know — relax.

Granted, he's been at this cycling thing for awhile now, but with Steve Nash becoming the GM of the Canadian national basketball

team and Milos Raonic doing a pretty darn good job with the tennis side of things, isn't it time for this country to do some serious damage outside of what we're already good at?

Think about it, if we've had hidden gems like Ryder Hesjedal all along, how many soccer players, boxers, swimmers or you name it are out there just waiting for their shot? There's a rose bush full of talent up here just waiting to get picked and to know Hesjedal is only the beginning is a bright light indeed.

Call it overexcited or wishful thinking, but Hesjedal's win at the Giro d'Italia could be just what the Canadian people need to get over the hump from being those quirky and overwhelmingly polite folks who are good at all things snow and ice to an international powerhouse in the sports world for years to come.

RANTS and Roses

Rants

A bunch of stinking seaweed to clog the salt water intake of the speedboats belonging to the brain-dead idiots who roared through the crowded anchorage in Ganges Harbour, which has a posted speed limit of 5, count 'em on your fingers, 5 knots from the sailing club in — and just at dusk in reduced visibility. I hope the RCMP boat was indeed giving out tickets to the couple of morons they pulled over, the ones who had their stereo up to maximum decibels to compensate for their minimal IQ. Me, I'd make you paddle back to wherever you came from without a boat operator's certificate. Not that I am annoyed that you screamed by my boat at about five times the posted (it is posted) speed limit. On the highway you would be pilloried and banned from driving for years for doing 200 k through a 20-k zone, what makes you think you can do it here? Greg Middleton

Roses

A wheelbarrow full of spring roses to Tony, Robin, George, Terry, Woody, Al, Mike, Ted, Rod, Gord and Bruce. They did it again! Those special angels from the Farmers' Institute and the neighbourhood are watching over me. Even in their busy lives, they found a day to give, with good humour, hard work and camaraderie. Hugs, Kerry

My grateful thanks and a shopping cart full of double-

delight roses to the kind person who found my VISA card in Thrifty Foods on May 15. Gloria Dorworth

Many thanks to the good samaritan who found my lost water bill and popped it in the mail. It has since come back to me and is properly stamped and on its way to do its duty. Helen

Sending dozens of roses to Steve Dashwood of Dashwood Construction for helping me in a time of need. Your kindness and caring was so much appreciated. Thanks a million. Mairi G

A horse trailer full of roses for John and Andrea Pringle and family. Your horses worked hard and were rewarded with love, respect and deep soft sawdust in their stalls. Your riders and crew were happy and helpful. Everywhere you left your thunderbird quarters spiffy. You are somethin' else!

Lots of sunny roses for Claire for all your hard work to organize a successful Tree Frog annual fundraiser and for your time on the board. Thank you so much and good luck with your new business Diana Claire in real estate.

Salt Spring Hospice would like to pin a burgundy hospice rose on all those who participated in our 3rd Annual Hike for Hospice. Those who hiked in memory of someone

special braved the bustling Saturday market and the wind to come out to also support their local hospice. The support of local businesses made it possible to promote and enhance this annual event. A huge bouquet of roses to Pharmasave, which was the hike's major supporter.

Viva Voce sends roses to Bruce Wood of Bruce's Kitchen for sponsoring our concert draw. Linda Stafford is the lucky winner of the \$75 certificate; mini roses to all who participated! We send another bunch to the wonderful Canadian Concession Crew — Kim Elsser and her team's cheerful and generous support is much appreciated by us all. Thank you, ladies.

Big bunches of rainbow-coloured roses to all who helped make the Co-op Preschool Spring Carnival a fun successful event. Big thanks to the following volunteers/donors: Oystercatcher, Mark LeCorre, Bruce Everett, Vaughn Fulford, Shane Hooper, Naomi Jason and the dance troupe, Ryan Quist and band, The Resistance, Jim Raddysb, Phoenix Lazare, Valdy, The Shrubberies, West of the Moon, Island Star, SS Coffee, Persnickety, Family Place, Country Grocer, Thrifty Foods, face painters Jasmin and Jessica, plus all the preschool families and friends that volunteered. We are a better community with you in it!

OPINION

MORE LETTERS

Workable lake solutions

Reference your editorial last week, "Time for real action on St. Mary's," please be advised that coordinated efforts are underway to tackle the problem of algal bloom through a two-pronged approach which is being pursued by the CRD director and trustees.

CRD director Wayne McIntyre and trustees met earlier this month to discuss planning manager Leah Hartley's advice on the subject: to assemble a working group comprising each of the bodies with regulatory powers over St. Mary Lake and water quality. These groups are: CRD, the local Trust committee, the Ministry of Health, the Vancouver Island Health Authority and the North Salt Spring Waterworks District.

Assembling such a group will ensure we approach the problem of water quality from an integrated perspective, that ensures there is no duplication of effort and in a manner that maximizes communication between each of the regulators. This subject was discussed

at the LTC meeting on May 17 and a motion asking the LTC to support the formation of the working group will be tabled at the next meeting on June 7.

Also at the June 7 LTC meeting there will be a motion for the LTC to support a seminar on island sewage issues, which are a significant contributory factor in terms of poor water quality. The motion will propose that this event be part of the LTC's community engagement pilot. The seminar already has the support of the CRD and a committee that provides broad community representation, including the Salt Spring Water Council Society and the Salt Spring Water and Sewer Working Group, has already been struck to manage it. The first meeting of the committee has already been held.

As our editorial rightly identified, we already know the problems — they have been studied for long enough — and these two initiatives are part of the process of assessing the options available to the community in constructing workable solutions and in exploring affordable options for funding them.

Although these initiatives will include an essential focus on issues relating to St. Mary Lake, the plans of action that emerge should have broad relevance for sewage

and potable water throughout Salt Spring Island. Sewage disposal and potable water are issues of vital community interest and environmental concern and we wish to encourage the broadest community involvement in shaping these events.

GEORGE GRAMS,
SALT SPRING TRUSTEE

Community angels

I found out the meaning of "community." It is "Salt Spring Island."

Winter has come and gone, and I am still here, thanks to many doctors, nurses and aides at Royal Jubilee Hospital.

Unexpectedly, I had to call 911 on Feb. 20. I ended up in the ICU and finally into the hospital, a total of 24 long days. A few weeks ago on my road to recovering, I found out the true meaning of community spirit from Salt Spring Island. I was pleasantly and truly surprised to receive the most loving gifts.

I would sincerely like to give a warm, heartfelt thank-you and tears of joy to those angels from Island Comfort Quilts, Salt Spring Singers and those who supported and prayed for me during this time.

GERRI IRWIN,
SALT SPRING

Reduce radiation hazards

BY JAN STEINMAN

Sarah Morris asked about geiger counter readings on Salt Spring Island since the Fukushima disaster (May 16 "Geiger counter?" letter).

I conducted careful ionizing radiation counts between March 16 and May 6 of 2011, and found nothing unusual. A neighbour borrowed my geiger counter and sampled the dust from her central vacuum and also found nothing unusual. My data and methodology can be viewed at: http://www.EcoReality.org/wiki/Radiation_log.

But that doesn't mean we should not be concerned, nor that we should not continue to pressure politicians and industry to reduce or eliminate these dangerous hazards.

At the tiny doses we are likely to see from Fukushima, it is extremely difficult to gather useful data from inexpensive instruments. Air or water needs to be filtered over long periods in order to concentrate the radioisotopes. Canada should perform these exacting, difficult measurements and release the data.

If the amounts are so small, no problem, right? But the effects of ionizing radiation in tiny doses are well-known. The "linear, no-threshold" (LNT) model is well established, endorsed by the U.S. National Cancer Institute, among others. This means that, contrary to nuclear proponents' claims, there is no "safe" level below which there is no health impact. If you are old enough to have lived through atmospheric nuclear weapons testing before it was banned, the U.S. NCI will estimate your increased likelihood of contracting thyroid cancer, based upon where you lived and what sort of milk you drank. My own risk is nearly doubled, and I lived about as far from the bomb tests as we live from Fukushima.

