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WELCOME TO MY NIGHTMARE: Amaranta Mcallister and a friend get freaky at the Spook House on Halloween night. The haunted house at Mahon Hall was put on by the Salt Spring Middle School and Gulf Islands Secondary School improv students.

RECOVERY

Bachman set to rock for crash victim

Naturopath Lali Formaggia talks about role reversal

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring woman who survived a float plane crash on Vancouver Island in August continues to recover at home with help from a community effort that includes legendary rocker Randy Bachman.

When Lali Formaggia returned from hospital in mid-October, she soon realized she'd entered a world unlike anything she'd experienced before. Her home looked familiar, but lingering mental and physical scars had cast everything in a dramatic new light.

"Having been close to two months in the hospital was surreal," Formaggia said on Monday. "I thought: 'Where to go back to? I can't just get my life back.'"

Since her release from hospital, Formaggia has been undertaking what she calls a triangle of healing. She has appointments with a physiotherapist in Vancouver, attends counselling sessions in Victoria and checks in regularly with her dentist on Salt Spring. The professional care supports the unyielding encouragement she gets from friends and acquaintances.

Formaggia was flying back from a week-long backpacking trip along Vancouver Island's west coast when the float plane she was travelling in hit a tree soon after take-off. The crash killed two of the six people aboard the plane. Formaggia escaped with a broken arm and third-degree burns to her legs.

The incident and recovery process has offered Formaggia, who works as a naturopath and acupuncturist on Salt Spring and in Victoria, a chance to gain a better understanding of the patient's perspective.

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FERRIES

Crash shears tie to mainland

No replacement vessel for Queen of Nanaimo

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The storm that took the Queen of Nanaimo out of action on Saturday morning continues to chill some Gulf Islands residents, while transport operators and business owners scramble to cover the gaps left by the ferry's temporary demise.

Regular replacement vessels serving the route are currently undergoing refits, leaving

the islands without direct service to the mainland. All travel is being routed through Swartz Bay until the Queen of Nanaimo is repaired, which is not estimated to be finished until after the Remembrance Day long weekend.

BC Ferries communications director Deborah Marshall said the ferry corporation was implementing a number of measures to try to ease holiday travel.

"We're certainly trying to expedite custom-

ers travelling that way," she said of the transfer route.

Service measures include a late night sailing from Swartz Bay to Fulford Harbour on Friday and several extra sailings of the Mayne Queen. In addition, there will be more sailings on the Swartz Bay-Tsawwassen route to help aid transfers.

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Galiano faces most impact

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Car passengers who had reservations on the Queen of Nanaimo are being contacted by phone and will be given priority in rebooking and free reservations on the through-fare routes. Drivers will also be issued designation cards at the Tsawwassen fare booth to ensure a smooth transfer at Swartz Bay.

The service additions won't reach Galiano Island, however, leaving local business owners concerned about loss of revenue on a critical long weekend.

"I think Galiano Island of all the islands has the most dramatic effect — the Queen of Nanaimo is our lifeline to Vancouver and we're very Vancouver-based," said Connie Nordin, the president of the island's Chamber of Commerce and owner of the Galiano Oceanfront Inn and Spa. "The Queen of Nanaimo is our ship. We look at it that way — and we certainly do miss her."

Nordin said visitors who are accustomed to a quick 55-minute trip from Tsawwassen after work might not want to attempt the six-hour detour, and local accommodations providers including the inn are feeling the results in terms of cancellations.

"Unfortunately with the proximity of Galiano to Swartz Bay, we're just not able to add service to that particular island," Marshall said.

Galiano's Chamber of Commerce board will meet this week to discuss how to handle similar situations in the future. In the meantime,



PHOTO BY TOBY SNELGROVE

Queen of Nanaimo is towed away from Village Bay on Mayne Island on Saturday after the vessel sustained damage due to high winds pushing it into a private dock.

Nordin's resort is among those on the island offering one free night's accommodation on the long weekend, so that people who have to add an extra day of travel to go through Swartz Bay won't have to bear the cost.

Other transportation businesses are also stepping up to help ease the situation. Salt Spring Air has extended its summer schedule for the time being and has dropped its two-seat minimum booking requirement for the outer islands.

"We're also working with hotels, because we know there's been a lot of cancellations, to put some packages together to fill some of those empty rooms that came up all of a sudden," said Salt Spring Air president Philip Reece.

The Queen of Nanaimo was towed to drydock in Richmond on Tuesday after suffering damage in Saturday's storm, when high winds

pushed the vessel into a private dock near the Mayne Island terminal.

Only two passengers and 22 crew members were on board at the time, as the captain had already announced plans to cancel the scheduled crossing to Tsawwassen and return to Salt Spring's Long Harbour instead. Marshall said that one couple had elected to stay on board and try to return to the mainland via Salt Spring.

Preliminary inspection by divers indicated damage to the Queen of Nanaimo's starboard side propeller and shafting, as well as a limited portion of the aft hull. A full investigation is underway in order to determine the root cause and events leading up to the incident and the subsequent damage.

Officials will make a full assessment of the repairs needed in drydock. The vessel is expected to be out of service for at least a week.

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WILDLIFE

Dolphins make big splash

Superpod visit gets international coverage

Ferry passengers travelling between the Gulf Islands and Tsawwassen on Friday were treated to the extremely rare sight of a "superpod" of approximately 1,000 dolphins swimming alongside the vessel.

Vancouver Aquarium researchers have

confirmed the group consisted of Pacific white-sided dolphins, which are sometimes seen in local waters but usually form pods of only 50 to 200 members.

The incident has sparked interest across the country and further abroad due to a video captured by passenger Rob Maguire. His footage can be viewed on Youtube under the title Dolphin Superpod in Strait of Georgia.



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MARIJUANA DECRIMINALIZATION

B.C.-wide pot petition debate has colourful history

SensibleBC Petition faces tough odds despite decades of discussion

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Upon reaching its halfway point in 2010, the anti-HST initiative petition had already succeeded by a long shot.

Not so in the case of this year's SensibleBC petition.

Unlike the HST petition, spear-headed by former B.C. premier Bill Vander Zalm, SensibleBC's backers haven't found a way to dominate call-in shows, opinion pages and coffee shop banter since the effort was launched in September.

With fewer than 30 days left in the campaign, Salt Spring's Ralph Miller hopes the effort can beat the odds and pull off a comeback.

As someone who served as one of the researchers for a 1972 federal commission on the legalization of marijuana and who's spent a life uncovering social and economic evidence that favours decriminalization, one might have expected Miller to be at the forefront of the campaign. However, it wasn't until



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Dana Larsen of the SensibleBC petition campaign during a visit by the Cannabis to Salt Spring this fall.

SensibleBC's "cannabus" rolled into Ganges in October that Miller heard about the petition.

Though the former Gulf Islands Secondary School teacher feels he can contribute more by staying unaffiliated with the campaign, he suggests people sign the petition to re-ignite the debate about marijuana possession.

"I think they should because that's really to get it on the ballot. Then it behooves us as citizens to become informed and make a decision. This isn't a petition to say yes, this is a petition to get a chance for public input."

Miller argues that much of the country's marijuana legislation stems from misinformation that dates to the early 20th century,

when moralistic ideology, racial prejudice and a lack of scientific evidence fuelled a fear of the unknown.

Forty years after his work at the federal level, Miller calls the desire and momentum for liberalization of medical and recreational marijuana use undeniable.

"Corresponding fundamental changes in Canadian federal and provincial social policy response to the growing acceptance of and desire for cannabis use are inevitable," he added.

Despite Miller's optimism, SensibleBC volunteers have their work cut out for them ahead of a Dec. 5 deadline.

"From what I understand, it's lagging," said Myles Wilkinson, a campaigner for the Saanich North and the Islands electoral district. "[The campaign] is still lacking a fair amount of support."

The SensibleBC initiative petition needs a majority of signatures from electors in all of the province's 85 electoral districts to succeed. Reaching that goal would trigger a provincial referendum that asks people if they favour decriminalizing the



RALPH MILLER

possession of marijuana. Unlike the HST referendum, he said, the SensibleBC campaign has proven a much tougher sell. "The HST is something that galvanized everyone," Wilkinson said. "We have run into many roadblocks."

Whereas HST petitions were ever present online and in communities large and small across the province, SensibleBC has repeatedly run into apathy, fear and business owners reticent to let volunteers campaign on their property.

Regardless of the end result, he added, the campaign will succeed because it's brought the topic of decriminalization closer to mainstream consciousness. As was the case in Washington state and Colorado, where voters chose to legalize the possession and use of cannabis in 2012, Wilkinson feels it's only a matter of time before provincial and federal political parties north of the border address the issue.

"At the end of the day, I'm the consummate optimist. Even if the campaign itself fails, there should be enough signatures gathered that it brings much awareness to political parties that there are many votes to be had."

For more information about the campaign, visit www.sensiblebc.ca.

NEWS BRIEFS

FOR THE RECORD

The Nuit Noire entertainment event described in a story in last week's Driftwood was put on by Art Barn International, where the event was held, and not Stagecoach Theatre School, as mentioned in the article. Stagecoach was a minor beneficiary only, and still needs financial support for its 2013/14 program year.

Islander input invited at health meeting

Salt Spring residents are being invited to help shape the future of health care as Island Health (Vancouver Island Health Authority) launches an extensive engagement process to renew its five-year strategic plan.

Island Health 2018, as the new strategic plan is being

called, will serve as a road map for what the organization hopes to achieve over the next five years. Input from residents will help Island Health refine its direction and influence the new strategic plan.

Consultations occurring across the Vancouver Island region in November will include staff and clinicians, local government, community groups and members of the public.

Following the consultation period, the plan will be finalized in February 2014 and will go to the Island Health

Board for approval in March.

The Salt Spring session is set for Tuesday, Nov. 12 from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. at Mahon Hall.

Workshops to aid boards

Volunteer Salt Spring is presenting two workshops this month to help volunteer board members be more effective.

On Thursday, Nov. 14, Terry Bolton will talk about the importance of knowing about your organization's finances. On Saturday, Nov.

23, a session for those concerned about how a board keeps on track will be led by Rosemary Rawnsley.

To register, call PARC at 250-537-4448 or email ssi-parc@crd.bc.ca.

Flea market includes purr-fect sale

A special SPCA fundraiser will take place on Saturday, Nov. 9 at Fulford Hall as part of the Fabulous Flea Market.

The sale contains "cat" statues, books, wearable

items, jewelry, paintings, jigsaw puzzles — all manner of items pertaining to the feline world. All proceeds will go to the local SPCA.

According to Ann Heeley-Ray, who is helping with event publicity, "The late Salt Spring Islander Margaret Franey loved cats and her will reserved \$50,000 to help address Salt Spring Island's most pressing animal issue: cat overpopulation. Every dollar spent at the sale will be matched from her commitment, so money spent will be stretched double to aid the cause."



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MINI CHIEFS:
 Salt Spring school children enjoy being fire chief for the day on Tuesday, Oct. 29 after their names were drawn as part of Fire Prevention Week activities earlier in the month. Seen clockwise from Salt Spring's actual fire chief Tom Bremner are: Ronin Gebhard, Phoenix Elementary; Chris Jason, Fernwood Elementary; Azalia Vachon, Salt Spring Centre School; Isaac Burch, Fulford Elementary; and Alora Wall, Salt Spring Elementary.

