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**SNEAKY BIRD:** Popeye gets friendly with Shona Fetter at Fulford Day before gleefully snatching her glasses. The cockatoo, who belongs to islander David Peirce, is often seen chatting up the girls on Salt Spring.

### PUBLIC HEALTH

## Four cases of C. diff. at Minto

Regular hospital visits continue

Lady Minto Hospital's acute care wing remains on the Vancouver Island Health Authority's outbreak list after four cases of Clostridium Difficile (C. difficile) were reported this month.

According to a VIHA press release issued last week, LMH has had four new cases of C. difficile since July 21, and epidemiological investigation suggests that transmission may have occurred in the facility.

Three of the patients are currently in the hospital: one has resolved the disease; the other two are on contact precautions and responding to treatment. One individual who tested positive for C. difficile has since passed away, but VIHA says the disease was not a factor in the death.

LMH's chief of staff Dr. Shane Barclay confirmed Tuesday that no new cases have been reported and the remaining patients are continuing to respond well to treatment.

VIHA says its "infection prevention and control program" is carefully monitoring the outbreak.

"Enhanced infection control processes have been put in place, including increased surveillance and monitoring, implementation of increased cleaning and contact precautions for care providers.

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### FARMING

## New farm tour fills apple festival gap

Local growers, food security in focus

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

People who are mourning the loss of the apple festival in their calendar of events this fall can now pencil in a substitute activity that celebrates the same values and even includes some of the same locations, with the Salt Spring Farm Tour set for Sept. 29 and 30.

The event is a coproduction of, and fundraiser for, the Tuesday Farmers' Market and Andrea Palframan's Radical Roots Production Company, which specializes in international projects such as Phelisanong in Lesotho. The Harbour House Hotel is the project's major sponsor.

"We wanted to make it two days to bring more people to the island, which helps our accommodations providers, and have them learn more than they would at the weekly farmers' market about total food security," Palframan said.

"We hope to create awareness about how fallible agriculture is, and what happens when there's crop failure."

The truly unpredictable nature of farming was

made manifest last week with the first cancellation of Salt Spring Island Organic Apple Festival in its 14-year history. It's therefore fitting that food security and the troubles faced by local farmers will be issues of focus over the weekend, along with a celebration of local food and the people dedicated to growing it.

The farm tour was already in the works, and was originally planned to take place over Labour Day weekend, when the apple fest's cancellation opened up another window for the date and provided a poignant example of the issues at hand.

Apple festival coordinator Harry Burton said his AppleLuscious Organic Orchard will participate in the farm tour, even though he experienced enough crop loss to prompt the festival's hiatus for this year.

"Just in case people do come that day, we plan to have the farm open, so there will be something for people to see. So I think that's a neat way around it," he said.

The plans are definitely on to return the entire festival to its former glory in 2013.

### "What a legacy to leave for a group of friends."

ANDREA PALFRAMAN  
Salt Spring Farm Tour co-organizer

Tuesday Farmers' Market coordinator Jacquie Harkema said people who go on the self-guided tour will get a sense of the wide diversity of crops and methods found on Salt Spring, with 10 different farms to visit.

Depending on the location, visitors may see operations that are focused more on fields, greenhouses, orchards or animal husbandry. They will learn about farming practices, and many locations will have educational activities for kids.

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## NEWSBEAT

### IN MEMORIAM

# Tributes roll in for fine island character

Peter 'Barney' Holmes remembered as 'gentle soul'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Known to countless islanders as an eclectic south-end resident who could often use a ride and always offer advice, the late Peter Holmes will be remembered as a colourful island resident who represented what island life is all about.

Known as Barney to many and as Tex to others, Holmes could often be spotted hitchhiking between his favourite hangouts in downtown Ganges and his Isabella Point Road home.

Those with the time and room to accommodate Holmes — and in recent years his trustee silver walker — could count on plenty of practical but often questionable advice on everything from personal security systems, dating and home remedies.

Peter Allen, whose family lived across the road from Holmes for nearly 26 years, recalls no end to the suggestions proffered by Holmes on an almost daily basis.

Allen recalled how Holmes used to swear that pepperoni sticks

from Patterson's store were the surefire cure for a cold. Children, he suggested, could resort to bathing in Epsom salts.

Regardless of how one felt on the inside, Holmes always suggested people wear a hat to preserve a healthy, full head of hair.

"Any time he'd see any of us without a hat he'd ask where it was," Allen said. "We delighted in and took great pleasure in his advice until his last breath."

**"I think he touched the lives of many here on the island."**

MAGGIE WARBEY  
Friend

Holmes attracted national attention when he was featured in the Ottawa Citizen's Sunday magazine and on Wayne Rodast's On the Road Again, a classic CBC television program that celebrated quirky and intriguing Canadians.

To Maggie and Terry Warbey, Holmes was already an island institution when they arrived on the island in 1977.

"I think he touched the lives of many here on the island," Maggie said, recalling his special rapport with young children.

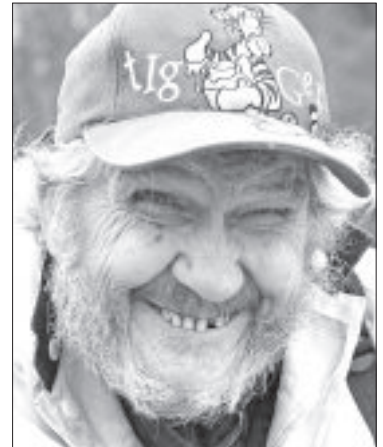
"At the Saturday market, he would see a youngster sitting at the cement circle that's around the tree, sit right down next to him or her, look the child in the eye and say, 'Hey how you doing, little one?' and really asked them what they like, what they do, what they hoped to do and be.

"He listened to them. He had time for them. They always had a smile when Mom or Dad came back to them."

Holmes would often approach Terry whenever he was playing music and request Tennessee Waltz.

"Young 'un,' he would say, 'do you know that there Tennessee Waltz?' I do, and I always played it for him," he said. "I always tell that story when I am about to play it when performing. I played it last Wednesday at the Tree House, sadly only in memory. He was a sweet, kindly gentle soul without a mean bone in his body."

Holmes died in a Victoria hospital in late July after having spent much of the past year at Lady Minto Hospital. He would have turned 83 this month.



From top, Peter Holmes in February 2010, and hitchhiking with his walker in July of 2008.

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## First VIHA outbreak in 18 months

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"In cases where a single room is not available, cohorting patients with C. difficile has occurred."

VIHA maintains there is no risk to the general public and visitors to Lady Minto hospital should continue to come to scheduled appointments or to the emergency if they require emergency services. Information about precautions will be available to visitors who provide care for patients.

LMH last experienced a single case of C. difficile in November 2011; fewer than two cases per year typically occur in the facility. VIHA says C. difficile in hospitals is not new and not unique to VIHA.

"The organism is a persistent challenge in care settings throughout the industrialized world."

According to the Public Health Agency of Canada website, "These types of infections can be transmitted within a hospital when infection prevention and control measures are not followed."

The PHAC adds that "Symptoms include watery diarrhea, fever, loss of appetite, nausea, and abdominal pain/tenderness."

It has been almost 18 months since VIHA last experienced a C. difficile outbreak.

As VIHA communications officer Suzanne Germain explained, several people at a facility could conceivably be affected by C. difficile, but it's only considered an "outbreak" if transmission is determined to be taking place within that facility.

Among VIHA's prevention efforts are introducing early screening and recognition of pos-

sible C. difficile symptoms; implementing a new computer-based Infection Prevention and Control module that facilitates early detection of high risk patients; decluttering care settings; labeling clean equipment; and educating staff. VIHA has also established a new antimicrobial stewardship program to minimize the use of antibiotics.

LMH also came under scrutiny when the death of five elderly hospital residents was linked to an outbreak of influenza B in March. VIHA said at the time that 16 patients and eight staffpeople were affected and that it would be conducting an investigation.

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# Newsbeat

## Heads up!

### GISS Class of 1992 Reunion

Saturday, AUG. 25 - Family picnic from 11 to 3 at Drummond Park & more. See story, Page 7.

#### BOATING SAFETY

# Islanders mark 10 years since Cap Rouge II sinking

Tragedy left five dead and many questions

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

About 20 active and retired Salt Spring Island firefighters gathered outside the Central fire hall last week to celebrate the life of one of their own.

A decade ago, Salt Spring Island volunteer firefighter Tony Head was among five people who drowned when the fishing boat he was travelling aboard sank near the entrance to the main arm of the Fraser River on the morning of Aug. 13, 2002.

Last week's casual ceremony was part of a week-long tribute organized by Salt Spring firefighters to remember the 33-year-old and commemorate the Cap Rouge II's sinking. The homage, on display at the Central fire hall, included flowers, collectibles and a video for the general public.

"It was a great tribute and a place for the public to be able to pay their respects and just stop and think and remember Tony and the others that passed away that tragic day," said Arjuna George, a Salt Spring firefighter who knew Head. "It was a non-formal private event . . . Just an opportunity to remember Tony and share stories."

Only two of the seven people aboard the ship managed to climb aboard a small skiff before the Cap Rouge II went down. Head's cousins Kathy Maberley and Rod Wilson, along with 11-year-old niece

Amanda and nine-year-old nephew Wyatt, died as a result of the incident.

The ship's captain, Ben Maberley, lost his wife and two children in the incident. Head's father Charles was the only other survivor.

The ship is reported to have been on its way to a tall ships festival at Steveston after a multi-day commercial fishing trip near Port Renfrew on Vancouver Island.

A Transportation Safety Board investigation concluded the 14.7-metre (48-foot) vessel capsized as a result of instability that resulted from structural additions and heavy fishing gear stored on the ship. The report states most passengers were unable to escape the vessel because it capsized so quickly.

More than 1,000 people from throughout the Gulf Islands attended a memorial service on Galiano Island less than a week after the incident.

In the months that followed the tragedy, questions began to surface about regulations that prohibited a Coast Guard dive team from entering the vessel when it got to the scene.

Although a team from Sea Island was on site and ready to dive within 22 minutes, it would take at least 90 minutes before an authorized 442 Search and Rescue squadron dive team reached the scene from Comox.

"When the hovercraft reached the Cap Rouge II, divers were dressed in their gear but forbidden to 'penetrate' the upturned hull. In the meantime, a father

knew his wife and kids were trapped inside the wheelhouse," said Roger Boshier, a mariner and UBC professor emeritus who specializes in marine safety. "Divers did what they needed to do but knowing 'penetration' would lead to a firing, they were greatly constrained in what they could do."

According to Boshier, some of the initial rescuers who attended the Cap Rouge II are still off work and traumatized by the incident.

The ensuing controversy led to a 2004 inquiry that exposed flaws in Coast Guard and police operations, and eventually restored the Coast Guard hovercraft's rescue diving program.

Today, Boshier said, the program has been developed into a world-class operation.

Research conducted by Boshier after the tragedy resulted in considerable improvements to marine safety instruction for fishermen in coastal communities across Canada.

"There is no question Cap Rouge II led to the restoration of the rescue diving service," he said. "Unfortunately, most innovations in marine SAR are triggered by major accidents."

"If [the federal government] goes ahead with the planned closure of the Kitsilano [Coast Guard] base, it will take a big incident — with fatalities — to create the political conditions for its restoration."

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From top, Cap Rouge II after it was recovered; memorial set up for Salt Spring firefighter Tony Head at Central fire hall to mark the 10th anniversary of his death and the tragic events of Aug. 13, 2002.

## News briefs

### Upkeep to close pool in September

Staff at the Rainbow Road Pool are getting ready for the facility's annual shutdown and maintenance period.

The pool will shut its doors from Sept. 2 to 23 as workers get the facility in tip-top shape for the fall and winter seasons.

Speaking at Monday afternoon's monthly Parks and Recreation Commit-

tee meeting, commissioner Gayle Baker suggested the pool be opened to pet owners and their dogs for a special canine swim on the final day before maintenance begins.

PARC general manager Lorraine Brewster said the concept, which has been held in the Sooke area, could be worth exploring before September's closure.

For more information about the pool closure or fall and winter schedules, contact the Rainbow Road Pool at 250-537-1402.

### Stitches to get public hearing

Members of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee seek public feedback on a land-use application to rezone the Stitches Quilt Shop property at 127 Rainbow Road.

The property owners have applied for a commercial zone variation that will broaden the commercial uses permitted on the site.

Copies of the proposed

bylaw and background material are available from the Trust office at 1-500 Lower Ganges Rd.

The public hearing begins at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 30, just before the LTC's regular public business meeting at the Lions Hall.

### Bike to Work results celebrated

Participants in this year's Bike to Work Week on Salt Spring Island exceeded all

expectations of the program's volunteer organizers.

Twenty-three cyclists on five teams saddled up to pedal an amazing 1,266 kilometres during the June event.

Their efforts kept nearly 300 kilograms of carbon dioxide equivalents out of the air and demonstrated that cycling is a worthwhile alternative for island commuters.

At 532 kilometres, Team SD64 racked up the most mileage during the five day event. Team Skeena, which comprised cyclists who commute on the ferry each day,

were a close second with 365 kilometres and Team SIMS registered an impressive 264.5 kilometres. Team GISS and Team ArtSpring came in with 87 and 17.5 kilometres respectively.

Salt Spring cyclists logged an average of 11 km each day, second only to Vancouver's 14 km per day.

Marianne Banman won a pair of cycling panniers courtesy of Blue Door Framing for her 231 kilometres of travel and Tiffany Wightman won a two-person spa weekend at Hastings House in the Bike to Work draw.

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## NEWSBEAT

## Group didn't want to see loss of festival's farm focus

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"The education piece is an important piece of the market mission generally," Harkema said.

"I guess there's sort of this missing link that people don't really, really under-

stand how their food is grown."

Saturday's tour will focus on locations that are close to town and could be walked or cycled to, beginning with a suggested stop at the Market in the Park. On Saturday evening an additional event will feature a panel of experts

speaking on food security issues. Sunday's tour will focus on farms further from the centre, and Palframan said farmers all over the island will be encouraged to load up their stands and reap the benefits.

The \$25 ticket (children under 15 are free) includes

both days of farm tours, plus a beautiful map of Salt Spring farms with a seasonal planning calendar on the reverse side. Seventy per cent of the proceeds will go to Island Natural Growers, while 30 per cent will aid Phelisanong's long-term food security planning.

Phelisanong community leader Mamello Lehlotha has initiated the planting of peach orchards to feed the HIV/AIDS-devastated region, with four projects now complete and another 10 planned. Palframan said it costs just \$100 to plant a row of apple or peach trees.

"What a legacy to leave for a group of friends," she said.

Tickets to the Salt Spring Farm Tour can be purchased at the Harbour House Hotel or the farmers' market, located at Centennial Park between 3 and 7 p.m. each Tuesday.



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE Proposed Bylaw No. 460

NOTICE is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a Public Hearing within a Regular Business Meeting concerning Proposed Bylaw No. 460. The purpose of the hearing is to allow the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw. At the public hearing, all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions.