Nuclear proponents will gleefully — and correctly — point out that you get more radiation from a granite counter top than from the Fukushima disaster. Indeed, in my own sampling, I found my early readings had been biased by some dusty old books.

But all radiation is not the same, and we don't eat books nor granite: the problem is the ingestion of tiny amounts of biologically active radioisotopes that are then incorporated into our tissues, continually bombarding nearby tissue with radiation. This is well-known: infinitesimal amounts of such isotopes are correlated with statistically significant increases in cancer, decades down the road.

But more troubling is the immedi-

ate effect on the weakest among us: the elderly and infants. Indeed, the B.C. coroner's office has reported a large increase in infant deaths since Fukushima, writing it off as "poor parenting skills" and ignor-

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ing requests to correlate the death spike with Fukushima radiation. Following the Three Mile Island meltdown, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine epidemiologist Dr. Ernest Sternglass found that 450 "excess" infant deaths had occurred over the normal infant death rate. None of those dead babies were probably autopsied, and if they had been, there would be no little red flags inside saying "Three Mile Island killed me!"

Sternglass was pilloried by the nuclear establishment. Nuclear proponents will point out that "correlation is not causation," and they insist that things be "proven" before we do something as drastic as change our lifestyle. They will tell you Fukushima was an "exceptional event" beyond "design parameters."

What other "exceptional events" might we expect in a world with increasingly intensive weather, where our lust for energy through fracking is actually causing earthquakes near nuclear plants? Chernobyl here, Fukushima there — pretty soon, we're looking at millions of casualties. When consequences are so dire, the "precautionary principle" is called for.

We need to hold our public officials accountable. Ask the B.C. coroner's office why parenting skills so suddenly changed after Fukushima. Ask the Harper government why routine radiation monitoring was stopped following Fukushima. Ask Harper why, when his own watchdog reported safety issues at the Chalk River reactor, he fired her.

The answer they won't tell you is that our industrial, energy-rich way of life is worth a few extra dead babies who can't tell tales. If you disagree, you can write letters, protest, make phone calls, get angry.

But most importantly, don't be a big part of the problem. Simplify your life. Reduce your energy use. Don't buy short-lived plastic crap from across the ocean. Having voluntarily cut our income by 80 per cent over the years, I know it is possible to have a quality life while having a low impact.

If "things" are more important than people, the "modern-lifestyle-is-not-negotiable" people win, and the dead babies lose. Your call.

The writer is a creator of EcoReality on Salt Spring.

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DANCE PERFORMANCE

Academy dancers take on circus theme



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Salt Spring Arts Academy dancers are ready for *Under the Big Top*, an original one-act ballet at ArtSpring June 1 and 2.

Under the Big Top on
tap June 1 & 2

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Sword swallows, snake charmers, lions and bears will all be part of the action when the Salt Spring Arts Academy presents *Under the Big Top*, its first original ballet.

Hitting the ArtSpring stage on Friday, June 1 and Saturday, June 2, the one-act ballet includes roles for the program's ballet students in a show choreographed, written and directed by Lisa Hall. Students of all levels from ages eight to 18 will have the chance to showcase their work from over the past year in the delightful story of a girl who is enchanted by the performers and animals when the circus comes to her village.

Under *The Big Top* stars 22 dancers from Hall's Company Class, which focuses on technique, musicality, and building grace and poise through an intensive curriculum. Hall

creates individualized training for each student to help them achieve their personal goals. The chance to perform in public adds a crucial element to the students' dance education.

"Some of these girls have been with us for a long time and they can do their recital pieces with their eyes closed," Arts Academy director Shelley Mahoney explained.

"I thought, 'We need a bigger challenge,' and Lisa rose to the occasion to create this piece for us."

New students and first-time performers are rising to the challenge of putting on the ballet with as much commitment as more serious students like Ruby Barnard. She has been studying dance for eight years and will spend the entire show on stage as the little girl.

Barnard said being in a small community program brings several advantages, such as allowing mixed levels to work together in classes and in the final show.

"It's kind of cool, because if you're with people who are

more advanced you push yourself harder, and if you are more advanced you can be a role model," she said.

"You learn different skills when you're not just with one age group."

Under the Big Top will be a new experience for Barnard, who recently performed at ArtSpring in the GISPA production of Haroun. Her part this time around will be more character-based than previous dance roles.

"That's different for me because I'm not used to creating an emotional feeling and an atmosphere," she said.

Fellow GISPA member Abby Rothwell, an academy dance student for three years, will appear as the ringmaster. She also feels that staying in character while performing adds an interesting challenge.

"GISPA has a lot of acting and portraying character, but not through dance. This is more portraying character through movement," she observed.

Indigo Porebska-Smith will play multiple characters,

including a sword swallower, a gypsy and a snake charmer. Completing her second year of dance and her first in ballet, she said she's excited to participate in her first big show.

"It wasn't so challenging to jump into it... everyone's been super nice and super supportive," she said.

"The diversity of having all the different pieces we have is good, with different styles of music and levels."

The elements come together under Hall's expert direction. In addition to teaching the academy's ballet and company classes, she is the artistic director of Veselka Dancers in Victoria and a teacher at the Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific and United World College in Victoria.

Under *The Big Top* proceeds will help maintain a bursary fund for the Salt Spring Arts Academy. Tickets are \$20 general admission and \$10 for students, available at the ArtSpring ticket centre or online at www.artspring.ca.

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"They're literary giants of our time," said writer Brian Brett, from the co-sponsoring Salt Spring Theatre Alive Society. "Between the two of them they've won almost every award in the country and most of them at least twice."

Crozier has published 17 books, including *The Blue*

Hour of the Day, *Selected Poems in 2007*; the award-winning memoir, *Small Beneath the Sky* in 2009; and *Small Mechanics*, a collection of poems in 2011.

She is the editor of two books of essays, most recently *Addicted: Notes from the Belly of the Beast*,

of two anthologies of young Canadian poets and of *Best Canadian Poetry, 2010*.

This summer, Greystone Books will publish *The Book of Marvels: A Compendium of Everyday Things*.

Lane is described by acclaimed writer Jane Urquhart as "our most essential

poet: tough, tender, fearless, and beautifully dangerous. For decades he has been our guide to darkness, and our provider of unexpected flashes of brilliant, almost blinding light. Now gathered together in one spot, the poetry of his life enhances and energizes us, and takes us to places we would never go on our own. Lane is a true master."

Lane's recent books include *The Collected Poems of Patrick Lane*, *Red Dog Red Dog* (novel), *There Is a Season — A Memoir*, *Witness*, *Last Water Song*, *Go Leaving Strange* and *The Bare Plum of Winter Rain*.

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BOOK LAUNCH

Island captured in Levy photographs

Book launch held at Barb's on June 2

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Island photographer Michael Levy is showcasing Salt Spring's changing face and its eternal underlying spirit in a new book being launched at 6 p.m. this Saturday, June 2 at Barb's Bakery and Bistro.

Levy creates an enduring visual record of Salt Spring as the magical place we know it to be in *Salt Spring: A Portrait of an Island*, featuring some 90 gorgeous, full-colour shots over 96 pages. Landscapes and close-up nature shots represent the island's physical beauty while photos of past and present businesses and structures bring in some of its unique character.

"I'm trying to pull the atmosphere and the feeling of the island out through the photos," Levy explained.

"They're the pictures people couldn't take themselves, or they wanted to take. It produces the feeling of the island that people have experienced themselves."

The photos represent 14 years of Levy's work in what he describes as a "current-era coffee-table book." (The 8" by 8" hardcover is a bit smaller than the traditional version, and definitely more affordable at just \$25.)

Someone first suggested the idea for the photographic essay back in 2000, but at the time Levy didn't feel his body of work was comprehensive enough to



Michael Levy

adequately represent the island.

