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CATCH OF THE DAY: Jaison Scott, a "fish tosser" from Pike Place Market in Seattle, tests the mettle of Chris Cottrell at a fun event held at Country Grocer on Saturday, while Jake Jardine, also of Pike Place Market, readies for his next toss. See more photos on our Facebook page.

EMERGENCY CENTRE

Plan B authors outline alternative

Fire trustees respond to late addition to debate

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Permasteel Group has confirmed it is behind the anonymous flyer that circulated last week urging ratepayers to vote "no" in the upcoming fire hall referendum.

James Savage, Permasteel's vice president of sales and marketing, said his company created an alternative proposal to the one drafted by Johnston Davidson Architecture and Planning for the Salt Spring Fire Protection District after giving up on a request that prefabricated steel be considered as a building material.

"I was waiting and waiting but nothing was presented. With the referendum around the corner, we needed to show the community there was a less expensive alternative," Savage said Monday, speaking from his office in Calgary.

Johnston Davidson's design proposes an 18,000-square foot building for \$6,254,304, with all costs included. The long-term borrowing cost is projected at \$5 million. Permasteel's plan calls for a prefabricated metal building of 12,900-square feet for a fixed price of \$2,541,960, including interior and exterior finishes, landscaping and paving.

The price does not include land transfer costs, site development, financing or geotechnical report finders, according to the flyer. Other requirements such as the building permit, insurance, service connections and furnishings are also not included.

EMERGENCY CENTRE continued on 4

ISLAND BUSINESS

Mouat's welcomes familiar face

David Toynbee takes the helm

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When he was 14 years old, David Toynbee broke into the ranks of Mouat's Trading Company by hauling out the trash and assembling wheelbarrows. More than 30 years later, he's returned to preside over one of the island's oldest and most emblematic companies.

"I have a very long history here in many

different ways. As a child, this place was a good part of my youth," Toynbee said during a recent interview at his office in the Mouat's building. "It was my first job, hopefully it will be my last job."

Mouat's Trading represents so much more than a tally of work experience for Toynbee, who's returned to Salt Spring from Island Savings, where he worked in the commercial credit division.

His uncle Tom Toynbee is a former Mouat's president, his father Dick Toynbee ran the company from 1969 to 1971 and his great grandmother Jane Mouat got everything started when she opened the store in 1907.

The Mouat's empire has evolved to encompass 32 tenants in nine buildings throughout Ganges.

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NEWSBEAT

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THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY:

Monday, OCTOBER 14

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TOURISM

Busy summer season suggests tourist market rebound

AGSSI members report on positive trend

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Blackberry Glen B&B, owned by John Maresh and Jason Rounsavall, had guests from near and far throughout 2013's high season.

of her guests during July and August were visiting from the United States, the highest that number has been in four years.

John Maresh and Jason Rounsavall said their 2013 season at Blackberry Glen B&B had been just as good as 2012, with visitors from Vancouver and Victoria, Washington state and California, as well as those from further afield, including Toronto and even the UK.

A report from AGSSI board member and website designer Duncan Elsey showed their booking pattern reflected over all inquiries to the group. Visitors to the AGSSI website over-

whelmingly came from Canada and in particular from B.C. U.S. website visitors came in at a distant second, and tended to be from Washington, California and Oregon.

A summer of good weather and a newly improved website with a search function to aid visitors are some of the reasons that bed and breakfast owners have attributed to the summer's success. Having a specific kind of accommodation and marketing its particular aspects properly were also singled out as key factors for attracting today's internet-savvy tourist.

"People are looking for the

idyllic place to stay, and if it happens to be on Salt Spring, that's good," said Thorburn, explaining some visitors are now looking for a type of accommodation first, rather than choosing the destination and then seeing what's available. "That's new to me, and it's because of the internet."

Visitors may be looking for beachfront, for something peaceful and quiet, something close to trails and recreation, or for a stay on a working farm. Whatever the criteria, they could be approaching the entire coastal region with their search. That's why advertising those special features could make the difference between someone choosing Salt Spring over Parksville, for example.

Despite the full bookings, accommodation providers are noticing a change in the frequency of visits. Thorburn said guests from the Lower Mainland who used to come two or three times a year now come only once because they notice the increased ferry cost. In contrast, people who are coming from further away are more likely to include the ferry as just one factor in the overall cost of travelling — making it that more important to convince local guests that Salt Spring is the place they want to go.

Emma Louise Elsey, who is

just finishing her second season running the Cosy Woodpecker Cottage with her husband Duncan, reported full summer bookings and a September drop-off. Getting on top of off-season promotions is something she intends to focus on now that the business is fairly established.

"Personally, I think September is the best month to visit because the kids have all gone back to school, but the weather's still warm and there's something to do every weekend," she said.

The AGSSI executive also has plans for making its members' products more appealing. President Susan Wetmore said the board would be exploring how to get members listed as approved accommodations through following BC Tourism Standards.

"It's something we're going to send out to all the members," she said, noting following the standards would not be mandatory, but receiving the rating would add considerable prestige to AGSSI as a group.

Wetmore also announced plans to revive a seminar on how to run a B&B for new business owners, and a new direction of increased cooperation with the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce and its tourism committee.

NEWS BRIEFS

Weapon fired at local business

Police are trying to determine who is responsible for shooting a loaded crossbow toward the entrance of an Upper Ganges Road business on Thursday night.

RCMP Sgt. George Jen-

kins said an arrow with blood and deer hair on its tip was retrieved near the main entrance of SeaChange Seafoods at around 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 3.

"The arrow narrowly missed entering into the building through a glass door and into a room that people were occupying," Jenkins said.

Investigators believe

the incident is the doing of careless hunters, rather than a targeted attack.

Police ask anyone with information about this incident to contact the Salt Spring RCMP detachment at 250-537-5555.

Photo Fest hits island

Salt Spring is being invaded by shooters this

weekend as Shutterjunkie hosts its second annual Photo Fest event for the Vancouver Island Model Photographers group.

More than 200 photographers and models are expected to spend Friday through Monday on Salt Spring to take in a series of educational and networking sessions and a chance to create beautiful images.

Gregor Alan of Shutterjunkie said one photo shoot will involve creation of a Mad Hatter's Tea Party from Alice in Wonderland.

Last year's Photo Fest saw 112 VIMP members participate. Islanders might recall seeing a Star Wars stormtrooper in Ganges (and on the front page of the Driftwood) from the 2012 event that took place in November.

FOR THE RECORD

A story in last week's Driftwood had an incorrect date for Jaime Murdoch's retrospective art show. The show is this Saturday, Oct. 12 at Mahon Hall. See the What's On listing for details.

Salt Spring Islands Business Excellence Awards Nominations

Nominations for this year's Salt Spring Island Business Excellence Awards are now being accepted.

Forms can be picked up at: The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce office, Island Savings Credit Union or The Driftwood newspaper office. Or downloaded from website: www.saltspringchamber.com.

Deadline for nominations Tuesday, October 8th, 2013. Sponsored by Island Savings and The Chamber of Commerce

ISLANDS TRUST

Swanson Road fiveplex owner faces septic deadline

Trustees craft last-minute compromise

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee members have given the owner of a controversial fiveplex at 147 Swanson Rd. six weeks to initiate upgrades to the building's septic system before they consider a rezoning application.

"This is a pressing health issue and it has to be addressed," said trustee George Grams during Thursday's regular public LTC meeting at the Lions Hall. "It can't be delayed any further."

Property owner Sheena Bull had applied to rezone her property after the Islands Trust initiated bylaw enforcement based on com-

plaints from neighbours in 2012.

The residential property currently comprises five units, despite being zoned for a maximum of two dwellings.

An Islands Trust staff report dated Sept. 23 recommended Bull's application to permit five dwelling units on the site be rejected based on the property owner's failure to address neighbours' concerns about traffic, noise, light pollution and an inadequate septic system.

Rather than slam the door on the application, however, LTC members, staff and the applicant reached an 11th-hour compromise that gives Bull a chance to return with a rezoning application for four dwelling units on the site, provided she begins work to bring the septic system into com-

pliance with provincial sewerage regulations.

"I'm bending over backwards. I do believe that the applicant is going to move forward in good faith," said trustee Peter Grove, following the decision.

"It may be too much to expect all the neighbours to be cheering and clapping, but I think we've gone a long way to resolving the issue," Grove added.

The decision followed an LTC town hall session in which neighbourhood resident Jenny McClean presented trustees with a petition signed by 11 neighbours. Opponents had asked trustees to reject the application and take steps to enforce regulations that limit the property to two dwelling units.

LTC chair Sheila Malcolmson sympathized with neighbours but

reluctantly sided with trustees Grams and Grove to extend the process.

"I feel terrible for the neighbours continuing to come," she said. "I'm extremely frustrated about how long and drawn out this has been and I think we've had good faith about this for over a year so I'm extremely reluctant about this."

Bull, who built the complex nearly seven years ago, questioned concerns raised in the Sept. 23 staff report. She said complaints about her property's impact on traffic, crime, noise and light pollution are baseless. She also presented a letter from her septic service provider that suggests her septic system has been the target of vandalism.

"These issues that are written down, they're not even provable; there's no direct evidence, there's

no reports," she said. "Where are the numbers?"

Bull has demanded an apology from neighbours who, she said, have spread malicious rumours about herself, her property and the building's residents.

"Please don't base your decision on gossip, hearsay and innuendo; we could just go to the coffee shop to do that," she said in an address to LTC members. "Let's do it based on fact and on what's reasonable for the community."

The septic-upgrade deadline coincides with the LTC's Nov. 14 public meeting.

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Keep Smiling...

THOUGHTS & NEWS

from Dr. Richard Hayden



What's the cheapest thing, Doc?

So, what is the cheapest sort of dentistry? After doing this for over 17 years I have discovered that dentistry that lasts a long time and that doesn't have to be redone too soon is ultimately cheapest.

The most expensive dentistry is often what seemed to be the cheap option but fails and needs to be redone, usually in a more costly and complicated way.

Take for example a tooth with a crack in it. One option is to place a new top on the tooth so it won't fracture. This might cost \$1000 to \$1500, depending on your dentist. Another option is to "wait and see" which costs nothing. Recently I saw a lady whose tooth had split right to the nerve. OUCH! Now a root canal is required as well as the crown, doubling the cost and making the entire procedure less predictable.



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YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Purple's the colour for legacy day

World Mental Health Day marked in Ganges

Salt Spring residents can join a worldwide event on Thursday, Oct. 10 to combat cyber-bullying and promote youth mental health.

From 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Ganges fire hall, music and guest speakers will bring awareness to a serious issue through Light Up the World Purple for World Mental

Health Day and the Amanda Todd Legacy.

Participants include Raffi, author of Lightweb Darkweb: Three Reasons to Reform Social Media Before it Re-forms Us, local students, teachers and representatives from youth club organizations.

Oct. 10 is both World Mental Health Day and the date that Port Coquitlam teen Amanda Todd took her life last year after a struggle with

mental health, bullying and cyber harassment. The Amanda Todd Legacy is urging people to wear purple on that date, and for businesses, buildings and other large structures to be lit up in purple.

See amandatodddlegacy.org for more about the worldwide event and legacy.

On Salt Spring the event is being spearheaded by Morgaine Longpre. Contact her at smlongpre@gmail.com for more information.

Company's process, timing queried

EMERGENCY

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Savage said Permasteel would not provide a detailed budget to compare line items with Johnston Davidson's design, which the fire board will ask the public to support in an Oct. 26 borrowing referendum.

"When you provide a firm price, it's not customary to provide the breakdown," Savage said.

"What we're trying to do now is say, 'Hey listen, here's one viable alternative — one of many.'"

"We're hoping for a no vote [so residents can consider the alternatives.]"

The fire protection district's board of trustees is questioning Permasteel's timing and process, however. Chair Bruce Patterson said the board had responded to the letter Savage sent in February 2013 requesting they consider all building materials by asking Permasteel to send its request directly to Johnston Davidson.

"Permasteel chose to never format any proposals to the architect, so we went ahead without their input," Patterson said. "But we did consider steel among the options and decided on another material."

"The trustees of the fire protection district have been involved in a process for two years that involved a lot of public input and the assistance of a very highly skilled team of

professionals," said Michael Schubart, chair of the fire board's building committee.

"The proposal that was unveiled on Sept. 12 was the result of this process. At every public meeting we asked for public input . . . and we incorporated that input in one degree or another in the proposal we brought forward."

As a building contractor that employs architects when needed, but not an architecture firm itself, Permasteel was not eligible to bid for the design contract when the fire board originally put it out in 2006.

Savage said Permasteel attempted to solicit the fire trustees' input into its own proposal several weeks ago but received no response.

"It's unfortunate that it took so long to finally realize that we're going to have to push this ourselves. The fire board should be responsible to the community, what it needs and what it can really afford," Savage said.

"We've done far larger projects than this, but at the end of the day, it's not the fire hall the community needs," he added.