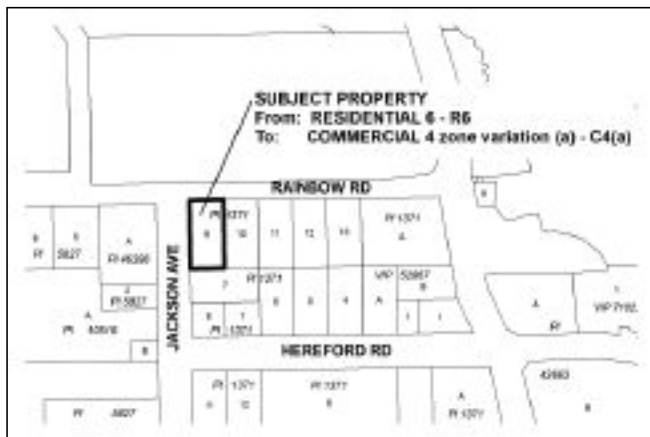
**DATE:** Thursday, August 30, 2012  
**LOCATION:** Hart Bradley Hall (Lions Club), 103 Bonnet Avenue, Salt Spring Island  
**TIME:** 9:30 AM

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 460, cited as "Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw, 1999, Amendment No. 4, 2012" (Tottman - 127 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island).

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 460 is to amend Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw No. 355 as follows:

- By amending Commercial 4 Zone Variation (a) - C4(a) to add a principal use, that includes but is not limited to, *indoor production of food and drink items, clothing, crafts, artwork, jewellery and similar items for retail or wholesale sales, providing there is a retail outlet on the premises.*
- By changing the zoning classification of Lot 9, Block B, Section 1, Range 3 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 1371 (127 Rainbow Road) from Residential 6 (R6) to Commercial 4 Zone Variation (a) - C4(a) as shown on Plan No. 1.

Plan No. 1 - Proposed Bylaw No. 460



- These changes will affect all other properties that are zoned Commercial 4 Zone Variation (a) - C4(a).

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, August 15, 2012 and up to and including Wednesday, August 29, 2012 at 4:30 PM. The proposed bylaw may also be viewed on the Islands Trust website at: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltr/ss/pdf/ssbyliamendlu0460.pdf>

Enquiries regarding Proposed Bylaw 460 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.
- By completing the **Public Hearing, Thursday, August 30, 2012 Submission Form** online at the Islands Trust website at: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltr/ss/meetings.cfm> (Please note that this option will be unavailable after 4:30 PM on Wednesday, August 29, 2012.)
- In person to the Local Trust Committee at the Public Hearing on Thursday, August 30, at 9:30 AM.

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

## PARKS AND RECREATION

## SSPLASH proposes warm water days

PARC to assess effects on other pool users

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A citizens' group dedicated to construction of a leisure pool at the Rainbow Road Pool wants the Parks and Recreation Commission to consider a short-term compromise that would see warmer water activities permitted several Saturdays each month.

"We envision a schedule that would include a therapy and/or low-impact aquafit segment; a session for mothers and babies; an hour or two for seniors and others who cannot swim comfortably in the cooler water; a time slot for those very heavy, larger folks who would appreciate the ability to swim or exercise in relative privacy," reads a letter submitted to PARC by Irene Gibbs, president of the Salt Spring Pool Association (SSPLASH).

"It would be a worthy

undertaking if it's doable."

STANLEY SHAPIRO  
Member, Parks and Recreation  
Commission

The group proposes a trial program on specified Saturdays in October, November and December that would target therapeutic programs designed for elderly and special needs users.

SSPLASH has offered to cover expenses to heat the pool water from 28 C to 32 C, staff expenses and maintenance costs and other ancillary costs.

"We feel it could be a win-win sit-

uation for everyone," Gibbs wrote. "It would give a few more hours for the staff. And we might just find out how much the Phase II expansion would be used, when it finally comes to fruition.

"Hopefully all those taxpayers who expected to have a therapy/leisure pool from the beginning will finally have a chance to experience the pool they paid for."

Commission members who discussed the proposal during Monday afternoon's monthly PARC meeting suggested the proposal warrants further research. Aside from costs and the availability of staff, commissioners said an important concern will be making sure the warmer water doesn't affect other pool users.

According to PARC manager Lorraine Brewster, the SSPLASH proposal means the pool's heater would have to be turned up as many as three days before any Warm Water Saturday event.

The concern is especially pertinent to high-energy activities such as lap swimming and some aerobic programs.

"You're going to get a lot of complaints from people who say it's too warm," said commissioner Jane Horsburgh. "There is certainly a need but it's important to make sure any changes work with existing uses."

PARC commissioners agreed to collect more information about the proposal's financial and recreational impacts in time for their next public meeting on Sept. 24.

"It would be a worthy undertaking if it's doable," said commissioner Stanley Shapiro. "Those needs exist and the idea shouldn't be dismissed."

According to the pool's current schedule, the facility is closed on Saturdays.

## RCMP

## Ganges suspect charged in high-tech store heist

Victoria court date set

A Salt Spring Island man is slated to appear in a Victoria court room today (Wednesday) to face charges of theft and possession of stolen property related to an Aug. 15 caper at Energy Options on Rainbow Road.

Based on information provided to police by witnesses at the scene of the crime just after 9 p.m., police made their way to

Justin Mackie's home in the Ganges area where they discovered him out of breath and wearing clothes that matched the description given to police.

Officers discovered a bag that contained 18 iPhones and two iMac laptop computers in the suspect's home. The stolen goods were valued at more than \$12,000.

Mackie faces additional charges of breaching release conditions associated with two previous charges still before

the courts. Conditions from those charges include a 9 p.m. curfew.

In other police news, police are looking for more information about an Aug. 15 theft from a boat parked on blocks behind Harbour's End Marine on Upper Ganges Road. Stolen from inside the boat was an ACER-brand laptop and a 60-ounce bottle of Wiser's. Anyone with information about the incident can contact Salt Spring RCMP by calling 250-537-5555.

## NEWSBEAT

## SATURDAY MARKET

## Iconic green slug faces uncertain future

Slow Down,  
It's Salt Spring  
booted from  
Saturday Market

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A family business designed to help people slow down and chill out has fueled a minor controversy among a group of Saturday market vendors who claim the business violates the market's "make it, bake it, grow it" guidelines.

Since they began their Slow Down, It's Salt Spring business earlier this year, the Rabson family and their company's laid-back lime-green mascot have become a regular presence at many public events, markets and community billboards across the island.

The family's business features paraphernalia like mugs and T-shirts adorned with a quirky green slug who's flashing a peace sign beside the 'Slow Down, It's Salt Spring' slogan.

What began as a light-hearted attempt to cool the island's frenetic summer rush while teaching Cindy and Jan Rabson's two young sons a lesson or two on business and marketing recently stirred concern among a small group of market vendors whose complaints sent the family before the Parks and Recreation Commission's Market Advisory Group last week.

"It would have been wonderful if the discussion at the jury process was a dialogue where a real understanding of our product and process was explored. We did not come away from the experience with

that, sadly," said Jan Rabson on Monday. "It is not our intention to in any way harm the Saturday market. We as a family have and always will love the market. It just hasn't been a good experience for us with our business."

Specific concerns raised at the MAG included not allowing the business to set up in the market's youth vendor section, the commercial printing of logos on mugs and questions about the slug's artistic origin.

"Because Andrew McKeachie executed our concept and design by use of his computer program as a graphic designer it was questioned by these vendors whether we qualify as the actual artist of our product," Rabson said.

According to the market's regulations, youth vendor spots are reserved for persons between 13 and 17 years of age who reside on Salt Spring and sell goods that comply with the "market philosophy." That philosophy states that items sold at the Saturday market "shall be . . . made or prepared by the vendor or made of components transformed or significantly altered by the vendor . . ."

The MAG decreed the Rabsons can no longer operate in the youth vendor spot, nor sell mugs, and recommended that McKeachie's name be included on their day-vendor permit.

Unsure how to proceed, the Rabsons temporarily set up shop in front of the TJ Beans coffee house on Saturday thanks to help from cafe owners Tim O'Connor and John



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Rabson family with TJ Beans owners John Dolman and Tim O'Connor, who let the family sell their Slow Down, It's Salt Spring wares next to their Ganges cafe on Saturday.

Dolman.

"They invited us to share their steps along with their donut sales, giving us a few days to digest these findings," Rabson said. "They are amazing members of our community."

Though a majority of vendors welcomed the business, Rabson said, the handful of vendors who "implied by their looks and comments and ultimately their approaching the market advisory board that we were trying to 'get away with something,'" have left the Rabsons with doubts as to whether they want to stay in the market.

"We felt we were 100 per cent honest and above board with the intentions of this little family business. We brought our children to an experience that we believed would be community

mindful in spirit," Rabson said. "Sadly, we no longer feel enthusiastic about being a part of the market as our boys have been left with an unsettled feeling about being there."

Although the Rabsons can understand getting kicked out of the youth area, they take exception to their mugs being singled out because the logos are printed at a local business.

"Lastly, we feel the lack of understanding around Andrew McKeachie's involvement is ridiculous in this computer age," he said.

The family will set up at the Saturday Boutique, otherwise known as the Saturday free market, in Gasoline Alley on Aug. 25.

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## FIRE DISTRICT

## Draft 2013 fire budget up 3.25%

Belt-tightening makes room for new fire hall

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring fire trustees have presented a \$2.375-million draft budget for 2013 with an overall increase of close to 3.25 per cent.

The main source of the increase is an extra \$75,000 for fire hall development needs.

Finance committee chair Grant Eckberg explained at Monday's board meeting that although expenses are expected to increase in several areas, "severe belt-tightening" allowed the fire chief and committee to budget some \$58,000 below 2012's operating costs, despite contending with wage and benefit increases.

The new budget line of \$75,000 for fire hall development falls under capital expenses.

Trustees reserved discussion

of the preliminary document and invite members of the public to give their input at the next regular trustees' meeting, set for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 3.

The draft budget should be available online at [www.saltspringfire.com](http://www.saltspringfire.com) by Thursday, Aug. 23, or can be picked up in paper form at the Ganges fire hall office.

Eckberg hopes to have the budget bylaw approved at the Sept. 17 meeting.

In other fire board news, trustees were happy to officially withdraw trustee Mary Gillies' resignation. Gillies had announced her decision to leave the board last month and rethought her plans after a fire occurred at her drycleaning business on July 18.

Trustee Michael Schubart reported for the fire hall building committee that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has approved, with conditions, the preliminary layout

design at the future fire hall site.

Travis Guedes, president of the Salt Spring Firefighters' Association, noted that volunteer member Capt. Chris Cormack had realized a longtime dream of becoming a career officer and had left the department to take a position as deputy chief at Big White. Schubart moved for an official vote of thanks for Cormack's contribution, noting Big White's gain is Salt Spring's loss.

Guedes also announced upcoming fundraising initiatives. The firefighters will once again sell corn donated by Malcolm Bond at the Salt Spring Fall Fair to raise money to put on the Halloween fireworks display. In October, the SSFA group will once again raise money for the Canadian Breast Cancer Association by selling pink T-shirts and hosting the celebrity Jail & Bail event. The group raised close to \$7,500 in 2011.

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## NEWSBEAT

### ISLANDS TRUST

# Trust pursues purge of Pender STVRs

Uncertainty affects island tourism

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An effort to revive the Islands Trust's crackdown on North Pender Island short-term vacation rentals earlier this month has riled property owners who say they've had enough of the local government's ongoing intimidation tactics.

"I think it's frustrating for everyone. I think they are succeeding in scaring everyone," said Bruce Pergest, president of the Pender Island Vacation

Accommodation Association. "Getting the issue cleared up is what we want to have happen."

The Islands Trust launched its initial bylaw enforcement campaign against 27 owners of allegedly illegal STVR properties in early 2011. Although most operators have changed their practices, bylaw enforcement officer Miles Drew said many of the STVR owners have taken no action.

Drew said the "push back" is a result of the Trust's most recent efforts to seek compliance in lieu of court action.

According to some North Pender Island's STVR propo-

nents, confusion has arisen because there is no specific bylaw that prohibits the rental of accommodation for fewer than 30 days in a residential zone.

Drew's response: "Absolute crap."

He said anyone would be hard-pressed to find a land-use bylaw in B.C. that specifically prohibits possible land uses.

"Every bylaw states these uses and no others are permitted," he said. "You will never find a bylaw that says what you can't do, only what you can do," Drew said on Tuesday.

Drew said the Islands Trust always tries to seek compliance

before spending taxpayer funds on costly court proceedings.

After more than a year-and-a-half of bylaw questions, Pender Chamber of Commerce member Jane Perch said the crackdown has forced some STVR owners to sell their properties and likely contributed to the below average number of tourists on the island this summer, she added.

"People are getting fed up and putting their places on the market because they are tired of being harassed and being made to feel like a criminal. The chamber is really concerned about the island in general since tourism is a mainstay here."



## ISLANDS TRUST SATURNA ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the Saturna Island Local Trust Committee will hold a community information meeting and a public hearing within a Local Trust Committee Business Meeting on:

- Proposed Bylaw No. 107 – cited as "Saturna Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 70, 2000, Amendment No. 1, 2012"
- Proposed Bylaw No. 108 – cited as "Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw 78, 2002, Amendment No. 1, 2012"

for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws at **12:30 p.m., Thursday, September 6, 2012, at Saturna Island Recreation Centre - Lounge, 104 Harris Road, Saturna Island, BC.**

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

**Proposed Bylaw No. 107** – In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 107 is to change the Official Community Plan (OCP) designation of lands legally described as Lot 62 and 63, Section 14, Plan 13357, Saturna Island (East Point area) from the Rural designation to the Open Space designation and to change the designation of the area shown as Park on Strata Plan VS 3488, Section 5, Saturna Island (Thompson Park) from the Farmland designation to the Open Space designation.

**Proposed Bylaw No. 108** – In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 108 is to change the zoning of lands legally described as Lot 62 and 63, Section 14, Plan 13357, Saturna Island (East Point area) from the Rural Residential zone to the Community Park zone and to change the zoning of the area shown as Park on Strata Plan VS 3488, Section 5, Saturna Island (Thompson Park) from the Farmland zone to the Community Park zone.

Proposed Bylaw 108 also amends the Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw by adding a new Community Park zone that contains regulations regarding the permitted uses and permitted structures for land zoned Community Park.

A copy of the proposed bylaws and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing August 22, 2012 and up to and including September 5, 2012.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2) (e) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Saturna Island, B.C., commencing August 22, 2012. The proposed bylaws can also be viewed on the internet at [www.islandstrust.bc.ca](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca) and selecting [www.islandstrust.bc.ca/lts/sa/bylaws.cfm](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/lts/sa/bylaws.cfm)

Written submissions may be delivered to:

- The office of the Islands Trust by mail at #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, by Fax (250) 405-5155 or can be sent on-line by going to the Islands Trust Website at the following URL: [www.islandstrust.bc.ca/lts/sa/meetings.cfm](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/lts/sa/meetings.cfm) and completing the "Public Hearing, September 6, 2012, Submission Form", prior to 4:30 p.m., September 5, 2012;
- After 4:30 p.m., September 5, 2012 to the Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at 12:30 p.m., September 6, 2012.

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

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

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

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

Kathy Jones,  
Deputy Secretary

### TRANSPLANT

## Kaiya's transplant prep continues in Edmonton

Final donor confirmation still needed for toddler, says mom

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A long saga of hospitalization and treatment continues in Edmonton for Pender Island toddler Kaiya Westlind McEwen as doctors work to bring her health up to the level needed for an organ transplant.

The 18-month-old girl, who has become a veteran of catheters, IV tubes and ultrasound scans in her short life, is fighting the effects of liver failure brought on by alpha 1-antitrypsin deficiency. While her family waits for confirmation of phenotype testing results that would allow her great aunt to become a living donor, Kaiya's doctors are concerned with her immediate treatment, including draining a constant build-up of fluid in her belly. They have administered antibiotics against infection, are monitoring potassium and ammonia levels, and take continual blood tests requiring a central catheter.