WILDLIFE
Coho return thrills stream biologist

Dozens travel up Fulford Creek

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An islander who has long worked to improve Salt Spring's fish bearing capacity is thrilled with the results of this year's coho salmon return. Kathy Reimer of the Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society witnessed a surprising number of fish returning to spawn in Fulford Creek near the bottom of Lee's Hill on Monday. "I've never seen so many coho in every section of the creek before. We actually saw them looking like a fleet of boats going up

the creek," Reimer said. Several weeks back, island residents were surprised to see masses of the large fish jumping in Fulford Harbour off Isabella Point Road. Reimer said the salmon were probably waiting for the creek to have enough water to start their homeward journey. While she concedes her society's work might have something to do with the good news, Reimer said favourable ocean conditions might also be the reason. "We don't know what happens to them out there," she observed. Dozens of large and smaller coho in healthy condition were spotted in the creek, in what Reimer calls a record return. The return has yet to reach Cusheon Creek, another active local spawning ground.

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GOVERNANCE
Incorporation interest high

Majority seek next study phase

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Results from an island governance survey released on Thursday show 58 per cent of respondents see incorporation in the island's political future. More than 600 people filled out the survey, the second such questionnaire circulated by the Salt Spring Governance Study Committee since August. Results will inform the group's recom-

mendation to request a formal incorporation study for the island or not. Some 63 per cent of respondents, or 377 people, said they wish to move ahead with the incorporation study. According to survey results, 81 per cent of respondents are more than 50 years of age. Ninety-five per cent of respondents live on the island year round and roughly 70 per cent have lived on Salt Spring for more than 10 years. Ninety-two per cent of survey participants said they own property on the island. Included with the results are extensive participant comments about expectations for incorporation and thoughts about the current governance system. Many commenters want a fuller picture of incorporation's economic implications. Others questioned the process and expressed skepticism about changing the island's political structure. Complete results are available online by visiting ssgovernancestudy.ca. The site also serves as a source of information on governance issues.

Concerts set for Fulford Hall

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By focussing on small gains and welcoming the energy and enthusiasm offered by those around her, Formaggia has kept a positive mindset through a traumatic period. She has regained the ability to walk and can now drive a car for short distances. "Every thought of healing has contributed to my recovery. I believe and I feel that [my recovery] is because of the people who have been praying and sending me healing thoughts and literally feeding me. "It's more familiar for me to give and be attentive rather than let care and love in, but when you are powerless there is no choice." Among the latest people to offer assistance is former BTO and Guess Who rocker Randy Bachman, who volunteered to per-

form two benefit concerts on Salt Spring Island. "Randy has been seeing Lali Formaggia for many years for various treatments which he claims have allowed him to keep on rocking in overdrive well into years where most people are retiring to a more sedate life," reads a statement about the upcoming concerts. Bachman's shows are at Fulford Hall on Nov. 15 and 16. The show will be styled on Randy's Vinyl Tap, Bachman's popular weekly CBC Radio program. All proceeds will directly support Formaggia's recovery. Tickets are available at the ArtSpring ticket centre or online at artspring.ca. "I'm really happy and appreciative," Formaggia added. "I feel overwhelmed with gratitude."

FUNDRAISING

PICA nears conservation goal

Project would create 14-acre waterfront park

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With two months left to raise \$85,000, residents of South and North Pender islands are nearing what could be the island's most significant land acquisition in recent memory.

The three-acre property near Brooks Point is described as a wildflower-filled headland jutting into Boundary Pass. The property boasts chocolate lilies, seasonal wetlands, tidal pools and shorebirds.

"Gowlland and Brooks Points are the last undeveloped headlands on South Pender."

PENDER ISLAND CONSERVANCY

Natural beauty and waterfront location aside, the property's greatest significance rests in its location between two estab-



Brooks Point conservation area on South Pender Island.

lished parks, say backers of the project.

Together with Brooks Point and Gowlland parks, acquisition of the "phase III" property would create more than 14 acres of protected land. Once complete, the project will enable creation of a continuous trail network and provide wildlife corridors on a waterfront property the size of Salt Spring's Duck Creek Park.

"A number of conservation experts and organizations prioritize ecosystem protection along B.C.'s south coast because the region contains such a high diversity of species, many found nowhere else in Canada," reads information on the Pender Island Conservancy Associa-

tion's website. "Brooks Point is no exception. Its meadows of chocolate lilies and camas make it a popular destination for visitors in the spring.

"Gowlland and Brooks Points are the last undeveloped headlands on South Pender, offering a special vantage for viewing resident orca pods that swim close to the island's shoreline."

The Capital Regional District got the project rolling in 2011, when it announced plans to buy the \$1.65-million property on condition that community fundraising provide \$300,000 to help defray borrowing costs.

With fewer than 60 days before the purchasing deadline,

staff and volunteers at PICA have surpassed the \$200,000 mark.

Contributors have included many individual and corporate donors from Pender as well as groups like PICA, the Islands Trust Fund, The Land Conservancy of British Columbia and the Nature Conservancy of Canada. Victoria's Habitat Conservation Trust is currently tripling any contributions up to \$5,000.

Having raised much of the money on Pender Island so far, PICA has begun to look further afield in a bid to collect donations from across the province.

More information about the Brooks Point campaign is available at www.penderconservancy.org.

ISLANDS TRUST

Trustees reject Quarry subdivision

Neighbourhood opposition stymies farm plan

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The owner of a Quarry Drive property near Vesuvius won't be allowed to subdivide 12 acres of land into five additional lots based on a decision by the island's Local Trust Committee.

Property owner Bill Proudfoot sought subdivision approval so members of his family could buy homes and contribute to a "co-op style" farm at 221 Quarry Dr. The expansive property, which extends from Quarry Drive to Woodland Drive, has been the site of extensive clearing and excavation.

"We don't really want it to look like it's been subdivided," said

applicant Javiera Lara-Faure, who spoke on behalf of the property owner during the Oct. 24 LTC meeting.

"I think subdivisions are a challenge for the island as a whole."

GEORGE GRAMS,
Salt Spring Island trustee

"The whole point of the farm is to make it look like a cohesive farm and then put some smaller houses on the property.

"[The owner] had social issues with the neighbourhood before and [...] I think he hopes that bringing his family there and opening it up to the community

a bit and making some permaculture gardens [...] will also provide something."

Trustees cited a no-further-subdivision covenant on the property for their decision not to proceed further with the application. A petition signed by 11 neighbours who oppose the plan was submitted to the Trust in September.

"I think subdivisions are a challenge for the island as a whole," said trustee George Grams. "By and large, I think we've got to tread very carefully. I would like to see us have more control over subdivisions . . . and I think when there are covenants in place, they're there for a good reason," he said.

The no-further-subdivision order was registered following a successful subdivision application in 1983, according to planner Caitlin Brownrigg.

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EDITORIAL

Long haul ahead

Time is running out in SensibleBC's effort to force a referendum on the decriminalization of marijuana possession in B.C.

Timing, organization and even the weather have been used to explain why the campaign is only two thirds of the way to its goal with a looming Dec. 5 deadline.

Canvassers took a while to get their "cannabus" campaign rolling across the province and have had modest success spreading their message through mainstream channels, but the campaign's lack of spark essentially comes down to an unmotivated public.

Fueled by an electorate's anger to former BC Liberal Premier Gordon Campbell, the HST initiative petition roared out of the gate and never slowed down. As if the feeling of betrayal wasn't enough to ensure victory, the pesky HST charged to consumers' purchases served as a dependable reminder.

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SensibleBC campaign

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Decriminalization worth pursuing

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VIEWPOINT by Julia Lucich

Unsafe conditions claim distorted

The other day someone approached me who knew that I had been on the "no" side of the recent referendum, and asked if I was happy.

The obvious answer, in light of the results, might have seemed to be an easy "yes." But I gave it a moment's thought and replied that I'll be happy if I see change in the culture of the board. The message from Chief Tom Bremner in last week's Driftwood ("Fire Rescue hears voters' voice") certainly offers hope in that regard, but I remain concerned given what I learned at the board meeting of Oct. 21, just days before the referendum. I'll explain.

In the weeks leading up to the vote, the community was repeatedly urged to read the fire board's Q&A handout, or visit one of their websites to "get all the facts." Among those "facts" has been (and remains as of this moment) the following statement advising us that the current building is seriously unsafe: "The old fire hall has unsafe working conditions due to the location, equipment and to a lack of exhaust ventilation which will not allow staff to continue working there."

The building hasn't moved, so the "location" can't suddenly have become the issue. The equipment? Hardly. So the culprit is the "lack of exhaust ventilation," something one of the firefighters described in a post on the Exchange as so dire that voting "no" shows a callous disregard for the cancer risk to those who work there.

It struck me that even if the referendum were to have passed, the firefighters would still be exposed to these life-threatening conditions for as much as two years until the new hall is built. So, at that Oct. 21 meeting, I asked what was being considered to

remedy the exhaust situation . . . maybe a "fix" can't be achieved in the short term, but at least an improvement.

The response came from Bremner, who said that a study had been done four months ago, that "we've managed to reduce all the concerns" and the situation "has been dealt with." I didn't think to ask what had been done that resulted in this change, and I'm not sure that it matters.

What does matter is that the ominous message was not true, and had been known not to be true for several months. My husband Mark, who was still a trustee four months ago, was stunned by this information, so perhaps some or all the trustees had not been made aware. If that's the case, crucial information was kept from the decision makers.

If, however, the chief informed the chairman or any of the trustees and they kept silent, then they fostered a needless climate of fear . . . one which contributed to divisiveness within the community for those who truly believe that a "no" vote translated to a disregard for the health and safety of our fire personnel.

The next board meeting is Nov. 18. It will be an opportunity for someone to accept responsibility for withholding this information from the community.

Driftwood editor Gail Sjoberg asks in her gulfislandsdriftwood.com blog what it will take to get us to vote "yes" the next time. Open and honest communication from district management will be a necessary first step. Anything less is inexcusable.

The writer follows Salt Spring Fire Rescue issues in depth.

What does matter is that the ominous message was not true . . .

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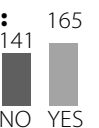
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ISLAND VOICES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "We actually saw them looking like a fleet of boats going up the creek."

KATHY REIMER, SALMON BIOLOGIST, ON THIS YEAR'S COHO RETURN

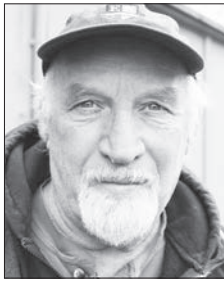
SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: Will you be affected by the Queen of Nanaimo's absence?



CRAIG PATERSON

In the short term it's not going to bother me since I don't leave the island very often.



RUSTY MARSHALL

I think it will affect tourism but not myself personally.



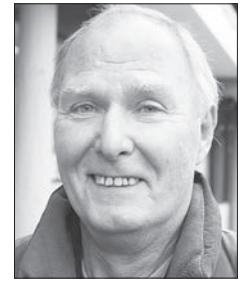
CONNIE CHAMBERLAND

It will definitely affect the entire island to a degree and a lot of the ferry workers.



SUE MACDONALD

Well, it may affect me because I have a reservation for next week.



OLIVER STONE

Luckily, I'm flying out.