Meanwhile, the board stands firm that everything in its design is both needed and has been estimated accurately, while Permasteel's fixed price leaves many questions about what is actually included in that quote.

"We believe this is the most

appropriate project for Salt Spring at this time. We've done this with a lot of input of all the concerned parties," Schubart said.

"All of the components are there for the health and well-being of the members. And we owe it to all of them to bring them home safely," said Patterson.

Several island communities have faced a similar situation when it comes to fire hall plans. Most recently, Permasteel offered an alternative proposal to Johnston Davidson's design for a fire hall on Gabriola Island, acting at the request of the Gabriola Ratepayers Association just before their fire hall referendum in 2012. The referendum ultimately passed and a fire hall designed by Johnston Davidson and built by the Lark Group had its grand opening on Oct. 6.

On Mayne Island, a member of the local ratepayers association asked Permasteel for an alternative design and quote during the lead-up to its 2011 referendum for a project designed by Johnston Davidson. The referendum failed and the fire hall project was put on hold indefinitely.

The Saturna Island Fire Protection Society accepted Permasteel's bid to build two fire halls in 2010. The building project committee commended the company for its help during the design process and construction.

ISLANDS TRUST

Decision prompts outrage

Neighbour whips LTC for Quesnel property action

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An island resident is dumbfounded by the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee's decision to consider a temporary use permit application that could keep a controversial metal recycling facility open in her neighbourhood.

"I am sorry, but enough is enough."

HEATHER HOWARD
Pallot Way resident

"I am sorry, but enough is enough," said Heather Howard, during the town hall portion of Thursday afternoon's Local Trust Committee meeting. "I

cannot believe we are here yet again."

Howard's comments come fewer than two weeks after LTC members gave Quesnel the option to apply for a TUP based on conditions outlined in a court order from the Supreme Court of British Columbia signed last month.

The order forbids Quesnel from "rebuilding vehicles and crushing or dismantling vehicles, vehicle parts, appliances or scrap metal" on the property. Quesnel said he can continue to operate his business within the court order's limits. He has until the end of October to submit an application.

Speaking on Tuesday, Quesnel said he has yet to complete the process. He also denied Howard's accusation that he has applied to collect food scraps at the site.

"People have been wildly throwing around rumours like that all along," he said.

If his TUP is approved,

Quesnel would be permitted to operate Salt Spring Metal Recycling at 440 Rainbow Rd. without fear of bylaw enforcement for a three-year term.

Howard said she considers trustees misguided if they feel the lengthy zoning ordeal boils down to noise mitigation alone.

"To consider that noise is the only consideration is so far from reality that we wonder if any of you have been listening for the past eight years," she told trustees. "This is not an appropriate area for any industrial or heavy commercial usage. This is a small-lot family and farming area and that is the bottom line."

More significantly, she added, is what the decision conveys to would-be developers, business owners and builders elsewhere on the island or in other Local Trust Areas.

"It seems on Salt Spring the real answer is if you do not ask permission you cannot be turned down," she said.

REAL ESTATE

Harbour House up for sale



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN
Harbour House owner Jack Woodward with guests on Maple Syrup Day 2013.

Time for vision to be passed on

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

An iconic Salt Spring hotel, restaurant and farm has been listed for sale.

Jack and Glenda Woodward, owners of the Harbour House Hotel, Restaurant and Organic Farm, have decided it's time to try selling their successful enterprise after 10 years of ownership.

Jack Woodward told the Driftwood that he needs to devote his energies to his law practice, Woodward & Company, which specializes in First Nations issues and frequently takes him across the country.

He also noted that at age 62 he is "ready to throw the torch to someone who is a little bit younger."

The Woodwards have listed the 20-acre property and business for \$7.2 million with Salt Spring realtor Li Read of Sea to Sky Premier Properties.

"I have a long relationship with her and she is a real supporter of the community and the hotel, so she is going to take the listing," said Woodward.

"The main thing we accomplished is the development of the farm — to take that land that was just wasteland . . . and to turn it into a very beautiful little farm that creates that whole farm-to-table concept for the restaurant. We think that's in keeping with Salt Spring values and what we wanted to achieve from the outset."

While Woodward said he and his wife Glenda had the original vision, it's their committed staff who made it come to fruition.

"That's the key — the management and the staff."

The Harbour House Organic Farm is a regular prize winner at the fall fair, and the restaurant won first prize on National Food Day for "best brunch in Canada," beating establishments such as the Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

Woodward said, "It would be great if someone on the island could buy it, but I don't know how likely that is."

He also said they would not sell the property "to just anyone," emphasizing the importance of new owners carrying on with what the Woodwards started.

"We'll see if we find someone who is captivated by that same vision. Maybe someone younger with no outside commitments who can take it to that next level."

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EDITORIAL

Seeing through the smoke

With September's celebrations of all things culinary and delicious behind us, it's time to savour a taste of local politics.

Islanders with a penchant for local affairs are undoubtedly aware that public consultations, open houses, Q&A sessions, FAQ pamphlets and plain old fire improvement district meetings have ruled the island's calendar of events for months.

Regardless of the widespread communications push, many islanders no doubt chose to spend the past few months enjoying a Salt Spring summer rather than talk about square footage, vehicle bays and office furniture.

THE ISSUE:

Emergency centre referendum

Within the past week, a few haphazard assertions have popped up about the referendum's potential ramifications on island life. For starters, let's make one thing absolutely clear: firefighters will not strike if the referendum is defeated, as the rumour mill has alleged.

WE SAY:

Respect the facts

Another thing that needs to be clarified is that the Oct. 26 vote (with an Oct. 23 advance poll) is a referendum, complete with ballots and yes/no boxes. The fire hall borrowing will not be decided through an Alternative Approval Process, which would require people to complete elector response forms only if they are opposed to the borrowing proposal.

As well, voters are not being given a choice between so-called Plan A and Plan B. It is a yes-or-no question to determine if the fire district can borrow up to \$6.25 million to build the proposed emergency centre as put forth by the fire board. All design and funding details are available at the Ganges fire hall, ongoing open houses or through www.firehallinfo.com.

If previous referendums and local elections are any guide, we can expect to see more confusion between now and the next 17 days. Thanks to the internet and social media, inaccuracies and sometimes ugly return volleys can poison discussion in a matter of seconds.

Let's hope that won't end up ruining our appetite for what should be a reasoned, fact-based debate leading to a well-informed decision on Oct. 26.



VIEWPOINT by Paul Marcano

Study on study a waste of dollars

I seriously question the expenditure of this current study on whether to have a study.

Spending \$80,000 more of our tax money to ask such a question seems ridiculous after the results of our last local election indicated quite clearly we are not happy with the status quo. Our population has barely changed since the last study and this money and time spent is a gross example of the kind of bureaucratic wastage we can only hope to avoid if we incorporate.

I would sincerely ask that if a formal governance study moves forward, that we intelligently dig into the archives and build on the existing study we already exhaustively did the last time around.

Very little of the community dynamic or population has changed in the last decade with the exception of course that CRD, Islands Trust and others' budgets have mostly doubled or even tripled since then! We are probably ready to manage and centralize our awareness of budget expenditures within a single elected town council despite this current delaying cost of a study on whether we should have a study.

The entire problem with our existing so-called governance is that the public, particularly property taxpayers, cannot be expected to keep tabs on all three elected representatives and the many decentralized groups of volunteers working for the various improvement districts. Each of these organizations can independently vote themselves budgeted tax increases on us and then merely go through the legal formality of printing notices in the local newspaper. We are not amused.

Property owners should be approached directly through mail or email if any group is seeking to up their budgets via the tax requisition. The highly expedited way the transit tax was tripled

Monday in a bylaw passed by the CRD board with first, second and third readings all done in one meeting on July 10 is particularly disturbing and another example of how easily we are fleeced.

Our incorporation referendum failed the last time because we did not want yet another layer of governance burdening us with more taxation. No other Canadians are burdened with something as ideological as the Islands Trust. To be equitable, I believe the Province must help us negotiate out from under this extra layer of governance in fair exchange for taking on the responsibilities of becoming a municipality. And I would suggest the argument for doing so is in the mandate of the Islands Trust itself which states in no uncertain terms: "To preserve and protect the Trust area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the Trust area and of British Columbia generally . . ." If the Trust was set up for the "benefit of the residents of the Trust area and of British Columbia" then the tax burden should be shared by all British Columbians, not just us. This would significantly streamline our efforts to come to terms with the kind of budget required to operate as an independent municipality. Referendums will continue to fail if a municipality is seen as simply another layer of taxation without negotiating this fundamental change in presenting self-governance to islanders.

For those interested, I am moderating a refreshed "Hub of Community Networking" set up at www.trustchange.com where people are invited to participate in blogs about local issues.

The writer has long been interested in local affairs.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you support the SensibleBC petition? Yes No

Cast your ballot online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com before Monday at midnight or clip this box and drop it at our office before Monday at 4:30 p.m.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should 'O Canada' be gender neutral?



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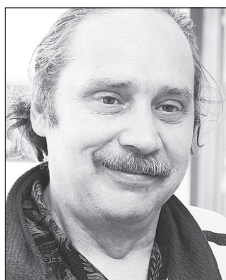
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HEATHER HOWARD, SSI METAL RECYCLING NEIGHBOUR

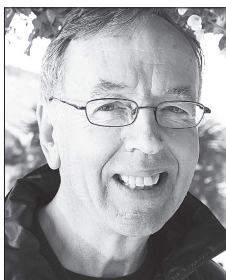
SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked:

What are you grateful for this Thanksgiving?



ALEX KOTLAR
A job and sunshine.



GRANT LAPRADE
Living on Salt Spring Island and sharing Thanksgiving with family.



TERESA KLAN
Absolutely everything, challenging or not.



JAVIER MINVIELLE
Probably living somewhere so warm.



JUDITH BOEL
I'm thankful that I wake up on the right side of the dirt every morning.

Letters to the editor

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Smoke alarms important

I heard on the news that this is Fire Prevention Week in B.C., and that two thirds of all fires in this province start in the kitchen.

I was saved from being one of the statistics by an alert home support worker, Elizabeth Lee, who heard my smoke alarm as she was coming out of the coffee shop across from my house. She pulled into my driveway and saw that my car was gone, so she came to the door, knocked and called. No one answered, and even though she couldn't

smell the smoke the alarm was still on so she called the fire department.

Their prompt response found a pot I had left on the stove before it became a fire, which could have destroyed my home, and the home of my grandson and family.

I am eternally grateful to Elizabeth, and to the wonderful members of our local fire department.

I want to remind everyone to have a smoke alarm, and make sure it is working. It could save your home or your life.

Also, I'd like to remind people of the importance of caring for each other. Eliza-

beth wasn't the only person who heard my smoke alarm, but she was the only one who investigated and acted to save a disaster from happening.

NANCY WIGEN,
FERNWOOD

Plan B rationale

Some of you may have already seen the flyer suggesting our community consider a less costly alternative (a possible Plan B) than what is being proposed to replace our old fire hall. That proposal is one initiated by me, with the assistance of the PermaSteel Group of companies.

As you may also know, PermaSteel has built a number of structures on our island. Would I like to be involved in another building on Salt Spring? Sure. Under the current circumstances, though, I have no interest.

Together with a group of concerned citizens I came up with this proposal as we feel we owe it to the community to acknowledge that there are viable alternatives to the proposed plan. I asked one of our corporate consulting architects, who has designed fire halls, to come up with a design and gave it to my estimators to confirm pricing because I am con-

vinced a functional structure does not have to bankrupt our island.

I did it because I live here, I am a taxpayer, and I firmly believe the board of trustees has a responsibility to consider what the community needs and can afford, and not just what the firefighters would like.

I know the fire hall board was approached months ago by my company and several others, and we were all given assurances the board was going to consider alternatives. It never happened. Before distributing these flyers I sent a personal request to the board asking for a meeting or a con-

ference call and I have not even received the courtesy of a reply.

Don't get me wrong, I value our firefighters and I know we need a new facility to replace the one downtown. However, I cannot accept the new fire hall needs to be four times the size of the old one; that it needs 3,000 square feet of meeting rooms or a 350-square-foot "lobby"; and that it can't be simple, safe and functional, and still leave tax dollars on the table to deal with other community needs.

NORMAN ELLIOTT,
OWNER,
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Prepare for despised gluten to go underground

Judging by the headlines in many of our health and lifestyle magazines making the rounds these days, there's a new "bad boy" infiltrating our food supply. Considered somewhat of a cross between Dr. Evil and Attila the Hun in nutrition circles, this recent arch villain has muscled its way to the dubious position of public food enemy #1 throughout western society.

What are we talking about here? Do we mean the old, tried and true agents of that international network of dietary evil, namely sugar, carbs, and sodium? Negative. Caffeine, fats, and alcohol? No siree. The new kid on the block in terms of rascality and scoundrelousity (a word which is so bad, it's not even in the dictionary) is none other than "gluten."