"As of now, she is being caught up on several things to work her up to transplant," Kaiya's mother Rita McEwen wrote by email on Thursday, Aug. 16.

"We are transitioning to a higher concentration of formula, to help her gain more weight, with less fluid. Her abdomen continues to get larger due to the Acites. She will be getting a 'pigtail' catheter as well, to drain her belly, and it will stay in stretched over two or three days, so as not to shift the fluids too much too fast, which can cause cardiac problems."

Despite media reports that Kaiya's great aunt Jane Harrison had been approved as a donor, McEwen said final results are still pending.

"Though there is word that Jane is a good match, it apparently isn't official, just yet. Word has gotten out, and though it does look promising, this is the real update so far," McEwen wrote.

"All in all it depends on what happens with Kaiya's little body in the meantime. Each individual is different, but right now we are still getting adjusted to her new meds, trying to find the balance, and to get the excess fluid off as it continues to build daily.

"She is uncomfortable, likely in some pain, and is hardly moving around now. She is very much

on a roller coaster when it comes to moods, mostly when it comes to each procedure and adding new tubes or IV etc, but is overall doing amazing as far as coping."

On Friday, Kaiya was taken out of recovery and doing much better, McEwen reported. McEwen was able to leave the hospital for the first time in days with the arrival of other family members, and enjoyed a trip to the water park with her son Evan on Sunday.

**"I have hope that if necessary the rumour is true that I could be worked up quickly to be a potential donor as**

**well."**

RITA MCEWEN  
Kaiya's mother

The family has found a small rental home near the hospital and Evan will start school there this fall. More good news is that Kaiya is currently listed as the hospital's top priority for transplant.

McEwen acknowledged the help already received by the Gulf Islands community. If people want to do more, she said, "As far as community support, whatever people can donate is much appreciated, and otherwise I think that we just need to spread awareness for the need for everyone to become registered donors.

"Education around being a live donor is also important, as there just aren't enough either way. In our case, there have been several donor 'offers,' but we declined anyone that had children, and otherwise they weren't the same blood type. I have hope that if necessary the rumour is true that I could be worked up quickly to be a potential donor as well."

Kaiya's progress can be followed by registering with the Kaiya site at [www.caringbridge.org](http://www.caringbridge.org).

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# NEWSBEAT

## SPCA

# SPCA sets up Purr-fect price campaign

Name-your-price adoption days target mature cats

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With more than 1,000 adult cats banded down in shelters across the province, BCSPCA coordinators have good reason to launch a new program to connect adult felines with loving new owners.

The Purr-fect Price campaign gives prospective pet owners the opportunity to name their price for any of the 10 adult cats who currently live at Salt Spring Island's Lower Ganges Road shelter.

"The same standards will apply and people

must still meet the criteria," said Sean Hogan, manager of Salt Spring's BCSPCA branch. "The message that I want to emphasize is all about finding the right fit."

Because summer characteristically sees an influx of cute young kittens at shelters, the BCSPCA chose to offer the added incentive to lure potential adopters to older residents.

Whereas kittens are often hard to resist when people walk in the door, Hogan said, adult cats offer some distinct advantages when it comes to finding that ideal pet.

"They're house trained and have gone through the wild years of youth," he said.

Contrary to public perception, older cats available for adoption

are healthy and have no issues getting used to their new home.

"The sooner they're out of the shelter and into a home, the sooner they can get on with being a cat," Hogan said.

Stella, a long-haired black-and-white eight-year-old, has lived at the shelter since March. Her checkered past and colourful personality, Hogan said, make her ideal for a quiet one-pet household that can offer plenty of affection.

Hogan and other branch managers are still unsure how the Purr-fect Price campaign will come together, but evidence from the United States indicates the program has made a difference.

While some people may question the merit of offering discount

adoptions, Hogan said, the important thing is to find each pet a loving home.

"The longer they're in the shelter, the more problems they have and the more likely they are to get sick. We really want to get cats adopted sooner than later," he said.

"What has been found is that by doing these programs, if people are only paying \$10 for a cat, there's no difference. Price can be a barrier to people who will be great owners. We want to unite people with their new companion because they're going to give them lots of lovin'."

Adult and senior cats, which are usually adopted for \$149 and \$74.50 respectively, cost the BCSPCA about \$785 per average stay. That amount includes vac-


inations, spaying or neutering, an identification tattoo, preventative treatment for internal and external parasites, any medical care or rehabilitation required, daily welfare monitoring, sheltering and feeding.

The Purr-fect price campaign, Hogan added, is a great opportunity to remind the public how important fundraising is to the BCSPCA's ongoing success.

The event takes place at the Salt Spring Island BCSPCA branch (540 Lower Ganges Road) on Aug. 23, 24 and 27. The shelter will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on each of these days. Applications will be processed within 24 hours.

For more information, contact Hogan at 250-537-2123 or shogan@spca.bc.ca.

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## THEFT

# Slasher race organizer seeks missing hay bales

Contest leftovers swiped

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The organizer of Salt Spring's annual Slasher Downhill Skateboard Race is reaching out to the community in hopes of recovering up to 150 hay bales that disappeared after the Saturday, Aug. 11 event.

While longboard fans and spectators were fully prepared for high-speed excitement at the sponsored event, coordinator Adrian English was less prepared for adventure during Sunday's cleanup. That's when he learned that someone had helped themselves to a truck-load of hay that was already promised to a local farmer, in return for the earlier use of his delivery truck.

"The event went really well. There were no injuries this time, everything was great," English said.

"But right now I'm a box truck of hay bales in the hole."

English had borrowed the farmer's truck to pick up around 200 bales from Nanaimo, to be used to line the steep road and separate the longboarders' track from the shoulder. In return, he filled up the truck's gas tank and promised the farmer a full truck of hay after the event was over. That person is now, understandably, quite angry the bargain wasn't fulfilled.

"He didn't want cash, he wanted hay," English said.

A Juniper Road resident had previously asked English if she could take some hay in exchange for helping with the cleanup, but he explained the bales were already spoken for. The woman was therefore surprised to see another man arrive Sunday morning and start loading bales into his truck. When she spoke to him, he assured her he was "with the skateboarders."

English said a misunderstanding may have occurred, since he did give permission to a local man to take away the extra hay from last year's event, but he certainly did not extend the same invitation this time. What makes him even more annoyed is the unknown person took all the bales in good condition and left the scattered hay and broken bales, so the cleanup still took English and two others several hours of work.

With the cost of hay on Salt Spring coming in at a minimum of \$4 per bale, English is out at least \$600, which he still owes to the farmer who lent him his truck.

"They're not my hay bales," he explained. "I'm just trying to get them to their right home. I'd be happy to get my truck and go pick them up."

The person who took the hay is described as driving an old red and white farm truck. Anyone who can locate or return the missing hay, or has other information, should call English at 250-538-8806.

## REUNION

# GISS grads of 1992 reunite

Events planned for this Saturday

It's been 20 years since the Gulf Islands Secondary School grad class of 1992 celebrated the completion of their formal public schooling, and it's time for the gang to get together again.

Two events are planned for Salt Spring Island on Saturday, Aug. 25.

A family picnic will take place at Drummond Park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with all family members welcome to attend. People just need to bring their own lunch and a blanket.

Then at 6 p.m. the grads only will meet for dinner on the patio at Shipstones in Ganges. Spouses are welcome to join the group from 9 p.m. on for drinks and danc-

ing. The class of 1992 had 64 members. The valedictorian was Sheila Thomson, and the guest speaker, as chosen by the graduating class, was RCMP Const. Chris Bomford.

The graduation theme that year was "dream on, dream away."

A dry-grad party-cruise took place aboard the Abitibi.



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EDITORIAL

## Hard lessons

The shock and grief that resulted from news that only two of the Cap Rouge II's seven passengers survived the ship's early morning capsizing near the entrance to the Fraser River 10 years ago was especially profound on Galiano and Salt Spring islands.

Many of the victims held a special place in the hearts and minds of their many family members, friends and acquaintances.

As tragic as the Cap Rouge II incident was, knowledge that it could have been prevented or that lives could have been saved revived sad memories when results of a provincial inquest were released to the public in 2004.

Among the many changes which took years to implement are improved mariner education, streamlined protocols for rescue dive teams and improved Coast Guard services in the Lower Mainland and Gulf Islands.

**THE ISSUE:**

B.C. marine rescue services

**WE SAY:**

Let's learn from past experience

turbulent period in British Columbia's maritime history. Between 1994 and 2005, no fewer than 25 people were killed after being trapped inside capsized vessels. In 1993, six passengers drowned near Active Pass after a collision between the Arctic Taglu and the Bona Vista fishing vessel.

Though such tragedies can never be eliminated, the hard lessons learned during those painful years strengthened marine rescue services throughout the region. Today, many experts in the field say the dedicated efforts made by trained rescuers to save lives whenever possible is world class.

News of the federal government's Coast Guard cutbacks, notably at the Kitsilano Coast Guard base, has justifiably ignited concerns that strides made in the decade since the Cap Rouge II disaster will be forsaken for short-term economic savings.

Efforts to improve rescue resources or develop appropriate guidelines are often a reactionary process; it usually takes human lives for important lessons to be learned and eventually implemented.

With any hope, the federal government won't need another disaster along the south coast to relearn such a valuable lesson, and will reconsider its recent position on cuts to marine rescue services.



## Locavore movement & survivalism

BY ROSS KING

Some of the locavore movement is premised on "self-sufficiency." I respect those who support it out of a conviction that it will help reduce CO2 emissions, and admire their preparedness to effectively pay extra, by way of individual effort on the farm or by paying a premium at "farm gate" for their non-mass-produced, usually delicious, fresh organic food.

However, I'd like to focus on what I detect is a distinct survivalist aspect of the movement. The argument runs thus:

The socio-economic order we currently enjoy is at high risk of collapse; if it does collapse, distribution mechanisms will collapse and basic essentials will cease to be available; we will be forced to fend for ourselves or otherwise starve. So start now by aiming towards self-sufficiency: build a herd of protein-generating animals, establish productive agricultural land and build storage for over-wintering foodstuffs.

However, if there's a collapse of the socio-economic order, it'll happen fast. The three million or so citizens of Vancouver and Victoria, having looted and emptied the stores, will work outwards, foraging as they go, moving on as land and resources are exhausted, and leaving behind a "scorched-earth" landscape. The fabric of civilized behaviour will fast disappear, driven by starvation. Anyone standing in their way (unless they have a well-equipped army and resources to outlast a siege) will be swept aside.

Eventually, somehow, driven by hunger, they will get to Salt Spring Island — anywhere where there's food. At gunpoint, our nice little farms will be taken over — if we resist, and as protein will be critically short, we will be on the next barbecue. We taste like pork, apparently, and are very toothsome to cannibals (giving "locavorem" a new twist).

Levity aside, if we survive the experience, we too will tag along with the ravaging mob, foraging as we go. We will have achieved nothing in the long run and our investment in this alternative style of living (that we survivalists designed specifically for our survival) will be for naught — a waste of time, effort and money.

### VIEWPOINT

Let's back up. We are all heavily invested in the current socio-economic order whether we like it or not. We got here from the ancestral caves by establishing the structures we know well — banking, finance, business practices, trading, orderly governance structures and laws, etc. In advancing society by these means, the population of the world went from Adam and Eve to however many billions we have today. You can't turn the clock back and revert in short order from billions to maybe millions, all trying to survive on locavore diets, without multitudes of catastrophes. And billions cannot stay fed and watered if the current system falters. I submit that our efforts for the future are best invested in helping maintain the status quo, not in militating against it.

The system we have is far from perfect and there's room for improvement. However, it's the only system we've got. If this ship sinks, we all go down with it, bar a very small bunch of survivors, most likely in places like Irian Jaya (Papua New Guinea), who are already hunter-gatherers — business as usual. They will continue to cope with subsistence living — much better than we can, in a lifetime, learn effective hunter-gathering skills and emulate them.

But since when was education in subsistence living a bad thing? We might, as a result, be better prepared to survive as one of the lucky(?) few who will painstakingly rebuild social order and its institutions from scratch, hopefully in some new and better and less wasteful and more sustainable way, over the next hundreds of generations.

SSI — "SaltSpring Survival Institute" anyone? How about a Salt Spring navy to repel boarders to SS Fortress Salt Spring?

In conclusion, maybe, after all, we're better off with what we've got, warts and all — so support the international economy and global trade and its institutions. In the meantime, "Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we [may well] die!" And grow our own veggies for organic enjoyment — realistically, not much else.

*The writer is a retired engineer living on Beddis Road.*

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Are Saturday market rules too strict?**

Yes  No

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Monday at midnight or clip this box and drop it at our office before Monday at 4:30 p.m.

**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:** 14 12

**Did you manage to see any meteors?**



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# IslandVoices

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"You will never find a bylaw that says what you can't do, only what you can do."

MYLES DREW, ISLANDS TRUST BYLAW OFFICER

## SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What area do you recommend for the island's next pathway project?



**BROOK HOLDACK**

*Up Ganges hill to Beddis and Charlesworth. Many people without vehicles walk up that road all the time.*



**PAIGE PENNY**

*Maybe along Portlock hill beside the golf course or even along Long Harbour Road.*



**JACOB KALMAKOFF**

*I would like to see a nice bike path around the Stowel Lake area. It's windy and narrow but a very beautiful place to cycle.*



**MIKE BYRNE**

*I'd like to see one along the full length of Beddis Road from the beach to Fulford-Ganges Road.*



**UNA CONRADI**

*I'll say around the Fulford valley to give people going to the ferry safe access and encourage cycling.*

## 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](http://www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com) under the Opinion tab.

### Fix Cusheon Lake dock

How very odd that Salt Spring Island has a Parks and Recreation Commission with a multi-million dollar budget, a Capital Regional District with an even larger budget, a well-financed highways department, a many-leveled system of well-paid bureaucrats and no one responsible for the unsafe condition of the dock on Cusheon Lake.

When I recently saw the condition of the Cusheon Lake dock my heart went cold to see the dangers so very obvious there. If we love our children we will not allow that dock to remain unrepaired for even one day.

Let me list what I saw:

1. A post two feet below water level two feet out from the dock with children cannon balling and diving close to it.
2. Children swimming under the dock with the dock bouncing up and down close to their heads.
3. Holes in the dock for

little feet to slip through.

4. Nails sticking out on the water side and on the dock that could puncture or rip feet, hands, arms or legs.

5. Boards partly ripped off the dock sides with nails pointing downwards where feet could slip under boards and be punctured from above.

6. Two parts of the dock bouncing up and down where feet, fingers, hands or toes could be permanently damaged and crushed between the two docks as they move up and down.

7. A rope tied to the side of the dock tied to a tree that bounces up and down each time people walk or run on the dock. This rope could easily push a child down and hold him or her under the water if a child was unfortunate enough to try swimming under that rope at the wrong time.

We are not considering just a few safety problems here, we are considering conditions of disrepair significant enough to cause loss of life or damage to a small body serious enough to change a child's life forever.

ever. And why? Because bureaucracies disagree as to who is responsible. Is that failure to take accountability worth the loss of a child in an accident that could easily be prevented? If you cannot agree as to who is responsible, then take the dock out. It is far better to suffer the loss of a swimming dock than suffer the loss of a life.

**PATRI JANYK,**  
KITCHEN ROAD

### Helpful family

Richard and Rose Murakami have risen above their past racially based government enforced move and loss of land and are two of the best community supporters on Salt Spring.