Letters to the editor

Equal funds

Let me see if I've got this right: Taxpayers are paying \$60,000 for a "study" to determine if we will need another study about incorporation for Salt Spring.

Except it's not really a study. According to your editorial of Oct. 30, the purpose of the exercise is to "educate" us islanders about our current form of governance, to compare it only with the merits of a "municipal model," and to not delve into such mundane matters as the financial consequences of incorporation.

I'll bet \$100 right now that this hand-picked Governance Study Committee ends up recommending a full-blown

incorporation "study" that will once again result in a referendum . . . isn't that really their whole purpose?

I wonder how much this new full-blown study will cost taxpayers this time around?

Presumably, if any lessons were learned from the last referendum, the new report will include a good hard look at those pesky financial details that were so sadly lacking 11 years ago when 70 per cent of us voted "no."

If those of us on the "no" side of the issue were even half as organized and determined to have our way as the incorporationists are, we would demand an equal amount of funding to bolster our case. Some of those funds would be used to send

a delegation over to Bowen Island on a fact-finding mission to discover what, if any, the benefits of incorporation have been: how the mandate of the Islands Trust has been affected, how much more "democratic" their system is, and how paying for their own cops and roads has impacted their taxes.

Alas, no such funding will be coming our way. It's quite clear to me that the provincial government would dearly love us to choose incorporation so they can off-load costs onto Salt Spring taxpayers rather than take those funds out of their general revenue, allowing them to crow even louder about balancing their precious budget. This aspect alone should be cause for a

very sober pause in any headlong rush toward a municipal model.

JIM RUSSELL,
SUN EAGLE DRIVE

Poor taste

Shame on you, Driftwood! Your Oct. 30 headline ("Hall plan goes down in flames") regarding the results of the fire hall referendum was both flip-pant and insulting.

Many people volunteered their time and energy to put forward that proposal. Fire and Rescue services mostly volunteer their time for our benefit. To answer their efforts with a verbal sneer was most unseemly.

I have a good sense of humour, and love a joke, but

I thought your headline was seriously unfunny.

As a member of the voting public who is not affiliated with either "side" of this issue, I have to say "Badly done, Driftwood!"

LYNDA WILCOX,
SALT SPRING

Tax fatigue

I am dismayed at the plans of the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee for a tax requisition supporting a watershed management coordinator.

Whereas we surely need such a person, it seems unreasonable to tap our taxes once again. The Trust already has a very large administrative budget drawn from our taxes and should cover the cost.

Undoubtedly, this tax req-

uisition is the result of the 2013 delegation of Islands Trust coordinating and advocacy powers to the Local Trust Committee. I had not realized it also means we have to pay related administrative costs on top of our existing Trust contributions.

I am weary of being tax requisitioned by our various disparate volunteer commissions and elected bodies and am longing for a responsible single body (in whatever format) that coordinates, plans, sets priorities and budgets accordingly for the welfare of our entire community.

SABINE SWIERENGA,
ISABELLA POINT ROAD

MORE LETTERS continued on 8

Line-up wine snobs should put a cork in it

Is there anything worse in this world than being stuck in a lineup at the liquor store within earshot of a wine snob? Well, yes, there is, but still you must know the kind of person I'm talking about. This is someone who spends more time talking about the merits and deficiencies of a wine than actually drinking it.

In case you haven't had the pleasure(?) of listening to the wine snob as he pompously pontificates on how knowledgeable he is on the subject of wine, it goes something like this:

"I much prefer the Spätburgunder to the Muskattrollinger, because it doesn't overwhelm the mid palate with an unctuous, almost piquant bouquet that is indicative of that terroir's typicity."

You can understand how much self control it takes to prevent oneself from busting the wine snob a good one right upside his mid palate.

Let me clarify my position. I have nothing against wine per se, or its consumption by the general public. In fact, at one point in my life, I imbibed quite liberally in the fermented fluid. It was not an uncommon sight to see me and a bottle of Greek Retsina put each other to bed for the night.

Unfortunately, I became afflicted with a disease called gout, which forced me to curtail my affiliation with wine and most other forms of alcohol. Still, many of my good friends are wine aficionados and I usually show up to a dinner invitation sporting a mid-priced bottle of vino even if I must limit my own indulgence to a couple of glasses of pomegranate-cranberry juice livened up with a squeeze of lime.

Why all this preoccupation with wine? One

good reason for it is that the history of wine runs almost parallel to the course of human history. According to archaeologists, wine first arrived on the scene about 8,000 years ago with the domestication of the grape vine in the Caucasus region of western Asia.

There are some who claim that wine dates back much further than that. It's possible that its first appearance came in the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve, having been rebuked for taking a bite out of the forbidden apple, simply allowed the remaining fruit to fall to the ground and turn to mush. They gathered up the fermented goop, squished the juice out, and, voila, became the original winos and subsequently the first wine snobs.

The science of fermentation in wine, officially known as zymology, was subsequently advanced to a much more sophisticated stage by medieval friars who lived in cloistered monasteries. Basically, the choice they had every morning was whether to spend the rest of the day transcribing the bible or making wine. Let's see: bible or wine, hmmm?

As the science continued to develop, it became apparent that the terminology of wine had to expand or there would be little left for wine snobs to use in order to brag or complain. Categories were thought up (whites, reds, rosés, fortifieds, sparklings, etc.), a sweetness index was invented, and words like "transparency," "blush" and the "Coates Law of Maturity" (the



Shilo Zylbergold

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

principle that states that a wine will remain at its peak drinking quality the same length of time as it took to reach that point of optimal maturity unless the bottle is dropped and smashed by a moron in a drunken stupor) were added to the lexicon.

What if the snobbery of those obsessed with all things "wine" were transferred to the wine bottles themselves? Imagine the conversations that would play themselves out on the shelves of your favourite liquor outlet as the different brands of wine indulged in catty quips at each other's expense.

The Italian wines would open the meleé with some offhand comments criticizing the Okanagan brands for being upwardly mobile and lacking in Old World taste and charm. The B.C. reserve wines would retaliate with comments ripping the Chianti for resting on its past reputation while sales stagnate under pressure from New World producers.

The French and German wines would engage in a border dispute over whether the Bordeaux should be stacked alongside the Riesling. The South African section would be outraged by the intrusion of reds and rosés in what was previously a "white only" section of the display.

Accusations would fly blaming the Pinot Grigio for not being able to hold its liquor while the Cabernet Sauvignon would be castigated for not having aged very well. Wines from fairly recent producing vineyard areas would be taken to task for their youth ("when they mention her age, they have to talk in terms of

hours and minutes") while other older, more established brands would be razed for being over the hill ("hey, who let the vinegar in?").

Petty rivalries and jealousies would rear their ugly heads even among wine bottles inhabiting the same geographic section of the liquor outlet. "What do you know? You are nothing but a lowly Schloss Volrad trying to pass yourself off as a Grauer Burgunder," might be a taunt you would hear from the Rhineland shelf.

Meanwhile, the haughty and arrogant French wines would get themselves in a tizzy and froth over the restocking of Argentinian Finca El Origen Syrah in the next aisle over ("mon dieu, there goes the neighbourhood!").

It must be obvious that today wine is much bigger than just chilling out by pouring yourself a glass at the end of a hard day. There are wine appreciation clubs, wine-tasting events, vineyard tours and European wine junkies that promise you "outings to 31 different wine producing regions in only seven days."


Nobody asked me, but I think it's time we took a couple of steps back, popped the cork (or, more likely these days, unscrewed the cap) and let the wine breathe a bit. Do we really need to treat our choice of the next bottle of wine we select as if it was the decision of a lifetime? Maybe it's time for the wine snob in all of us to relax, get his feet back on the ground, and enjoy a swig for enjoyment's sake.

I'm sure everyone else in the lineup would appreciate it.

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Chief Bremner listened

Reading Salt Spring Fire Chief Tom Bremner's Viewpoint last week was refreshing and probably much appreciated by all those who voted "no" to the recent fire hall proposal presented by the fire board.

They must have seen the writing on the wall when their architectural presentations garnered only 20 people. Despite everything, the chief was gracious and clearly indicated that they got the message that ratepayers simply were not engaged in the process enough and failed to see the advantages of such a large facility and outlay of cash over 20 years.

Most of us feel more confident than ever that we will eventually find a suitable option through consultation and a master plan that is more in line with what has recently been spent by other small communities like ours.

Chief Bremner seems to have a good ear and grasp of the task at hand. His candour and the department's service to the community remains much appreciated.

Voter turnout was critical to a definitive result and no one need feel ashamed for how they voted.

PAUL MARCANO,
VESUVIUS

MORE LETTERS

It would have been so much better if people had worked to find an appropriate spot for the business. (Well, some people did do that, but those efforts were unsuccessful.)

It's partly a question of fairness. After all, when people want to protect land from bulldozers and chainsaws, they routinely raise money towards their goal. People also raised money to get Salt Spring's abattoir up and running. They consulted with neighbours as part of the process of getting the TUP that allows them to operate where they are.

I'm hopeful that we are changing the culture of bullying as well as the culture of non-compliance.

JAN SLAKOV,
SALT SPRING

Compliance

The two cases of bylaw violations recently before the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee are just the tip of the iceberg.

There are many more cases that have not received public attention. They are on Salt Spring and on other islands as well.

No one objects to violators being warned and given time to comply. The question is "How much time?" No one is saying that the bylaw officers should go around looking for violations. We have agreed they should continue to concentrate on responding to complaints.

Most of us also agree that lack of meaningful bylaw enforcement reduces the credibility of government and leads to more violations. It is scary to think that some violations, such as illegal buildings, may threaten people's health and safety. If someone dies and their relatives sue the Trust for not enforcing its laws, will we, the taxpayers, have to pay the damage award?

The reasons for delays are numerous and some (such as an inadequately funded court system) are not under local control. But there are steps our local elected officials can take. The biggest is that when these cases come to them for a decision, if the violator has already had several years to comply — don't give them any more time!

MAXINE LEICHTER,
SALT SPRING

Obvious bias

Your editorial last week aptly used the phrase "an uphill slog" to describe the Salt Spring Governance Committee's efforts to present itself as neutral.

I'd say the slope just got a whole lot steeper with David Morris' criticism of improvement districts in last week's Driftwood. Mr. Morris is with Urban Systems, the consulting firm the committee selected to undertake its governance study. On the one hand, he says, "Our position is to be neutral." On the other hand, though, he predicts Salt Spring's improvement districts are "bound for failure."

Improvement districts are a vital part of how, as an unincorporated rural community, we provide services for ourselves on Salt Spring. In addition to providing fire protection and rescue services, improvement districts also provide much of the island's drinking water, and have done so for decades.

For a key consultant on the governance study to dismiss them out of hand as "bound for failure" is to reveal the study's professions of neutrality as little more than a fig leaf placed strategically over a rather bulging bias.

MURRAY REISS,
FULFORD

Gratitude

The board of fire trustees thanks all the citizens of Salt Spring Island who came out and voted on the referendum concerning the new emergency centre.

The message was clear that the design and costs of the proposed centre were too great for the majority of voters. The board is unanimous in its commitment to continue with a unified focus, and both to re-design and to work toward acquiring the funds for a new fire hall that meets the needs of our island and is acceptable to our ratepayers.