What exactly is gluten, you may wonder. One source defines it as "a substance present in cereal grains, especially wheat, which is responsible for the elastic texture of dough". Sounds pretty tame to me. What that basically means is that if you drop a lump of gluten on the kitchen floor, it's going to bounce up a bit. Not exactly my idea of deadly kryptonite.

Another expert on the subject describes gluten as "a protein composite found in foods processed from wheat and related grain species, including barley and rye which helps dough rise and keep its shape as well as giving the final product its chewy texture."

Well, that doesn't sound so terrible. Why wouldn't you want dough to keep its shape and what's wrong with bread having a chewy texture?

Apparently, gluten doesn't pose any major problems until it gets inside of you, and then all hell breaks loose. It becomes an ooey-goey

mess that clogs up most of your body's functions and can be blamed for almost every medical condition from anemia to zygomycolysis. Gluten makes the expression "food that sticks to your ribs" bite a little too close for comfort.

Gluten was first discovered by vegetarian Buddhist monks in the 7th century, who were seeking a protein to substitute for meat. They found that if dough was submerged in water, the starch would wash off leaving a meat-like, textured gummy mass (yum!).

The Buddhist monks did not keep gluten a secret which could only be mentioned in hushed tones within the cloisters of their temples. They shared their discovery with the entire world. Thanks to that indiscretion, gluten is now used as a stabilizer, emulsifier and thickener in hundreds of processed foods. Besides, of course, bread and other baked products, you can find gluten to be an ingredient in sauces, deli meats, baked beans, ketchup, mustard, beer, even licorice candy and flavoured potato chips.

You don't even have to eat the goo. Check the ingredients on many of your cosmetics and hair products and you will likely find our culprit hiding among the triethanolamines and the benzophenones (hey, somebody's got to make it all stick together). Think about that the next time you're slathering on the conditioner!

So why all the fuss about gluten? So what if it's found in practically every food known to man, especially the processed ones we here in



Shilo Zylbergold

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

the west love to chow down on while watching TV reality shows about people who snack on gluten while watching reality shows.

The problem with gluten, according to most nutritionists, is that it's just not good for us. For people with celiac disease, any ingestion of gluten can be dangerous and even life threatening. For others who are merely gluten intolerant, their lives can be made miserable by symptoms ranging all the way from severe digestive pain to insomnia and depression. In fact, statistics show that one in 133 people living in developed nations have allergic reactions to gluten and the number seems to be growing at an alarming rate.

As a result, we have witnessed a remarkable growth in the "gluten-free" marketplace. A stroll through any aisle at your local supermarket will prove to you that more and more products claiming to be free of gluten are infiltrating the grocery racks and shelves.

It's not too much of a stretch to see a day in the near future when gluten will be driven underground. When that day arrives and all things gluten are declared illegal, you can rest assured that a "black market" will spring up to feed the cravings of those still strung out on the sticky substance.

Of course, the authorities will wage a war on this new illicit drug, and otherwise unsuspecting citizens will be forced to gather surreptitiously in clandestine meeting places in order to indulge in this heinous vice. These illegal gluten

"speakeasies" (formerly known as bakeries and patisseries) will serve as lairs to underworld kingpins and their henchmen who will line their pockets on the wretched misery of those unable to break free of their pathetic addiction to the clammy protein.

Coded passwords and secret handshakes will be the order of the day for those attempting to finagle their way into one of these Cabalistic dens of iniquity. Those without good connections will be turned away by hefty bouncers, while local law enforcers will be bribed to look the other way when walking past Embe, Jana's, or Barb's Buns.

When that day comes, don't be surprised if someone approaches you on the street, looks suspiciously in both directions, and whispers, "Say buddy, know where a brother can score a little gluten around these here parts?" Or maybe somebody else will sidle up beside you, open his trench coat, display the glutinous contraband sewn into the lining of his coat, and with a wink proclaim, "Fresh shipment of bagels off the boat in Pier 13. Finest gluten this side of Vienna."

Nobody asked me, but I have a feeling that if you weren't already allergic to gluten before, you will be after reading this column. But look on the bright side. If you stick to a gluten-free diet, not only will you finally be able to make your wheat-belly morph into a six-pack of steely muscle, but you'll have a great excuse to get out and buy a whole bunch of new cookbooks!

So put that bagel down and get with the program. Otherwise, I'll have to teach you that secret handshake.

Birds will benefit

The generous donation of Margaret Franey to support the SNIP program, which is an important first step in reducing the outdoor free-roaming cat population, is welcome news not only for reducing cat suffering but also for wildlife populations on Salt Spring.

A recently released study in a special issue of the scientific peer-reviewed journal Avian Conservation and Ecology, which focused on quantifying human-related mortality of birds in Canada, found that "... estimates suggest that two

to seven per cent of birds in southern Canada are killed by cats per year. Even at the low end, predation by house cats is probably the largest human-related source of bird mortality in Canada."

The SNIP program will make a significant reduction in the outdoor house cat population on Salt Spring. Additionally it is important to note that humane societies and SPCAs across North America are calling for house cat owners to keep their cats indoors for their cat's sake (indoor cats live longer and healthier lives) as well as to reduce their impacts on wildlife populations. Any reduction in the

huge population of outdoor free-roaming house cats will benefit not only the cats but also birds and other wildlife species that are vulnerable to cat predation.

KAREN CLARK,
SALT SPRING

Committee shows bias

While governance committee spokesperson Pat Preston calls for more interest in their newest survey after a mere 500 people replied to the last survey, perhaps we should be more interested in the governance committee itself, along with its mandate.

Though no doubt many of the committee members are impartial, I wondered why it named a former realtor, John Macpherson, as chair, considering that the island's pro-development fringe has also been loudly and bluntly calling for incorporation (their code word for more and faster real estate development).

A number of islanders honestly believe municipal government would be better than the Islands Trust, and many island realtors firmly believe in preserving and protecting the islands, just as many of my builder and developer friends support good governance of any kind — but there are oth-

ers who have taken to using American Republican Tea Party tactics to both aggravate and alter the debate to create a government more open to intense development, as well as ignoring current zoning laws, so that individuals may turn single family homes into vacation rental resorts.

Plowing through the governance committee's expensive, slow and complex website clarifies this committee's mandate isn't about examining governance at all. The questions are slanted to favour incorporation, without even being allowed to consider the option of improving on the Islands Trust's governance already in

place, and I'm betting the final report will recommend another incorporation study (despite the fact the last incorporation attempt was voted down by more than 70 per cent of islanders), so why bother continuing this \$60,000 farce? No wonder 95 per cent of islanders never bothered with the committee's first survey. Islanders are smarter than that.

The provincial government should just fold up this expensive publicity campaign for incorporation and save islanders some money. As well-meaning as the committee members are, we can already guess what their verdict will be.

BRIAN BRETT,
SALT SPRING

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The quarterly benefit amounts for Old Age Security (OAS) for October to December 2013 have increased.

The basic OAS pension benefit paid to people 65 years of age and older will increase by 0.2% (from \$549.89 to \$550.99 per month for the maximum benefit) from October 1 to December 31, 2013. Payments under the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS), the Allowance and the Allowance for the Survivor will also increase by the same percentage.

The OAS program consists of the basic pension, the GIS and the Allowances. The GIS and Allowances provide additional benefits to eligible low-income pensioners and their spouses or common-law partners, as well as to eligible survivors. OAS benefit amounts are reviewed quarterly (in January, April,

July and October) and revised as required to reflect increases in the cost of living, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) set by Statistics Canada.

The Old Age Security Act guarantees that OAS benefits never go down, even when there is a decrease in the CPI. If the average CPI surpasses the previous level in the future, OAS benefits will go up again. However, if the average CPI goes down, OAS benefits will remain the same.

The OAS program is funded through general tax revenues and enhances the quality of life of Canadian seniors by providing a modest base upon which to build additional income for retirement. In 2012-2013, it provided 5.2 million seniors with an estimated \$40.4 billion in benefits.

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Study limited

In reference to Peter Lamb's Oct. 2 opinion piece in the Driftwood, we point out several discrepancies.

Mr. Lamb, along with others in the community, has approached the committee and has corresponded directly with the ministry to have issues examined that are not within the scope of the governance study. In both cases Mr. Lamb was informed of the parameters of the study — that its focus was on engaging and educating the public on the differences between rural and municipal models of government.

Mr. Lamb has also asked that the committee examine variants to the current system such as Local Community Commissions, further delegated powers to the Local Trust Committee from Trust Council and delegated powers for subdivisions from the Ministry of Transportation to the LTC. These variants can only be delivered with community support and at the discretion of other bodies such as Trust Council, the CRD board or the Ministry of Transportation.

Our current governance model, with one exception, does not now deliver those services through those channels. The current trustees lis-

tened to their constituents, then sought and obtained delegated powers from Trust Council for Salt Spring Island LTC to coordinate the various agencies involved in water management. This was the first time in Islands Trust history that an LTC has been awarded delegated powers by the Trust Council.

While we acknowledge that some community members would like the study committee to examine issues beyond the scope of the study, the mandate from the ministry is clear— focus on how the current system works and on the differences between rural and municipal mod-

els of governance. From the ministry: "The governance study is to help educate Salt Spring Island residents and property owners about how the current system works."

The Governance Study Committee continues to adhere to this mandate, to provide unbiased facts on its website (www.ssigovernancestudy.ca) and to understand the public's views through its second survey and two upcoming forums, details of which are on the website.

GEORGE GRAMS, PETER GROVE,
TRUSTEES;

WAYNE MCINTYRE,
CRD DIRECTOR

Bring specs

When you come to the Geezer Café, a Seva fundraiser with Sid, Arvid, Bill and Valdy at ArtSpring on Friday, Oct. 11 at 8 p.m., don't forget to bring your old spectacles, glasses, and lenses to be recycled.

There will be boxes for them in the lobby. They get sorted and sent to Africa, courtesy of the Salt Spring Lions Club. See you all there!

Learn about Seva's extraordinary efforts to restore sight and fight preventable blindness.

RACHEL JACOBSON,
SALT SPRING

Plan B — anonymous no more?

BY CAROL DODD

The Driftwood of Oct. 2 reported that "opponents (of the emergency centre) . . . brought forward an anonymous document proposing "plan B" . . . promising a building for less than half of the fire board's proposed long-term borrowing cost."

Perhaps they are anonymous no longer. Permasteel vice-president James Savage was interviewed on CFSI by Darlene Steele where he extolled the virtues of and savings, perhaps, to be had in using his product. Since this was also loudly brought forward by one person early in the process, I have to ask if she is one of the proponents of Property Taxpayers (sic) Plan "B."

At one (of two) fire board meetings Ms. Steele attended this year, she emphatically stated that no proposal could be considered without access to the needs analysis behind the plan. I would ask the same of her with regards Plan B. Who did the needs analysis? When? And where is it?

Also, where are the floor plans, elevations and specifications for Plan B? All of these have been made publicly available for the fire board's proposal — which, for simplicity, I shall refer to as Plan A.

Is the steel building built to post-disaster construction standards? This is mandatory for the new emergency centre.

Are Search and Rescue and the Salt Spring Emergency Program included in this proposal? The public has asked that they be part of the new emergency centre.

The Plan B publicity states that "engineering and architectural fees (for the steel building) are included," but the original flyer for Plan B is much more specific and tells about many items that are NOT included, such as geotechnical report finders. Are all the fees for electrical, mechanical, structural and civil engineering included in Plan B? They certainly are in Plan A.

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Not included in Plan B are site development costs. These costs are estimated to be in the neighbourhood of one million dollars.

The "building time" in Plan B is quoted as eight to 10 months. How many months are required for site development and completion?

Also not included are financing costs. Interim financing must therefore be added to Plan B, not just for the building, but as well for site preparation and all of the other elements not included in Plan B. Another hundred thousand dollars? What additional contingency amount is included?

Plan B mentions an emergency power system. Is it a bank of dim lights that comes on if the power goes out? Or is it a minimum 72-hour full power backup diesel-fired generator as specified in Plan A?

What is the proposed lifespan of the Plan B building?

Plan B calls for all foundations and insulated roof and walls. There is no mention of floor slabs. Are they included? What is the insulation R factor of the walls and roof? Spending a bit extra on better insulation will save operating costs over the 50-year lifespan of the Plan A building.

Which of the following costs are included in Plan B? Building permit? Water connection? Sewer installation and connection? Road crossing fees? Cost-of-construction insurance from ground breaking to time of full operation? Interior fire-rated walls? Interior Hazmat containment? Sprinkler system? Fire alarms? Emergency kitchen? Radio antennae and systems? Nederman exhaust system? Air and electrical to truck bays? Several more hundred thousand dollars?

Is there a hose and training tower included in Plan B? With Hazmat

(hazardous materials) initial clean-up area? Is secondary Hazmat clean-up included? Is recycling, garbage and Hazmat storage area included? How many more hundred thousand?

Are all essential services hand-capped-accessible in Plan B, as they are in Plan A?

How many gear storage lockers are included in Plan B? There are 58 in Plan A.