Why then, after receiving an anonymous complaint three years ago related to the use of their land, is the Agricultural Land Commission now being so unreasonable and aggressive by issuing the recent 30-day cease and desist order? ("Agricultural Land Commission pursues Murakamis' Rainbow Road compliance," Aug. 15 Driftwood.)

I would bet that most

Agricultural Land Reserve properties on Salt Spring store old unlicensed beater vehicles used for jobs, parts, tires, etc. required by their property owners. (I am guilty of this crime myself.) Is the ALR going to prosecute the rest of us?

Richard Murakami is in his 70s and some of his somewhat eclectic mechanics are in their 80s, as is Rose. The Murakami garage provides relatively cheap auto parts and labour to keep many island vehicles on the road for people who can't afford other mechanics. They provide a huge service to the island. Are we really going to harass the Murakami senior citizens this way?

I don't think so! To the ALR I say, find a way to resolve this issue. To the Islands Trust I say, leave them alone!

As to the "anonymous" complainer, have the decency to come forward and get a life.

Assisting the expansion of pathways, cutting broom, picking up litter or teaching kids about the great outdoors would seem to be more productive activities.

**CHRIS HATFIELD,**  
CUSHEON COVE

### Toast to Jack

A year ago an incredible number of Canadians were deeply moved by the death of Jack Layton. Today (Wednesday, Aug. 22) is the anniversary.

In many cities across the country people are coming together to remember this man. In Victoria, people will gather at the Victoria library at 7 p.m. Here on Salt Spring, a number of us will be meeting in private homes to raise a glass and light a candle at 8 p.m.

We invite everyone to join us in toasting the memory of Jack. In this way we will be reminded of his important last message to Canadians: "So let us be loving, hopeful and optimistic, and we'll change the world."

**IRENE WRIGHT,**  
SALT SPRING

### Support Murakamis

This letter is in response to the potential conflict between the Agricultural Land Commission and the Murakami family.

Without any doubt, Rich-

ard and Rose Murakami's land should be (or already have been) "grandfathered," based on the historical fact that their ownership and use of the land precedes the very existence of the Agricultural Land Reserve and the Islands Trust.

Furthermore, the "anonymous" complainant should be required to give his/her name as there could be a conflict of interest favouring this "anonymous" complainant.

Finally, Salt Spring-ers should challenge the sequence of discriminatory acts against the Murakami family, dating back to their forced interment and loss of their Salt Spring property in the 1940s.

I sincerely urge fellow islanders to flood the Driftwood and the Islands Trust with letters of concerned support for Richard and Rose Murakami. Thank you.

**DAVID AND KAY KOS,**  
SUAN SUAY ROAD

**MORE LETTERS** continued on 10

# We need to feed the people, not the machine

BY DAN JASON

I'd like to join the recent Driftwood "locavore" conversation started by Ross King in the July 25 issue.

First off, I question the point reiterated by Mr. King that it costs one to two cents an apple to ship consignments here from New Zealand. Mr. King doesn't say where he got that figure, but I really doubt it could be true. Think of all the labour, fuel and machinery it takes just to load a ship with apples, let alone the costs of picking and transporting the same to the boat, bringing them across the Pacific Ocean, then unloading and transporting the apples to your local stores.

Very significant expenses are often left out in calculating the true costs of things these days, especially the massive government subsidies given to the biggest corporate interests on the planet. I am a seed farmer and I know that over \$500 billion is given annually in subsidies to such corporations as Monsanto and Dupont so they can keep the price of genetically modified crops artificially low. This has helped to destroy small-scale agriculture worldwide. (Not to

mention the health of all living systems!) There is no way that GMO seeds and crops could rule the day without such subsidies.

Mr. King praises our "open economy." However, it is clear to me that phrases like "open economy" and "free trade" are clever perversions of the reality of things these days. The economy is open only to the biggest players and no one is free to trade except them. My own Salt Spring Seeds, as well as all the other small seed companies in Canada, have stopped sending seeds to the U.S. because officials there make it virtually impossible to do so. Does Monsanto think our heritage seeds will contaminate their genetically engineered ones?

Mr. King says at the end of his latest opinion piece that he would be "up in arms" if our own B.C. government somehow supported or subsidized local food production.

To my mind, that's exactly what needs to happen!

The way things stand now, it is the big agribusiness poison pushers that are supported to the max and it is local producers,

## GUEST COLUMN

and especially organic ones, who have to overcome all kinds of hurdles and incur extra expenses to produce healthy, local food. In a humane and benign economy,

local agriculture would not only be supported, it would be recognized as one of the most important responsibilities of government to do so.

It seems clear to me that we should be moving beyond conversations about the desirability of locavoreism to tackling its coming necessity. Anyone following the news these days can see that North America is on the brink of disaster and chaos. The debt crises in the U.S. and Europe are spiraling totally out of control. Thirty-two U.S. states have lately been declared natural disaster areas because of fires and drought. We'd better start learning to grow our own food before it becomes increasingly unrealistic to import it.

There is an election coming up in British Columbia early in 2013. I will certainly support any party that makes feeding British Columbians local, unadulterated food a

priority.

Right now, B.C. has the smallest budget for agriculture of any Canadian province and it is almost impossible for eager young farmers to farm. Supposedly only three per cent of B.C. is farmable, but that is only through the eyes of industrial agriculture. Having grown crops on small acreages here on Salt Spring Island for three decades, I know that huge harvests can be had on any land that is lovingly and respectfully farmed.

Agriculturally, we have everything going for us in B.C. right now, compared to most other places: we have weather that is not too extreme, we have water, we have trees and we have interested, enthusiastic and conscientious communities.

I have no doubt that we could ride out the difficult times ahead, but it's going to take a big shift in priorities to do so.

First and foremost, contrary to Mr. King's anathema, we must support and subsidize local food production.

*The writer owns Salt Spring Seeds.*

# OPINION

## RANTS and Roses

### Rants

To the person who left a dead raccoon in a white plastic bag on the side of North End Road on the 1100 area — you are an idiot — why not bury it or throw it in the bush? Plastic bag unnecessary! Elizabeth Lee

Magda Leon, who has cared for my husband so well and so kindly. We will miss you. AK

A fire hall full of pink and red roses for Susan for her moral support and loyalty for 54 years, and counting, of marriage and happiness. With love, Ron

### Roses

Three bouquets of heartfelt roses go out first to the neighbour who rescued my wandering husband, second to the young fellow who saw my keys on the beach at the Indian reserve and went all the way back to retrieve them for me when I was locked out of my car, and third to Dr.

Thanks to the unknown angelic-type person who gathered my wind-blown personal papers from Country Grocer parking lot and delivered them to my home. It truly was another miracle. Myrna Boyd

Armloads of roses to our new vet, Dr. Justene Tedder, for gently assisting Mitsi's passage from this world. Her compassion and

caring skills were much appreciated. J&R

Raw on the Rawk sends a raw-some bouquet of greens to our generous Salt Spring sponsors who made our Raw Living Food Festival a success: SS Sunrise Premium Edibles, Thrifty Foods, Pemberton Holmes, Pharmasave, Mouat's, Island Savings, SSI Wheatgrass, Love My Kitchen, Deborah Wetmore, Rawsome Living Foods, Rawsome Lifestyle Coaching, Bibby Communications. And HUGE thanks to the Harbour House for their support and Nate Cato and Brooke Winters for creating a weekend of amazing raw cuisine!

Little Red roses to all who helped with our "Raise the Out-house" project. To the Salt Spring Island Foundation for funding, Ian Marcotte for donating excavation expertise, Slegg Lumber for helping us out with lumber costs,

Ron Junker for helping with the initial design, Chris Seguin and Mike Luitkus of Saeleith Wood Products for custom milling, construction, and donating the creative and beautiful cedar doors and benches that tie it all together. This project has gone so well and the care that has gone into it will be appreciated by many for years to come. Huge thanks from Julie and all of the families at the Little Red Schoolhouse.

The athletes of Special Olympics BC on Salt Spring held a third invitational bocce tournament and would like to present a bountiful court full of everlasting roses to the following: Organizer extraordinaire Merv Anderson; coach/referees Ross Harvey, Bob Elsea, Ted Lane, Chip Chipman; volunteers Jean Elder, Linda Lee, Lynda Nash, Spencer Paiment; first aider Angela Koetzle; mission control coordinator Carol Newmeyer; ambassadors of good

will Walter Swing, Christa Wohlfahrt; cheering coordinators Dorothy Christopherson, Maureen MacDonald; tables/tents from Country Grocer, Island Savings Credit Union, Thrifty Foods, United Church; Bruce's Kitchen for preparing lunch for all; and the out-of-town guests/competition from Campbell River. The camaraderie was infectious, the weather perfect, the food mouth-watering, the games exciting, the fans cheering — what a great community to live in!


Peaceful roses to the person who put a "Peace is good, parking in the middle of the road isn't" post-it note on my outside mirror. I have up until now freely lent my car out. I can assure you I wasn't driving (that Friday) and would never park in the middle of any road. Thank you for allowing me to reaffirm my boundaries. Peace be with you. Teresa.

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### Pool & Spa


#### Why does my pool keep getting algae?



**GLORIA WINNIToy**

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### Mechanic

#### How does hot summer weather affect my vehicle??



**GYLE KEATING**

Now that we are finally into hot summer weather, your vehicle will need to be in top shape to avoid costly and time consuming breakdowns. Check your oil change sticker to see if you are due for service. Have your cooling system thoroughly checked. Condition of hoses, belts and radiator cap are critical. Coolant should be maintained at the same concentration all year round and is a determining factor of your coolant's boiling point and corrosion resistance. Your tires will be working extra hard on the hot pavement - have pressures and wear checked regularly. Beware of slippery roads after the first rain following a dry spell. Deposits of tire dust, oil drippings etc. can make for an extremely slippery surface until the debris is washed away. Overheating of your braking system can occur in any weather but much more so in hot weather. Worn brakes will overheat sooner than a well maintained braking system resulting in far less stopping power. Ask for a complete brake inspection at your next service. Transmissions and differentials should have their oils changed regularly and now would be a good time if they haven't been done recently. If your vehicle hasn't been serviced in the last 4 months, have a complete check over done now with hot weather in mind. Remember, maintenance repairs are cheaper than breakdown repairs.

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**BRENDA AKERMAN**

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- Pushing, pulling pressing down a noodle will strengthen any part of your body
- It provides a lot of laughter and interaction with everyone

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- Anne D



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### Real Estate

#### Moving Checklists



**JAN MACPHERSON**

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**INSURANCE:** Be sure to inform your insurance agent of the dates, especially if the house is vacant, to ensure valid coverage & arrange to have the house checked as per requirements of insurance policy.  
**UTILITIES:** Obtain electricity, cablevision, water, sewer & private garbage collection as applicable. It is advisable to book phone/internet WELL AHEAD of moving day to avoid delays.  
**BANKING:** It is handy to set up affiliation or transfer accounts BEFORE moving in order to arrange direct debit for mortgage & utility payments.  
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### Counselling

#### Rest – Part Two



**ELSIE HANNAH**

There seems to be a phenomenon around being busy these days. I often hear people say they are too busy or that life seems to have sped up. We all suffer from 'being busy' to one degree or another. If fact, some feel their sense of worth is in what they do or how much they do. Folks, that's the biggest lie. The truth is that we all have great worth just for being who we are. If you were in an accident and became paralyzed, you'd still have amazing worth! If you were to write your own epitaph I imagine you might write about all the accomplishments and great things you've done in this life. It's not about that. It's about how you spoke into someone's life, how you loved the people around you, how you were available for people in need. That's what life is all about.




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### Senior Care

#### Arthritis and Weight Loss – Part III




**JOHANNA BOOY**

Being overweight increases the risk for developing Osteo arthritis. Last session we discussed the importance of exercise to maintain healthy joints. Exercise and healthy diet will also lead to weight loss. Many joint replacements – hip and knee – are due to the combination of arthritis and extra weight which impacts the joints.

Reducing stress at the joints is very important and even a little weight loss will make a great difference in joint health. For every pound you lose, the joint registers 4 pounds of stress lost at the joints.

Eat a diet rich in whole grains, fruit and vegetables. Avoid night shade vegetables such as potatoes and tomatoes. Keep your diet low in saturated fat, and eat fatty acid rich foods such as salmon, albacore tuna as well as fish oil high in omega – 3 fatty acids.



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# OPINION

## MORE LETTERS

### Misleading video

Enbridge has a video website purporting to show the route from Alberta to Kitimat, B.C. that tar sands bitumen would follow if their pipeline is built.

It's a child-like fantasy world where all the mountains are green and growing, and the pipeline route is a soft yellow line meandering through.

The fantasy route turns to blatant deceit at Kitimat, where a tanker is portrayed mid-channel in a vast, open waterway when in fact the water route snakes between islands — which are conveniently removed in Enbridge's cartoon. The tanker shown would be aground, spilling its toxic cargo.

It's tempting to scream foul play and accuse Enbridge of misleading anyone who watches this video.

They'd love that, because it distracts us from reality: once the diluted bitumen is pumped aboard some helpless tanker barge, it becomes the responsibility of an offshore shipping firm which may not be as passionate about our pristine coastline as are we.

There's not a hope in hell that said tanker operator would be willing or able to respond in any meaningful way when they run a boat onto the rocks.

Canada will be left with a dead coastline; cleanup is a word in a book.

You can watch the fantasy video at [www.northerngateway.ca/project-details/route-video/](http://www.northerngateway.ca/project-details/route-video/) and you can contrast the final images with reality by finding Kitimat, B.C. on Googlemaps and scrolling out to the coast.

Let's hope our politicians aren't stupid or corrupt enough to use this video to rationalize building the pipeline.

**CHRIS DIXON,**  
MANSELL ROAD

### Visuals

I agree with the letter of Aug. 15 from Dan Dickmeyer that sagging black wires and control boxes add to visual pollution on the island. However, in this particular case it is probably incorrect to fully blame Telus or Shaw.

Telus originally wanted to make Salt Spring a demonstration island for B.C. for wireless and cell so that such would be available everywhere on Salt Spring thus eliminating the need for visual pollution. They were willing to spend over a million dollars to do so.

Telus was sent packing by the Trust. Perhaps the Trust should consider inviting firms back to our island now that we have new planners and enlightened trustees. At

least a study of the situation could be made.

It is dangerous to not have reliable cellular communications everywhere. Additionally, the coming generation is demanding wireless access. Furthermore, along with satellites, such access cleans up our landscape and views.

Increasingly, cell phones are protected from radiation and wireless devices appear to have a minor impact compared to radiation from space and hydro wires.

Satellites and wireless can eliminate all visual impacts. In fact, new antennas mimic the look of trees.

No harm in fairly studying the situation. However, let us not have the same situation we have now with Hydro where we have new poles plus the outmoded ones still being used for electrical supply to Vancouver Island. Double the problem!

**ALLEN CUNNINGHAM,**  
SALT SPRING

### Wonderful community

I am sending a bouquet of fragrant prize-winning roses from the local fall fair group to all the farmers, and residents who patronize farmers, who gave so generously by both donating and bidding at our very successful live auction for the abattoir held on Aug. 11.

You all have had a hard look at the future with your eyes wide open. Food security on our island is beyond a doubt one of the most important things for all of us to support.

A very special thank you to Elizabeth May (who, by the way, is a vegetarian) and my husband Andy for getting us all into a "bidding frenzy." Sandy and Belinda did a fabulous job of the financial work. (Close to \$16,000 came in!)