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to those who supported us and worked so very hard with us to present the facts in a straightforward, honest and ethical manner.

In the tradition of Salt Spring as a community of co-operation, the board and our firefighters remain dedicated to the safety of all Salt Springers and our visitors.

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LITERARY EVENTS

Book sale gets literary treatment

SS Literacy teams up with SS Arts Council for book fest

It's time to flip open the cover of Salt Spring Literacy's Giant Book Sale once again with the seventh annual event running at the Farmers' Institute on the Nov. 15 to 17 weekend.

Volunteers estimate they have collected more than 15,000 books in great condition this year, and sorted them into about 35 categories for purchase at the institute hall.

The sale runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Friday and Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Purchasers should know that only cash is accepted at the sale, and that they should bring their own bags or boxes for transporting their treasures home.

This year Literacy has partnered with the Salt Spring Arts Council to expand the literary fun and focus by including a full day of book-related events and classical music at Mahon Hall on Saturday, Nov. 16.

People can come and go at the hall between 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Activities include readings and improv from



Cellist Michael Jones.

authors Arthur Black, C.C. Humphreys and Patrick Taylor, a play-lette and skits by the Readers' Theatre, and a display of book art books from the owners of the former Watermark Books store. Gulf Islands Secondary School students will also present original poetry.

Since literature and music go together so well, the arts council has arranged for world-renowned cellist Michael Jones to perform Bach and other works during a couple of times that day and evening. Among Jones' achievements is recording the complete Bach suites for cello on a 1667 Stradivarius violincello for the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

See next week's Driftwood for the schedule of specific SSAC events at Mahon Hall.

COMMUNITY DANCE

Ecology celebrated at dance

Dancehall Players take the stage

Organizers of an upcoming event at Beaver Point Hall hope to shake out some donations for a pair of worthwhile environmental projects.

A community dance, featuring the Dancehall Players, promises great tunes, good food and an opportunity to gather with friends and neighbours.

Participants at the Nov. 16 event can also learn more about and contribute to local author Briony Penn's upcoming biography of celebrated ecologist Ian McTaggart-Cowan.

McTaggart-Cowan, who had a house on Mayne Island, is revered by many naturalists as the father of ecology in British Columbia.

Prior to a rewarding academic career and hiring a young David Suzuki to host The Nature of Things in the 1960s, McTaggart-Cowan studied orcas off Saturna Island in the 1950s and helped Salt Spring farmers contend with deer browsing problems during the 1930s.

Many of McTaggart-Cowan's early students live on the island to this day, including Bristol Foster, Tom Bergerud, Bob Weeden and Peter Ommundsen.

Penn's book, anticipated for release by 2015, promises to "capture the best of McTaggart-Cowan's stories drawn from his own experiences, written down in his meticulous field journals, captured in his intimate photographs, recounted by students, informed by the place and the creatures that he loved," according to a press release from The Nature Trust of B.C.

A portion of proceeds will be used to support The Nature Trust of British Columbia's effort to erect a cairn at the Skaha Bluffs near Penticton.

The by-donation Community Dance takes place on Saturday, Nov. 16 between 2 and 5 p.m.

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DANCE/THEATRE

Community needed in hit show

Graffiti looks for cast mates and volunteers

Graffiti Theatre is looking for more community members to join in presenting the must-see production called Hard Times Hit Parade.

The run-away hit of Vancouver's theatre scene, Hard Times Hit Parade is set in the bizarre world of Depression-era dance marathons. The immersive theatre experience puts community dancers and musicians on stage with

the professional cast and crew for an astounding collaboration that has delighted audiences, been nominated for a Jessie award and optioned as a feature film.

Director Kat Single-Dain, the award-winning filmmaker and critically acclaimed choreographer behind the show, co-founded and curated The Dusty Flowerpot Cabaret, and is the artistic director of the yearly Parade of Lost Souls in Vancouver. Single-Dain is currently in residence on Salt Spring for a series of dance and character development

workshops for the island performances. Anyone with a yen to swing is encouraged to join the dancers.

Volunteers are also needed for all aspects of the production, with many crew members to double as cast mates in small character parts. The next dance/character workshops take place on Nov. 9 and 16, and rehearsals and performances will take place from Nov. 17 to 24.

Contact Graffiti Theatre director Rebecca Nygard at 250-653-4733 for more details.

LIVE THEATRE

Lewis play returns for one night

Paradise is Jagged offers Remembrance Day show

Paradise is Jagged, a one-woman dance/drama that finds hope in dark times, will return to ArtSpring for one special evening on Monday, Nov. 11 in response to popular demand.

The Salt Spring premiere in June 2013 was met with great enthusiasm and many requests that the organizers reprise the show, according to press material.

"Many who saw it said they 'needed to see it again.' Many who missed it were inspired by the reviews to seek out this must-see theatre experience. Presenters Kristen Lewis and David Westcott have listened and are presenting this special, one-night only performance on Remembrance Day. They have fine-tuned some of the production elements, and everything has just gotten better."

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CHORAL MUSIC

Name change for Viva choir

Watch for upcoming Viva Chorale! concert details

Viva Chorale! has become the new name of the Salt Spring choir formerly known as Viva Voce!

The change was necessitated by a copyright conflict with a choir in Quebec who had published music under the Viva Voce! name.

The youth choir is now known as Viva Chorale! Youth, and the choir website is now www.viva-choralesaltsping.com.

Deb Toole remains as choir master, with Chris Kodaly as accompanist.

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KOREAN WAR

Korean War vet prepares for Remembrance Day salute

2013 marks 60th anniversary of armistice

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Remembrance Day ceremonies across Canada will feature a special salute to the veterans of the Korean War this year, marking the 60th anniversary of the end to the conflict.

On Salt Spring Island, Keith Lavender will be the sole veteran standing by the Cenotaph to accept that salute on Monday, as the only member of the local Royal Canadian Legion to have served in the Korean War. The event represents an opportunity to learn more about a conflict that proved deadly for Canadian forces, but which Canadians today know little about.

"One of the least talked about wars is the Korean War, and yet the results of that war still reverberate with existing tensions along the demilitarized zone between North Korea and South Korea," observes a teaching guide published by the Royal Canadian Legion.

North Korea's invasion of South Korea in 1950 provoked the first ever United Nations cam-

paign, which the United States commanded and Canada provided military forces to support, along with other Commonwealth nations. The attempt to reunite the divided nation under a communist government saw North Korean forces nearly overwhelm the southern state before help arrived. Close to 27,000 Canadians served during the war, and another 7,000 served between the signing of the 1953 armistice, and the end of 1955.

Lavender had enlisted for service in 1951 in his home province of Saskatchewan because he was looking for a better job. He was assigned to join the 81st field regiment of the Royal Canadian Artillery in the rank of Second Lieutenant.

After training in Petawawa, Ont., Lavender joined troops from across the eastern and central Canada on the train to Seattle, where they boarded a ship to Yokohama. There were 1,500 troops on board for a crossing that took 14 days.

Lavender remembers the men being "pretty excited" and looking forward to the upcoming action.

LAVENDER continued on 12



PHOTO COURTESY KEITH LAVENDER

Longtime Salt Spring resident Keith Lavender in Korea in 1953 when he served as a Second Lieutenant in the 81st Field Regiment of the Royal Canadian Artillery at age 21. This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Korean War armistice.

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Parade musters at Ganges Post Office - 10:30. Colour Party, Legion Pipe Band, Veterans and Legion Members, Royal Canadian Navy Contingent, RCMP, Coast Guard, Firefighters, RCMSAR, SAR, Guides, Cubs.

Remembrance Day Service at Cenotaph in Centennial Park - 10:45. Dedicated and prominent seating for Veterans.

The public is cordially invited to an Open House at the Legion following the ceremony/parade: mingle with Veterans and Legion Members, refreshments, entertainment, youth groups activity in Meaden Hall, membership kiosk open.

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Vet returns to new Korea

LAVENDER
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PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 Keith Lavender in 2013.

"It was what we were trained to do — and it was something different," he explained. They then went by train across Japan to Kobe, and boarded another ship from there to the southern Korean port of Pusan. Another long train ride — 24 hours in a rickety wooden carriage with broken windows — took Lavender to the combat zone near Seoul and the border with North Korea.

"We started out and the train went off the tracks within the first 15 minutes, so that was the sort of infrastructure they had," Lavender said.

"Korea was a very depressed, broken-up country. The houses were mostly hovels, especially in Seoul, which had been bombed out three times already."

Once he finally arrived at the action, however, the war wasn't as exciting as Lavender had expected. His job was manning the 25-pounders — in his opinion quite a boring task.

"The war at that time was very static. All the troops were in place in trenches at the front lines and the artil-

lery was behind the lines," Lavender said.

"It was just like being in an office. You get up and go to work every morning."

The armistice agreement brought an end to fighting in July 1953 and restored the border with a demilitarized zone. Lavender was assigned the duty of transporting displaced civilians back to their village homes near the border area, and then spent three months as an observer attached to the American air force.

In 1954 his regiment was sent home for a year of training. He then spent two years

stationed at the Canadian base in Germany.

Throughout his military career, which he pursued until retirement in 1980, Lavender was stationed in various places. He learned to fly as a member of the artillery and then became a helicopter pilot with many medals to his credit.

Lavender is just one of many veterans who have desired to revisit the countries where they served in combat. He returned to Asia several years ago through a program the South Korean government offers to UN veterans, paying 50 per cent of their airfare and all expenses while in the country for a one-week visit.

"It was really amazing to see Korea now from what it was, because it's really a modern country — and clean," Lavender said.

The trip that had taken 24 hours by rail some 50 years ago now takes two hours by bullet train, Seoul's straw and cardboard shanty town has been replaced by skyscrapers, and more than 25 bridges now span the Han River, where only one used to be.

"If they'd allowed the invasion to succeed, all of Korea would be like North Korea now. It really impressed me to see what they'd done."




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WOMEN & WAR

Island's military nurses remember time in service

Annual meeting funds Remembrance wreath

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The sombre truths of war will underlie much of the proceedings on Nov. 11, but the day also brings memories of the unusual opportunities that life in service offers.

Among those contributing wreaths to the ceremony will be Salt Spring's ex-military nurses. A group of about 15 women has met annually for lunch over the past couple of decades to raise funds for the wreath, with socializing and reminiscing about service an enjoyable by-product of the fundraising task.

Margaret Monro has been a member of the group for around 15 years and coordinates the annual luncheon, which has been held at the Royal Canadian Legion for the past three years. Monro joined the military in 1967, at a time when there were few options for women and careers were expected to end with marriage and children.

"I was a young woman looking for an interesting life and my father was in the military," said Monro, who completed her training at Montreal General Hospital before being assigned to duty. "I found myself posted to Germany—and I thought I had won the lottery."

Though the military was no different than other areas in that women were expected to work for only two or three years before they called it quits, women's lib had made its mark when Monro returned from her two-year posting.

"It was a complete shift in policy and career.

I think women did not join for a career, it was an adventure. And then a lot of us did have careers," she said.

Nurses were being invited to rejoin the service, and Monro did so for 16 years, despite being married to a military officer whose postings took him to different communities than hers did — unlike military wives who went posted along with their spouses. Monro was alone on the northern tip of Vancouver Island serving at the Holberg radar base while her husband Ian was serving with the United Nations forces on Cypress, for example.