Shortly after that, he met fellow photographer Howard Fry during the campaign to save Salt Spring from Texada Land Corporation logging, and a different book project was born. *Salt Spring: The People, The Place*, a "former-era" coffee-table book with photographs by Levy, Fry and Osman Phillips, was published in 2004.

"I still had it in the back of my mind, of course, that at some point I'd still like to do my own book," Levy said, noting that collaboration comes with many benefits but can dilute personal artistic vision. However, by the end of the previous book's run

Levy was balancing ownership of the island's cinema with progressive illness due to kidney failure, and was hardly taking photographs anymore.

A kidney transplant in 2010 (through donation by Levy's sister Barb) gave the artist the energy, health and inclination to get back into photography, while the sale of the movie theatre supplied the funds to switch his equipment over from analogue to digital.

"I found it refreshing, getting back into photography on different terms," he said, noting the format provides much more freedom of how and when to shoot images.

With the book idea still in mind, he began to flesh out his existing archives with the photos he felt were missing to create a full picture. Around 30 to 40 per cent of the images in the book were shot within the past year.

How to format the book — how much information, and what type to include — was a question Levy deliberated for some time. In the end he decided that *Salt Spring's* history had been covered well by Charles Kahn, while current guidebook-type information is best accessed

through the Internet. What was missing, he felt, was a well-done pictorial, produced in a format that exceeds how images look on a screen.

"We tend to think of a portrait as a momentary thing... I wanted to create a portrait that wasn't a snapshot of a particular day or a particular era, but over my entire time here. It was more important to get the flavour of the island, what has existed over time and what's left the most indelible impressions on us," he said.

Digital technology helped Levy create the basic layout himself, which he has arranged without dividing photos into arbitrary categories such as season or location. Rather, he lets image colour and composition bring one image to the next. His selection received much input from family and friends, with final design for print by Kevin Luke at Barnyard Grafix.

The launch is presented by Salt Spring Books, the first dealer to carry the book and the only place to get autographed copies. Levy will include time for a Q&A but anticipates mainly a "real community celebration" at the Barb's event.



A spread from Levy's new book.

ART SHOW

Three artists share ArtSpring exhibit space through June

Painters Wendy Wickland, Caroline Withers and Jose Campbell

Local artists Jose Campbell, Caroline Withers and Wendy Wickland are showcasing a selection of paintings in an inspiring show in the ArtSpring lobby in the month of June.

According to press material, Campbell's upbringing shaped

her observational skills and made her a keen observer of the Prairie landscape and animals that surrounded her.

"Those skills continue to deepen in her paintings as she is currently focusing on portraits of people and animals in oils."

Wickland also finds portraits irresistible as she seeks to illustrate common life situations in oils and mixed media works. In her work she hopes to tell a story, raise a question and

encourage a closer look and curiosity about her subjects.

Withers brings a novel and insightful look at the world around her and the people and situations she observes.

All three artists recognize the importance of drawing as the cornerstone of their artistic work and continue to attend life and portrait sessions as the basis of developing the ability to depict the varied and fascinating world they find surrounding them.

CELEBRATIONS

St. Mark's Church gets special 120th anniversary celebration

Whole-parish gathering for Anglicans and community

Salt Spring's Anglican Parish celebrates the 120th anniversary of the dedication of its first church on the island — St. Mark's at Central — with a special event on Sunday, June 3.

A joint celebration for the whole parish will be held at 10 a.m. at All Saints By-the-Sea following the traditional order of the Book of Common Prayer with hymns from the Victorian period.

At 4:30 p.m. Choral Evensong will be sung at St. Mark's Church with the choir of All Saints and special music provided by Laurie and Jim Stubbs

on trumpet and bassoon. The Stubbs have chosen some English and Continental music from the Victorian period, including works of Arthur Sullivan, Béla Bartók and a dash of Mozart.

A reception will follow Evensong.

As a parish news release explains, "St. Mark's Church is one of the small gems of Salt Spring Island with handsome oak fur-

nishings, remarkably fine locally embroidered textiles, and colourful stained glass windows, two of which are well over a century old. At the rear of the church a memorial window to Queen Victoria, brought from England in 1901, is unique in Canada."

There is no admission charge for Sunday's events, but donations will be gratefully accepted.

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ART APPRECIATION

Secrets of art framing shared at Pegasus talk

First Thursday event on June 7

The Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art continues its popular First Thursday talks on June 7 with Framing: Aesthetics, Conservation and Budget.

"Art appreciation is one of the goals of the informal and interac-

tive talks and the frame is an integral part of that appreciation," explains a press release from the gallery.

"Have you ever walked in a gallery — or perhaps a public or private space — and looking at a displayed artwork remarked not on the art itself, but on the frame? Chances are, the remark was not a positive one. A lot can go wrong

with a poorly chosen frame. Not only will the artwork fail its potential, but you may have adversely affected the long-term condition of the artwork, and wasted money in the process."

Special guest speakers Gillian McConnell and Mike Mintern, the Pegasus Gallery framing team, will be on hand to talk about the important issues and choices.

Using framed examples of art in the gallery, guests can critique or praise the frame or get ideas for their own art framing.

The talk is on Thursday, June 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the gallery, seaside at Mouat's on the boardwalk.

Light refreshments are served and everyone is welcome.

Call 250-537-2421 or visit www.pegasusgallery.ca for more info.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Eclectic Visions show ready to click for viewers

Photo club members exhibit together

Salt Spring Photography Club members have come together again to present their Eclectic Visions exhibit at ArtSpring beginning on Friday, June 1.

This year 29 photographers out of the club's 80 members will be participating, as well as Ben Beaver, a club-sponsored student from Gulf Islands Secondary School.

An opening reception will be held the evening of

June 1, from 5 to 7 p.m., with everyone welcome to enjoy refreshments and a chance to meet and talk with the photographers. Gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily and the exhibition will be open on the evenings of any ArtSpring performances as well. A club member will be on hand to give information and to assist with sales. The show runs until June 18.

"Eclectic Visions is a chance for club members to show the community their best or favourite work," explains a press release. "As the name implies, the only unifying theme behind the

show will be the variety in the photography it encompasses.

"This year has seen great growth in the club, and not only in membership. A growing number of personal exhibitions throughout the community have been put on by various members, with much success. And, spurred on by the encouragement that belonging to a club provides, many of us have tried our hands at techniques and subject matters that are new to us."

Slide shows of club images can now be seen at the Harbour House restaurant, Salt Spring Coffee Company, the

"This year has seen great growth in the

club . . ."

SALT SPRING PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Fritz cinema and Lady Minto Hospital.

The Salt Spring Photography Club meets in the portable at Portlock Park the second Wednesday of every month from 7 to 9 p.m. Meet-

ings consist of club business, an educational presentation and a friendly critique and appreciation of images sent in by club members relating to that particular month's theme.

Informal coffee meetings take place at Harbour House every Monday morning at 10.

The club also has a website where members post photographs for critique, blogs and discussions and, a new feature this year and just for fun, other forms of non-photographic art work.

For more information, visit the club's website at www.spsphotog.ca.

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RECITAL

Duo West makes tracks for June 6 M&M debut

Visiting cellist and violinist perform at All Saints

Music Makers are delighted to welcome Duo West to Music and Munch for their Salt Spring debut on Wednesday, June 6.

Duo West is a newly formed duo of Heather Gatland on violin and Ellen Himmer on cello. Gatland hails from London, Ont. where she was trained in the London Youth Symphony Orchestra and studied with Lorand Fenyves at the University of Toronto. She is currently a member of the Victoria Chamber Orchestra, the Sooke Philharmonic, and concertmaster of the Hampton Concert Orchestra. She recently performed with Bach on the Rock as principal second violin.

Himmer, a native of Philadel-

phia, received her musical training at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh and a Master of Music Performance from the Dana School of Music in Youngstown, Ohio. She also plays with the Victoria Chamber Orchestra and the Sooke Philharmonic.