Chris and Emma were brilliant, showing us what was "on the block," and Arvid — what can I say? An astounding effort on your part to promote the abattoir, and from behind your podium, to encourage bids far higher than "cost."

Stellar work by all the helpers behind the scenes — you know who you are....

We collected more fantastic donations than we had the time to offer that night, so please drop by the livestock barn at the Salt Spring Fall Fair (Sept. 15-16) to have a look, and perhaps make an offer at our "silent auction" set up north of the barn. Thank you again to our wonderful community. You are who this local abattoir is for! Shop local!

**CAROLINE HICKMAN,**  
WRIGHT ROAD

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**STEPPING OUT:** Ruby Egger-Lipsett emerges from the story tent in her new kimono at Penny Berton's MythQuest exhibit and sale at ArtSpring on the weekend. Proceeds benefited Stagecoach Theatre School and Berton's new MythQuest educational program.

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BY HELEN MEARS  
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ArtCraft's final Summer Showcase of 2012 includes the paintings of Stefanie Denz and ceramics of Laura Keil. Both artists reinterpret elements of domestic life, shifting the focus and providing a fresh and provocative perspective.

The show runs at Mahon Hall

from Aug. 24 to Sept. 16.

Denz' paintings create compelling interiors. Rooms with empty beds and chairs as well as spaces inhabited by lovers, family and children.

"My scenes are figurative, architectural and dream-like, she says." Brightly painted images are of "unlikely arrangements and unbidden moments."

Denz' work delves into the unconscious, combining fragments of the familiar. Local,

personal and cinematic elements are brought together to create a scene: sources may be outtakes from a Fellini film, a family house memory, ferry docks and terminals.

"While the meaning may not be clear to me, what drives me is the composition and the story it might hold," says Denz.

Her painting looks at social constructs: gender and sexuality. Images overlap, suggesting memory, movement, and mutable, shifting environments. She

incorporates found and contemporary architectural materials: reclaimed wood, sheet metal and wallpaper.

Keil's new work features hand-built coil pots that are influenced by the ceramics of the Ming Dynasty. Keil uses classical forms and methods, stating, "You can't get more traditional than that."

By choosing to modify the scale and texture of the work, integrating clay and felt, she changes a domestic piece into a

lively, less precious object. The felt lid becomes "a soft ball-like form" and creates a new take on the traditional lid. The two surfaces of the piece complement each other and are more playful and "alive."

Keil focuses on shapes, forms and surfaces of her sculptural pieces that are, by the end of her process, "really touched."

The opening reception for the show is on Friday, Aug. 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

"Music for a Vanishing Species"

Norris Clement returns to Salt Spring to premiere, with his jazz friends, two suites inspired by the issues of undocumented immigration and degradation of planet Earth.

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AWARDS

## Wesley Hardisty seeks peoples choice votes for best fiddler award

Islander nominated for Aboriginal music award

Salt Spring musician Wesley Hardisty has been nominated for an Aboriginal Peoples Choice Music Award for Best Fiddle CD.

The nomination is for his debut CD called 12:12, which was released in May of 2011. Music industry voters determine the nominees in each category and online voting by members of the public determines the winners.

People should register at <http://aboriginalpeopleschoice.com> and vote by the deadline of Sept. 3.

The CD features Wallabee Indeed members Geoff McFarlane and Oscar Kempe, music teacher Bruce Smith, producer Daryl Chonka and Quinn Bachand from Victoria.

The music is diverse, from traditional Celtic fiddle tunes, high-energy dance music, country ballad, world beat groove and fiddle rock funk.

"It was amazing to get this news," said Hardisty, "just as I was coming home from a northern tour, playing three festivals and teaching in six communities. I am really thrilled."

Wesley wrote or co-wrote five of the 10 tracks on the CD.

The awards show is in Winnipeg on Nov. 2.

People can hear Hardisty perform live today (Aug. 22) at a free



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED  
 Wesley Hardisty in performance.

Music & Munch recital at All Saints at 12:10 p.m.

WORKSHOP

## Lantern workshop gives festival-goers their lights

This Sunday at the Core Inn

donation workshop this Sunday.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the third floor of the Core Inn, people of all ages can learn how to make a lantern from either paper or tin cans for use in the Sept. 1 festival.

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See next week's paper for more details about the Firefly Lantern Festival.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## DANCE

# Instructor returns to throw down jazz, hip hop classes

Andrea Rabinovitch offers week of classes Aug. 27-31

For sweaty good fun preparing dancers to get back into shape for fall classes, a former teacher and initiator of the Stagecoach dance program returns to Salt Spring Island to teach classes next week.

Andrea Rabinovitch will lead classes for teens and adults at the Salt Spring Arts Academy on Upper Ganges Road from Monday, Aug. 27 to Friday, Aug. 31.

"Using Simonson modern/jazz technique, her anatomically based warm-up and innovative choreography stresses the use of low centre and core to release the joints and feel energy extending through

the body to better enable a full articulation of expression," explains press material.

Back in the day on Salt Spring, Rabinovitch's hip hop classes attracted huge crowds, who enjoyed a high-energy workout using the latest songs and steps. Half of the class consists of warm-up, steps and a fitness component (sit-ups, pushups, stretching).

"The last half is fresh



ANDREA RABINOVITCH

scene before moving to Salt Spring in 2003 and then Vancouver in 2008, Rabinovitch has made her

choreography that makes you feel like a star."

An active member of the Edmonton arts scene before moving to Salt Spring in 2003 and then Vancouver in 2008, Rabinovitch has made her

living in dance and theatre as an educator, choreographer, writer, performer, publicist and administrator for over 30 years. She has taught at five post-secondary institutions, including UBC Theatre and Film and Studio 58 Langara College; created or ran three dance companies/schools (Mile Zero Dance, Dance Alberta and Stagecoach Theatre School's dance division);

choreographed over 20 musicals; and taught at studios and independently to students aged three to 63. She says her "passion for theatre and dance is boundless." Presently, she teaches at Arts Umbrella in Vancouver.

To register for the classes, contact the Salt Spring Arts Academy at 250-537-4294 or through www.saltspringartsacademy.ca.

## CONCERT PREVIEW

# Jazz musicians explore social justice, environmental themes

Aug. 26 concert at All Saints

Economist, musician and aspiring poet Norris Clement is on Salt Spring Island this month to premiere two jazz-oriented suites inspired by two of the major issues plaguing contemporary society: undocumented international migration and degradation of the planet Earth.

"This is not 'just another jazz concert,'" said John Moore, president of the Salt Spring Jazz & Blues Society, which is sponsoring the concert called Music for a Vanishing Species. "This is jazz and social justice all rolled into one. It should be a very exciting afternoon."

The concert will be held at All Saints Anglican church in Ganges on Sunday, Aug. 26, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Clement, who supported himself as a musician for many years as a youth, tired of the music business when he was in his mid-20s and decided to study economics in order to understand some of the "big picture" questions inspired by extended foreign travel.

"By the time I was 25 I had lived (and played) in both Asia and Europe and had formulated a series of questions related to the uneven rates of development throughout the world," said Clement. "At the time, economics seemed to offer more interesting challenges."

So, he quit the music business and a few years later was living and teaching in Mexico while researching his Ph.D. dissertation in the countryside.

"That began a 35-year stint as an economist and took me to many interesting places throughout the world, triggering even more questions about 'development' and its impact on ordinary people and the



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Norris Clement will lead some of the island's top jazz musicians at a Sunday concert at All Saints.

planet."

During that period Clement did not play professionally or practice regularly. But that all changed a decade ago when he retired from economics and began playing in the San Francisco Bay area. From 2006 through 2011, Clement and his artist/singer wife, Diane Bessell, lived six months of each year on Salt Spring Island, playing with local musicians in a variety of venues.

His first project after retirement was to write a suite on undocumented migration, called Al Norte (To the North).

"I had met scores of migrants in Mexico, Central America, Peru and the U.S., had studied the research in the field and felt it so deeply that I simply had to say something about this little-understood saga and the human beings involved. What I'm trying to do with this music is to tell a composite story about migrants: they

are human beings and undergo extreme hardship to be able to work and contribute to our lives here in the so-called developed world."

Tania Aguila, a Salt Spring resident who was an undocumented migrant from Central America in the mid-1980s, will also participate in the program, recounting her own very moving and poignant story and how it relates to the music itself.

The second work to be premiered, the Gaia Suite (Mother Earth Suite), embraces the general idea that everything on the planet is interdependent and provides a self-regulating mechanism for supporting life, but the human species does have the power to alter that system, thereby endangering its own existence.

The musicians performing in the concert are well known on the island and include: Ian Van Wyck (bass), Peter Taschuk (guitar), Laurent

Boucher (drums), Henry Boudin (saxes), Jose Sanchez (percussion) and Derrick Milton (trumpet) with Norris Clement on keyboards.

Bessell will add her voice to the concert both by singing and by reading Clement's poetry, "verbal images," used to convey the thoughts that inspired him to compose the music to the audience. In addition to the two suites, Norris and the band will perform a number of shorter pieces, for a full two-hour program of music.

Concert tickets are \$20 at Acoustic Planet, Salt Spring Books and Stuff & Non-sense, as well as at the door. There will be a limited number of seats for students and low-income listeners for \$5 at the door.

Inquiries may be directed to representatives of the Jazz and Blues Society: John Moore (250-653-9763) or Hannah Brown (250-537-1813).

  
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## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### EXHIBITIONS

## Amy Melious artwork shares beautiful places



Amy Melious' 'Grass by the Ocean', part of the Fernwood Road Café display.

Photos on display in  
Fernwood until Sept. 8

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Several aspects of Amy Melious' photographic work can be explored over the next few weeks, with different intentions and techniques informing three separate exhibitions.

A show of landscape art that opened at the Fernwood Road Café on Sunday features a selection of the artist's existing body of work, which she collected with the café's environs particularly in mind. With its buttermilk walls and wide windows looking out to the sea, the café is the perfect place to showcase the pieces Melious creates as portals into another time and place.

The unframed works are printed on cotton with archival inks, mounted on wood panels and sealed with acrylic. Melious adds texture both with digital photograph layers and hand painting, producing the effect of an unmediated connection.

"As a viewer, you can really enter the scene, and not have your brain say, 'That's a picture,'" Melious explained at the opening.

"Not all pictures have the same purpose."

With the Fernwood Road Café show, the purpose is to present beautiful scenes from places Melious loves, and to give viewers the chance to experience them at a similar level. These scenes include her home territory of California's wild coast, Salt Spring and France, among others.

Provence depicts an orchard with gorgeous lavender stalks growing tall between the trees. The purple blossoms contrast with a foreground of sunburnt grass and amber shadows, and with the varying greens of orchard foliage and much higher trees directly behind. The shallow depth of field brings an imme-

diacy to the scene — instead of studying a vista from a distance, the viewer is brought almost smack up against the row of trees.

Fulford depicts a sailboat moored at the harbour's lower dock, hand tinting blurring the scene enough to erase modernity's sharp edges and suggest a historic photo from earlier times. Melious focuses the light to radiate from the horizon, while the picture's right edge is dark and stormy. It's a lovely view that brings the island's history through the present's thin surface.

Grass by the Ocean and its neighbouring Dunes contain similar palettes of blue-green, ochre and burnished gold, but contrast in their dominant tones and areas of focus. In the former, Melious has hand painted the individual grass stalks and seed heads against the cool sea background, emphasizing some lines to suggest the wind's movement.

Dunes contains more foreground, with scrubby plants and sandy trail taking up most of the frame, with a smaller strip of horizon and sky above. Melious explained that in this case, her aim was to direct the viewer's eye along the sand into the row of tiny waves glimpsed crashing in the distance behind the grass.

Fans of her work will find Melious has an entirely different intention behind the four pieces she contributed to this year's Photosynthesis show, which opened at ArtSpring on Monday.

Another theme yet again underlies the new series of work she'll unveil at Cafe Talia starting Sept 1. This show is based on a group of old black and white photos Melious discovered of her family. She has used the photos to create narrative journeys that explore these relatives' lives, and at the same time she positions each person as an icon of the greater human condition.

For more information, visit [www.amymelious.blogspot.com](http://www.amymelious.blogspot.com) or [www.grainofsand.com](http://www.grainofsand.com).

### RECITAL

## Classical pianist at M&M

Wilkinson on  
Aug. 29

Pianist Graeme Wilkinson returns to the Music and Munch stage next week with a program of Handel, Hayden, Chopin and Granados.

The Aug. 29 recital at All Saints comes as the part-time resident of Salt Spring prepares to travel to Warsaw to perform in the Second International Fryderyk Chopin Competition for Amateur Pia-

nists next month.

Wilkinson is a classically trained amateur pianist who has studied and performed around the world. He is a regular on the international piano amateur circuit, performing in competitions and workshops in Paris, Berlin, the Czech Republic, Burgos (Spain), Colorado Springs, Washington, D.C., Boston, Chicago, and Fort Worth, where he remains a regular participant at the Piano Texas

International Academy and Festival.

In Montreal he obtained a Bachelor of Music degree at l'Université du Québec à Montréal and a Graduate Diploma in Advanced Music Performance Studies from Concordia.

Next Wednesday's free concert begins at 12:10 p.m. and is followed by an optional light lunch for \$5.50, with lunch tickets purchased before the concert begins.

# People & Community

## AGRICULTURE

### Bringing in the Burgoyne gold



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Saanichton Farm's Bryce and Peter Rashleigh (from left) travelled to the island with their John Deere combine last week to help Sheri and George Braun harvest a healthy crop of red winter wheat along Lee's Hill.

Wheat farming experiment yields impressive results

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

People gathered in Fulford Village on Wednesday morning had good reason to do a double take as traffic disembarked from the 9 o'clock ferry from Swartz Bay.

After the usual stream of summer travellers, day trippers, commuters, delivery trucks and cyclists drove on to the island, off came a sight rarely seen on Salt Spring Island: a 1985 John Deere Titan series combine.

The nearly 10,000 kilogram (22,000-pound) behemoth might be a more common sight on the Canadian prairie than the Gulf Islands or Vancouver Island, but that's something Bryce Rashleigh and his son Peter of Saanichton Farm hope to change.

The father-and-son team were on Salt Spring last week to harvest about 10 tons of wheat from the sprawling slope of the south side of Lee's Hill in the Burgoyne Valley.

With a family history of agriculture on Vancouver Island that dates back to 1912, Rashleigh said he's been around long enough to know that the most important part of any agricultural operation is the ability to change and to accept new challenges.

The family's latest venture involves travelling to farms across the south coast to help landowners harvest and market their crops. Keen to embrace consumers' newfound appetite for all things local and organic, Rashleigh bought and imported a combine from south-eastern Alberta to harvest West Coast-grown crops in late 2010.

these different grains," he said. "You can see a lot of interest in it and we all care about supporting local and buying local, so it just makes sense to see if we can get some of these grains into everyone's local diet."

The Rashleighs' willingness for a challenge no doubt helped Salt Spring farmers George and Sheri Braun persuade them to pack up the family combine, squeeze it on to the Skeena Queen at Swartz Bay and come over to harvest this year's crop.

**"It takes more work and isn't as profitable in the short term, but if we want to be better stewards of the land, we definitely need to go back to doing that."**

BRYCE RASHLEIGH  
Saanichton Farm

By combining reaping, threshing and binding into one swift and seamless operation, the combine harvester revolutionized farming across North America when the first self-propelled models were introduced in the early 20th century. Given last week's ideal hot and dry conditions, the Rashleighs harvested the Brauns' modest crop in a single afternoon.