"The longer you stayed in, the more specialized you became, so chances of serving with your husband grew less and less," she said.

The Monros took early retirement in 1987 and settled on Salt Spring where Margaret's parents lived. She discovered a local community of retired military nurses that includes Suzanne Winter, with whom she had trained in Montreal and then met again during service in Germany.

Although Jean Holmes is now the only islander left who saw service in World War II, and several women from the group have passed away, membership stays constant with new people joining. The group has shifted from just military nurses to include women officers of any service. They include a former member of the Australian navy in the current configuration.

Anyone who is interested in joining the group is welcome to contact Monro at 250-547-5004. A chapter on Salt Spring women's remembrances of service can be found in The Military Nurses of Canada Volume III, which is available at the Salt Spring Public Library.



Salt Spring's military nurses group meets back in 2010.

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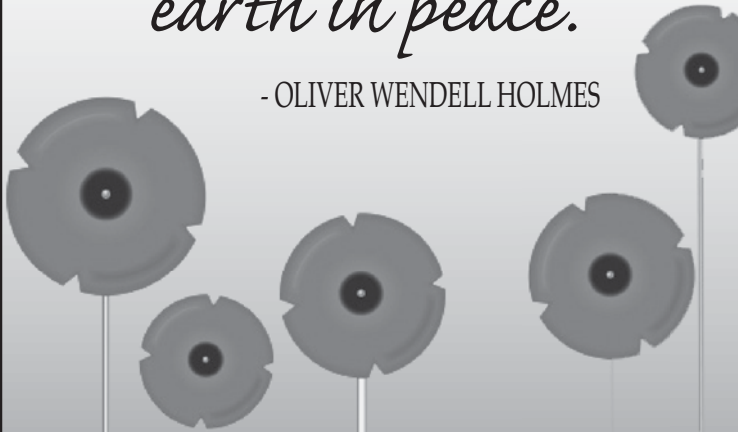


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REMEMBRANCE WEEK

Salt Spring Remembrance events part of Legion mission

Poppy Campaign to Nov. 11 ceremony

BY MICHAEL WINTER
CHAIR, REMEMBRANCE DAY
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Remembrance Day ceremonies and related activities are a primary func-

tion of the Royal Canadian Legion — on Salt Spring Island it's Branch #92.

A Legion president is responsible for ensuring that his branch is properly and completely involved in the poppy campaign and observance of Remembrance Day and that the

community, including schools and youth groups, are aware of and involved in this special occasion. The Legion relishes the support of businesses, groups and individuals who support its efforts throughout the year.

Veterans Week from Nov. 5 to 11 is marked by social

events, continuance of the Poppy Campaign, participation by veterans at school and youth group Remembrance activities, and culminates with the Remembrance Day parade and solemn service at the Cenotaph in Centennial Park on Nov. 11, and an open house at the Legion afterwards.

It is readily reasoned that Nov. 11 is the most significant day on the Canadian calendar. Each year, at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month — the date and time of the WWI Armistice — Canadian communities throughout the nation and around the world gather in neighbourhood halls, memorial parks, schools, cold windswept parade grounds, living rooms and more to observe a moment of silent and to mark the sacrifice and honour of so many. From the National War Memorial in Ottawa, to a cairn on Ellesmere Island, to an airfield in Afghanistan, to the Kapyong Memorial near Tofino, we meet to reflect and remember.

As part of its mission, the Legion strives to acknowledge the courage and sacrifice of veterans, including those currently servicing, and to ensure that the deeds of those who fell in any conflict — declared war, peacekeeping operations or otherwise — are never forgotten. And thus the Legion motto: Memoriam Eorum Retinebimus: We Will Remember Them.

The Royal Canadian Legion's website — www.legion.ca — provides a much broader insight to the Legion's purpose and work in a community: honouring the past, respecting the present and fostering the future.

Certainly not to belittle



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

The Poppy Campaign is an important component of Remembrance Week activities.

other veterans, 2013 is the Year of the Korean War Veteran, as it marks the 60th anniversary of the Korean War armistice. More than 26,000 Canadian men and women served in that conflict to uphold the values of freedom, democracy and the rule of law. In all, 516 Canadians gave their lives serving during what is often referred to as "The Forgotten War." See www.legion.gc.ca/Korea.

Again this year on Salt Spring, by the kind permission of the Commander Maritime Forces Pacific, a small contingent of Orca Class Canadian Navy vessels will be alongside in Ganges on Nov. 11 and embarked officers and sailors will participate in the parade.

The Poppy Campaign began Oct. 25, with donation boxes placed throughout the community, and canvassers at high-profile locations until Nov. 11. A donation of any amount is appreciated. Wear a poppy with pride to show support for the Legion's objectives.

On Nov. 5 in Meaden Hall, Branch #92, in conjunction with the Ladies Auxiliary, hosted a Luncheon for Veterans for the first time in several years.

Remembrance Day and the associated events are a significant part of the Canadian esprit, tradition and culture: for the Royal Canadian Legion a mandate; for the Canadian community at large at least a moral obligation.

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SOCIAL CHANGE

Who Cares? film screened



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Transitions Store staff and volunteers get ready to celebrate social entrepreneurship around the globe with a screening of the documentary film *Who Cares?* From left are Myriam Diaz, Sharon Mellander, Roberta Temmel and Naomi Van Pelt.

Social entrepreneurs focus of evening

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Island Women Against Violence answer the question *Who Cares?* with a special film screening and discussion night set for Wednesday, Nov. 13 at ArtSpring.

IWAV, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting women and children who have been exposed to violence, will extend its reach to other community groups and as far as the global domain for the screening of the documentary by Brazilian director Mara Mourao.

"I was so moved and inspired by all the things people are doing worldwide with social enterprise."

ROBERTA TEMMEL
Transitions store manager

Featuring 18 social entrepreneurs who are working to effect positive change around the world, including Canadians Al Etmanski, Mary Gordon and John Mighton, *Who Cares?* has been described as a movement rather than a movie.

Press material promises the film "introduces us to the people with simple solu-

tions to the hard questions that affect us all . . . brilliant oddballs who are making changes, bringing solutions to the problems we face, generating huge social impact and — most of all — inspiring people to do the same."

Etmanski, and his partner and fellow social innovator Vickie Cammack, will be on Salt Spring for the event and will facilitate a special "appreciative inquiry" discussion with invited community groups before the film. He will also open the public screening and discuss outcomes of the earlier meeting.

Who Cares? had its world premiere in Calgary in October at the Social Enterprise World Forum, an international conference that included some 1,200 attendees from 30 different countries. Roberta Temmel, who manages the Transitions Store for IWAV and attended the Calgary conference, came back to the island raving about what she saw in the film.

"I was so moved and inspired by all the things people are doing worldwide with social enterprise," said Temmel, who was additionally excited because she realized Salt Spring groups are already acting on many of the ideas found in the film. She was so impressed she decided IWAV needed to bring the documentary to Salt Spring.

IWAV's executive director Dana Peace agreed that screening the documen-

tary could provide a unique opportunity to bring together social entrepreneurs or change-makers on the island for a special exercise, as well as provoking wider community discussion.

Social entrepreneurs are defined as "anyone engaging for a specific social good, who are committed to building an ethic of caring." Peace noted there are many such groups and individuals working on Salt Spring, so the challenge was how to keep the number manageable.

In the end, 25 local change-makers were invited to participate in an appreciative inquiry event to be facilitated by Etmanski before the film screening. Peace hopes it will be just the first of many that IWAV hosts with additional participants.

"We are excited about bringing a number of community members of cross sections together to share ideas, dialogue together and build networks and relationships toward a community of minds working together," Peace said.

IWAV hopes to draw as many members of the public as possible to the film screening event, which will start at ArtSpring at 6:30 p.m. The ticket price will include coffee and snacks to be served afterward during a mingling hour, where people can chat with Etmanski, Cammack and each other.

Tickets for *Who Cares?* are available at the Transitions Store and through the ArtSpring box office or online at tickets.artspring.ca.

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what's on this week



Wed. Nov 6

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Music & Munch. Remembrance Day program of music and readings. Free entertainment, followed by an optional \$5.50 lunch prepared by the Anglican Caterers. All Saints By-the-Sea. 12:10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island. Annual General Meeting. Elections to the board at 6 p.m. Public meeting at 6:30. Harbour House Hotel.

Texas Holdem. At The Local. Sign-up 6:30 p.m., games start at 7 p.m.

Industrial Shellfish Aquaculture Talk. Presentation by the Assoc. of Denman Island Marine Stewards & the Gulf Islands Alliance. Lions Hall. 7 p.m.

Comedy Improvisation. From beginners to pros ages 15 and up. With Jan Rabson and Bob Twaites. GISS Room 208. 7 p.m.

Film Screening of The Hunt. Showing of award-winning Danish film, part of the Best of the Fest series from the SS Film Festival Society. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

Wed. Nov 6

ACTIVITIES

Palu on Dragons' Den. Watch Salt Spring residents Palu Rainbow Song and Tim Harvey on CBC TV show Dragons' Den. Shipstones Pub. 8 p.m.

Thurs. Nov 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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

Jenny's House of Joy. SS Community Theatre presentation. (Not recommended for young children.) Mahon Hall. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Island Spinners and Weavers Guild Business Meeting. Visitors welcome. ArtSpring. 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Junior Boys Volleyball. Central Island championships at GISS. 1 to 7 p.m.

Full Italian Dinner and a Movie. The Local. 6:30 p.m.

Rollerblading. For all ages every Thursday evening. Fulford Hall. 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Fri. Nov 8

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Richard Cross. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

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

Jenny's House of Joy. See Thursday listing. Mahon Hall. 7:30 p.m.

Kemal Evans. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

Sat. Nov 9

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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

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

Jenny's House of Joy. See Thursday listing. Mahon Hall. 7:30 p.m.

Beer/DC. AC/DC Tribute Band. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Met Opera Screening: Tosca. ArtSpring. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Becoming Financially Resilient. A workshop for women with Debby Wetmore and Samantha Sanderson. 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Location TBA). Info/registration: Samantha, 250-537-9296.

Sat. Nov 9

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Fabulous Flea Market. Fundraiser for Fulford Hall at Fulford Hall. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Feline Extravaganza. Salt Spring BCSPCA great gift sale of all manner of cat items. Part of the Fabulous Flea Market at Fulford Hall. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

White Elephant Table Bake Sale & Silent Auction. Presented by the Catholic Women's League. Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ABUN*DANCE African Dance Class. South End Dojo. Beginners 1 to 2:15 p.m. Advanced 2:30 to 3:45 p.m.

Sun. Nov 10

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Linden String Quartet. One of the most exciting young quartets in the US plays music by Schubert, Bartok and Beethoven. ArtSpring. 2:30 p.m.

The Zocalo Trio. Harbour House Hotel. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Pumpkin Smash & Open House. A Lions Club event with hot chocolate, coffee, tea, hot dogs — and pumpkin smashing. Lions Hall. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SS Forum Presents Lester Brown. Talk with one of the founders of the global environmental movement. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

Mon. Nov 11

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Paradise is Jagged. Kristen Lewis reprises her hit dance-drama with themes of war and hope. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Remembrance Day. Breakfast at Meaden Hall, 8:30 to 10 a.m. Parade musters at Ganges post office, 10:30 a.m. Service at the Cenotaph, 10:45 a.m. Open house at the Legion for all ages follows.