The Music and Munch concert, which begins at 12:10 p.m. at All Saints By-the-Sea, will appeal to a wide range of musical tastes, say the Music Makers in a press release.

"From toe-tapping Klezmer to the soulful strains of Bach, garnished with singable tunes from recent shows and movies, this is a program designed to please."

An optional light lunch from the Anglican Caterers is available for \$5.50, as long as tickets are purchased before the music begins.

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HOBBIES

Railway fan shares model passion for trains



Philip Benson with part of his Twinflower Way model railway layout open for public viewing.

Garden railroad recreates small piece of Britain

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

To this day, Philip Benson swears that he never intended for his honeymoon in Wales to veer off track.

What he and his wife Kim had initially planned as a romantic foray through the Welsh countryside soon switched directions as the couple's travels curiously uncov-

ered an endless historical trove of railroad lore.

"When we got back, most of our pictures had trains in them," Benson said.

That Kim shares her husband's fascination with railroading history — many of her watercolour paintings depict railway scenes — is a major reason those holiday pictures weren't the last of their kind and probably helps explain how 30 metres of model railroad track ended up looping its way along the couple's

Twinflower Way property. "It just gradually evolved over the years," said Benson, who has been modelling railroads for four decades. "I set it up here last year and started showing it to the public."

In its inaugural summer season, about 400 people visited Benson's extraordinary HO-scale railroad. Benson has seen young children mesmerized for hours and witnessed the imaginations of older visitors transport them to a bygone

era when rail reigned supreme.

"It's amazing to see their response," he said.

What began as a modest railroad layout with a few bits of track spread out on an old door has evolved into a masterpiece of skill, patience and imagination. The railroad, which takes up a 250-square-foot shed, includes several above- and below-ground rail lines, urban and rural scenery, a mechanized coal mine, automated rail signals and switches,

sound effects and a locomotive-mounted video camera that projects a conductor's view on a 21-inch TV screen. Participants can get behind the controls and try their hand at operating the model railroad. Successful engineers receive a certificate.

As if that wasn't enough, a whole new world of model railroading possibilities opened up last year when Benson imagined an extension through the wall and into the garden.

"We stuck a plank through the wall, we got a train to drive out on the plank and we just thought, 'Wow, we've got to do this,'" he said. "We followed the contour and then ran out of land [at a natural depression in the yard]."

Benson also built a rodent-proof viaduct to bridge the gap and push further into the uncharted hinterland of his backyard. Now, the rail line takes a gentle right near the family's chicken coop before looping over itself and returning inside.

Because the track is made from a nickel-silver alloy that doesn't rust, Benson doesn't even need to pack up the track when it rains.

While many of the buildings, figures, rolling stock and locomotives are classic replicas that date back to the days when Benson was just a

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KEN ROULEAU

Rita Dods is once again spearheading the ALS Flower Days campaign on Salt Spring, with volunteers out collecting donations this Friday and Saturday. Dods has organized the local effort for many years, with recognition paid to her island friend Dennis Kaye, who died from Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease) in 1995 at the age of 40.

She notes that Salt Spring lost another man in the prime of his life this year when 43-year-old Ken Rouleau died on April 13.

Donors to the June 1 and 2 campaign will be tagged with a blue cornflower pin, with that flower representing "positive hope for the future."

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<p>Wed. May 30</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Sue Newman Quartet. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 PM.</p> <p>Wednesday Night Live. With Richard Cross. Moby's. 8 to 11 PM.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>SS LTC Community Info Meeting. Islands Trust community information meeting about Bylaws 457, 458 and 459 re the Slegg Lumber application. Lions Hall. 4 to 6 PM.</p> <p>SS LTC Public Hearing. Islands Trust public hearing on Bylaws 457, 458 and 459. Lions Hall. 7 PM.</p> <p>Casserole Night. Bang pots and pans to show solidarity with Quebec students and Stop Harper movement. Centennial Park. 8 PM.</p>	<p>Thurs. May 31</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Chamigos. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 PM.</p> <p>Karaoke with Nikki and Dave. Moby's. 8 to 11 PM.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>The Village Neighbourhood Days. Multi-day celebration of Fulford Village and the opening of Salt Spring Mercantile, including live music and a scavenger hunt, starts today.</p> <p>SS Chamber of Commerce AGM. Followed by wine & cheese reception. Lions Hall. 6 to 9 PM.</p>	<p>Fri. June 1</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>ALS Flower Days. Volunteers will be out and about collecting donations for the ALS society.</p> <p>The Village Neighbourhood Days. See Thursday's listing.</p> <p>StoryTime at the Library Annex. Nipkins, Zlogs and Giants with Nikki. 1 PM.</p> <p>Salt Spring Relay For Life 2012. A Canadian Cancer Society fundraiser. Enjoy entertainment, food, speakers and fun. Portlock Park. 6 PM to 6 AM.</p> <p>Swami Santatmandanda. Vedanta Here and Now. SS Vanantara Fellowship. 7 to 9 PM.</p> <p>Lorna Crozier & Patrick Lane. Theatre Alive! presents a literary evening and coffee house. Lions Hall. 8 PM.</p> <p>International One Metre Regatta. Up to 22 boats compete at the Western Championships along the sailing dub's breakwater on June 1, 2 and 3.</p>	<p>Sat. June 2</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Bill Nash & the Rock and Soul Revue. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 PM.</p> <p>Barley Bros. Live music Saturdays at the Salt Spring Inn. 7 PM.</p> <p>Hallam Highwater. Cosmic Country. Moby's. 9 to 12.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>ALS Flower Days. See Friday's listing.</p> <p>Hooked: Addiction, Mental Illness and Attention Deficit Disorder in a Culture of Stress. Salt Spring Forum-sponsored talk by Dr. Gabor Mate. GISS. 7:30 to 10 PM.</p> <p>2nd Annual Mobility & BBQ Event. Presented by SSI Medical Equipment and MEDiChair. All BBQ proceeds donated to the Salt Spring Legion. Meaden Hall. 11 AM to 4 PM.</p> <p>Michael Levy Book Launch. Island photographer Michael Levy's book Salt Spring: A Portrait of an Island. Barb's Bakery & Bistro. 6 to 8 PM.</p> <p>The Village Neighbourhood Days. See Thursday's listing.</p>	<p>Sun. June 3</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Vaughn Fulford & the Folke Fiends. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 PM.</p> <p>Diana English. Live at the Harbour House. 6 to 9 PM.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Bingo at Meaden Hall. Legion Ladies Auxiliary fundraiser. Early bird games at 6:30 PM.</p> <p>St. Mark's Anniversary Celebration. Joint celebration for the whole parish. All Saints By-the-Sea. 10 AM.</p> <p>St. Mark's Anniversary Evensong. Choral Evensong will be sung with the All Saints choir and special music by Laurie and Jim Stubbs on trumpet and bassoon. A reception will follow. St. Mark's Church. 4:30 PM.</p> <p>Swami Santatmandanda. Freedom Here and Now talk followed by satsang dinner. Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 2 PM.</p> <p>The Village Neighbourhood Days. Celebration of Fulford Village wraps up with family picnic, local music and entertainment. SS Mercantile parking lot. 12 to 4 PM.</p>	<p>Mon. June 4</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Richard Cross. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 PM.</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Old Time: Honour for Elders. Talk led by Stephen Jenkinson, founder of The Orphan Wisdom School. SSUnited Church. 7 PM.</p>	<p>Tues. June 5</p> <p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Swami Santatmandanda. Advaita Vedanta by donation. SS Centre of Yoga. 7:30 to 9:30 PM.</p>
<p>Thurs. May 31</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Open Mic Night with Cowboy Ted. The Local. 6 to 10 PM.</p>	<p>Fri. June 1</p> <p>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</p> <p>Carmanah. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 PM.</p> <p>The Coalition. Moby's. 9 to 12.</p> <p>Under the Big Top. SS Arts Academy one-act ballet. ArtSpring. 8 PM.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Lighting of the Lights Ceremony. On Venus Transit day in support of the international launching of the WaterSongline by the Council of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers and other international groups. St. Mary Lake. 5:30 PM.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Big Bike for Heart & Stroke. Annual B.C. Heart & Stroke Foundation fundraiser in Ganges. Info: www.bigbike.ca.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Music & Munch presents Duo West. Heather Gattland, violin, and Ellen Himmer, cello, perform a varied program from classics to klezmer to pops. All Saints. 12:10 PM.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Terry Warbey. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 PM.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Lighting of the Lights Ceremony. On Venus Transit day in support of the international launching of the WaterSongline by the Council of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers and other international groups. St. Mary Lake. 5:30 PM.</p>