How many truck bay doors in Plan B? Are mechanical systems for controlling them included? How many key-fob entrances, which are required for quick access by emergency personnel?

Is there a roof run-off water collection system included in Plan B? To what LEED standard is the building designed?

Plan B states that plumbing and electrical are included. Specifications please. Heating and mechanical are not mentioned in Plan B. Are they included? Specifications please. More thousands? And proposed operating costs/savings over 50-year life span?

Is there a separate shop for maintaining and filling of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus? Is there a separate shop for routine maintenance by staff, of trucks and equipment? How much storage for first aid supplies? Other supplies? Specifications please.

What percentage of the Plan B building materials and labour will be locally sourced? Plan A estimates that up to 80 per cent of the work can be done locally.

Plan B is misleading, at best.

And finally, another referendum at a cost of \$10,000 to \$15,000 will be required if you vote NO.

So after thoughtful consideration of both the short and long-term capital and operating costs, vote YES for Plan A, the emergency centre carefully and conscientiously planned to serve our community for the next 50 years.

I intend to use to repair the damage. Since that time, I've been in contact with an adjuster at ICBC who advises that she has been unable to contact either the owner or the driver of the van and she has advised me to get the names of the witnesses in order to continue processing the claim.

Thank you for your assistance.

SHELLEY NITKMAN,
SALT SPRING

parked cars when a white 1993 Ford Econoline Van pulled out of the parking slot across from me and hit the driver's side of my car just to the side of the rear passenger door.

Two young women came to see if I had been hurt and since I was not, I thanked them and they walked away. However, before leaving, one of the women said she had witnessed the incident and saw that I was well into

the turning space when the van moved into it and hit my car. There was also a car parked behind me waiting to get out of the lot.

I reported the accident to ICBC the next morning and was given a claim number. Later that morning, an ICBC inspector met me on the island, inspected the car, took pictures, and wrote a damage report, which he said he would forward to the body shop on the island

NOTICE OF NOMINATION SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BY ELECTION OF TRUSTEE

Notice is hereby given to the owners of land within the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District that nominations for one trustee will be received between:

9:00 A.M. Tuesday October 15th, 2013

and 4:00 P.M. Friday October 25th, 2013

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The Trustee position is for the balance of a three year term commencing at the Board Meeting to be held immediately after the election of the Trustee either by acclamation or upon completion of Election by voting and terminating at the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held in the year 2014.

The Election to be held on Saturday, **November 23rd, 2013** at the Regular Training Room, **Ganges Fire Hall, 105 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C.** from **10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

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Candidates shall be nominated by two duly qualified electors of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District. Nomination forms may be obtained at the Fire Hall or from Thomas F. Moore, Returning Officer (250)472 0059.

Those persons eligible to vote at this election will have the following qualifications:

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Dated at Ganges, B.C.
this 1st day of October 2013

Thomas F. Moore
Returning Officer

Witnesses wanted

To the witnesses of a car accident in the parking lot of Country Grocer at about 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 25; please contact me at 250-537-4235.

I was driving a black Audi Quattro, plate #698PFF, and had pulled out of my parking slot into the turning space between the two rows of

RANTS and Roses

Rants

This is a rant for the person who stole my shirt hanging on the Crofton to Vesuvius ferry which left Vesuvius at 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 13. The shirt is a blue and white checked, long sleeve collared English Laundry Brand (John Lennon). It saddened me that it was not returned to the lost and found immediately when it was apparent someone had left it behind. This item was a special gift from a special person and had a meaning and a memory for me. I hope the person who stole this shirt will read this and promptly

return it either by mail or to my address 122 Lakeview Cres. Salt Spring Island V8K 2R6. Thanking you in advance for doing the right thing and now swiftly returning the item as swiftly as it was taken. B. Grey

Two dozen rotten, slimy bouquets of stinging nettles to the person who stole my pig food buckets from the back of the Golden Island Chinese food restaurant. I have decided to send a rant instead of unleashing my three 500-pound pigs on you. Shame on you. Kari

Roses

BCSPCA Doggie Day-care completed its second year at the Saturday Market on Sept. 14, raising \$5,500 for the local branch to continue its good work on behalf of animals here on Salt Spring. We send a bouquet of fragrant and gorgeous roses to each person and group who helped make it possible, including our volunteers. Special thanks to PARC and their team for the fencing and grounds work, and to market coordinator Rob.

A huge bouquet of roses to the Brost family for letting our frightened, lost and large puppy have a sleepover when she

was so scared. We are so grateful for your kindness and hospitality. Staicesku family

Rooms and rooms of roses to Wendy Rosier. Her artistic design and presentation in the hanging of the Images of Africa show brought raves. We cannot thank her enough for making our photographic show a lifetime memory. Curt Firestone and Gwen McDonald

A wondrous bouquet of mixed-coloured roses to Jennifer and David of Fernwood Road Café who so kindly bought my entire stock of cards, left there for sale to passing tourists. I have donated all proceeds to UNICEF's Syrian Crisis Appeal. Ling Weston

Two dozen perfect roses to two BC Ferries staff who were working on the Skeena Queen 9 p.m. sailing from Swartz Bay to Salt Spring on Sept. 19. While these two women were driving home, and in response to my distress signaling, they stopped to investigate and assist at an accident that I witnessed. Thank you to BC Ferries for training staff in first aid and special thanks to two outstanding women. I was most impressed by their ability and willingness to help. Pat

We send a big bouquet of roses and rhododendrons to Nolan Magnus of Living Accent Landscaping and his crew, especially Allen, for their work this summer doing our landscaping. We did

not know what we wanted, and they managed to read our minds and come up with the perfect solution for our yard. The entire crew was very professional and a delight to work with. They need a lot of praise for the work they did for us. Marilyn and Bill Harding

A container full of hot house Kenyan roses for all those who helped make the bridge tournament such a huge success. As a result of your caring, more than 250 Kenyan school girls won't have to miss school every month. A special thank you to Country Grocer, Thrifty Foods, and our hostess and head chef, Mollie C. Thanks also to the Seniors Centre, the organizing committee of Jean, Ruth, Val, Mollie, and Anna, and last but

not least to all the participants. Lynda Turner

A whole bush of blooming roses to all the volunteers who made the Garden Club Fall Plant Sale so successful on Saturday. We raised a record amount this year thanks to dozens of hard-working helpers! And roses to all those who came to buy the outstanding collection of donated plants, tools, books, and surplus garden produce — we appreciate your support!

Electric blue roses for Scott Cadenhead of FXR Systems for coming to my house 14 years after it was built to help me with some minor electrical problems. No charge! Now that's a great warranty from a great guy!

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No to study

The most recent survey for the governance study is available until Oct. 14. Find it at www.ssigovernancestudy.ca. One key question asks: "should the Governance Study Committee recommend now proceeding on to a formal incorporation study...?"

I would like to set out here a couple of the many reasons why I am answering "No." Such a study would not look into any other options for Salt Spring than a "snapshot" of the status quo and incorporation. But there are other options that would, quite possibly, be much better for us. For instance, we ought to look into the Local Community Commission option.

An LCC could provide Salt Spring with more elected officials to deal with CRD issues such as waste management, recreation, fire protection and other services. LCCs are said to offer "a unique method for a regional district to delegate decision-making powers for services to a local level with greater involvement."

Although funding for the incorporation study would come from the provincial government, I am still concerned about the cost and likelihood that funds could be put to much better use.

Although the consultants hired to conduct such studies are experienced and well-meaning, they are not always able to provide communities with correct and useful information. For instance, in Fact sheet #3, it states, "for a community with over 10,000 people, the municipality is responsible for 70 per cent of the cost" of policing. However,

municipalities are responsible for 100 per cent of the cost of support staff and accommodation for police and for 70 per cent of locally assigned police officers as well as a portion of off island administrative and training costs.

In general, restricting people to only two options tends to be polarizing. I don't think it is healthy to engage in a process that ends with a referendum on either the status quo or incorporation. I would much prefer a process that identified problems and engaged the community in finding ways to address those problems, hopefully without adding yet another layer of problems to the system.

JAN SLAKOV, SALT SPRING

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By Virginia Reynolds
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GEEZER POWER-HOUSE: Ready to cook at the Geezer Cafe on Friday, Oct. 11 at ArtSpring are, clockwise from top left, Valdy, Bill Henderson, Sid Filkow and Arvid Chalmers. The evening is a benefit for Seva Canada, which provides sight to people in the developing world, and will include the Geezers' brand of Salt Spring-centric comedy, plus some tunes from the island's best loved musicians. Tickets are selling fast, so get them soon through the ArtSpring ticket centre.

JAZZ

Adi Braun shares true love for jazz

Opera family member forges own path

BY GEORGE SIPOS
ARTSPRING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What do you do if you're born with a natural musical gift into a family of opera singers? What do you make of such a blessing, or, alternatively, curse?

That was the question facing Adi Braun, the jazz/cabaret singer who performs at ArtSpring on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. Her parents were both prominent stars of the Canadian opera world, and her brother, Russell Braun, has become one of the leading baritones of the modern generation.

Adi's first answer as a teenager was to turn to jazz and pop, recording her first album at age 19. But then the second answer after



Adi Braun performs at ArtSpring on Saturday.

high school was to leave all that behind and follow in the family trade, studying classical music at the University of Toronto and then performing for several years as a singer with the Canadian Opera Company and Toronto's Opera Atelier.

But the tug of the musical heart was too strong, and

in 2000 she began moving "sideways," as she puts it, into both jazz and cabaret singing. After that there was no looking back. From winning a local competition in 2001 to a nomination as Best Major Jazz Vocalist of the Year in 2007 by the Manhattan Association of Cabarets and Clubs, her career has

been entirely her own and one full of accolades.

Here is New York critic Elizabeth Alfors describing Adi's art: "A tad Dinah Washington, a hint of Lena Horne, the enveloping warmth of Doris Day, all gift-wrapped in a unique sound that is singular Adi Braun!"

And from Germany: "Adi Braun is a power-frau who gives jazz standards a unique touch, telling stories that are miniature life moments."

Adi's repertoire ranges from the Great American Songbook, to European cabaret, to contemporary songs by Canadian legends Shirley Eikhard and Gordon Lightfoot, as well as her own originals.

At ArtSpring she performs with a great jazz quartet, including bassist Jodi Proznick, whom ArtSpring introduced to local audiences with her own trio in 2008.

RECITAL

Organist takes Romantic trip

Don Conley presents Simply Organic next week

The organ recital series known as Simply Organic continues its fall season on Wednesday, Oct. 16 in All Saints By-the-Sea.

According to the Music Makers group of the Anglican Parish, with Don Conley at the console, lovers of organ music will be delighted by his choice of program, which he is calling Simply Romantic. Featuring music from the Romantic period, Conley will play works by Johannes Brahms, Robert Schumann, Edvard Grieg and Felix Mendelssohn.

"Conley's recitals are always fascinating

as he reveals the subtleties of the genre through his extensive knowledge and marvellous sense of humour," states a press release.

Well known on the island both as a performer on piano and organ, Conley is also conductor of Salt Spring Singers and maintains a studio at the north end.

Much of the success of the series has been the informal and convivial gathering after the music where friends can enjoy a freshly baked muffin with coffee or tea and take in the view overlooking the harbour.

Free music begins at 10:10 a.m. Refreshments cost \$2. Donations are gratefully accepted for the support of the music programs produced by Music Makers of the Anglican Parish.

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A.J. Mills and Dave Renick
at a SunHome under
construction on
Sunrise Place on
Salt Spring Island.

BUILDING TECHNOLOGY

Island home to demonstrate passive technology

Energy efficient design pioneered at spec house

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

All building projects have something unique and special about them, but this house is a prototype of the SunHome Passivehaus, featuring an all-new building envelope component system that will result in approximately one-tenth the energy costs that a standard new house would require for heating or cooling.

The hillside site is surrounded with big leaf maples and has an open feeling produced by the valley below, where the Salt Spring Centre's fields and farm eventually open up to Blackburn Lake. Despite the appearance of lots of light on a sunny fall morning, however, the property receives limited sunlight during winter.

In most cases, that would probably mean increased heating bills — but this house is a prototype of the SunHome Passivehaus, featuring an all-new building envelope component system that will result in approximately one-tenth the energy costs that a standard new house would require for heating or cooling.

"It's not the typical build where you have a client that wants to build their dream home," Salt Spring contractor Dave Renick observed.

"The purpose for this — the reason behind developing the system and demonstrating it — is to show all the eyes that are on us that we can build an energy-efficient, certified Passive

House for comparable cost to code construction costs."

Passive House design, developed in Germany, involves solar technology and high levels of insulation, resulting in minimal energy demands. Certification is currently voluntary, although the Canadian Passive House Institute notes the European Union passed a resolution in 2008 "calling on each European member state to adopt the Passive House Standard by 2016 for all new construction and major renovation projects."

Salt Spring's SunHome is a project involving system designer Bruce Gray, who runs a solar and geothermal company called Solaris Manufacturing from Qualicum Beach. Renick is responsible for the development on the ground as construction manager, "chief cook and bottle washer."