Tues. Nov 12

ACTIVITIES

Probus Club Meeting. Astronomer Dr. John Hutchings, speaks on recent work on the Hubble telescope satellite. Guests and new members always welcome. Meaden Hall. 10 a.m. to noon.

Island Health Strategic Plan Meeting. Community consultation session with Island Health (Vancouver Island Health Authority) to help form the next strategic plan. Mahon Hall. Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Salt Spring Island Emergency Advisory Commission. Regular meeting. School Board office. 12:30 p.m.

Grief Recovery Program. Six-session program presented by SS Hospice begins tonight. Info/register: SS Hospice, 250-537-2770; office@saltspring-hospice.org.

Wed. Nov 13

ACTIVITIES

Texas Holdem. The Local. Sign-up 6:30 p.m., games start at 7 p.m.

Film Screening of Who Cares? IWAV presents documentary film screening and community conversation. Tickets include drinks and snacks afterward. ArtSpring. Doors open 6 p.m. Event starts at 6:30 p.m.

Comedy Improvisation. See last Wednesday's listing.

Coral Reefs of the World. Second edition of the annual show of all-new photos from Bonaire Marine Park, coast of Kona, whale sharks of Yucatan and mantas of the world. Slide show and talk evening featuring the underwater photography of Ken Sutherland, presented by Ann Donahue. Lions Hall. 7 to 9 p.m. By donation with proceeds to the SPCA.

Wed. Nov 13

ACTIVITIES

PCOC Course. Three-Wednesday required boating permit course run by the Salt Spring Power Squadron begins tonight. SSI Sailing Club. 7 p.m.

Amalgamation of the Daily Colonist and Daily Times Newspapers. A SS Historical Society presentation by Paul Minvielle. Central Hall. 2 p.m.

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Macbeth
by William Shakespeare
National Theatre Live encore presentation of Macbeth Wednesday Thursday November 20-21 7:00 Wednesday 3:00 matinee. Approx. run time 2 hour 25 minutes. Tickets \$20 available at Salt Spring Books. National Theatre Live encore presentation of Macbeth. Manchester International Festival's electrifying production of Macbeth, with Kenneth Branagh (My Week With Marilyn, Hamlet) as Macbeth, and Alex Kingston (Doctor Who, ER) as Lady Macbeth.

Interesting Wedding Photo or Wedding Story?
The Driftwood's annual Wedding Planner is being prepared and we are looking for interesting and historic original photographs from our readers.
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CINEMA

- **Captain Phillips** — Smart, powerfully acted and intense, Captain Phillips is a Hollywood biopic done right — and another brilliant performance by Tom Hanks. Based on the true story about the 2009 hijacking of the U.S. container ship Maersk Alabama by Somali pirates. The film focuses on the ship's commanding officer, and the Somali pirate captain, who takes him hostage, 145 miles off the Somali coast.

EXHIBITIONS

- **Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art** presents West Coast Images - Land and Sea by watercolour artist **Lorne Shantz**, beginning with an opening reception on **Friday, Nov. 8** with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. and running for two weeks.
- Photographer **Avril Kirby** has an exhibit of work called Veils at the **Harbour House** through **November**.
- Paintings of the North by **Judith Currelly** is now showing at **Duthie Gallery**. Winter hours are Friday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by appointment at 250-537-9606.
- An exhibit of photos by **Ken Ketchum** and **Bob Rogers** is on display in the **ArtSpring** lobby during the month of **November**.
- Photos of work by stage designer **Susan Benson**, RCA, and film set designer **Jim Erickson**, SDSA, are on display in the **Salt Spring** library program room in **November**.
- **Kathie Smithson's** works in pastel are showing at **Cafe Talia** this month.
- **SOLID** at the **Market Place** (in Gasoline Alley) shares African Art by **Louise Adelle**.
- **Salt Spring Coffee Co. Cafe** shows work by **Jeremy Witmer**.

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ADVENTURES

Teens cover 3,500 kms in 45-day trek

Dexter Nash and Noah O'Neil cycled 'til the snow hit

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Dexter Nash and Noah O'Neil cycled aboard the 6:15 ferry at Long Harbour on Saturday, Sept. 10 with a thirst for adventure and no specific destination in mind.

"East" is how they responded to anyone who asked where they were headed.

"We knew we wanted to do something. We wanted to get out there and experience something and just came to the conclusion of biking across the country," said Dexter Nash.

"We didn't tell anybody because we didn't think people would believe us," he added. "We'd wake up in the morning and we'd decide where we wanted to go."

Nash and O'Neil hadn't undertaken any special training, had no fundraising target or higher calling. They had limited cycling experience, basic supplies and a modest budget. Each had 60 pounds of gear, which included a 50-year-old tent that once belonged to O'Neil's grandmother.

"It wasn't actually waterproof so we picked up some tarps on the way and we learned some rig-up skills to put our tarps up," he said.

Despite the staggering odds, sore days in the saddle soon became second nature as Nash and O'Neil started to log 60-, 80- and 100-kilometre days. Nights were spent in campgrounds, at the side of the road or with people they encountered along the way.

"We met a lot of people who took us in. They'd let us set up our tent in their backyard or garage," Nash said. "We had nothing but a ton of support



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

From left, Dexter Nash and Noah O'Neil on their no-ultimate-destination-in-mind cross-Canada cycling trip they embarked on in September.

from people all the way."

The duo pedalled their way through the Lower Mainland, across the Okanagan Valley and into the Rockies. By the time they'd reached Marathon, a pulp and paper town east of Thunder Bay on the northern shore on Lake Superior, the young adventurers had covered nearly 3,500 kilometres in 45 days.

On their last day on the road, the pair awoke to fresh snow, frozen gear and a dilemma. Nash and O'Neil were in the midst of the journey's most isolated stretch and the early season blizzard

made highway travel treacherous.

"The weather wasn't getting above 2 C in the day, the bikes would freeze in the morning and the locks wouldn't work," O'Neil said.

They chose to ship the bikes back to Salt Spring, loaded the rest of their gear into a hockey bag and began hitchhiking towards Montreal.

Gulf Islands Secondary School's SHIFT program allowed Nash and O'Neil to make room for the trip in an otherwise busy academic schedule. They are currently working on a book of writings and photographs from their trip.

MEDIA HISTORY

Minvielle talks TC at history club

Next Wednesday at Central

A retired member of the Victoria Times Colonist editorial department will illuminate part of the paper's history at the next Salt Spring Historical Society meeting on Nov. 13.

Long-time Salt Spring resident Paul Minvielle will touch on the evolution of The British Colonist, considered "B.C.'s first paper of any permanence" when it was established in 1858 by Amor de Cosmos, who was also B.C.'s second premier.

The Victoria Daily Times was established in 1884, and the capital city had two daily newspapers until 1980, when Thomson Newspapers bought FP Publications Ltd. and merged the Times and the Colonist. A morning and afternoon edition was published until 1983, when the TC became a seven-day-a-week morning newspaper.

Minvielle will reflect on these changes and the impact it had on him and other workers at that time.

Next Wednesday's public program takes place at Central Hall at 2 p.m. The serving of tea and coffee follows the meeting.

Looking ahead to next month, on Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. the library and Salt Spring Archives will co-sponsor a presentation by Michael Layland, who will introduce his new book called The Land of Heart's Delight: Early Maps and Charts of Vancouver Island.

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WEDNESDAY

STITCH DIMENSION QUILT GUILD meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the SSI Baptist Church (rear door), 7 to 9 p.m. New members welcome. Info: stitchdimension@gmail.com; or Janet Rothwell, 250-537-7606.
GENEALOGY GROUP meets on the last Wednesday of each month for discussion and sharing at the Mormon Church, 7 p.m. Info: claudia2@shaw.ca; 250-537-2588.

every WEDNESDAY

BOOMERFIT — Co-ed classes for optimal fitness with certified personal trainer Trisha at Fulford Hall, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Info: Trisha, trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com; 250-653-4656
CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP for people caring for individuals with Alzheimers and others. Every Wednesday at Salt Spring Seniors (379 Lower Ganges Rd.) at 11 a.m. Info: Margaret Monro, 250-537-5004.
CHAIR YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
COMMUNITY KITCHEN. Sign up for weekly sessions at Family Place, 1 to 3 p.m. Info: 250-537-9176; familyplace@ssics.ca.
DUPLICATE BRIDGE group meets at Salt Spring Seniors, 12:45 p.m.
HATHA FLOW YOGA with Dorothy Price. At The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm, 9 to 10:30 a.m.
LEVEL 1 YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio, 9 to 10:30 a.m. AND 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
MEN'S BRIDGE at Salt Spring Seniors at 7 p.m.
MIXED LEVELS YOGA with Cathy Valentine at Salt Spring Centre of Yoga, 4:30 to 5:55 p.m.
PARENT CHILD MOTHER GOOSE at Fernwood Elementary. Songs, rhymes and playtime for ages 0 to 6 and caregivers. Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon until Nov. 13.
PERFORMANCE DANCE CLASS with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd., 5 to 6:30 p.m. Multigenerational expressive dance class suitable for dancers of all levels leading up to Lobby Dance performances in winter/spring of 2014. Info: Anna, 250-537-5681, anna@bonesforever.com.
PILATES ALL LEVELS CLASS with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd., 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pilates is a body conditioning system that builds flexibility and long, lean muscles, strength and endurance. Info: Anna, 250-537-5681, anna@bonesforever.com.
PUMP PRIMERS co-ed heart health fitness class. All Saints By-the-Sea, 7:45 to 8:45 a.m.
SSI ROTARY CLUB meets each Wednesday for a deliciously prepared lunch with community focused speakers and presentations at the Harbour House Hotel from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. If interested, contact club president David Waddington at 250-537-0854 or via email: David@Waddington.ca.
STAMPS GROUP meets at Salt Spring Seniors, 10 a.m.

SWING DANCE — East Coast Swing, Lindy Hop, Fox Trot. Activity Centre at Salt Spring Elementary School, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Info: Larry Nelson, Wendy Hartnett, 250-537-4118
TAEKWONDO CLASSES in the studio space above Elements Home Design, 6 p.m. Info: Paul Mazzei, 250-931-8887, gyatso5@gmail.com.
TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (With beginners classes from 6:30 to 8 p.m.) Info: David, 250-537-1871.
VIPASSANA MEDITATION with Heather Martin at The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm, 7 p.m.
YOGA LEVEL 1 with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio, 9 to 10:30 a.m.
ZEN MEDITATION at 210 Cedar Lane at 7 p.m. Call 250-653-2411 for details. Newcomers always welcome.
ZUMBA TONING class with Lee Sigmund at Still Point Yoga Studio, 4 to 5 p.m.