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EXHIBITIONS

- Gallery 8** presents Chance + Intent, works by painter Donna J. Hall and glass artist **Bob Leatherbarrow** daily through Sunday, **June 17**.
- Form & Reflection** is a show of sculpture and paintings by **Michael Dennis** and **Richard Ciccimarra** at the **Duthie Gallery**. Gallery open Thursday through Monday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Eclectic Visions**, the Salt Spring Photography Club's annual exhibition, runs at the **ArtSpring gallery** from June 1 to 18, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and for evening performances of ArtSpring shows. Opening reception on June 1, 5 to 7 p.m.
- Jose Campbell, Caroline Withers and Wendy Wickland** showcase their paintings in the **ArtSpring lobby** for the month of **June**.
- Lisa Lipssett** shows Ancient Light: Images of a Mayan Crystal Cave — paintings and photos at **Cafe Talia**.
- Rachel Page** exhibits photography pieces, which are digitally modified on metallic paper or canvas, at **Island Savings** until mid-June.
- Jim Erickson** shows photos at **Salt Spring Coffee Company Cafe**.
- Gillian McConnell** shows a selection of paintings in the lobby and restaurant at the **Harbour House Hotel** through June 15.
- Leanne Brusatore** shows work in a variety of mediums at **Barb's Bakery & Bistro**.
- The SaltSpring Photography Club** presents the works of photographers **Avril Kirby, Curt Firestone** and **Doug McMillin** at **Country Grocer's Roasters Cafe Gallery** through May.
- Carol Adam** has works hanging at **Salt Spring Books**.
- David Moss** shows artwork at **Penny's Pantry**.
- The Porch Gallery** is open Sundays from 12 to 4 p.m. at the home of **Mother Tongue Publishing's Mona Fertig & Peter Haase, 290 Fulford-Ganges Rd.** Featuring work of **George Fertig, Jack Akroyd, Irene Hoffar Reid, Wim Blom, Ina D.D. Unthoff, Gary Sim, LeRoy Jensen, Gordon Caruso and Peter Haase**.
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program of Vedanta, Sanskrit and Iyengar yoga, which the swami led at the ashram situated on the banks of the River Ganges in the Himalayan foothills of North India.

"We went from Ganges to Ganges and back again," said Miller and Christie.

In addition to its regular courses and retreats, the Dayananda ashram offers free dental and medical clinics for low income families, and two schools for under-privileged children.

According to Miller, "Swami-ji is a brilliant young teacher of India's ancient, immanent-

ly practical, Advaita Vedanta yoga tradition and is becoming internationally recognized for his dynamic teaching style and warm sense of humour."

In his presentations, centered around the general theme of "Freedom Here and Now," Swami will emphasize jnana yoga, a path of self knowledge, insight and wisdom within a context of service and devotion. The sessions will not include physical postures or asana exercises.

In addition to speaking directly from his own personal experience and realization, Saraswati will present vari-

ous teachings from the Vedas and Upanishads, the ancient body of knowledge upon which India's religious and spiritually infused culture is based.

Public talks and satsang meetings will be hosted by the Salt Spring Unitarian Fellowship on Friday, June 1 at 7 p.m., the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga on Sunday, June 3 at 2 p.m. (followed by satsang, sacred music and community dinner) and Tuesday, June 5 at 7:30 p.m.

There will also be an afternoon session on June 3 in Victoria, and several presentations in Vancouver the following week.



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Swami Santatmananda Saraswati

MENTORSHIP

Renowned spiritual activist Jenkinson tackles elder-hood

June 4 at SS United Church

Elders wanting to be useful to younger generations are invited to a wisdom-filled talk presented by Stephen Jenkinson on Monday, June 4.

Old Time: Honour for Elders will run from 7 to 9 p.m. at Salt Spring United Church, led by the visiting spiritual activist, teacher, author, storyteller, ceremonialist and farmer.

As press material explains, "[The talk] is for anyone with a desire to be useful to those now inheriting an endangered and often dangerous world. It is for those who have an instinct and a desire to be an ancestor worth being claimed, worth coming from. We will learn something of the skills of grace in a graceless time, of mentorship and true teaching, of fierce and exemplary compassion. We will coax wisdom from old experience, and maybe we can replace retirement with esteemed elder-hood."

Jenkinson is the founder of The Orphan Wisdom School where he teaches the mandatory arts of living deeply and dying well.

He is also the subject of Griefwalker, a National Film Board of Canada feature documentary film, described as "a lyrical, poetic portrait of his work with dying people and shows him teaching the redemptive power



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Stephen Jenkinson will lead a talk for elders on Monday on Salt Spring.

of deep love for life, when life glimpses its end."

Jenkinson's books and live-recorded teachings are available from his website at www.orphanwisdom.com.

Cost for Monday's event is \$25 at the door.

COMMUNITY

Music, picnic, hunt all at Fulford

Lots to celebrate during The Village Neighbourhood Days

Fulford village merchants are ready to christen "The Village" this week, with The Village Neighbourhood Days running from May 31 to June 3.

Activities include live music every day, an informational scavenger hunt, unveiling of The Village logo, a family picnic day and opening specials at Salt Spring Mercantile.

Scavenger hunt entry forms

are available from any Fulford merchant, and completed forms should be returned before 4 p.m. on Sunday, when the first one drawn with all correct answers will be the winner. Grand prize is a Best of the Village treasure basket, with cool items from all participating business.

Live music will be sponsored by Rock Salt Restaurant & Cafe, and will be a taste of The Sixty Nights of Summer music events happening during July and August. Special summer drinks will also be featured by Rock Salt during the celebration.

Lynne York's Studio 2901 logo

for The Village will be unveiled and on display. York photographed Fulford's buildings, and then carefully captured a community feeling in a beautiful digital design.

Then on Sunday, the Mercantile/Jambalaya parking lot will be closed for Family Picnic Day between 12 to 4 p.m., with lots of great local music and entertainment for the kids. "Bring either rain or beach umbrellas, chairs or blankets, beach clothes, a willingness to imagine it's a warm summer's day and be Village People," urges a press release about Neighbourhood Days events.

SENIORS SERVICES

Seniors van excursions roll again

First one on to studios and Fernwood Cafe

The popular Seniors Van Excursions program is back on the road for the summer months.

Every second Wednesday beginning June 6, Wellness Programs offers a chance for six Salt Spring

seniors to enjoy an outing in a Community Services van.

"It's generally for people over 70 who miss connecting with other people and are looking for some extra social stimulation," explains Wellness Programs coordinator Sharon Glover.

Dates are June 6 and 20, July 4 and 18, Aug. 1 and 15, with excursions to special places

on either Salt Spring or Vancouver Island.

The criteria for participants are to have good mobility — although a cane or walker is fine — and being able to manage themselves independently.

A \$5 fee is charged to defray costs and participants must also pay the cost of admission or meals that may be involved in the outing.

On June 6 the trip is to

studios in the north end of Salt Spring, including Sunset Farm, and lunch at the Fernwood Cafe.

Spaces are filled on a first come, first served basis.