Watching the Rashleighs bring in the harvest is the latest step in what George and Sheri consider an ever-evolving adventure. Their Fulford-Ganges Road farm includes, among other things, hundreds of blueberry bushes, several dozen young cherry trees and, until Wednesday afternoon, 10 acres of red winter wheat.

"This is the first time I've grown wheat anywhere, so it's an experiment for me, there's a learning curve," said George Braun. "It seems to have worked in most

parts, but you find out as you go."

Rashleigh said he's noticed many farmers who, like the Brauns, have opted to stray from the tradition of monoculture that's defined modern agriculture. Diversity, he believes, is the key to promoting healthy soil and a sustainable operation.

"It takes more work and isn't as profitable in the short term, but in the long run if we want to be better stewards of the land, we definitely need to go back to doing that," Rashleigh said.

The Brauns' decision to plant wheat last September followed a busy summer that involved plenty of work to improve the soil and upgrade irrigation. When the couple realized they ought to plant a cover crop before the onset of fall, the conversation turned to wheat.

"We got talking about it and decided to try wheat to see how that would work and said, 'If it doesn't work, we'll just plow it under and it will become nutrients for the soil regardless.'

"So far it's worked well. Now we'll see how good the crop is."

With a moisture content well below the 15 per cent threshold, initial hopes are looking towards a bumper crop, although they won't really know how good their crop will be until it's cleaned and properly tested.

Whereas the Brauns hope to sell higher grade grain for use as flour, lower grade grain can be used as animal feed. Straw left over from the harvesting process can be used for bedding, mulching and even straw bale home construction.

"It all depends on the quality," Braun said.

Whatever the final use, George said his great hope is to find a local market for Salt Spring's very first crop of 2012 grain. For more information about buying locally grown organic wheat or straw, contact George Braun at 604-765-8530.

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### POSTER PROJECT

# Apple fest-sponsored poster celebrates SSI's famous fruit

Past festival proceeds help artistic project

The Salt Spring Island Organic Apple Festival may be a no-go this year, but the proceeds from previous events will help keep apples in the public eye with publication of a new Salt Spring apple poster.

"We always spread our profit out into the community, both here and in developing countries," explained event organizer Harry Burton.

"The apple festival has a philosophy of letting funds raised from the festival spread out and help others in many

different ways. So I call this whole process Apple Ripples."

Money raised during the 2011 festival went to a number of worthy sources, including Seeds for Malawi, the purchase of solar cookers for Lesotho, and two student bursaries as well as five "Thank a Salt Springer" awards and several artist disbursements.

Victoria-based artist Adrienne Aikins received her disbursement from 2010 apple festival profits. She was given \$500 to create the poster titled *Some Favourite Apple Varieties Grown on Salt Spring*, which includes watercolour reproductions of 60 different varieties selected by island

growers and apple connoisseurs. Aikins painted each apple from an actual sample.

The apple festival group is paying for the printing of the posters, the first batch of which came out last week. After recovering the printing costs, all proceeds from poster sales will go directly to the artist.

The full-colour, 18- by 24-inch poster is available from Burton for \$20 each. Contact him at [harry@apple-luscious.com](mailto:harry@apple-luscious.com) or 250-653-2007.

For more information on apple festival disbursements, and photos of past events, visit [www.saltspringapplefestival.org](http://www.saltspringapplefestival.org).

### SKILLS

## Editing workshop is back in town

Cheryl Cohen now taking registrations



**CHERYL COHEN**

To her own surprise, freelance book editor Cheryl Cohen will be holding her third "Editing Workshop . . . for writers too" at ArtSpring on Sept. 22.

"It's been exciting to discover how much interest there is in editing — among both writers and people who just want to know more about editing from home," says Cohen, who held her previous work-

shops in March and May.

She has been a professional freelance book editor for close to 15 years and has worked on many award-winning titles. Before that, as a career journalist for more than 20 years, her positions included both books editor and news editor of the

Globe and Mail.

"In her workshop, she presents essential information with a generous spirit, leaving plenty of room for humour," commented one writer who took part in the first editing workshop.

"Editing or writing can get lonely at times," Cohen says. "I hadn't realized how much fun the workshops could be in terms of sharing time and knowledge with others who love words."

Workshop topics include substantive editing, copy editing and proofreading; the editor-writer relationship;

tools and resources; how to become a professional editor or a good self-editor; why the future of editing looks bright; and some "hands-on" fun with editing.

The Saturday, Sept. 22 workshop takes place in ArtSpring's multidisciplinary room from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The cost is \$100 (or \$85 for early birds who register by Aug. 25). Space is limited.

For more information or to register, email [cherylcohen@shaw.ca](mailto:cherylcohen@shaw.ca) or phone Cohen at 250-538-8172. Her website is at [www.cherylcohen.ca](http://www.cherylcohen.ca).

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## Mudgirls project adds character



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Chamberlaine-Van Straubenzee family with the partially finished Mudgirls wall on Fulford-Ganges Road.

## Workshop spots now open with Mudgirls

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Public participation is welcome at a building project that's had everyone talking for the past few months, when a strawbale wall on Fulford-Ganges Road enters its second phase of construction next week.

Destined to be 74 feet long and to support a 400-square-foot living roof when it's finished, the project was designed by homeowners Ciara Chamberlaine and Charlie Van Straubenzee and put into practice by the Mudgirls Natural Building Collective.

Mudgirls workshop participants helped build the initial load-bearing strawbale construction in June. Islanders and others will have the chance to get their hands dirty again with Phase 2, applying earthen plaster to create a durable and breathing casing for the wall from Aug. 27 to 31.

The wall's primary purpose is to provide noise protection and visual relief from the stream of traffic cruising by the foot of the road-front property, which Chamberlaine and Van Straubenzee purchased two years ago.

"We knew the building of some kind of barrier or structure down there would be one of the first

things we tackled — so it's kind of amazing to see it happening, having thought about it for so long," Chamberlaine said.

The decision to go with cob (straw bales sealed with a combination of mud, sand and straw) came after Van Straubenzee started reading up about natural building techniques. The couple felt that beginning with a smaller project was a good introduction. As for contractors, the Mudgirls' collective network of West Coast women came highly recommended.

"We knew we had the opportunity to do something unique and perhaps a little eccentric," Chamberlaine said.

"We're also really aware of being on the main road. We're part of a lot of people's day, and we wanted people to like it."

The wall was constructed over a foundation of boulders that will allow moisture and air to pass through without rotting the organic material. Vertical rod braces extend through the wall and an overlying compression beam. This beam was screwed down periodically during the 10 weeks between workshop sessions to compact the straw as tightly as possible. Currently running 55 feet parallel to Fulford-Ganges Road, the wall will take a turn and continue a short way up the driveway for additional privacy. Built-in seating at the opposite end will create a cosy family area safe enough for the pair's two young

daughters to enjoy. A cob bench will be completed with Guadi, Park Güell-inspired mosaic.

Chamberlaine and Van Straubenzee are now planning ornamental motifs that can be incorporated into the plaster work. After the wall is finished, a 3.5-foot-wide living roof will be planted with drought-resistant varieties.

"It's kind of like the never-ending project. Once you get started there's so much you can do," Van Straubenzee said.

An added bonus is that the area directly next to the wall will benefit from its insulating properties.

"One of the neat things we didn't realize about the wall is it's a real heat sink — it captures the sunlight and radiates it out in the evening," Chamberlaine said, noting that varieties like peaches and figs will be potential beneficiaries.

As Chamberlaine adds, even in its early stages the project has already had a positive impact: "That it's a visual barrier is doing a world of difference to how we experience this property. It's really changed the way this property feels."

Participation in the Mudgirls Phase 2 workshop costs \$190 for five days, which includes childcare, camping and three vegetarian or vegan meals each day. Applications can be downloaded at <http://mudgirls.wordpress.com> and emailed to [ciara.chamberlaine@gmail.com](mailto:ciara.chamberlaine@gmail.com).

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## ZEN

## Next half-day meditation on Aug. 26

Instead of trying hard, try soft, says group

Even here on Salt Spring, people find their lives are filled with stress, and as most of us know, stress is contagious.

When someone is anxious, frazzled or tense, others nearby pick up signals that boost their stress levels as well. But many Salt Springers have found that practising meditation and mindfulness helps people cope with stress, whether our

own or others'.

On Sunday, Aug. 26, the Salt Spring Zen Circle invites both beginners and experienced meditators to a half-day of meditation at Ango Retreat, at 340 Lepage Rd., from 7:50 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Instruction is offered for those who would like it, with both chairs and cushions provided.

Teacher Peter Levitt, who has practised Zen for more than 40 years and guides the Zen Circle, knows how daunting it may seem to sit quietly without listening to music or checking for

messages or watching our own internal movie, which often dials the stress levels up to high.

"When meditating," Levitt says, "the instructions are very straightforward; rather than allowing our thoughts and feelings to distract or capture us with their compelling drama as they usually do, we focus on following our breath. That's it. This simple practice, which has been proven to help people around the world for thousands of years, allows us to be present, aware and calm. By

dropping the internal story line and returning to following our breath, we experience ourselves in a way that people find quite wonderful. This is why our practice has been kept warm and alive for such a very long time."

While there is no fee to attend, in the Zen tradition donations for the teacher are gratefully accepted. To register or enquire, please call Simon Rompre at 250-537-1721.

Article submitted by Salt Spring Zen Circle.

# What's On This Week



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## Wed. August 22

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Wesley Hardisty.** Famed fiddler performs at Music & Munch. All Saints Anglican Church. 12:10 p.m.  
**Open Stage.** With host Richard Cross. Every Wednesday at Moby's. 8 p.m.  
**The Stowaway Stringband Wind-Powered Tour.** Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**  
**Wednesday Market in the Meadow.** Crafts, music, food and more every Wednesday. United Church Meadow. 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
**Paddle & Play.** Family Place-sponsored event. Vesuvius Beach. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**Summer Reading Club.** Salt Spring author Rosalind Vijjendren leads Local Adventure, a lively mixture of storytelling and puppetry. Salt Spring Library Annex. 11 a.m. to noon.

## Thurs. August 23

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Mike Alviano.** Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**Vaughn Fulford & the Folke Fiends.** Moby's. 8 p.m.  
**Open Mic Night.** The Local. 6 to 10 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**  
**Green Drinks.** With special guest MP Elizabeth May. Moby's. 5 to 8 p.m.  
**Family Fitness.** Family Place-sponsored event. Portlock Park. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
**The Greenhorns.** Film screening at The Morningside. 7 p.m.

## Fri. August 24

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Mordechai Ludmer.** Accordian music in the gazebo at SS Vineyards from 2 to 4 p.m.  
**The Coalition.** Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**The Stowaway Stringband Wind-Powered Tour.** Moby's. 8 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**  
**Stay & Play Drop-in.** For families with kids aged 0 to 6. Family Place. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**Laura Keil and Stefanie Denz.** Art/Craft Showcase exhibition opening reception. Mahon Hall. 6 to 8 p.m.  
**Dances of Universal Peace.** Sacred chanting from all spiritual traditions with circle dancing around musicians. Salt Spring Centre of Yoga Pond Dome. 7 p.m.

## Sat. August 25

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Dave Roland & Gene Grooms.** Salt Spring Inn. 7 p.m.  
**Chamingos.** Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**The Coalition.** Moby's. 8 p.m.  
**The Scrotum Dialogues.** Tenth anniversary show for Sid & Arvid. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.  
**Ganga Girl.** Digeridoo-driven world beat/electronic/reggae band from Australia, with opening guests Kikayambay. Beaver Point Hall. 8:30 p.m.  
**Richard Cross.** Live at the Harbour House Hotel. 7 to 10 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**  
**Salt Spring Toy Run.** Farmers' Institute grounds. All day/night.  
**Dive!** Film screening at The Morningside. 7 p.m.  
**Old Time Square Dance.** With live stringband music. Fulford Hall. 7 p.m.  
**Salt Spring Beer Festival.** Outdoor event in Moby's Pub parking lot. Noon to 8 p.m.  
**West Coast Swing Workshop & Dance.** All Saints. Classes at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Dance 9 to 11 p.m.  
**GISS Class of 1992 Reunion.** Drummond Park family picnic. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Grads-only dinner at Shipstones. 6 p.m.

## Sun. August 26

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Music for a Vanishing Species.** Salt Spring Jazz and Blues Society presents California jazz pianist Norris Clement & guests. All Saints. 4 p.m.  
**Peter Prince.** Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**Music in the Vineyards.** Covertones from 1 to 3 p.m.; Three Planetaires from 3 to 5 p.m. SS Vineyards. Tastings from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

**ACTIVITIES**  
**Half-Day Zen Meditation Practice.** Ango Retreat. 7:50 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info & registration: Simon, 250-537-1721.  
**Spinning Mill Tours.** Gulf Islands Spinning Mill. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Lantern-making Workshops.** Make lanterns in advance of Sept. 1 FireFly Lantern Festival. Supplies provided, or you can bring your own. Core Inn. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Motorcycle Show & Shine.** At The Local pub parking lot. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Mon. August 27

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Vaughn Fulford and the Folke Fiends.** Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**  
**Jazz/Hip Hop Classes.** Five days of classes with Andrea Rabinovitch from Vancouver begin today. Info/register: 250-537-4294 or www.saltspringartsacademy.ca.  
**BACARA AGM.** Beddis and Cusheon Lake Area Residents Association meeting. All Saints upstairs. 7 p.m. for meeting; 8:30 for socializing.

## Tues. August 28

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Open Stage With Dave Jacquet.** Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**  
**Tuesday Farmers' Market.** At Centennial Park from 3 to 7 p.m. With Oystercatcher chef demo at 4 p.m., music by Vaughn Fulford at 5 p.m.

## Wed. August 29

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Oscar Kempe.** Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.  
**Open Stage.** With host Richard Cross. Every Wednesday at Moby's. 8 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**  
**Wednesday Market in the Meadow.** Crafts, music, food and more every Wednesday. United Church Meadow. 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
**Paddle & Play.** Family Place-sponsored event. Vesuvius Beach. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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- CINEMA**
- Ice Age: Continental Drift** — Final two shows. This film has moments of charm and witty slapstick. Scrat's pursuit of the cursed acorn has world-changing consequences that triggers the greatest adventure of all for Manny, Diego and Sid. Sid reunites with his cantankerous Granny, and the herd encounters pirates determined to stop them from returning home.
  - Hope Springs** — Mesmerizing performances from Meryl Streep and Tommy Lee Jones. Hope Springs offers filmgoers grown-up laughs — and a thoughtful look at mature relationships. Kay and Arnold are a devoted couple, but decades of marriage have left Kay wanting to spice things up. Kay tries to talk her husband into a week of marriage therapy. Just convincing him is hard enough — the real challenge is to shed their hang-ups and re-ignite the spark that caused them to fall for each other in the first place.
- EXHIBITIONS**
- 12th annual Photosynthesis** photography show runs at ArtSpring daily through Sunday, Sept. 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - Ceramics by Laura Keil and paintings by Stefanie Denz** form the final 2012 Showcase Gallery exhibit at ArtCraft at Mahon Hall, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily from Friday, Aug. 24 through Sept. 16. Opening reception on Aug. 24 from 6 to 8 p.m.
  - Amy Melious** shows alternative and creative photographic art at the Fernwood Road Cafe daily until Sept. 8.
  - Mary Laucks'** exhibition called Chromatic Attractions hangs in the ArtSpring open space for the month of August.
  - Salt Spring Potters' Guild** members present Dinner Party Continued, a display of work in the Mark's Work Warehouse window in Ganges through August.
  - Duthie Gallery's Summer Lights Night Gallery** is open Thursdays through Mondays in July and August from 9 to 11 p.m. See a new Summer Lights show of recycled light installations by Victor Quesada and Sean Casey. Regular daytime gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays through Mondays, by appointment.
  - Ken Ketchum** shows paintings, drawings and photography at the Harbour House Hotel from Aug. 15 to Sept. 30.
  - Studio 2901** in Fulford shows woodblock prints created by Richard York.
  - Lisa Lipsett** shows paintings at the Rawsome Living Foods Cafe and Juice Bar until mid-September.
  - Migs Edwards** watercolours are hanging at Island Savings, with sales supporting an art scholarship.
  - Doug McMillan** has an exhibition of photos at Penny's Pantry.
  - Carol Adam** shows her artwork at Salt Spring Books.
  - 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 Hoffer Reid, Wim Blom, Ina D.D. Unthoff, Gary Sim, LeRoy Jensen, Gordon Caruso and Peter Haase.
  - See Lyman Whitaker's wind sculptures at Grace Point Square.
  - See the sculpture garden outside of Mahon Hall in Ganges.