THURSDAY

BINGO runs at Meaden Hall on the first and Thursday of each month. Games start at 6:30 p.m., with doors open at 6 p.m. Legion Ladies Auxiliary fundraiser.
BOOK CLUB meets once a month on the second Thursday at Salt Spring Seniors in the lounge at 1:30 p.m.
TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION — Group meditations for all who have learned TM. Last Thursday of each month 7:30 p.m. Call 778-353-3014 for address and more information. Free introductory lectures by appointment.

every THURSDAY

AL-ANON meets at the portable behind Lady Minto Hospital from 7:30 to 9 p.m.
BADMINTON for ages 12 and up at the GISS gym. Drop-ins welcome. Must have own racquet and non-marking gym shoes, 8 to 10 p.m. Info: Gail Temmel, 250-653-4613.
ELEMENTARY BRIDGE LESSONS take place at Salt Spring Seniors, 10 a.m.
FIT FOR LIFE CLASSES with Betty-Lou Lake. All Saints lower hall, 8:45 to 10:15 a.m. Focus on balance, strength, flexibility. Target group is boomers and up. Info: blake@telus.net; 250-537-1638.
KUNDALINI YOGA with Shannon Cowan at The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm, 9:30 a.m.
LEVEL 3 YOGA with Cathy Valentine at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga.
MEN'S YOGA with Ken Katz at Still Point, 9 to 10:30 a.m.
MIXED LEVELS YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio, 3:30 to 5 p.m.
NIA — Experience the joy of Nial! Daytime "Over 50s" classes with Arleen at Fulford Hall Annex from 10 to 11 a.m. Sponsored by SSI Seniors. Call Donna at 250-653-9985 for info re fees. Call Arleen at 250-653-9235 for NIA info.
PARENT CHILD MOTHER GOOSE at Fulford Elementary. Songs, rhymes and playtime for ages 0 to 6 and caregivers. Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon until Nov. 14.
RESISTANCE STRETCHING with Lauren + Kip Squier at Still Point, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.
ROLLERBLADING for all ages at Fulford Hall from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

SS WOMEN'S AA closed meeting Thursday nights at OAP wing of Fulford Hall.
SENIORS LUNCH runs at Salt Spring Seniors at 12 noon.
STAY & PLAY DROP-IN at Family Place for ages 0 to 6 and caregivers. Come for a bowl of soup. Toy library open, 12 noon to 3 p.m.
TAOIST TAI CHI for beginners at All Saints By-the-Sea, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Info: David, 250-537-1871.
VUNANA YOGA with Liz Young at The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
YOGA FOR WOMEN with Shannon Cowan at The Gatehouse, 9:30 to 11 a.m.
YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at North End Fitness from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. (with babysitting available) and at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga from 4:30 to 6 p.m.
ZUMBA Dance Fitness with Valri Cunningham at Still Point Yoga Studio, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.

every FRIDAY

BOOMERFIT — Co-ed classes for optimal fitness with certified personal trainer Trisha at Beaver Point Hall, 9 to 10 a.m. Info: Trisha, trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com; 250-653-4656.
BRIDGE GROUP plays games at Salt Spring Seniors at 1 p.m.
COFFEE TIME for seniors is at Salt Spring Seniors at 10 a.m.
EVERYBODY STRETCH — Everyday stretches for the everyday body to classical music with Catherine Bennett. Still Point Yoga Studio, 11 a.m. to 12 noon.
FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT* CLASS with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd., 10 to 11 a.m. Move with less pain and stress by learning how to make any activity more effective and more enjoyable. Info: Anna, 250-537-5681; anna@bonesforever.com.
MAH JONGG players gather at Salt Spring Seniors at 12:15 p.m.
MIXED LEVELS YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio, 9 to 10:30 a.m.
PUMP PRIMERS co-ed heart health fitness class. All Saints By-the-Sea, 7:45 to 8:45 a.m.
STAY & PLAY DROP-IN at Family Place for ages 0 to 6 and caregivers. Light lunch provided, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
TANGO PRACTICA on the third floor of the Core Inn, 8 to 10 p.m. Info: Mana 250-653-0099.

every SATURDAY

DAD 'N' ME PANCAKE BREAKFAST. Drop-in at Family Place, 120 Park Drive, with free pancakes for dads and kids aged 0 to 6, 8:30 to 10 a.m.
TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints with Lok Hup Practice from 10:30 to 11 a.m., open practice from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.
ZUMBA DANCE FITNESS with Lee Sigmund at Still Point Yoga Studio, 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

every SUNDAY

BADMINTON for ages 12 and up at the GISS gym. Drop-ins welcome. Must have own racquet and non-marking gym shoes, 7 to 9 p.m. Info: Gail Temmel, 250-653-4613.

KARMA YOGA class at Still Point Yoga Studio, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free (with donations gratefully accepted).
QI GONG with Neith Arrow — Still Point Yoga Studio, 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

MONDAY

SSI FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT trustees hold their business meetings on the third Monday of each month at the Ganges fire hall, 7:30 p.m. Public welcome.
SSI PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION meeting dates for the rest of 2013 are Nov. 18 and Dec. 16 in the Portlock Park portable at 5 p.m.

every MONDAY

BEGINNERS/LEVEL 1 YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
BONES FOR LIFE* MOVEMENT CLASS with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd., 2 to 3 p.m. A comprehensive exercise program to increase strength and agility through dynamic movement and weight-bearing activity. Info: Anna, 250-537-5681, anna@bonesforever.com
BOOMERFIT — Co-ed classes for optimal fitness with certified personal trainer Trisha at Fulford Hall, 9 to 10 a.m. Info: Trisha, trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com; 250-653-4656.
CHESS GROUP meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
DUPLICATE BRIDGE meets every Monday at 6:45 p.m. at Salt Spring Seniors Services. Info: George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or pastorale@shaw.ca.
EVERYBODY STRETCH — Everyday stretches for the everyday body to classical music with Catherine Bennett. Still Point Yoga Studio, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT* CLASS with Alice Friedman at The Gatehouse, 190 Reynolds Rd., 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. Info: Alice Friedman, 250-653-4332, alicef@salspring.com.
LIFE DRAWING every Monday at the Core Inn (third floor), 1 to 3 p.m. Info: Jose Campbell, 250-537-1121. Drop-ins welcome.
PILATES LEVEL 1 CLASS at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd., 11 a.m. to 12 noon. This class is designed for people new to Pilates and those wanting to work on deepening their understanding of Pilates. Info: Anna Haltrecht, 250-537-5681, anna@bonesforever.com
PUMP PRIMERS co-ed heart health fitness class. All Saints By-the-Sea, 7:45 to 8:45 a.m.
SENIORS YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio, 11 a.m. to 12 noon.
TAEKWONDO CLASSES in the studio space above Elements Home Design, 6 p.m. Info: Paul Mazzei, 250-931-8887, gyatso5@gmail.com.
TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (with Lok Hup practice from 6:30 to 7 p.m.) Info: David, 250-537-1871.
TOASTMASTERS public speaking group meets Mondays at the Catholic Church, lower room, 135 Drake Rd, 7 p.m.
THE CLINIC by OPT: Options for Sexual Health is open every Monday at the Core Inn 2nd floor, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 250-537-8786.

VUNANA YOGA with Cathy Valentine at The Gatehouse, Stowel Lake Farm, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
VIPASSANA MEDITATION with Nicola Bishop at Still Point Yoga Studio, 7 to 8:15 p.m.
YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga, 4:30 to 6 p.m.
ZUMBA DANCE FITNESS with Valri Cunningham at Still Point Yoga Studio, 8:45 to 9:45 a.m.

TUESDAY

PROBUS group for retired professionals/business people meets on the second Tuesday of each month at Meaden Hall at 10 a.m. with special guest speakers each time. Info: Bruce Eggertson, probus.ssi@gmail.com
SSI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Portlock Park portable, 4 to 6 p.m.

every TUESDAY

ART GROUP meets at Salt Spring Seniors at 1 p.m.
CHESS GROUP plays games at Salt Spring Seniors, 6:30 p.m.
EVERYBODY MOVE with Catherine Bennett at Still Point Yoga Studio from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT with Alice Friedman at Still Point Yoga Studio, 5 to 6:15 p.m.
FIT FOR LIFE CLASSES with Betty-Lou Lake. All Saints lower hall, 8:45 to 10:15 a.m. Focus on balance, strength, flexibility. Target group is boomers and up. Info: blake@telus.net; 250-537-1638.
KUNDALINI MOVING MEDITATION from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and ECKHART TOLLE PRACTISING PRESENCE from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Info: Amrita, 250-537-2799.
LOST CHORDS seniors choir practices at Salt Spring Seniors, 10:30 a.m.
NIA — Experience the Joy of Nial! Daytime classes with Arleen at Still Point Yoga Studio from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Call Arleen at 250-653-9235 for more info. No class Nov. 12 & 19.
ROLLER DERBY — Learn to roller skate with The Committed roller-derby group, Fulford Hall, 6 to 7 p.m. Info: Kaleigh, 250-653-9606.
SS SEARCH & RESCUE — Learn ground survival, search and rescue techniques at the SAR Hall, 7 to 9 p.m. Or phone Chuck Hamilton, 250-537-6601.
SMARTSOMATICS classes with Nelly Kosteljik at North End Fitness from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Somatics gets to the core of the problem and is able to end pain quickly. Info: 250-537-2056.
STAY & PLAY DROP-IN at Family Place for ages 0 to 6 and caregivers. Come for a bowl of soup. Toy library open, 12 noon to 3 p.m.
TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Info: David, 250-537-1871.
YOGA WITH CATE — Mixed levels class at SS Centre of Yoga, 9:30 to 11 a.m.
YOGA VINYASA/FLOW with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE — Slow Flow... for tired bodies! SS Centre of Yoga, 5 to 6 p.m.
YOGA WITH GAY MEAGLEY at The Gatehouse on Stowel Lake Farm, 5 to 6:45 p.m.

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Brown visits Salt Spring Forum

Environmental pioneer at ArtSpring Nov. 10

Lester Brown, a key figure in the creation of the global environmental movement, will be the next speaker on the Salt Spring Forum roster for a conversation at ArtSpring starting at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 10. Press material explains that Brown pioneered the concept of "sustainable development" and recognized the process of "globalization" well before the term existed. In 1965, as a young man on assignment in India for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Brown detected

the early signs of an impending famine. His urgent warning to the Indian and U.S. governments saved millions of lives.

For half a century, Brown has helped make clear the interconnections between overpopulation, water shortages and climate change, and their effect on food security. His book *Who Will Feed China? Wake-up Call for a Small Planet* led to a broad restructuring of China's agricultural policy.

Brown has always sought solutions for ecological crises. His book *Plan B* argues for stabilizing the Earth's population, eradicating poverty, cutting carbon emissions by 80 per cent, and restoring the econo-

my's natural support systems, including forests, grasslands and fisheries.

Brown's inspirational leadership has made him "one of the world's most influential thinkers," according to the *Washington Post*. He is the founder of the Worldwatch and Earth Policy institutes, two major environmental research groups. He has authored or co-authored over 50 books and been honoured with a MacArthur Fellowship, the UN Environment Prize and 25 honorary degrees.

Tickets for the event are available at www.tickets.artspring.ca, at the ArtSpring ticket centre, or at Salt Spring Books.

EDUCATION

Adults wanted for school program

Science-field visitors specified

Connecting Generations, the Gulf Islands School District program that connects students with community members, is here to stay.

In its fourth year of delivery, the program is now funded by the district and available to all schools in the Gulf Islands.

"Up until this academic year, Connecting Generations has relied for its major funding on Service Canada's Youth Awareness program," explains program coordinator Sarah Hook-Nilsson.

In addition to topics relating to career and employment, she hopes this year to explore many other possibilities for conversations between adults and youth.