The two-storey, 1,600-square-foot spec house was designed by Mark Ashby Architecture and boasts RDH Engineering on the team. It features a shallow frost protected slab-on-grade foundation, with a monolithic slab floating on a 12-inch layer of expanded polystyrene foam over compacted gravel fill. The shape of the house minimizes surface area for energy efficiency and includes elements of Vastu design, an ancient way of arranging space that originated in Indian temple architecture.

The building envelope component system is the main prototype that Gray

and Renick are showcasing, replacing standard wood frame and insulation cavity wall construction with 10-inch-thick panels made from expanded polystyrene. The polystyrene beads contain graphite, which increase the thermal value of the panels.

"The interesting thing about the wall system is once the panels are installed, they're ready for installing doors, windows, siding and drywall without having to put in a membrane or vapour barrier. The rain screen is already on the building panels, so it promises to be a less intensive building process," Renick said.

The heating system will feature another technology Gray developed at Solaris. Though passive solar heat gain through window design contributes to the overall plan, the SunHome isn't based just on solar power.

The Sun Pump integrated mechanical system includes a heat pump and solar collectors in combination with an advanced heat recovery ventilation system. The system provides electricity and hot water for space heating and domestic use.

"The Sun Pump heat pump works on the coldest, darkest winter night. It doesn't depend on the sun shining," Renick said.

SunHome was developed in response to high energy costs and and global cli-

mate change. The affordable passive house building system has potential application reaching much further than the odd homeowner interested in green practices.

"We're really excited about this, and I think it could be a benefit to a lot of people," Renick said. "My hope for this project is to help support affordable housing initiatives locally and abroad. Social housing could really benefit because of the low operating costs over a lifetime."

Once the project is finished, Renick expects to have built the first certified Passive House of its kind, anywhere, and also to receive Built Green certification. The home will be for sale once completed.

"It's not the typical build where you have a client that wants to build their dream home,"

DAVE RENICK

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FALL FIX-UP

RECYCLING

'Ambassadors' share big news about small appliances

Electrorecycling program eases landfill pressure

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A pair of summer interns on a tour of recycling depots along the length of Vancouver Island wrapped up their journey on Rainbow Road earlier this year with an important reminder to Salt Spring residents.

"We're hoping to educate British Columbians that there is an environmental and local way to recycle small appliances that keeps them out of landfills," said Adrienne Sanders.

Sanders and her colleague Brody McDonald were part of a six-member team of university students dispatched as part of the ElectroRecycle Summer Ambassador Program.

"The great thing about ElectroRecycle is that everything we recycle stays in Canada."

ADRIENNE SANDERS
ELECTRORECYCLE SUMMER AMBASSADOR

ElectroRecycle takes in thousands of products in 300 categories each year from approximately 120 recycling depots spread across British Columbia.

ENERGY SAVING

Makeover easily done to save home energy costs

Assessments worthwhile, but more can be done by homeowners

Renovations that take inventory of energy use and strive toward efficiency have grown increasingly popular over the years.

Homeowners fed up with high utility bills want to conserve costs, and there are a number of ways to revamp a home to be more energy efficient.

The first step in a home energy makeover is to find out where your home is losing money. Certain local governments and environmental agencies offer home assessments, during which they will do a complete walk-through of your home and highlight areas that can be improved.

Private companies also perform energy audits on a home. They may be able to point out appliances, windows or landscap-

ing issues that could be compromising the efficiency of a home. These people may have a more intimate knowledge of insulation ratings and window efficiency ratings than the average homeowner.

In addition to having an energy audit on your home to save money on utility bills, a professional audit may make you eligible for tax incentives and rebates. That can mean even more savings and may even increase the value of your home.

Until a thorough energy assessment can be made, there are some easy and relatively inexpensive fixes any homeowner can undertake to help improve energy efficiency.

Plug leaks

Air leaks could be sucking energy out of your home and money out of your wallet. Once you find any leaks, you can use weather stripping and caulking to seal up breaches and save energy and money.

Clean air filters

Trapped dust and debris in a filter makes furnaces and air conditioners work harder. Once filters are free from dust, air can blow more smoothly through the system.

Insulation

Invest in insulation. Install high-efficiency insulation in attics and between walls to prevent energy loss and keep more warm or cool air in the home. A well-insulated house requires less heating and cooling to keep the temperature indoors stable, and that translates to less money spent on utilities.

Light bulbs

Swap out light bulbs. Switching bulbs from incandescent to more efficient LED or CFL bulbs can save money in the long run.

By making a few simple changes, homeowner can increase their energy savings around the house. Investing in an energy audit and makeovers can pinpoint key areas that need improvement.

"It's a new program but we've seen a huge growth in recent years," said fellow ambassador Brody McDonald. "I think British Columbians in general are becoming a lot more aware that they can recycle their small appliances."

The sheer variety of objects includes everything from kitchen countertop appliances like blenders and microwaves to exercise machines. The company even accepts very small electronic items like "mini massagers," razors and electric toothbrushes.

Sanders and McDonald said as much as 99 per cent of items collected at the ElectroRecycle facility in Surrey can be recycled once the products are distilled into various categories of glass, plastics and metals.

According to statistics from 2007, recycling programs across B.C. diverted 121,000 tonnes of solid waste and reduced 267,000 metric tonnes of carbon dioxide, equivalent to the removal of nearly 73,000 passenger cars off the roads each year.

"The great thing about ElectroRecycle is that everything we recycle stays in Canada," Sanders said, adding that many commonly recycled materials are shipped to China for further processing.

What makes things even better, Sanders added, is that all those antiquated electronics can be dropped off for free at the Rainbow Road Recycling Depot or any other participating facility.

More details about the ElectroRecycling program is available at www.electrorecycle.ca.

A full list of items accepted by staff at the Rainbow Road facility is available at www.crd.bc.ca/saltspring/waterwaste/gabgarecycling.htm.

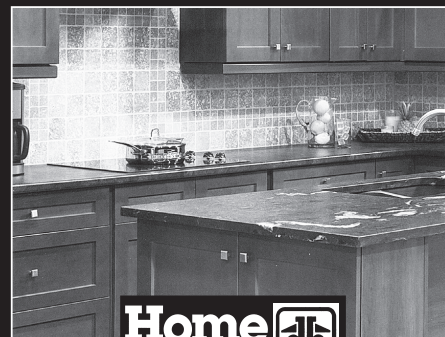


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From left, Salt Spring Recycling Depot employee Malcolm MacPhee with ElectroRecycle ambassadors Adrienne Sanders and Brody McDonald during a summer visit to the depot.



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FIRE SAFETY

Fire Prevention Week centres on the kitchen

Salt Spring tale proves value of fire extinguisher

BY CAPT. DALE LUNDY

SALT SPRING FIRE/RESCUE

This story serves two great fire prevention initiatives.

A local woman came to the fire hall to take a fire extinguisher training course we were putting on. After completing the session she went home and found her fire extinguisher, (which was hidden under the kitchen sink), and placed it by the kitchen door. This door went directly to the outside of the house.

As we teach in the training course, it is best to have the fire extinguisher near an exterior exit, so if and when

you need to use it, a) it is easily accessible, and b) you have an immediate path to the outside, after using the fire extinguisher.

And so it happens, literally days later she had a fire incident in her kitchen.



CAPT. DALE LUNDY

She likes to keep pots and pans and bowls on her stove top. This day, she turned the stove on, and quickly got sidetracked in other activities she was carrying out. Minutes later she went back into the kitchen to find the stove top in flames.

By this point the flames were impinging on the cup-

boards above the stove, and now reaching the ceiling level. She had turned on the wrong burner, and there were plastic bowls sitting on the burner she had turned on. She was able to get to the door, use the extinguisher on the burning material, and was able to knock the flames down. Then she called 911.

I was on duty and arrived minutes later. Although the kitchen was a mess, and there was a little fire damage on the cupboard doors, her home was spared.

Morals of the story? Keep your stove top clear of all combustible material. Be conscious of what is going on in the kitchen at all times, and have a working fire extinguisher in your home.



Kitchen Fire Hazards

- Food being left on the burner unattended
- Electric appliances malfunctioning
- Rodents chewing on electrical components of stoves and fridges
- Overloaded circuits
- Dirty ovens
- Loose fitting clothing (especially common with elderly people)



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

THE GANG'S ALL HERE: A large number of the Salt Spring Fire/Rescue team assembled for a rare group photo earlier this year. The department has seven career members and 37 paid-on-call volunteers, including four field incident technicians with special communication skills.

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PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS

Budget-friendly outdoor renovation ideas offered

From use of wood to cleaning up at sales, lots of ways to make changes without breaking the bank

Homeowners are increasingly extending their living spaces outside the walls of their homes.

Expansive and intricate stonework patios and decked-out outdoor kitchens are the kind of additions many homeowners dream of.

Those with unlimited budgets can enjoy just about any look they desire, but many homeowners may not have the money to go all the way with their outdoor living spaces. But that doesn't mean it's impossible to create budget-friendly spaces that are functional, fun and eye catching.

Decks and patios are

popular gathering spots outside a home, and homeowners have numerous inexpensive options at their disposal when choosing patio materials.

And those who can do their own labour when installing a patio can save a substantial amount of money. Instead of higher-priced composite or resin decks, homeowners can go with standard wood, which will need to be stained periodically. Scaling back the size of the deck means less materials to buy and less labour involved.

The cost of patio blocks depends on the material and style. Poured concrete patios will cost less than placed blocks or stones because concrete is less labor-intensive.

For those who desire the look of patio blocks without the cost, stamped concrete can mimic the look for less.

Homeowners may not need to replace patio furniture, even if chairs and

tables have seen better days. A can of spray paint can cover up any rusted areas or spots where paint has peeled off due to exposure to the elements.

Updating cushions and purchasing a coordinating umbrella can revitalize the patio's entire look. Also, very often stores run sales to clear out merchandise for new displays.

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Defining edges of planting borders and refreshing the landscape may be all that is needed to improve the yard. This is easily achieved with inexpensive mulch and some vinyl edg-

ing. While cleaning up the yard, use a pressure washer to clean stains off of siding and patios and create a like-new appearance.

End-of-season sales can also be the ideal opportunity to purchase big-ticket items like a pool, a hot tub or an outdoor fireplace/fire pit. Shoppers can learn when stores discount their merchandise to make room for new inventory and then use these sales as opportunities to save.

Sometimes saving means repurposing antiques or items found at garage sales. From patio furniture to masonry blocks to above-ground pools, patient homeowners can find just about any item they may need to upgrade their backyards.

Though not all homeowners can afford to create the backyard of their dreams, with a little ingenuity and some sweat hard work, homeowners can still create an outdoor oasis.



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INTERIORS

Lighten up for winter days

Bring more light indoors

A dark home can be dreary and drain residents' energy levels rather quickly.

Natural light has the power to make a person feel more energized, and it can also buoy spirits. As a result, many homeowners want to increase the amount of natural light in their homes.

Increasing natural sunlight in a home reduces reliance on interior lighting. This reduces energy bills and lowers the home's carbon footprint. Natural light also can help people in a home feel happier and more content.

Some people experience serious mood changes during the winter months. Dubbed seasonal affective disorder, or SAD, this condition may be effectively treated with light therapy. Exposure to more light can alleviate fatigue, loss of interest and sad or anxious feelings. Home-



New windows may allow more natural light to enter a home.

owners looking to increase the natural light in their homes, be it for medical or aesthetic reasons, can do so in a variety of ways.

- Keep the drapes open. Opening blinds and curtains as far as they will go allows as much light to shine in without having to do major home renovations or spend any money at all.
- Clean the windows. Dirty windows obstruct sunlight from entering the home.

- Install seamless or low-profile windows and doors. Seamless sliding doors enable a large amount of light to enter the home. Such doors can replace an entire wall to brighten up a dark area of a home.
- Take inventory of dark spots. A room may be dark because it simply does not have a layout conducive to brightness. Is a wall blocking light from reaching a portion of the room? Think about changing the room's lay-

- Invest in skylights or solar tubes. Both skylights or solar tubes enable light to enter a home from above. Skylights are larger and require considerably more work to install, while solar tubes are more low-profile and can be put into rooms that do not abut the roofline, such as those obstructed by attic space.
- Trim shrubs and trees. If trees and bushes are blocking light from entering your home, trim them to enable dappled light to come through.
- Create a three-season room. Make a spot in the home where sun will be at a premium. A solarium or greenhouse can be a warm and sunny spot.

out or even making structural changes to improve light distribution. The addition of a small window on a south- or west-facing wall can greatly improve natural light. Using mirrors can also reflect light where it is needed.

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ART REVIEW

Scientific view infuses artwork

ArtSpring and library shows on through October

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The keen eye of the scientist has much to offer when it comes to creative expression; art, like biology or astronomy, offers back information to the wider world according to what the individual has observed.