Deb Stevenson, the driver from the last series of Seniors Van Excursions trips, will be behind the wheel again.

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RELAY FOR LIFE

RELAY FOR LIFE

Community unites to fight cancer, salute survivors

Fundraising to exceed initial \$10,000 goal

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

For many participants in the island's annual Relay for Life, the event represents so much more than

an opportunity to get together with friends, coworkers and other community members. For most, it's an emotional journey to celebrate, remember and fight a killer that has left its mark on almost every family and work-place.

Erin Pringle, a Gulf Islands Secondary

School student who has devoted the past five months to organizing the event, is one of those people.

"I feel like organizing this event is a way to repay them and a way to show others that we cannot forget about the people who we love and cannot stop fighting for what we believe

in which, ideally for me, will be a world without cancer," she said during an interview ahead of Friday's event at Portlock Park.

The Relay for Life is organized in communities across the country each spring as a way to fundraise and promote awareness about the ongoing battle against cancer. Every year, thousands of participants, as teams or individuals, walk throughout the night in a mass demonstration to show that cancer never sleeps.

On Salt Spring, this year's event begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 1. The relay is anticipated to conclude at about 6 a.m. on Saturday. Pringle said participants and visitors can expect an amazing entertainment line-up to keep people energized throughout the night.

"We have Wesley Hardisty playing with a few people that he has gathered, as well as Soul Shakedown, the Salt Spring Concert Band, the Resistance, and Phoenix Lazare singing O Canada and Amazing Grace," Pringle said.

The event also includes a silent auction with items such as kayak tours and a night in Victoria.

As of Monday evening, the 2012 event had already raised about \$9,500, a stellar figure that's bound to surpass Pringle's initial \$10,000 goal. The 15 teams registered for



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Some fun-loving participants from the Salt Spring Relay for Life 2010. The whole island is invited to come down to Portlock Park beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday night to enjoy entertainment, exercise, a BBQ, refreshments and great companionship.

Friday's event are made up of more than 100 individuals who represent a variety of corporate and community organizations.

"This number will more than likely rise on the night with late registrations," Pringle said.

In a time of unprecedented competition among charitable causes and fundraising events, Pringle said, the Relay for Life stands out because it brings so many people from all parts of the community together to fight the leading cause of death among Canadians.

Statistics Canada data from 2008 indicates that cancer accounted for 30 per cent of deaths in Canada, making it the leading cause of death in

each province and territory for the first time in the country's history.

"This number will more than likely rise on the night with late registrations."

ERIN PRINGLE
Relay for Life Salt Spring coordinator

Despite the disease's devastating toll, Pringle said, the Relay for Life represents an opportunity to celebrate and remember the people who have received treatment and survived.

Although she's no stranger to large fundraising events — she's helped coordinate the Salt Spring Middle School's Hoops for Heart — Pringle said she couldn't have pulled off the Relay without help from Carin Perrins, Chris Bowen, Angela Thomas, Gerri Pringle and countless other volunteers who've stepped up to offer assistance.

Anyone who can lend a hand throughout the night as well as before and after the event can reach Pringle before the end of the week by email, pringle.erin@hotmail.com.

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RALPH PRED

July 9, 1939 - May 15, 2012

Ralph Pred passed away, unexpectedly and without suffering, Tuesday, May 15, in the presence of his wife.

A philosopher, scholar, activist, author, and community organizer, his was a life of books, deep listening, thoughtful conversation, and mindful walking among the flowers, trees and birds. Kind, careful and gentle, yet not afraid to stand for what he knew to be right, Ralph was a private man who is dearly missed by his family and all who knew and loved him.

Born in the Bronx in 1939, influenced by his father's linguistic skills, his mother's musicianship, and the death of a great aunt in the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire, Ralph set upon a path of social justice and life-long learning. After attending Bronx Science High School, Ralph's passion for illuminating the mysteries of experience led to studies at Antioch, NYU, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Driven by his underlying devotion to the potential of humanity and a better future for generations, Ralph took a break from university studies to work in numerous community organization initiatives, notably as director of poverty programs in Boston and Cape Cod, and spent several summers as counsellor, then director of a children's summer camp in Massachusetts.

Ralph returned to school in 1975, earning a masters degree at San Francisco State, and later, a PhD in Philosophy from UC Berkeley. His thesis contained the seeds of his later independent scholarship, where his enduring alignment with the work of Alfred North Whitehead and William James would bloom.

In 1990, Ralph relocated from Berkeley to the south end of Salt Spring Island with his wife Mallory, and their son, Noah. During this period he worked variously as a consultant and technical writer for PARC and EPRI. Over the years, Ralph made many contributions to the local community; his reverence for Gulf Island ecology and its natural beauty lead to his active engagement in preservation of the island's habitat, inhabitants and culture.

The culmination of decades of scholarship, study and rigorous observation, Ralph's book *Onflow: Dynamics of Consciousness and Experience* - his treatise on an unbroken, process-oriented account of experience - was published by MIT Press in 2005.

A lover of nature, music and the arts, he could often be found hiking the wilderness of the south end, finding minute wildflowers through every flowing path of his beloved hills. Practicing astronomy, absorbing poetry, playing basketball, listening to jazz, backpacking in the wild, engaging with children, and revelling late into the night with friends, Ralph's interests were wide-ranging and expansive. Mallory's drumming and Noah's development as musician, DJ and composer brought him particular joy, and his enthusiastic dancing will be fondly remembered.

Ralph leaves behind his loving wife of 38 years, his son, and a large extended family in Berkeley and New York, including his stepson Martin Jones and wife Suzanne, his sister Suzanne Pred Bass and brother-in-law Lane Bass, his sisters-in-law Linda and Hjordis, nieces Michele, Emily, Becky, and Willa, nephews Joseph and Tobias, grand-nieces Linnea and Emma, and his grand-nephew Sebastian. Ralph's brother Allan, with whom he was very close in thought and feeling, passed before him in 2007.

With an open, generous heart and inquisitive mind, Ralph's connections were deep and true. Onflowing, ever-changing, he joins the infinite.

Ralph's family invites you to join them on Sunday, June 3, 4PM at Beaver Point Hall, for a celebration of his life and a potluck feast.

*You ask
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 on a jade green mountain?
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 but say nothing
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 - Li Po*

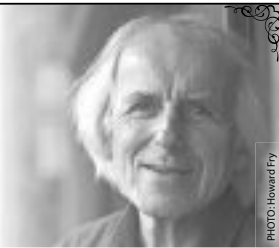


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Cordula Doris Vogt

(NOWRATH)

March 3, 1955 - May 28, 2012

Cordula died peacefully on May 28th, 2012. She spent her last months the way she lived, surrounded by family, friends, flowers and music. Her lengthy illness did not diminish her joy in life or her concern for others.

Cordula loved the West Coast. She swam and kayaked in the ocean, skied in the mountains and hiked in the forests. Her curiosity led her to travel the world and learn many languages. When her beloved husband, Andreas, died, she established the Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve on Salt Spring Island.

Cordula was a devoted practitioner and teacher of yoga. She had a talent for working with specialized groups, including adults with disabilities and new mothers. She loved gardening and singing with the Women of Note choir.

Cordula was a loving and caring mother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin and friend. She will be forever missed by her children Kai and Svea, parents Horst and Oda Nowrath, sister Gwen (Philip), brother Bernard (Wendy), and parents-in-law Helmut and Irmgard Vogt.

Her family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Lady Minto Hospital. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to the Lady Minto Foundation. A celebration of her life will be held on Sunday, June 3 from 2-4 at 260 Mountain View Drive, Salt Spring Island.

Namaste om, Cordula

*Dear Cordula,
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DEATHS

*The family and friends
 of Nelson and Sheila
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 65th wedding
 anniversary
 on May 31, 2012.*
*An anniversary is a time to
 celebrate the joys of today,
 the memories of yesterday,
 and the hopes of tomorrow.*
- Author unknown

DEATHS

PAGE John Godfrey

July 8, 1924 - May 23, 2012

A devoted husband to his wife Ann of 47 years and a loving father to his sons Roy, Jeffrey, and Russell, his six grandchildren and great grand-daughter.