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# It's back to school time!

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012**

**GULF ISLANDS SECONDARY SCHOOL** 250-537-9944  
 School is open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for registration of new students beginning August 20. Pick up of Student Schedule Packages and collection of Student Activity Fees will take place on Wednesday, August 29 and Thursday, August 30 from 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Student Activity Fee is \$30 for everyone. Students may also purchase a yearbook at this time for \$45 (total for both is \$75).  
**OPENING DAY ONLY**, Tuesday, September 4 will be early dismissal (9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.).  
 Principal: Ms. Judy Raddysh

**PHOENIX PLACE PROGRAM** 250-537-9944  
 Classes begin September 4. If you are interested in the services that Phoenix could offer your high school aged child, please contact one of the GISS counselors, Nia Williams or Tony Marshall at 250-537-9944.

**SALT SPRING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** 250-537-9928  
 School will be open August 27 to 31, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for registration of new students.  
**OPENING DAY ONLY**, Tuesday, September 4 will be early dismissal (8:24 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.).  
**KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND DURING THE FIRST WEEK.** Parents of Kindergarten students will be contacted by their teacher during the week of September 4.  
 Principal: Ms. Marie Mullen

**PHOENIX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** 250-537-1156  
 Please email Principal Dan Sparanese at dsparanese@sd64.bc.ca for information regards registration of new students for the 2012/2013 school year.  
 Regular classes will begin Tuesday, September 4.  
 Learning Design Partners: Interested in home schooling your child? Call Gerardine Charlton at 250-537-1864.  
 Principal: Mr. Dan Sparanese

**SALTSPRING ISLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL** 250-537-1159  
 School will be open August 27 to 30, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for registration of new students.  
**OPENING DAY ONLY**, Tuesday, September 4, will be early dismissal (8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.). Parents warmly welcome on Opening Day – PAC representatives will be hosting a 'Meet & Greet'.  
 Principal: Ms. Keiko Taylor

**FULFORD COMMUNITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** 250-653-9223  
 School will be open August 27 to 30, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for registration of new students.  
**OPENING DAY ONLY**, Tuesday, September 4 all students will attend from 8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Parents are welcome on the first day of school for an opening day welcome with coffee and muffins.  
**KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND DURING THE FIRST WEEK.** Parents of Kindergarten students will be contacted by their teacher before or during the week of September 4.  
 Principal: Ms. Shelly Johnson

**FERNWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** 250-537-9332  
 School will be open August 27 to 30, 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. for registration of new students.  
**OPENING DAY ONLY**, Tuesday, September 4 all students will attend from 8:25 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS** will attend during the first week of school beginning on September 4 as previously arranged.  
 Principal: Mr. Richard Bennett (rbennett@sd64.bc.ca)

**PLEASE CONTACT THE PRINCIPALS/VICE PRINCIPAL FOR THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS:**

**GALIANO SCHOOL** Ms. Sue McKenzie  
 Office will be open August 27, 28, 29 and 30 – 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.  
 First day of school, September 4, students will attend from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

**MAYNE SCHOOL** Ms. Donna Kirkpatrick  
 Office will be open August 27 to 29 – 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.  
 First day of school, September 4, students will attend from 8:40 to 10:30 a.m.

**PENDER SCHOOL** Mr. Lyall Ruehlin  
 Office will be open for registrations on August 27 to 30 – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Opening day only, Tuesday, September 4 will be early dismissal, (8:50 to 10:30 a.m.). All students, including Kindergarten, will begin Tuesday, September 4.

**SATURNA SCHOOL** Mr. Cameron Fraser, Vice Principal  
 Office will be open August 22, 23, 24, 27 and 30 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
 Opening day only, Tuesday, September 4 will be early dismissal, (8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.).

For more information on the StrongStart BC Programs at Salt Spring Elementary, Fulford Community Elementary and Mayne, Pender, Galiano and Saturna Schools contact the Principals or Vice Principal listed above.

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**THE SCHOLARSHIP - Route 1**

**MORNING RUN**

Location	Depart	Location	Arrival
Ganges Harbour	0645	Sturdies Bay	0722
Sturdies Bay	0725	Miners Bay	0735
Miners Bay	0737	Ganges Harbour	0827

**AFTERNOON RUN**

Ganges Harbour	1630	Sturdies Bay	1720
Sturdies Bay	1722	Miners Bay	1728
Miners Bay	1730	Ganges Harbour	1820

*Sturdies Bay = Galiano Island    Miner's Bay = Mayne Island*

**THE GRADUATE - Route 2**

**MORNING RUN**

Location	Depart	Location	Arrival
Ganges Harbour	0630	Lyall Harbour	0725
Lyall Harbour	0727	Port Washington	0752
Port Washington	0755	Ganges Harbour	0830

**AFTERNOON RUN**

Ganges Harbour	1630	Port Washington	1710
Port Washington	1712	Lyall Harbour	1732
Lyall Harbour	1733	Ganges Harbour	1835

*Lyall Harbour = Saturna Island    Port Washington = Pender Island*

**THE GANGES HAWK - Route 3**

**MORNING RUN**

Location	Depart	Location	Arrival
Ganges Harbour	0700	Port Washington	0740
Port Washington	0745	Ganges Harbour	0830

**AFTERNOON RUN**

Location	Depart	Location	Arrival
Ganges Harbour	1630	Port Washington	1710
Port Washington	1712	Ganges Harbour	1750

*Port Washington = Pender Island*

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Fernwood Elementary School				Start Time 8:25 am — End time 3:20 pm							
BUS #4	Walker Hook/Stark Rd	Lv from SIMS	7:57 AM	BUS #5	Vesuvius/Sunset	Mobrae 1	7:26 AM	BUS #5	North End Rd.....cont	246 Sunset	7:44 AM
		Central	8:07 AM		Channel Rdg/Sunset	Chu-Amn/Humphrey's H	7:27 AM			2241 North End	7:55 AM
		Acheson/Stark	8:12 AM		North End Rd	Stonecutter	7:28 AM			Fernwood School	8:00 AM
		Grantville Rd	8:16 AM			Mobrae 2	7:30 AM				
		Malview Rd	8:21 AM			Ves / Sunset	7:31 AM				
		Fernwood School	8:25 AM			Broadwell/Channel Rdg	7:33 AM				
						Term Road	7:40 AM				
Fulford Community Elementary School				Start Time 8:13 am — End time 3:00 pm							
#1	Fulford-Ganges Rd	Leaving from SSE	7:45 AM	#2	Beaver Point Rd	Forest Ridge Rd	7:49 AM				
		Blackburn Rd	7:53 AM			Bullman Rd	7:57 AM				
		Furness Rd	8:01 AM			Reynolds Rd	8:00 AM				
		Fulford School	8:09 AM			Fulford School	8:07 AM				
Salt Spring Elementary School (SSE) and Phoenix Elementary				Start Time 8:24 am — End time 3:15 pm							
#3	Old Divide Rd	Old Divide/Cranberry	7:42 AM	#6	Long Harbour/Eagleridge	William Street	7:26 AM	#7	Beaver Point Rd	1365 Beaver Pt Rd	7:21 AM
		Cusheon/Beddis Rd	7:51 AM		Mansell	Long Harbour Ferry Term	7:30 AM			Reynolds Rd	7:30 AM
		Samuel Cr	7:56 AM		Leisure Lane	Quebec/Eagleridge	7:34 AM			Fulford Fire Hall	7:39 AM
		Drop off Phoenix @ ArtSpring SSE	8:07 AM			Thomas Rd	7:53 AM			Garner Rd	7:50 AM
			8:09 AM			Leisure Lane/Howell Lane	7:58 AM			Seaview & Jackson	7:59 AM
						Drop off @ SIMS for SSE & Phoenix	8:03 AM			SSE	8:01 AM
Saltspring Island Middle School (SIMS)				Start Time 8:30 am — End time 3:24 pm							
#3	Old Divide Rd	Old Divide/Cranberry	7:42 AM	#4	Walker Hook/Stark Rd	488 Stark Rd	7:32 AM	#6	Long Harbour/Eagleridge	William Street	7:26 AM
		Cusheon/Beddis Rd	7:48 AM			Malview Rd	7:39 AM			Mansell	7:30 AM
		Stewart Rd	7:51 AM			Whims Rd	7:44 AM			Leisure Lane	7:34 AM
		Samuel Cr	7:56 AM			Acheson Rd	7:48 AM			Thomas Rd	7:53 AM
		Drop off for SIMS @ SSE	8:09 AM			SIMS	7:56 AM			Leisure Lane/Howell Lane	7:58 AM
										SIMS	8:03 AM
#7	Beaver Point Rd	1365 Beaver Pt Rd	7:21 AM	#7	Vesuvius Loop	SSE	8:01 AM	#8	North End Rd/Sunset	Epron Rd	7:30 AM
		Fulford/Ganges Rd	7:30 AM							Channel Rdg/Broadwell	7:37 AM
		Isabella Area Student pick up @ Fulford Inn	7:37 AM			Vesuvius Ferry	Pick up			Sunset/Ves	7:48 AM
		1621 Fulford Ganges Rd.	7:46 AM			GISS	8:23 AM			Elizabeth Drive	7:53 AM
		Garner Rd	7:50 AM			SIMS	8:26 AM			Drop off for SIMS & SSE @ SIMS	8:06 AM
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Gulf Islands Senior Secondary School (GISS) and Phoenix Place				Start Time 8:55 am — End time 4:15 pm							
#1	Beaver Point Rd/past Southridge	Fulford Tri (past South)	8:15 AM	#2	Beaver Point Rd	Forest Ridge Rd	7:49 AM	#3	Old Divide Rd	Old Divide/ Cranberry	8:17 AM
		Burgoyne Triangle	8:20 AM			Reynolds Rd	8:00 AM			Stewart Rd	8:26 AM
		Fulford/Ganges Rd	8:26 AM			Isabella Area Student pick up @ Drummond Park	8:16 AM			Samuel Cr	8:31 AM
		GISS	8:35 AM			GISS	8:33 AM			GISS	8:44 AM
#4	Walker Hook/Stark Rd	Fernwood School	8:26 AM	#5	Ves/Sunset incl Broadwell/Channel Ridge	Canesback	8:13 AM	#6	Long Harbour/Eagleridge	William Street	8:09 AM
		Grantville Rd	8:34 AM			Southy Point Rd	8:26 AM			Old Scott Rd	8:10 AM
		110 Stark Rd	8:40 AM			Epron Rd	8:34 AM			LH Ferry Term	8:13 AM
		GISS	8:46 AM			GISS	8:47 AM			Quebec/Eagleridge	8:17 AM
#8	Vesuvius Loop	Vesuvius Ferry	8:23 AM	#8	Vesuvius Loop.....cont	Stonecutter	8:29 AM			Cairns Place	8:23 AM
		Bayview	8:24 AM			Mobrae 1	8:33 AM			230 Cedar Lane	8:37 AM
		Humphrey's Hill	8:26 AM			GISS	8:40 AM			Kings Lane & Howell Lane	8:42 AM
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### IN MEMORIAM



*Fu-Shiang  
Chia*

1931 - 2011

*Remembered  
in wind ruffling the fir trees -  
the sweet song of a bird;  
wonders of a tide pool,  
beauty of a wildflower -  
and brilliance of the stars.*

*Evergreen memories -  
love everlasting.*  
Sharon  
Family and Friends

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*Holm,  
Kathryne  
(nee Cochrane)*

March 9, 1934 -  
August 12, 2012



It is with the  
deepest sadness that we  
announce the death of  
dear Kathryne, a pillar of  
the Salt Spring community,  
at the Lady Minto Hospital  
on August 12, 2012. She will be  
greatly missed by the community and particularly  
by partner Stan Peters.

Kathryne was predeceased by brothers William  
and Samuel Cochrane and sister Mary Bennett and  
is survived by her soul mate and partner Stan Peters,  
sisters Anne Johnson (Gimli, Manitoba) and Margaret  
Coles (Tsawwassen) and many nieces and nephews.

Kathryne was born March 9, 1934 in Vancouver  
and raised in Langley, returning to Vancouver  
following the death of her parents. She went to work  
for the City of Vancouver Planning Department  
where she worked until retirement.

Kathryne was always a volunteer for the community  
with involvement with the Ladies Auxiliary of Legion  
Branch 92, Legion Branch 92, the Burgoyne United  
Church, maintaining the small white church in the  
valley, The Ganges United Church, Toastmasters,  
NDP, Square Dancing, and a Legion Representative  
on the Croftonbrook Board of Directors. Other  
interests were music, ballroom dancing, gardening,  
and attending all family activities. She also loved  
travelling and visited Ireland, Bali, Indonesia, Japan,  
China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Bangkok, Finland,  
Philippines and Russia.

There will be a Celebration of Kathryne's life at the  
Ganges United Church on Saturday, Sept. 8 at 2 PM.

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## TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

## CORNWALL - CHRIS

Following a brief illness, Chris Cornwall died on August 18, 2012 in Vancouver. He was predeceased by his father Brian Cornwall of Salt Spring Island on August 18, 1998, his mother Eunice of Toronto in 1982. Survived by his dear friend Ken McCreath of Vancouver, sister Gillian of Victoria, brothers Bruce of Nanaimo, Philip (Chantal) and his nephews Ben and Eric all of Prince Rupert. Also a stepsister Sheryl Miles Ross (Michael) of London, Ont., stepbrothers Mike Miles and Steve Miles and stepmother Louise Nye, all of Salt Spring Island.

Chris was born in England on August 31, 1949, moving with his family to Canada as a young boy. He lived in Toronto, then Vancouver, where before retirement, he worked as secretary to Bob Bentall and was manager of the Vancouver Film School.

For over twenty years, Chris spent many happy times visiting the Island, attending family get-togethers at their underground house in Maracaibo near Nose Point and hiking the nearby trails.

A celebration of life took place on August 21 on the beach that overlooked Chris' Vancouver apartment.

Donations in his memory to A Loving Spoonful or Qmunity, both in Vancouver, would be greatly appreciated.

## OPINION



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

**SIGNS OF THE TIMES:** Chris Anderson, left, and Ralph Dom set up an anti-smart meter display in Fulford to discourage islanders from accepting smart meters from BC Hydro.

## Dirt bike tragedy

Recently my father, Bob Fielder, a 15-year resident of Salt Spring Island and his wife Rachel Vadeboncoeur, received tragic news that his son (and my brother), Jordan Fielder, suffered a spinal cord injury.