Though science depends on the same results being observed and proven again and again, art relies on the spark of individuality that brings observation to life through interpretation. Two artists showing in Ganges this month demonstrate through their interpretations how the scientific eye can inspire the creative outlet in very different ways.

Mary Laucks is a research scientist in the field of atmospheric chemistry. A show of her abstract paintings called Depth Perception, up in the ArtSpring lobby through October, reveals that her questioning nature doesn't stop at the laboratory door. Using colour, tone, perspective and texture, she experiments with how the viewer experiences depth in works that are essentially two-dimensional.

Laucks' New Havana series combines bright colours and simple geometric shapes to suggest the basic building blocks of form. Inspired by Havana's bright sunshine and colourful walls, the pared-back scenes explore the elemental components while leaving the tourist-friendly postcard particulars behind. The materials—smooth oil paint on art board—emphasize that any perspective and depth in the views are entirely created by the artist's hand.

Bright colours are also found in Laucks' mixed-media paintings on wood panel, but in this series she builds up the suggestion of depth



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Artist Connie Severson with endangered species art cards. Her work is currently on exhibit in the library's program room.

with plaster and focuses on more organic forms and themes. In Earth-flower, a rusty globe crisscrossed with latitude and longitude lines takes the place of a sunflower's seed head. The flower's wide petals are given bulk in plaster, with thicker forms in the centre area to create the illusion of closer proximity.

Kalahari and Chromatic Tectonics are examples of more abstract work, with seas of colour lapping against islands built up slightly in plaster. These paintings feature many inscribed markings for added texture and line, and work mainly through colour contrasts, such as rich desert tones moving from sandy yellow through blood red combined with touches of pale turquoise in Kalahari.

Connie Severson's Endangered

Species series, showing at Salt Spring Library's program room through October, was developed in partnership with the Salt Spring Conservancy to bring attention to local "red-listed" species.

The acrylic paintings form an impressive collection seen all together, with each 18- by 36-inch canvas featuring one species in close-up. Though the paintings have a strong link to the world of science, Severson's style is not photo-realist or overly analytical. Instead, her stylized views collapse the distance between the subject and the viewer. In contrast to Laucks' careful construction of perspective, Severson takes perspective out of the equation, using a shallow depth of field to put the focus squarely on each species depicted.

Paintings of flower species such as Macoun's Meadow-foam and White Meconella bring tiny and perhaps seldom seen herbs onto the large scale. Creamy white blossoms are contrasted against lush green foliage, in a stylized manner that slightly suggests Georgia O'Keeffe.

Bird species are depicted lovingly, such as Western Bluebird's pair of songbirds posed one above each other in the shelter of a thick canopy. Peregrine Falcon is an impressive fellow with his thick talons gripping a stump and one beautiful striped wing outstretched.

The versions seen at the library are limited edition prints on canvas. Fifty per cent of the sales will be donated to the Salt Spring Conservancy.

Severson and Sara Muir-Owen, who is the UBC coordinator of the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions, will give a presentation in the library program room on Monday, Oct. 28 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The topic will be the global and regional effects of climate change.

ISLAND AUTHORS

Taylor launches next in Irish series

Library event set for Oct. 17

The Salt Spring Island Public Library and Salt Spring Books are co-hosting a book launch for international bestselling author Patrick Taylor on Thursday, Oct. 17.

The Salt Spring writer will read from his just-released novel Fingal O'Reilly, Irish Doctor: An Irish Country Novel in the library program room starting at 7 p.m. The book is the eighth title in Taylor's bestselling Irish Country Doctor series about a rural doctor who practises in

County Down, Ireland in the 1960s.

"Taylor has gained countless fans with this delightful series that follows the adventures of two doctors and their patients in the rural village of Ballybucklebo, first visited in An Irish Country Doctor (2008), and most recently

in the novella Home is the Sailor," a press release observes.

The character of Dr. O'Reilly, who Taylor created when contributing to a monthly medical magazine, will feature in The Wily O'Reilly: Irish Country Stories, being published in 2014.

NIGHTLIFE

Drop Radio returns for one-off show

At Moby's Pub next weekend

Live music lovers will want to mark Friday, Oct. 18 on their calendars, as gone but not forgotten local favourites Drop Radio return from a long absence to play a single show at Moby's Pub.

The trio were a popular addition to the local music scene between 2003 and 2007, consisting of members Laughlin Meagher, Fidel Vargas and Dave Campbell (whom many will recognize as having played with Tom Hooper and the Angry Hippies, Hey Boy Hey Girl and

Jukebox Social).

Drop Radio plays a mixture of originals and covers, blending the music styles of ska, reggae, Latin, funk and world beat. Response to the announcement of the show on Facebook was rapid and enthusiastic.

"It's heartwarming to see the level of affection toward the band and material still exists," said band member Campbell. "We've really been missed. For those who have arrived on the island after 2006 and may have only heard of us but have never seen us, they're in for a treat. Bring your dancing shoes!"

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COOKING

Jensen savours culinary success during hometown visit



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Professional cook Kai Jensen checks out produce on a recent visit to Salt Spring.

GISS grad is part of global team

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Whoever thinks cooks spend all their time hunched over a counter in a steaming kitchen should meet Kai Jensen.

Since he graduated among the Gulf Islands Secondary School's inaugural culinary class in 1995, Jensen has carved a niche for himself travelling the world as part of a global catering team that puts food on the plates at some of the world's most prestigious events.

"I'd always kind of hoped that I'd travel, but never realized I'd get a chance like this," he said during a recent visit to Salt Spring. "It was never in the plans."

Jensen has lived in Australia since 2001 but spends much of his time travelling as part of his job with a major American-based catering company.

After a visit with his mother Cherry late last month, Jensen was off to Philadelphia, the latest stop in the Susan G. Komen Walk for a Cure, a popular running event that travels to 14 U.S. cities.

Once that wraps up, Jensen is off to Russia, where he'll begin preparations for the Winter Olympics in Sochi. Jensen will be

responsible for feeding hundreds of NBC television staff before, during and after the games. When it comes to preparing food for that many people, he said, the challenge boils down to organization and making sure individual needs and requests aren't overlooked.

"A lot of it is the logistics of the food and making sure you've got the right amounts coming in for the quantities they need," he said.

His work with the company has also included stints at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver as well as the 2012 Summer Games in London.

"[The GISS culinary program] opened doors for me," he said.

Jensen's visit to Salt Spring, which happened to coincide with the Sip and Savour food and wine extravaganza, marked a rare visit to the island. "I was really blown away. I couldn't get over how much Salt Spring has evolved since I've left," he said. "There seems to be a big interest in food."

The surge in Salt Spring's local food and beverage opportunities, he said, offers anyone with an interest in the industry an unparalleled opportunity to get involved in the field.

"If I was doing this again, I would definitely volunteer," he said. "There's nothing wrong with putting in a few hours of your own time."

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Reasons for the vote, or anecdotes, would be appreciated but are not necessary.

Driftwood publisher Amber Ogilvie came up with the idea for the extra award as a way to give islanders a chance to recognize local businesses for their service to

customers.

"I have had many people comment to me that some Salt Spring businesses offer outstanding customer service, so I like the idea of giving the community a voice to communicate that."

Several other business awards will be granted through a nomination and judging process.

The eighth annual awards gala is set for Thursday, Oct. 24, and is part of Small Business Week activities running from Oct. 21 to 24 on Salt Spring. Contact the Chamber of Commerce for details about small business workshops and tickets to the gala, which has sold out for the past two years.

NOT-FOR-PROFIT SECTOR

Shared Space takes next steps

Group reports on year's progress

The Shared Space Salt Spring Society celebrated its second AGM on Oct. 3 at Mahon Hall, with a cross section of the island's service and non-profit organizations in attendance.

Adina Hildebrandt summed up the optimism of the Shared Space board of directors.

"Five years of one-on-one talking to people is finally starting to pay off. We are not a tiny little group anymore; we now have people in the community coming to us. It's been a long journey, but we have hit the tipping point."

Shared Space, a registered society with charitable status, plans to establish and operate a shared-space facility for non-profit organizations on Salt Spring. The

initiative was kick-started by the Salt Spring Island Foundation, which set aside a bequest of \$500,000 from the Shaw family estate. The complex will be modelled after Toronto's Shared Space facility.

Board president Lyle Petch thanked members for their "trench work" over the past year, highlighting the business development plan, the communications plan, the fund-raising plan and the society's new website.

He also welcomed the expertise of new directors Duncan Hepburn, and Jacquie Stevulak, who join Lorna Cammaert, MaryAnn Bird, Dana Peace, Richard Hayden, Janet Halliwell, Adina Hildebrandt and Steve Smith, as the society moves into an imminent property acquisition mode.

For more information, visit www.shared-spacesi.org or contact members of the Shared Space board.

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ACTIVITIES

Happy Feet Day. Salt Spring Middle School students walk the last and first kilometre to and from school in the morning and afternoon, with others also welcome to celebrate International Walk-to-School Day.

Parent Child Mother Goose. Songs, rhymes and play-time with children ages 0-6. Fernwood Elementary. 10 a.m. to noon.

Bullock Lake History. Tom Koppel presents for the SS Historical Society meeting. Central Community Hall. 2 p.m.

Channeled Evening With Ananda. Two hours of channeled information through Tina Spalding every Wednesday. 7 to 9 p.m. Info: 250-538-6221.

Texas Holdem. Play for bragging rights. The Local. Sign-up at 6:30 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Mic With Dave & Ross. Every Thursday. Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

MLA Gary Holman Office Hours. Saanich North and the Islands MLA Gary Holman will meet with constituents one on one. Salt Spring Public Library. 10 a.m. to noon. Book an appointment toll-free through 1-855-955-5711.

Parent Child Mother Goose. Songs, rhymes and playtime with children ages 0-6. Fulford School. 10 a.m. to noon.

Stay & Play Drop-In. For parents/caregivers and their children age 0-6. Family Place. 12:30 to 3 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Light Up the World Purple. A worldwide event to bring awareness to youth mental health and cyberbullying. Ganges Fire Hall. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Dinner and a Movie. The Local. 6 to 9 p.m.

Town Hall With MLA Gary Holman. Salt Spring Public Library. 7 to 9 p.m.

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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Soul Shakedown. The Local. 6 to 9 p.m.

Owen Mathieson. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

The Coalition. Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

Geezer Cafe. Valdy, Bill Henderson and the Geezers give benefit for SEVA. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Cannabus Visit. SensibleBC petition visits Saturday Market. Info: Lorri Duncan, 250-885-8834 or speedwayblue@gmail.com

Fire Prevention Week Open House. Displays, demos, snacks and draw prizes. Ganges Fire Hall. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Jaime Murdoch Retrospective. One-night event starts with free art show at Mahon Hall. 4 to 7 p.m. Ticketed after-party with DJs and catering from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Canucks Hockey. Moby's Pub. 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Parent Child Yoga. All Saints Church. 11 a.m. to noon.

Stay & Play Drop-In. Parents and caregivers with children ages 0-6. Family Place. Noon to 3 p.m.

New Emergency Centre Open House. Find out about the new emergency centre and referendum set for Oct. 26 (with an advance poll of Oct. 23). Search & Rescue Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.

Pubstumpers Trivia. Teams of four. Every Tuesday. Moby's Pub. 7 p.m.

Tuesday Farmers Market. Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.

SSI Roller Derby. Learn to roller skate with The Commitments roller-derby group. Fulford Hall. 6 to 7 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Simply Organic. Don Conley plays organ music from the Romantic era. All Saints. Free music followed by \$2 muffin and coffee. 10:10 a.m.

ACTIVITIES

Introductory Writing Workshop for Women. A free introductory hands-on writing session for women led by Wendy Judith Cutler. Salt Spring Public Library. Noon to 1 p.m.

Consciousness Coaching Open House. With Chantal Wilson. Inspire Wellness Centre. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Texas Holdem. Play for bragging rights. The Local. Sign up at 6:30 p.m.

Sat. Oct 12

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Barley Bros. The Local. 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Alvaro Sanchez & Chamigos. Harbour House Restaurant. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Adi Braun Quartet. Classically trained singer in celebrated jazz group. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

SS Vineyards Tours. Pre-book before the grapes are harvested. 250-653-9463 or info@saltspringvineyards.com.