John served in the Royal Air Force from 1943 to 1947. Commissioned as Pilot Officer and later ranked as Flying Officer. Posted to 31 Squadron in Burma and later posted to Indonesia and then to Ceylon.

He immigrated to Canada in 1947 and was employed by the City of Edmonton as Supervisor of Surveyors until 1956 when he moved to Vancouver. There he joined the City of Vancouver Engineering Department until his retirement in 1983. John and Ann moved to Saltspring Island in 1988. John will be remembered for his honour and integrity, his compassion, sense of humour and especially his love for sailing. His ashes will be scattered at sea and no service by request. Also known as a warm and welcoming host it was his wish that his friends and neighbours join the family for an informal gathering at his home on Saltspring on June 1st at 2 p.m. Our heartfelt thanks go to Dr. Beaver, doctors, nurses and staff at Lady Minto Hospital for their excellent care and to the many friends who have given their support. In lieu of flowers donations, if desired, may be made to either the Heart and Stroke Foundation or Cancer Research.

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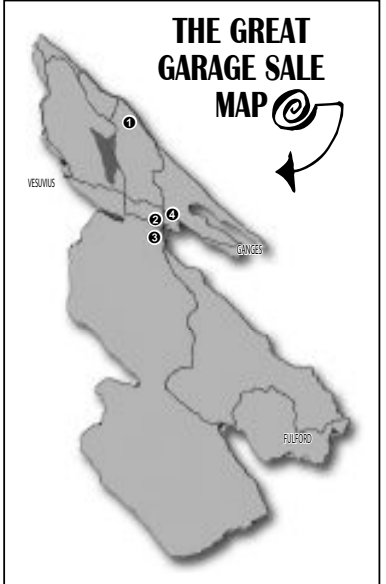
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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

A busy schedule with plenty of places to go and people to see continues. Yet the theme of work is at least tightly woven into the otherwise varied activity list. Some flare ups with significant others, especially of the opposite sex, are likely amidst the complex pace. Do your best to synchronize respective rhythms, yet be flexible in the mix.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

Balancing your life between wants and needs, duties and talents is in focus. This is a common theme yet is strong now. This emphasis on multiple streams of income and expression is a reflection of a core life theme. Too much focus upon any one thing is contrary to your nature. Decipher a healthier balance and make it so!

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

You are in a go-ahead cycle right now. Expressing yourself creatively will come naturally, since you have such a strong solar/Leo aspect to you. Make the most of it by shining your light on others I equal measure to being recognized. When you get the attention you are seeking, mirror it back right away to perpetuate the cycle!

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)

Your time to shine is coming, but it is not here yet. Now is a time to rest, retreat and reflect. You may have work, inner ad/or outer to do behind the scenes. In this inward, meditative state, generate love for yourself and allow yourself to dream. Yet, intend to take note of what you are receiving from your reverie. Silence is golden!

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23)

What dreams may come is on your mind. As much as you would like to dive into a creative focus, you may feel distracted by one curiosity after another. Recognition may not be as forthcoming just now and your creative focus may be blurred. Giving more attention to others may work better. Yet you may achieve creative satisfaction if you discipline your focus.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)

Refining your overall self-image continues. This may include gathering new tools or clothes or being more efficient, or focusing on increasing your overall fitness level, or all of the above. However you feel inspired to do so, build today for tomorrow. Do be conscientious towards others yet do not let any "takers" get the better of you.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22)

You are beginning to see a bigger picture. Changes in your overall lifestyle, daily rhythms and health in general are featured. Creating

more freedom within and cultivating a deeper feeling of freedom without is the deeper story. Yet experiencing variety is also a current theme and this will likely draw you out to social, cultural and perhaps spiritual activities.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)

Feeling pulled in more than one direction is a likely theme now. Balancing fun with responsibility is the target. Too much of one or the other will likely prove troublesome. Be careful that desires for immediate satisfaction do not vie with acting with integrity. Manage your time well and assert healthy boundaries and you can probably have it all.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21)

Shifts and changes on relationship fronts continue to roll in. At best these are opening new doors. Yet be careful not to become too needy of other people's attention. Exercising social grace implies poise and balance, speaking and listening, taking the stage and then giving it over to others. There is excitement in the air and some measure of travel adventure too!

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)

Creating a healthier rhythm continues. This may require that you acknowledge what you realistically need. Giving more to your situation is implied. Yet the twist here is that you will be willing to give more to yourself. Yet, for overall balance give others more room and avoid excessive criticism and perfectionism.

Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19)

A creative, playful cycle is upon you. The time is right to entertain new possibilities. This wave will grow larger still starting this month. With your confidence levels fortified you may feel able to tackle bigger goals. Yet, be aware of slipping into pride and then projecting expectant attitudes. Where possible, direct your energies to get to the bottom of things.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

A busy time close to home is likely now. You desire to create more beauty in your surroundings. The time is right to tend to the details. At best this will activate your talents. You are more likely to do the rounds than focus on one thing at a time, so go with the flow with clear intentions to complete them all!

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY



PHOTO BY RICK NEUFELD

#1 ATHLETE: Taylor Akerman with five first-place ribbons from the School District 64 sports day held Monday at Portlock Park. The annual event sees elementary school students across Salt Spring compete.

STUDY

How is Salt Spring pictured?

Anthropological thesis writer seeks more people to interview



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Tabitha Steager

BY TANYA LESTER
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Peoples' varied lifestyles and interests that "thread" through the Salt Spring Island community to make up its "patchwork quilt" is what Tabitha Steager is focusing on for her anthropology doctoral thesis.

To date, the University of British Columbia student has asked 10 island residents to take photographs and be interviewed about how they "picture" their individual experiences living here.

Steager is well aware of the fact that the island is populated with those representing the best in almost all areas of life.

"They say anthropology is taking the ordinary and making it exotic," she said. "[On Salt Spring] I will be taking the exotic and making it ordinary."

At the same time, Steager is a strong advocate for accessibility, "especially in anthropology because it is about people." She believes it is easier to spot the humanness in our smaller community where people are in less of a hurry.

In doing so, Steager is grappling with the bigger question of "What makes us human?" and how to retain a positive mix of environmental, social and economic sustainability.

This is a study that has become something close to her heart. When Steager moved here last October she planned to gather data and leave this September when she is scheduled to begin writing her thesis.

Now she is exploring living here permanently.

It is a sharp contrast to the cosmopolitan urban life Steager lived until recently in the corporate world of marketing and branding for software companies. She lived in huge cities such as Tokyo, Paris, London, San Francisco and Vancouver for a decade. There was no shortage of material things to show for her lifestyle. Yet when she looked at all of her shoes, she drew a startling conclusion: "I hate my life."

Her first step towards returning to a more conscious community was to move to Nelson, B.C. where she did marketing and branding for an alternative company. It was then she realized she needed to let go of the corporate world completely and following her dream of studying anthropology.

It came down to making a choice between doing research in one of two communities. Steager considered Micronesia, a South Pacific country deeply threatened by climate change, where women are spearheading a campaign for residents

to return to growing their own food.

When Steager realized Micronesia lacks accessibility to medical care, which she required due to health problems, Salt Spring was the obvious alternate community for her research. She already had a connection to this island because her parents live here.

Growing food was something the anthropologist quickly realized is also an issue here. She is an Island Natural Growers member and has been interviewing farmers as part of her study. She discovered the island's population would survive for two days on the produce grown here if, for some reason, the ferries could no longer deliver food from elsewhere.

Steager will soon be interviewing the nine women and one man who have responded to her request for islanders to come forward and take pictures of their island experiences to discuss them with her. An example of the type of person involved in Steager's study is a woman who plants five apple trees in the morning and chops wood for someone else in the afternoon in exchange for cider.