The accident has left him paralyzed from the chest down. July 7, 2012 was when the accident occurred dirt biking in Fort McMurray. Little did 33-year-old Jordan know this day would change his life forever.

Jordan was cruising the quad trails with his friend on his dirt bike when he hit some rough terrain; he was in second gear only doing around 40 kms/hr. The rocks and ruts on the trails caused him to momentarily veer off the trail and into some grass that was around two feet tall. He regained control of his bike and was travelling through the grass for only seconds when he hit a wheelbarrow-sized boulder that was hidden in the grass. The sudden impact caused the handlebars on his bike to hit Jordan square in the chest, sending him flying upwards and over the bike and into the grass where he landed head first, causing the spinal injury.

Jordan was a seasoned bike rider. He also had full protective gear on and his helmet saved his life. He never lost consciousness.

Immediately Jordy knew right away

that something was not right. One of his riding partners James Martel did a quick

assessment. "At this point I knew I was paralyzed from the chest down," said Jordy.

The message that Jordy wants to send to all dirt bike riders is to stay away from the tall grass; the heavy rains have caused the grass to encroach the trails, decreasing visibility. He wants other riders to be aware of these unusual conditions and feels strongly that if he had not went into the grass, he would not have had the accident.

After many doctors and appraisals the injuries sustained are fractured sternum, broken and cracked ribs, and a crushed T3 vertebrae. Jordy is classified as a C8/T1 quadriplegic.

Jordy is now in Edmonton at Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital. He and his pregnant wife Jennifer, who has hardly left her husband's side, are expecting their first child in October. The physical, financial and emotional concerns facing the couple so far from home are almost inconceivable.

Jordan has also lived on Salt Spring Island periodically.

If you would like to know more about their story or to follow their journey, please visit [www.supportforjordy.org](http://www.supportforjordy.org). Donations and messages of love and support are needed.

**LEE ANN HUNDT,**  
SALT SPRING

## Those not-so-friendly skies

I observe but one Cardinal Rule as I am being prodded and scanned by sullen strangers in the meat processing and dignity rendering plants our airports have become. No joking.

No one-liners, Shaggy Dog stories, gags, puns or witty banter with the wand-wielding Gorgons at Security. If I see my old pal Jack in the line-up I may wave, semaphore, whistle, warble or tweet a greeting to him. What I will NOT do is bellow "Hi Jack!"

Generally speaking the Rent-a-Gropers who staff the security check-ins have limited imagination and absolutely zero sense of humour. I know that any behaviour I exhibit that separates me from the milling herd can lead to an exceedingly tiresome visit to, as Paul Simon called it, The Little Room.

And it's not getting better. Paul Chambers, a 28-year-old Englishman, was arrested and convicted for making a joke while on his way to the airport.

It happened this way. Chambers was en route to an airport in Yorkshire to take off for a winter vacation. A snowfall closed the airport. Chambers tweeted to his friends: "Crap! The airport's closed. They've got one week to get their s--- together; otherwise I'm blowing the airport sky high!"

A lame joke for sure — but Mister Chambers did not send the message to the airport headquarters or to a newspaper reporter or a radio station hot line show — he sent it to his small circle of Twitter friends. His message was somehow intercepted, sent to the Yorkshire police and Chambers was duly arrested, charged and convicted of sending a "message of menacing character."

Mister Chambers hired a lawyer and went to the High Court in London to have the conviction overturned. His defence? It wasn't a "message of menace;" it was a joke.

His lawyer opened the argument by quoting a line of poetry: "Come friendly bombs, and fall on Slough . . ." Surely the author of those lines was at least as culpable as Mister Chambers? Better hope not. The line comes from a poem by Britain's one-time poet laureate, John Betjeman. And it was meant as a joke.

Exhibit B: Some



Arthur Black

## WIT &amp; WHIMSY

scurrilous advice from a chap named Shakespeare who wrote, "Let's kill all the lawyers."

To which the Lord Chief Justice commented: "That was a good joke in 1600 and it is still a good joke now."

Mister Chamber's lawyer added "And it WAS a joke, my Lord."

Indeed, I'm happy to report that Mister Chambers won his case, his conviction was quashed and it is once again okay to make jokes — even on Twitter. Even about airports.

And there are some splendid airport jokes. Such as the one involving a harried and self-important MP caught in a crowd at the MacDonald-Cartier airport in Ottawa. Once again, a snow storm had hampered operations; flights were delayed and re-routed, passengers were milling around like herring and the line-ups were long.

Nowhere longer than at the WestJet check-in booth where a harried ticket agent was doing her best to placate irate travellers. The MP barged through the line and bullied his way up to the desk, demanding a boarding pass. The ticket agent looked at him and said, "Sir, as you can see, there are many passengers ahead of you. We're doing our best to get everyone through just as quickly as possible. I'm afraid you'll have to get back in the line and wait your turn."

The MP went postal. He thumped the desk and roared "DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?" Not missing a beat, the WestJet ticket agent picked up the public address microphone and announced to the entire airport "Attention, please. We have a gentleman at the WestJet ticket counter who does not know who he is. Anyone who thinks they may know this man is asked at this time to please step forward and identify him. Thank you."

The crowd roared. The man snatched his wheeled suitcase and blustered off, tossing an obscene two-word curse over his shoulder.

The WestJet clerk picked up the microphone again and said sweetly: "I'm sorry, sir, but you'll have to get in line for that, too."

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## Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor

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## Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Balancing work and play is the call now. Creating beauty and harmony close to home is a central theme. You may notice you are moved to cover a lot of ground these days. Expect this trend to continue. The time is right to bring projects to completion as much as you can, especially over the next several weeks.

## Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

A busy and potentially prosperous cycle continues. This is activating your creative leadership talents. Communications are a central focus. Making connections with some significant power players is featured. If you are willing to do the work to expand, the time is probably right. Yet, you may need extra support to manage the growing demand.

## Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

The focus is shifting to the home front. Security remains a central theme but you may not be sure what it means anymore. Questions about where you fit in the world may be lingering. You are willing to take some creative risks, but what are they? You may feel increasingly less patient. An important learning curve is approaching.

## Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)

The focus of creating a more secure base shifts this week to work and health. Having too much or too little to do both represent imbalances and can be a source of stress. Either way, worry can be a consequence. Acknowledging worry is the first step to dismissing. Replace this reaction with a plan of action. Either remove items from your daily "to do" list or add some.

**Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23)** Taking stock of your talents, assets and resources is an emerging theme. These may include key contacts as well as what you yourself have. Either way, deciphering where you have leverage is a first step to solution directed action. This may include clearing anything that is in the way. Above all, increase the scope and quality of your reconnections.

**Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)** You will feel inspired to take new initiatives this week. These will include behind the scenes activity. Deciphering the direction(s) most worthy of your time will require some sorting. Yet, you should feel your energy levels raise noticeably. These spurred by ambitions or the spurs of a rising determination. Be willing to take risks to increase your influence and/or affluence.

**Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22)** A busy social cycle is yielding to a more relaxed pace. This shift will occur gradually over the next week or two. Taking a more selective approach with invites and initiatives will prove ideal, perhaps even necessary. Now is the time to recharge your energy levels

before the next season begins. At least attending to things behind the scenes will match your mood. **Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)** A new sense of individuality is rising. Yet some old habits die hard and the most tenacious, perhaps with the deepest roots, may require extra attention over the next several weeks. You may have to be extra deliberate if you want to break through. The key is awareness of what these are. Decipher what "moving towards the future" for you're best advantage means to you.

**Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21)** The seeds have been sown for your next great adventure. As with all true adventures, this includes entering the unknown. Words like trip, vacation or holiday are not apt synonyms, but "grand journey" might suffice. You are in the enthusiasm stage; hopefully you feel this way. By this time next month the tone will be more sober.

**Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)** Your focus is getting sharper now. Investigations and research are contributing factors. Deciphering who are your best allies is featured. Out of these you stand to choose new partners, but the decision may not be clear yet. The answers will come clear soon. Yet be ready to enter into some tough negotiations. Think long-term.

**Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19)** Entertaining deeper considerations of what you do and not want and need at this point is in focus. How to best give to yourself and others is woven into the plot. A rich if dramatic exchange of thoughts and ideas will take on added depth. Taking some key initiatives to place more emphasis on fun and play meanwhile will help to balance the scales. **Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)** Nurturing a more creative rhythm continues. Sharing ideas and cooperating more closely with significant others towards this end is an emerging theme. Since good health is its own reward, yet also boosts confidence levels, it is a very worthwhile focus. Healthy relations are another feature of this theme and the time is right to attend to your key contacts.



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**FOOTBALL**

## GISS football season in jeopardy unless a coach can be found

Passion unites small high school team

**BY ELIZABETH NOLAN**  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Senior boys at Gulf Islands Secondary School are facing a year without football unless a volunteer coach steps in for a last-minute save.

With Mike Miles' retirement as volunteer coach at the end of last season, the program is now in jeopardy, said 17-year-old running back and linebacker Liam Palcu-Johnston.

"I think there's some people that don't really like to try it. Salt Spring

team for an under-experienced group of just 20 players. Despite the shortfall, however, he feels just as passionate about the high school game as he does about the Cowichan community team he also plays for.

"We saw flashes of lots of good players able to develop last year, but we just don't have the resources we need," he said.

"There's a lot of good initiative here and I'd really like to see the team grow."

Football normally enjoys a short but intense high school season. Training may start as early as August and once the school year begins, practice takes place four days a week with games on Fridays until things wrap up in December.

"I love it a lot. It's definitely something I try to practice every day and get better at," Palcu-Johnston said.

Because of the time commitment, any coach will need to have just as much enthusiasm as the players. Palcu-Johnston said he thinks passion will be the biggest requirement for any volunteer, although being able to work well with teenagers is also recommended.

"It would be awesome for anyone to volunteer to help out and build the program," he added.

Interested parties should contact Palcu-Johnston at liam\_pj32@hotmail.com or 250-653-4767, as well as GISS athletics director Stacy Mitchell at smitchell@sd64.bc.ca for requirements.

hasn't really been a fan of football," he conceded.

"But it's a multifaceted game and lot of different people can play it. I'd like to show people it's a great game."

Palcu-Johnston moved to Salt Spring from West Vancouver, and left a large and experienced



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

**READY TO SERVE:** Happy tennis players celebrate their new indoor facility at the Salt Spring Golf Club at an open house held on Saturday afternoon.

**COMPETITIVE SWIMMING**

## GI swimmers among champs

Provincial finals fruitful

**BY ELIZABETH NOLAN**  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of two Gulf Islands competitive swim teams brought medals home with them after participating in the B.C. Summer Swimming Association provincial championships in Nanaimo over the weekend.

Pender Island's Allison Wood accepted a gold medal for her performance in the Girls Div. 8 100m backstroke competition, with a time 1:07.14. The speedy competitor then lent her talent to Vancouver Island's Div. 8 200m regional medley relay team, where she helped win a silver medal along with Erin Wamsteeker, head coach of the Salt Spring Stingrays.

Wamsteeker additionally took the bronze medal for butterfly stroke

in her division with a time of 31.52. She placed fourth in the 50m freestyle with a time of 28.22, while her 1:05.70 finish secured eighth place in the 100m freestyle.

Salt Spring's Cassidy Fraser fought her way up from fourth place in Div. 6's 100m butterfly preliminary round to take home the silver medal in the final. Fraser's 31.05 finish was enough to earn her fourth place in the 50m butterfly. She also helped anchor Vancouver Island's regional medley relay for her division, adding another silver medal to her collection for the effort.

Lylly Kennedy, another member of the Stingrays, was the bronze medalist for Div. 4 100m breaststroke with a time of 1:21.34. She also helped the Vancouver Island regional team bring in a fourth-place finish in the 200m medley relay.

In Boys Div. 5, Stingrays teammate Liam Sinclair and the Vancouver Island regional team took fifth place in the 200m medley relay.

In other races, Gulf Islands swimmers showed heart while placing in the B division ranks. For the Stingrays girls, Kennedy placed 11th in the Div. 4 200m IM; Fraser placed 11th in the Div. 6 200m IM; and Maggie Birch was 15th in Div. 6 100m breaststroke.

For the boys, Sinclair took 11th in Div. 5 100m breaststroke, and 14th in the 50m butterfly.

Pender Island's Laara Jarvey placed 11th in Girls Div. 8 100m breaststroke. Fellow Penderite Evan Moore was 11th in the Boys Div. 7 100m breaststroke and 12th in the 50m breaststroke, while MJ Sorba placed 14th in the Boys Div. 8 100m freestyle.

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## SPORTS &amp; RECREATION

## ATHLETICISM

## Hayden makes Ironman quest

Island dentist braces for event

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

For the majority of amateur athletes, a 42-kilometre run justifiably stands out as a notable accomplishment. Others may choose a four-km swim or a 180-km bike ride, but the prospect of combining all three in a single day under the hot Okanagan sun is the stuff of legends, and a Salt Spring Island orthodontist.

For Richard Hayden, 46, attending the race in Penticton on Aug. 26 is a chance to accomplish a dream that dates back to adolescence, when he recalls watching the first Ironman event televised on CBC's Wide World of Sports.

"It had caught my attention then and sat in the back of my mind as a challenge I would like to try," Hayden said.

Making that dream come true requires Hayden to spend anywhere between 12 and 16 hours a week on a strict training regimen that combines running, cycling and swimming since he began training in earnest last November.

"That works out to about 12,000 metres at the pool, 50 to 75 kilometres running and 150 to 300 kilometres on the bike," he said.

If he isn't pounding the pavement on the island's north end or slicing through the water at the Rainbow Road Pool, chances are he's on his stationary training bike.

"Bike riding, when the major-



Richard Hayden

ity of it is in the basement on a trainer, is mind numbing at best," he said. "I've got a lot of continuing education videos watched, though."

During the past four years, Hayden has participated in countless triathlons and Vancouver Island road races as a member of the Salt Spring Sneakers running club.

One of the keys, he said, is trying to view the event as a single sport rather than three distinct elements. When he began to compete in regular triathlons, Hayden's failure to coordinate the different aspects of the race left much room for improvement.

"Each element in triathlon has to be executed in the context of the other two. For example, in a stand-alone bike race you would want to have no energy left when

you hit the finish line. In a triathlon you have to limit yourself because there is a run after the bike. In a stand-alone marathon, you start with a full tank of gas and hold on for dear life. In a triathlon you don't really know how much gas is in the tank when the run starts and it is an exercise in pace control, not just going as fast as you can," he said.

After having to withdraw from last year's event to attend his daughter's birth, Hayden continued to long for his chance to participate in what many consider to be one of the world's most gruelling and inspiring sporting events. The sport was originally developed by U.S. Navy SEALs in Hawaii in an attempt to settle a debate about whether cyclists, runners or swimmers were the fittest athletes. Today, nearly 25,000 people participate in Ironman events around the world. The Penticton event is the longest running Ironman competition in North America.

Despite the hours of training, mental preparation and family support, Hayden isn't totally sure of what to expect on race day. Regardless of how much training they've put in, it's hard to know how anyone will react to fulfilling a lifelong dream. There's also the fact it will be the longest race he's ever attempted.

"I guess my goal would be to cross the finish line knowing that I had given it my best and with just enough gas in the tank to give my wife a hug and thank her for putting up with my year-long obsession."



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

**ON THE MARK:** Jason Newport makes a toss during the third annual Invitational Special Olympics bocce ball tournament at Centennial Park on Aug. 12, while Terry Swing waits for his turn. Players from Campbell River came to the island to play with Salt Spring's Special Olympics bocce team.

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