Saturday Market in the Park. Centennial Park. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dad N' Me Pancake Breakfast. Drop-in with free pancakes for dads, uncles, granddads and their kids age 0-6. Family Place. 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Sun. Oct 13

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Piano Bar with Deborah Inkster-Kneebone. Harbour House Restaurant. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

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EXHIBITIONS

- Jaime Murdoch** retrospective of artwork runs from 4 to 7 p.m. at Mahon Hall on Saturday, Oct. 12. (followed by ticketed after-party with DJ music from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.)
- Photos, a silent film and a video collage documenting **Tancha Dirickson's** relational art event called the International tournament of Aquatic Skipping Stones is showing at **ArtSpring's Bateman Gallery** daily to Oct. 9
- Mary Lauck's** exhibits abstract paintings from her Depth Perception series in the **ArtSpring** lobby through **October**.
- Connie Severson's** art series Endangered Species is showing with the possible extinction of some of nature's "family members." Paintings will be on exhibit in the **Salt Spring Public Library** program room this month, with an artist's talk set for **Oct. 28**. Exhibits are accessible Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

- Kathie Smithson's** works in pastel will be shown at **Cafe Talia** this month.
- An exciting variety of work by **Donna Ateah** shows at **Island Savings** this month.
- SOLID** at the **Market Place** (in Gasoline Alley) shows African Art by **Louise Adelle**.
- Susan Benson's** Journeys collection continues at the **Harbour House** through **October**.
- Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art** shows historic woodcuts and watercolours by **Walter J. Phillips** plus works from the **Group of Seven**.
- Work by **Michelle Duncan** is on exhibit at **Barb's Bakery and Bistro** to **Oct. 20**.
- Lil Sampson (Irwin)** shows artwork at **Penny's Pantry**.
- Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art** features work by cooperative member artists **Peter Allan, Leanne Brusatore, Dawn Davies, Leslie DeAthe, Sheila Hoen, Ken Ketchum, Virginia Midgett, Lloyd Nicholson, LeeAnn Norgard, Bob Rogers, Lorne Shantz, Rachel Vadeboncoeur, and Heidi Van Impe** through **September**.

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TREASURE HUNT



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Salt Spring residents turned out to get free estimates on their artworks, books and jewellery at an 'antiques roadshow' type event held at Steffich Fine Art on Saturday. Clockwise from top left are Susan Bracher from Romanoff Estate Buyers examining a piece of jewellery, Matt Steffich with a First Nations art print, and antiquarian book expert Bill Matthews looking at a Robbie Burns poetry volume brought in by Harvey and Laura Moore.

FUNDRAISER

Giant book sale backs literacy

Fundraiser returns to Farmers' Institute
Nov. 15 to 17

BY LYNNE JOHNSON
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Imagine not being able to read the Driftwood? Or understand your bank statement? Or read your medication prescription to see how often to take it? Or complete a job application? Or create a budget?

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In B.C. close to 40 per cent of adults struggle with low literacy issues. And literacy is no longer just about reading and writing and math. In today's world definitions of literacy encompass a whole toolkit of skills and strategies necessary to participate in society. Computer

literacy is a requirement now to obtain many jobs. Financial literacy and health literacy are crucial to our day-to-day existence. We also need the ability to analyze information, understand abstract ideas and communicate effectively.

While Salt Spring Literacy subscribes to these broad definitions, financially the society is only able to focus on helping adults with the basic necessities of reading, writing, math, computer training and learning English as a second language.

The society has been fortunate to receive government funding from three organizations — Decoda Literacy Solutions, Community Adult Literacy Program and the ESL Settlement Assistance Program — but funding is never certain from year to year, so the money raised from Salt Spring Literacy's Giant Book Sale is extremely important.

Once again book sale volunteers

have been collecting books from all of the island's avid readers since June, and sorting them into over 35 categories for your shopping pleasure. However, the last day to donate books is Friday, Oct. 18.

Those of you who have been to the sale before know how wonderful it is to wander the aisles at the Farmers' Institute and leave with bags and boxes of books priced from 50 cents to \$3!

Those of you who haven't been there before are in for a real treat. We have over 15,000 books for your perusal, so bring your friends and family — invite people you know from Vancouver and Vancouver Island to come for the weekend.

Start your holiday shopping! The three-day sale runs from Friday, Nov. 15 through Sunday, Nov. 17. Stay tuned for details on some new exciting events happening that weekend in conjunction with the book sale.

BCSPCA

Cat campaign off to roaring start

Money to target 'cat crisis'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Staff and volunteers at Salt Spring's BCSPCA branch gathered more than \$20,000 within hours of last week's launch of a campaign to tackle Salt Spring's cat crisis.

Branch manager Sean Hogan received two \$10,000 contributions from donors on Salt Spring and Vancouver at the campaign's official launch party at Mistaken Identity Vineyards on Oct. 3.

"That's amazing," Hogan said. Because contributions up to \$50,000 will be matched by a bequest from the late Margaret Franey until the end of December, the funds bring the campaign's total to more than \$40,000.

"I know she would just be thrilled to know that her

bequest is to be used specifically with stray cats on the island," said Franey's spouse, Basil, during Thursday's event.

"I'll urge everyone to spread the word and tell everyone how they've got this 50 per cent off sale until the end of December."

Meeting the fundraising goal of \$50,000, which will be matched dollar for dollar, will help staff and volunteers at Salt Spring's BCSPCA rescue and rehabilitate cats in immediate distress and create the Salt Spring Spay Neuter Intervention Program to address root causes of animal distress.

"I would like to say, ultimately, there are a lot of people on the island who would really appreciate and benefit from the funds," Hogan said.

Donations can be made at the branch during regular business hours at 540 Lower Ganges Rd. or online by following the link on the Salt Spring BCSPCA's website.

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MARIJUANA

Cannabus makes market stop

SensibleBC campaign gets rolling

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Organizers of a campaign to decriminalize the possession marijuana in British Columbia hope islanders will hop aboard the campaign when the "cannabus" rolls into the Saturday Market this weekend.

The "rolling petition station" set off from Vancouver this week on its first road trip since SensibleBC launched a formal petition process on Sept. 9. The group must gather signatures from at least 10 per cent of registered voters in each of the province's 85 electoral areas by Dec. 9.

The petition's success would trigger a referendum in September 2014, asking voters if they favour changes to the province's Police Act. Changes would instruct law enforcement personnel to no longer spend time, money and resources on cases of cannabis possession. The change would not affect laws about trafficking, possession for the purposes of trafficking, or cultivation.

Lorri Duncan, a SensibleBC organizer for the Saanich North and the Islands electoral district, said she's confident SensibleBC's campaign will succeed. Since she signed up as a volunteer in early September, the Saanich resident has answered many calls from people who want more details.

"I think we have a really good chance," she said. "I haven't received any negative feedback. A lot of people are calling to ask where they can sign up. I think people are excited to have their voice heard."

At least 6,747 signatures are required in the Saanich North and the Islands electoral district.

Anyone who has signed up as a canvasser for the campaign is asked to meet at the Cannabus before the market opens on Saturday. Likewise, anyone who wants to get officially involved as a campaign canvasser will be able to sign up on site.

For further information, contact Duncan at 250-885-8834 or speedwayblue@gmail.com. More details about the campaign are available at www.sensiblebc.ca.

MENTAL HEALTH

Depression support group starts

Eight-week session offered

A depression support group for adults experiencing major depression or anxiety begins later this month on Salt Spring.

For people battling depression, the eight-

week program will help develop skills to cope and a safe place to learn from others engaged in the recovery process.

The opportunity is presented by Island Health (the new moniker for the Vancouver Island Health Authority) and is based on the Changeways Core

Program created by the Vancouver-based Changeways Clinic. (See www.changeways.com.)

The program begins on Sunday, Oct. 20 and will take place for eight Sundays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the meeting room portable behind Lady Minto Hospital.

Interested people should register soon as seating is limited to eight participants.

For more information and to register, people should contact mental health and addictions nurse Anastasia Williams at 250-538-4847 or anastasia.williams@viha.ca.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Change rampant at early fall bridge

Wind blows in Mitchell movement

BY JILL EVANS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Come gather round people
Wherever you roam
And admit that the waters
Around you have grown
And accept it that soon
You'll be drenched to the bone...
For the times they are a-changin'

... sang (mumbled) Bob Dylan, and he certainly was right when you think of the weather on Sept. 16 (sunny summer) and on Sept. 30 (dismally wet fall).

BRIDGETRICKS

There were eight full tables on Sept. 16 resulting in a recently usual Mitchell movement, and despite weird hands and bad fits on an almost-full moon evening, the North/South winners were George Laundry and Paul Retallack, with Jeff Bell and Prem Margolese coming second, followed by Patricia Hewett and Bob Morrisette. East/West saw Ted Baldwinson and Terry Clement in the first spot, while Jean Elder and Terry Wilkinson came second. Third were Al Wilke and Nadene McCoy.

On Sept. 23 fall had befallen and

the times had indeed changed, with many games won and slams made or missed. The seven and a half tables again needed a Mitchell movement, but the results changed too. North/South winners were Liz and Oleh Mycyk, and the Bell-Margolese pair were again second, but third were Flo Laundry and Lynn Thorburn. Topping the East/West players were Blanche Poborsa and Pat Sutherland, second were Vic Parks and Janet Stethem, and coming third were Joanne Elizabeth and Jill Evans.

Drenched to the bone from time to time were lots of people on Sept. 30, so only four and a half tables turned up. This resulted in another change — a Howell movement, where each partnership shifts between N-S and E-W positions and there's only one set of winners. Topping the lot were again the Laundry/Retallack pair, and there was a tie for second between the Elizabeth-Evans partnership and that of Jeff Bell and Nancy Arnold. Third were Jean Elder and Ted Baldwinson. Things dried up for the rest, but here's more from Bob Dylan:

... the wheel's still in spin
And there's no tellin' who
That it's namin'
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For the times they are a-changin'.

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SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NOTICE OF OTHER VOTING

Public Notice is hereby given the electors of Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District will be asked to vote on the following question on **Saturday October 26th, 2013**:

Are you in favour of the Board of Trustees of Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District adopting Bylaw No. 122 cited as "Emergency Response Centre Borrowing Bylaw, 2013", to borrow the sum of Six Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$6,250,000.00) to meet the cost of construction of a new Emergency Response Centre located at the corner of Lower Ganges Rd. and Atkins Rd., adjacent to Brinkworthy Estates?

YES or NO

TAXATION IMPACT

The cost of the of the construction of the overall project has been set at six million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$6,250,000.00) by Johnston Davison Architects, Inc. which includes legal costs, architectural and engineering fees and general construction supervision, The Board of trustees has finalized that five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) of the total cost of six million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$6,250,000.00) will be financed by borrowing the five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) for an amortization period of 20 years. (the figure of \$5,000,000.00 is the result of subtracting from the \$6,250,000.00 \$750,000.000 from the sale of the present fire hall and \$500,000.00 from the Salt Spring Fire Protection District surplus funds) The estimated the yearly repayment costs will be \$312,163.22 resulting in a levy estimated at \$55.25 yearly on an average residential property valued at \$ 516,000.00.

BYLAW NO. 122

SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT Emergency Response Centre Borrowing Bylaw No. 122

A Bylaw to borrow the sum of \$6,250,000.00 on the credit of the Improvement District.

Whereas it is deemed desirable to undertake debt in the amount of \$6,250,000.00 in order to build an Emergency Response Centre.

The Trustees of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District enact as follows:

1. It shall be lawful for the Improvement District to borrow the sum of Six Million, Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$6,250,000.00) or any smaller sum from the Bank of Montreal in order to build an Emergency Response Centre and to pledge the toll collecting and taxing powers of the improvement district for repayment of said sum
2. It shall be lawful for the Trustees to issue promissory notes obligating the Improvement District to repay the sum borrowed and pay interest thereon at the prime rate per annum in Effect
3. The maximum term for which this sum can be borrowed is five years
4. This Bylaw maybe cited as the "Emergency Response Centre Borrowing Bylaw, 2013" Introduced and given first reading by the Trustees on the 30th day of September 2013 Reconsidered and finally passed by the Trustees on the _____ day _____ 2013

Chair

I hereby certify this is a true copy of Bylaw No. 122

Officer

EXPLANATION

The present Salt Spring Fire Hall in Ganges was built in the year 1960 and since that time the population has increased substantially and property developments have also increased both in numbers and value.

The result of these increases has placed a greater demand upon the fire hall facilities, equipment and resources making it necessary for the Board of Trustees to address measures to accommodate the greater demands.

An opportunity has arisen which accommodates the construction of a new Emergency Centre in partnership with the SSI Emergency Preparedness Agency and SSI Search and Rescue. Property, at a very suitable location, being Part of Lot B, Section 4, Range 2 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan EPP13068 (corner of Lower Ganges Road and Atkins Road), has been conveyed to the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District at no cost other than the usual legal costs to obtain title to the land.

Preliminary approval for the necessary borrowing has been given by the Inspector of Municipalities to the short term financing of six million two hundred fifty dollars (\$6,250,000.00). Once the construction of the New Emergency Centre is completed the Salt Spring Fire Protection District intends to sell the present fire hall at an estimated selling price of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000.00) and to contribute five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) from the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District surplus funds.

If the question above is approved by the electors the Board of Trustees can proceed with the necessary borrowing and the long term borrowing can then be approved by the Inspector of Municipalities and construction of the fire hall can proceed.

VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

VOTING DAY will be open on **Saturday the TWENTY SIXTH (26th) day of October 2013**, TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE SALTSPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT at:

**The Upper Meeting Room,
United Church, 111 Hereford Avenue, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2T3**

AND SUCH VOTING PLACE SHALL BE OPEN BETWEEN THE HOURS OF **Nine (9:00) A.M. and Six (6:00) P.M.**

ADVANCE VOTING shall be open on Wednesday the Twenty third (23rd) of October 2013 TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE SALTSPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT **between the hours of Nine (9:00) A.M. and Six (6:00) P.M.** at:

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Thomas F. Moore
Returning Officer

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- (e) an authorized agent, designated in writing as the said agent, of a Board or Corporation that owns land within the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District.

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IN MEMORIAM



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COMING EVENTS

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DEATHS



Edward Davis April 24, 1943 - October 1, 2013 It is with great sadness that we announce that Ed has taken his last flight to glory. He died in the loving arms of his wife on October 1, 2013. Predeceased by his mother Dorothy and son Lance. Left to mourn: Jean, his wife of 42 years, son Chad Williams, sister Dawn Olson, nephew Danny Chamblin, niece Brooke Olson, god-son Luke Hylands, god-daughter Stevie Hoessel. Born in Auburn, California in 1943. He served his compulsory in the US Navy and moved with Jean to Salt Spring Island in 1972. While Jean taught school, Ed pursued his passion for flying and became a well known float plane pilot and realtor. He enjoyed aerial photography, loved fishing and sleeping outdoors. Covering the BC Coast and Yukon, Ed left a favourable impression wherever he landed. Often seen driving around town with his dog Tux in his classic '54 Mercury Convertible - a car he kept from age 16. A generous, adventurous soul who loved life so much. He will be sorely missed by his family and many, many friends. The family would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Reznick and the dedicated staff at Lady Minto Hospital and to the doctors and staff at the BC Cancer Clinic in Victoria. A 'Celebration of Life' will be held on October 12, 2013 at Meaden Hall (Legion), 120 Blain Road at 1:00 pm. A time to share our memories of this very special warm-hearted man.

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEATHS

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This Week's Horoscope by Michael O'Connor

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Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20) A series of conflicting planetary alignments is challenging everyone somehow. For you the focus is squarely on relationships and the process of creating harmony. This is at times harder than at others, like now. Cultural activities, travel and adventure are ideal outlets. Still, anticipate rapidly changing moods so that you don't get stuck in any one of them.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21) Clearing the old to make way for the new is a feature of a larger plan to create a new quality of health, harmony and flow. This may well include renovations and make overs of some kind. You feel the need to cover a lot of bases these days and may feel that you are working double time. Pace yourself because this momentum is likely to increase yet.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21) A mixed bag of energies is a current challenge. You are excited to spend quality time with friends yet you have to give more than usual. Thankfully your energy levels remain high. Your focus stands to become extra sharp as the month progresses. This will produce new and exciting insights. In some respects you want to go big and far.

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22) A good deal of activity and focus on the home front is keeping you busy. Some of it is very sobering, perhaps even depressing. Yet, you may feel excited as well. Ideally you feel determined to expand or advance your position somehow. Yet, to succeed you may have to break free of traditional approaches and the expectations of others.

Leo (Jul 22 – Aug 23) A busy time continues. Yet, you may be able and want to mix in cultural activity and perhaps travel opportunities. In some respects you are in a strong cycle. Using this energetic wave to further your position is likely and ideal. Yet, you are challenged to be flexible and versatile to tend to the scope and range of 'busy-ness'.

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22) Building upon new foundations continues. This dynamic may be happening 'to you' as much as they are based on your own choices and actions. A steady flow of work behind the scenes is featured. This includes a steady and perhaps steep learning curve. Fortunately, you are in the mood to delve into some studies and practical, experiential learning as well.

Libra (Sep 22 – Oct 22) Circumstances of late are moving you to turn over a new leaf, or two. You may feel pushed and not simply invited. This is spurring some rather revolutionary

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thoughts, attitudes and/or actions. These may be a source of strife in your more intimate relationships. The results may even be explosive or at least transformational at home.

Scorpio (Oct 22 – Nov 21) A progressive shift in your values and priorities may be apparent now. You are experiencing a change of heart. Expressing yourself in new and imaginative ways is a source of inspiration. Yet your rational is based on health and healing as well. Either way, you feel compelled to look to the future with an expansive eye where you can express your unique qualities.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 – Dec 21) A diverse array of associations is keeping you busy. Interactions with others are spiced with inspiration, excitement, drama and upset. Fortunately you are in a sporting mood. Yet this also means that you want to 'play' and that you want to win. Whether or not the stakes are high you are in a competitive mood.

Capricorn (Dec 21 – Jan 19) How far will you go? Your ambitions are running high once again. Yet, the twist in the plot asks that you dedicate your energies and focus to causes and/or daily activities for the sake of others. Private meetings with other key power players have a serious tone. You are seeking real talent. You want to express your own and want to enlist those of others.

Aquarius (Jan 19 – Feb 19) You have reached a peak in your journey. The results are probably mixed. In some respects you have reason to feel excited about the future and proud of your achievements. Yet, you may also feel an extra weight of responsibility to persevere through some challenging terrain. Significant others may be pushing you against your will. Accept their challenge and assert to meet it.

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20) Somehow you are in the midst of the beginning of the end. The lure of new opportunities and adventures are strong. A learning curve that demands commitment is the payment due. The work load of late has likely been large and this will continue. Gaining a scope of the bigger picture over the long term feels important. Meditate to receive guidance from within.

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ON TARGET: Andrew Bingham shoots skeet at the Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club's 100th anniversary events on Saturday afternoon. Several members were also given honorary lifetime memberships to the club at the special celebration.

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Old Boys continue their flying start

Cougars cramp Salt Spring women's style

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Old Boys soccer club is off to its best start ever thanks to a 5-2 win on home turf against Cowichan Bay Sunday morning.

"The unfortunate fans who were caught in traffic and missed the first 10 minutes of Sunday's game were shocked to learn the score line was 2-2," wrote Graham Tweddle in his post-game report. "In a frenetic opening half some great goals and some dodgy defence kept the crowd entertained and perplexed."

Salt Spring added another two goals ahead of the halftime whistle. The action slowed considerably during the second frame, though Salt Spring added a fifth goal to cap the effort, Tweddle added.

Stefan Bale earned a hat-trick and man-of-the-match honours, while Sean Goddard received a special mention for his end-to-end "wonder run"

goal.

The team gets a Thanksgiving weekend reprieve before hosting Gordon Head Nearly Dead at the GISS field on Sunday, Oct. 20. Kickoff is at 10:30 a.m.

In other soccer news, Salt Spring's Westcastle FC downed the Lakehill Danger Police 5-3 at Portlock Park on Saturday. The win gives Westcastle SSFC a 2-0-1 record in the Vancouver Island Soccer League's Division 3A.

Salt Spring pulled off the victory with goals from Harrison Jason, Anthony Bennett, Joss Krayenhoff and a pair from Jason Moulton.

Team spokesperson Jordan Morrison said Krayenhoff's second-half goal may well be a contender for goal of the year.

"It was on a corner kick and they managed to clear it and Joss picked it up and smashed it in to the top corner from about 30 to 35 yards out," Morrison said.

Westcastle SSFC players travel to Vancouver Island on Sunday, Oct. 13, where they'll meet division-leaders Hellas FC (4-0-0).

In women's soccer action, a one-goal lead at halftime wasn't enough to seal the deal for Salt Spring United's Over 30B women's team against an aggressive Cowichan Cougars side on Sunday morning.

Carolyn Flam and Karen Clemson scored in the first half to give visiting Salt Spring a lead over the top-ranked Cougars squad.

From the second half's opening whistle, however, the Cougars' players came out in a rage, quickly tying up the match, then taking a one-goal lead of their own.

Despite a further Cougar goal midway through the second, Salt Spring persisted with a late offensive surge that led to Clemson's second goal of the match.

As Andrea Barker and Cheryl Johnson closed the door on any further Cowichan scoring, a strong final push from Flam, Anne May, Tara Brown and the team's entire roster of midfielders couldn't score an equalizer.

After a Thanksgiving weekend break, Salt Spring will travel to play Lakehill on Sunday, Oct. 20.



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Fall school sports season in full swing

Scorpions dominate the soccer pitch

The Gulf Islands Secondary School's senior boys soccer team kicked off the month in style by winning two consecutive matches last week.

The Scorpions beat Brentwood 2-0 on Tuesday afternoon, thanks to a solid defensive effort and goals by Hamish Walde and Hiroki

Nakayabashi.

The team defeated Shawnigan 5-1 on Thursday, with honourable mentions to Justin Kopetzki, Hamish Walde, Lukas Wenzel and Billy George.

Players will try to extend their winning streak at a Thanksgiving weekend tournament in Campbell River.

In other high school sports news, the senior boys and girls volleyball squads fought hard but came up short in

a pair of weekend tournaments at Capilano University and the University of Victoria.

"The teams grew from the experience and look forward to their upcoming tournaments," said Brittany Allan, co-director for the GISS athletics department.

She also thanked everyone who made Saturday evening's clash of visiting collegiate-level volleyball titans an unforgettable event.

Special thanks, she said, go to the UBC and Camosun volleyball teams, parent volunteers of Sport PAC, members of the junior and senior boys teams, as well as coaches Blair Carley, Kellie Booth, Lyall Ruehlen and Stacy Mitchell.

The UBC Thunderbirds took four out of five games against Camosun during exhibition play at GISS gymnasium.

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SAILING CLUB

Sailors escape high Cobanli winds

Caliente steered to victory

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The Bas Cobanli Memorial Race was finally got away on Sept. 29, with white caps showing off Goat Island and storm warnings for later in the day.

Race custodian Roger Kibble assured the fleet the race would be sailed in good wind and be over before the forecasted winds arrived, and so it proved.

The race featured a "head start," which saw Selyna Rose away at 10:30 a.m., beginning her first race clear of the turmoil of the start line. This is a great feature for helping introduce new racers to the fold; the pressure is off on the start line and they get to savour being in the lead for as long as they can hold out. This has been tried in IOM racing with great success as the newcomers try very hard not to be caught and seem to enjoy themselves much more as a result.

The second start got off ten minutes later with Ole Anderson in Caliente, fresh off a victory last weekend and throw-

ing down the gauntlet.

I was in a perfect position to see the starting tactics unfold as I completely messed up my timing and was swinging around into the second row of starters as the seconds ticked down. Ole, on a timed run at the line, completely shut the door on Electra, forcing her to the wrong side of the starting buoy, which she promptly hit while bearing off. Caliente, meanwhile, being slightly early, bore off and ran the line thundering down on Sprite. The gun sounded and those two were away with the best starts.

The beat was starboard tack lifted over the usual wind and there were many large right-handers that made for big gains if you could find and sail in them. Caliente set about the task of hunting down Selyna Rose. The start for Kay D was opened up to starboard when Electra had to return to the line and restart and so we were able to take advantage of some shifts to climb into second spot by the time the Sisters were left to port.

We were aided in this when Electra leapt up, pirouetted, and splashed down again on a rock between the First

Sister and Deadman Island. This gnarly bolder, which had gone by the name of Herbert Rock for part of the summer, has now been returned to its rightful name "the Kibble Kruncher."

Welbury Spar to port was next and the mighty Soul Thyme was able to ease the sheets and charge up to our stern. We sailed neck and neck to the spar buoy in a most enjoyable duel and managed to use a lifting blast to plane up to the mark.

Soul Thyme was not to be denied however and passed us off of James Bay despite our deploying our spinnaker. Ben Mohr was the next marker with Caliente in a good lead followed by Soul Thyme, Kay D, Sprite, Wildfire and Electra.

We were now hard on the wind again rounding Prevost Island to Starboard. Caliente continued to extend while increasing wind encouraged Soul Thyme to reef. Sprite showed good speed and closed in while Wildfire also was coming on strong.

The wind moderated slightly and Kay D was able to pass Soul Thyme just off Portlock Point as the fleet was close

tacking the shore seeking tide relief. Wildfire also caught Soul Thyme, forcing her to tack away on a port-starboard crossing, but the wily skipper of Soul Thyme stood closest to Prevost and again threatened to take over the second place. Finally Deep Ridge Buoy was spotted, the elusive weather mark, right on the line called by Kay D tactician Tony Meek. Soul Thyme would have to tack again.

Spinnakers were set and the long run for home begun. The very sleek Electra emerged out of the mist, big chute pulling hard and heading straight downwind passed boat after boat until she had claimed second spot by the Sisters. Caliente was well ahead, taking line honours and winning outright. For skipper Ole Anderson and crew Derek Hill and Iain Leckie, it was a well deserved win in a long windy race. Next across the line it was Electra, Wildfire, Kay D, Soul Thyme and Sprite.

Hot toddies on Wildfire completed the day's racing.

The writer sends readers his report from the deck of the Kay D.



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

PROUD TO FLY THE FLAG: An enthusiastic contingent of islanders welcomed the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron's 75th anniversary flag during its stop at the Salt Spring Sailing Club on Oct. 1. The flag has been shared among CPS units across the Canada on its journey between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. The CPS is recognized as the foremost boating educational organization in Canada.

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