She wants to expand her study to include as many more men and women who are interested in participating. Her contact email is tsteager@gmail.com.

When Steager sits down to write her thesis, she is considering doing it based on Salt Spring Island's seasons. These include such activities as the owls' hoots in the winter darkness and the market start-ups along with the chorus of frogs in the spring.

WORKSHOP

Solstice workshop aids creativity

Island artists offer women's creative workshop

Women of all ages and backgrounds have an opportunity to ignite their artistic passions during a full-day creative workshop on

Saturday, June 16.

Singer/songwriter Oona McOuat will open the day-long activities with simple chanting, toning and breathwork. In the afternoon, participants will stretch their exploration of sound into song, experiencing the joy and connection of singing with others.

Painting sessions will

be led by artist Lisa Lipsett, whose book Beauty Muse: Painting in Communion with Nature invites readers to awaken to nature through their own creativity.

Morning and afternoon writing sessions will be guided by Lorraine Gane, a poet and author who has taught workshops for the last 20 years.

No artistic experience is needed to attend the event, which takes place from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Art Barn with a potluck lunch. The cost is \$85, or \$75 with registration and payment by June 10. For more information or to register, contact Gane at 250-537-5294 or gane-goodger@saltspring.com.



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Sports & Recreation

TENNIS

Jack Fisher generosity lives on

Sylvia Leedham and Michael Powell win tourney

Ron Perring in second place.

Following the death last year of Jack Fisher, a long-time member and sponsor of tennis on Salt Spring, his daughter Joan Beaty represented his family who are continuing the tradition of providing a generous prize to each of the winners.

"Joan was a very welcome guest player and presented the prizes after a very enjoyable and hard-fought tournament," said Salt Spring Tennis Association tournament director Jennifer Morgan.



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Jack Fisher Memorial winners Sylvia Leedham and Michael Powell.

In bright sunshine on Saturday, the Jack Fisher Memorial tournament was played, with 24 players enjoying plenty of spirited play in men's and women's doubles.

After playing eight games in each of four rounds the winning lady was Sylvia Leedham, with April Wright second. The winning man was Michael Powell with

GYMNASTICS

Gymnast Akerman earns first

Island gymnasts take on Ogoopogo

A young island gymnast has overcome the odds to complete a season few healthy young athletes could even dream of.

Despite suffering a broken leg in November, nine-year-old Taylor Akerman proved she's ready to compete among the province's best with a first-place finish on the floor competition of a May 19 tournament in Richmond. The result comes on the heels of a solid sixth-place finish on the floor and a ninth-

place result in the bars competition at a provincial championship event in April.

Akerman, who trains alongside Salt Spring's Darby McIntyre on the Duncan Dynamics club, makes the trip to the Cowichan Valley at least four times a week to keep up her strength, technique and fitness.

Akerman and McIntyre hope to conclude their 2011-2012 season on the right foot during this weekend's Ogoopogo Invitational event at Kelowna's UBC Okanagan campus. The meet brings together some of Western Canada's top young gymnasts.

MODEL YACHT RACING

Yacht racing champs set to duel

IOM championships this weekend

Less than two weeks after hosting its flagship event of the year, the Salt Spring Sailing Club is prepared to welcome some of the continent's best model yacht racers at the IOM Western Canadian Championships this weekend.

International One Metre regatta

chair Lawrie Neish expects up to 22 boats at this year's event, set to run along the sailing club's breakwater on June 1, 2 and 3.

Because entrants can receive valuable world-ranking points, up to half the participants in this year's race come from the United States.

"There will be quite a high calibre of competition," Neish said. "The standard of racing has risen considerably."

Off-island entries will face off against confirmed local veterans Roger Kibble and Martin Herbert, as well as Hornby Island's legendary Graham Herbert.

The sailing club at 152 Douglas Rd. during late morning or early afternoon on Saturday or Sunday is the place to see all the action.

For more information, contact Neish at 250-537-2053 or wneish@shaw.ca.

TRAIL & NATURE CLUB

Final outings named in hiking season

Annual Strawberry Festival set for June 19

Tuan on a fairly strenuous hike from Mountain Road with Charles Kahn. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10 a.m.

June 12: A heritage hike through the Musgrave area with Linda Quiring. Visit old orchards and homesteads, the waterfall and the oak preserve. Leave ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10 a.m.

June 19: A short but sweet hike through Ruckle Park before the Strawberry Festival. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at the lower picnic parking lot at 10 a.m.

Hikers
June 5: Up the open meadows of Mount

Walkers
June 5: Brian and Marjie Radford lead a walk in

the Mount Maxwell area. Carpool from ArtSpring or meet at the junction of Seymour Heights and Armand Way at 10:15 a.m.

June 12: Barry and Sheila Spence lead a walk up Mount Erskine from Juniper. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m.

June 19: Gwen McDonald leads a moderate walk in Ruckle Park prior to the Strawberry Fest. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet at the lower picnic parking lot.

Ramblers
June 5: Ramble with Bob Ball in the Drake Road area. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. to carpool.

June 12: Harold Page will take us on a ramble

in Reginald Hill. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. to carpool.

June 19: Ramble in Ruckle Park before the Strawberry Festival. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. to carpool.

New Members
Interested in joining us? Contact Barry Spence (membership) at 250-537-2332 or Kees Visser (president) at 250-537-5443, or come on Tuesdays to the meeting point for the activity you are interested in. Participants need to bring a lunch and wear appropriate footwear and outdoor clothing.

More information can be found on our website at www.saltspringinc.ca.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE Proposed Bylaw No. 456

NOTICE is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a Public Hearing concerning **Proposed Bylaw No. 456** for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained therein. At the public hearing, all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaws shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions.

DATE: Wednesday, June 6, 2012
LOCATION: Hart Bradley Hall (Lions Club), 103 Bonnet Avenue, Salt Spring Island
TIME: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Community Information Meeting
7:00 PM onwards - Public Hearing

Planner Stefan Cermak and members of the Local Trust Committee will be available at the **Lions Hall from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM** to provide information about the bylaws and to answer any questions.

1. **Proposed Bylaw No. 456, cited as "Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw, 1999, Amendment No. 1, 2012" (Myles Wilson - King's Lane, Salt Spring Island).**

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 456 is to amend Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw No. 355 as follows:

- By adding a new Community Facility 1 Zone Variation (d) - CF1(d) to permit the establishment of a medical clinic.
- By establishing a list of site specific permitted uses which in addition to clinic includes, but is not limited to, other community facilities, residential, and accessory uses such as retail.
- By including a specific parking regulation for medical clinics.
- By changing the zoning classification of that portion of Lot 2, Section 4, Range 3 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 23507 from Commercial 5 (C5) and Residential 6 (R6) to Community Facilities 1 (d) - CF1(d) as shown on Plan No. 1.

Plan No. 1 - Proposed Bylaw No. 456



Copies of the proposed bylaw, and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee, may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing Wednesday, May 23, 2012 and up to and including Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 4:30 PM. The proposed bylaw may also be viewed on the Islands Trust website at: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/lts/ss/pdf/ssbylamlndu0456.pdf>

Enquiries regarding Proposed Bylaw 456 may be directed to the Islands Trust at (250) 537-9144. For Toll Free access, request a transfer to the Islands Trust via Enquiry BC: in Vancouver at 604-660-2421; elsewhere in BC at 1-800-663-7867. Written submissions may be delivered as follows:

- By mail to the Islands Trust at 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2N8; or by Fax to (250) 537-9116.
- Online at the Islands Trust website via the following URL: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/lts/ss/meetings.cfm> by completing the **Public Hearing, Wednesday, June 6, 2012 Submission Form** before 4:30 PM on Tuesday, June 5, 2012.
- To the **Local Trust Committee at the Public Hearing.**

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

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

Pauline Brazier
Deputy Secretary

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