One of the goals for this year is to increase the number of adults coming into schools who can talk

about any aspect of science. Scientists, technologists, engineers or mathematicians who are interested in talking to high school students or visiting an elementary or middle school classroom are invited to contact Sarah at shooknilsson@sd64.bc.ca or leave a message at the high school: 250-537-9944, ext. 236.

Adult visitors can also be found in the English as a Second Language classroom every week. Several dedicated volunteers give one-to-one assistance to students learning English. According to Hook-Nilsson, "With 22 international students in her class, the teacher is thrilled that these visitors can offer the students the opportunity for individual attention."

For more information and to get involved in any part of Connecting Generations, see connectinggenerations.net or contact Hook-Nilsson directly.



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NOTICE OF OTHER VOTING
THETIS ISLAND RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION SERVICE AMENDMENT
REFERENDUM, 2013

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the electors of the Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association Annual Financial Contribution Service Area, within a portion of Electoral Area G – Salthair/Gulf Islands, that a vote will be held on the following question:

"Are you in favour of the Board of the Cowichan Valley Regional District adopting "CVRD Bylaw No. 3713 – Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association Annual Financial Contribution Service Amendment Bylaw, 2013", that authorizes the CVRD to increase the maximum annual financial contribution to the Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association, (TIRRA), from \$40,000 up to \$100,000 per year to assist TIRRA with costs associated with the operation, collection and transportation of solid waste and recycling materials on Thetis Island"?

YES or NO?

TAKE NOTICE that the following is a synopsis of proposed Amendment Bylaw No. 3713, to which the question refers and that this synopsis is not intended to be and is not to be understood as an interpretation of the bylaw. The complete bylaw may be inspected at the Cowichan Valley Regional District Office located at 175 Ingram Street in Duncan, BC, during regular office hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, excluding statutory holidays, or on the CVRD website at www.cvrld.bc.ca.

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED BYLAW

"CVRD Bylaw No. 3713 – Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association Annual Financial Contribution Service Amendment Bylaw, 2013", provides for the following:

- Annually requisitioning up to \$100,000 per year which corresponds to a maximum annual parcel charge of \$282.49 per parcel within the service area.
- Assists TIRRA with costs associated with the operation, collection and transportation of solid waste and recycling materials on Thetis Island.

GENERAL VOTING

GENERAL VOTING DAY will be open to qualified electors of the Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association Annual Financial Contribution Service Area on **Saturday, December 7, 2013**, between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm, at 248 Pioneer Road, Thetis Island, BC, (Pioneer Pacific Camp).

ADVANCE VOTING

TWO ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES will be open at the Forbes Hall located at 292 Mission Road, Thetis Island, BC between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm, on **Wednesday, November 27, 2013 and Tuesday, December 3, 2013.**

ELECTOR REGISTRATION

If you are not on the list of electors, you may register at the time of voting by completing the required application form available at the voting place. To register, you must meet the following qualifications:

- 18 years of age or older;
- Canadian citizen;
- resident of BC for at least 6 months immediately preceding voting day;
- resident of OR registered owner of real property within the Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association Annual Financial Contribution Service Area for at least 30 days immediately preceding voting day; and
- not otherwise disqualified by law from voting.

Resident Electors must provide **2 pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature). Picture identification is not necessary. The identification must prove both residency and identity.

Non-resident property electors must produce **2 pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature) to prove identity, proof that they are entitled to register in relation to the property (title certificate), and, if applicable, written consent from any other property owners noted on title.

MAIL BALLOT VOTING

Eligible voters within the Thetis Island Residents and Ratepayers Association Annual Financial Contribution Service Area who:

- would be unable to attend a voting place due to physical disability, illness or injury; or
- expect to be absent from the TIRRA Annual Financial Contribution Service Area on general voting day **and** at the times of all advance voting opportunities, may vote by mail.

Applications for mail ballots may be arranged by contacting the CVRD Legislative Services Division at 250-746-2503 on regular business days between 8:00 am, Wednesday, November 6, 2013 and 4:00 pm, Wednesday, December 4, 2013, or online at www.cvrld.bc.ca. Regular office hours are from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, excluding Statutory Holidays.

K. Harrison, Chief Election Officer

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James Drebert

Oct. 8, 1949 - Nov. 1, 2013

It is with great sadness that we announce Jim passed away peacefully Friday, Nov. 1, 2013 with his wife, Rosalind, sons Mark and Paul and sister-in-law, Dawn at his side.

He will be greatly missed by his wife, with whom he laughed and shared many happy years, sons, whom he loved and was

most proud, and daughter-in-law, Charlene.

He also leaves to mourn his death, his brother Doug, sister-in-law, Marilyn, nephews Michael and Brian and family in Winnipeg and England.

Thank you to the home support nurses for your help, and a big THANK YOU to Dr. Beaver for "holding our hand" through Jim's illness.

Memorial service to be held at Salt Spring Baptist Church, 520 Lower Ganges Road, November 24th, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.

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JANE JARMAN

1928 - Oct 26 2013

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GORDON WENDELL BARNES

Nov. 11, 1923 - Oct. 20, 2013

Gordon Barnes, a Salt Springs Island resident since 1989, passed away on October 20th as the result of a heart attack. He was born in Pullman, Washington on November 11, 1923, the son of John and Hazel Barnes. He is survived by his wife, Bianca Barnes, nephews Larry Barnes of Hailey, Idaho, Steve Barnes of Santa Rosa, California, and niece Cindy Ochoa of Belmont, California. When Gordon was very young his family moved to Berkeley, California where he attended the public schools and graduated from Berkeley High School. Gordon served in the U. S. Army from 1944 to 1946 and participated in the Allied invasion of Germany and Austria. After the war Gordon served as an apprentice cabinet maker in San Francisco. In 1949 he married Bianca Kempton, a native of Montreal. In 1954 they moved to Vancouver. Gordon was a student in the College of Engineering at the University of British Columbia, graduating in 1959. Bianca and Gordon went to England that year with the intention of exploring the waters there and stayed for five years, initially in London, then in Leicester, where Gordon was employed by English Electric. They had a vision of building a boat in which to sail across the Pacific Ocean, returning to Vancouver with that purpose in mind in 1963. Gordon worked as an engineer for the Council of Forest Industries. In his free time he began work on what was to become his magnificent boat, the "Adriana", and continued work on it after he and Bianca retired and moved to Salt Springs Island in 1989, living in their beautiful home in the woods on Fulford Road. Bianca recorded the odyssey of Gordon's efforts in "Real-Time Boatbuilding", the book that they published in 2009. Gordon was a frequent contributor to the letters to the editor in the Driftwood, on global warming. His cardiac problems caught up with him and he passed away on October 20, 2013. There will be no service.

Gordon will be missed and remembered by the many people who knew him and cherished his friendship, his acumen and his sense of humor.



Maggie Reddy

April 3, 1944 - Oct. 26, 2013

Maggie Reddy passed away peacefully on October 26. She was surrounded by family and friends.

There will be a celebration of her life, November 7th, at the Lion's Hall from 1:00-3:00pm. To honour Maggie please make sure you wear your finest bling and or rainbow attire.



Frank Keoppel

November 4, 1943 - October 23, 2013

Frank passed away peacefully in his sleep. He is finally pain FREE and at peace. Frank was born in Estevan, Sask. and raised in a logging camp in Leechtown BC.

Survived by his wife; Peggy, daughters; Kelly (Todd) Tracy, Laudi, Nikki, granddaughter; Nicole, sister; Donna, brother; Lindsay and their families.

I'm sure his trucking and coffee buddies will remember him, pen in hand, napkin and calculator on the table. His gift for making friends and always leaving you with a joke. Frank will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

My deepest thanks to the Home Support team, Doctors, Nurses, Jim; Social worker & Donna; Oncology At his request there is no service.

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COMING EVENTS

SSI Historical Society REGULAR MEETING 2:00pm Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013 At Central Hall

Paul Minvielle will give us a presentation on the Amalgamation of the Victoria Colonist and Times Newspapers. Tea/Coffee to follow this meeting.

A Special Program will be held at the Library Meeting Room on December 11, 2013 at 2pm Michael Layland will introduce his new book The Land of Heart's Delight: Early Maps and Charts of Vancouver Island. Copies of the book will be available.

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Islands Trust Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority First Annual Open House Community Meeting Friday November 29, 2013 1:00 - 3:45pm Lion's Hall 103 Bonnet Ave. You are invited to meet the SSIWPA team, including the newly formed Technical Advisory Committee. Come participate in the consultation process for collaborative watershed management and improved ecosystem health on Salt Spring Island. Info: www.ssiwatersheds.org ssiwpacoord@gmail.com

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 - Caroline

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Scorpions advance on all fronts



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GISS Scorpions player Josh Brown celebrates after a goal is scored, while the opposing goalie appears distraught in a game at the north Vancouver Island finals in Nanaimo last week. As of presstime Tuesday, the senior boys team had won their first two matches in the Vancouver Island AA championships.

Soccer and swim teams show promise

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

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Every member of the Gulf Islands Secondary School's swim team has qualified for the provincial championships.

The result is a best-ever showing for Salt Spring's high school swim team athletes, who will compete against top high school swimmers from across the province in Richmond on Nov. 15 and 16.

In other high school sports news, the senior boys soccer team was on the field Tuesday, competing in the Vancouver Island AA Boys Soccer Championships at the University of Victoria. Salt Spring is among eight teams from across Vancouver Island vying for three spots at the

provincial championships in Burnaby.

As of Tuesday afternoon, Salt Spring had won their first two matches. Billie George scored twice as the Scorpions defeated Mark Isfeld Secondary 2-1 on Tuesday morning. Kai Kikuchi scored the lone goal in the Scorpions' 1-0 victory against Brentwood on Tuesday afternoon.

Wednesday's schedule sees the Scorpions play at 10 a.m. with the playoff round set to begin at 2:30 p.m.

GISS qualified as the tournament's top seed after dominating the North Island AA Boys Soccer Championships in Nanaimo last week.

Gulf Islands Secondary School emerged with a perfect record of four wins and no losses.

"Not only did the boys come home undefeated, they capped it off with scoring a total of 14 goals and never once conceding a single goal

to any of their opponents in the eight-team tournament," said parent Joel Shaver.

The two-day tourney split eight top teams into two groups of four. With three wins under their belts by Wednesday afternoon the stage was set for a rematch against a tough Carihi team in the march to the finals.

Shaver said the Salt Spring players sought redemption for a hard-fought defeat against Carihi in a previous match. Gulf Islands came out strong and proved too quick and agile for their opponents.

"A deep bench and an exceptionally strong performance by Salt Spring proved to be too much for Carihi as the lads ended taking the match 5-0," Shaver said.

Volleyball season is also well underway, and the GISS junior boys volleyball team is hosting the central Vancouver Island finals on Thursday from 1 to 7 p.m.

RUNNING

'Sun Run sleuth' strikes again

Gordon nabs cheater in NYC

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

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Susan Gordon has done it again.

The 54-year-old Salt Spring busted a cheater while topping her age category in a world-class running event on Nov. 2.

Gordon, who initially placed second in her age bracket during a five-kilometre event held the day before the New York City marathon, became suspicious when she learned the winner had established a world record despite having only ever participated in two such events.

"My brother looked up her race stats and she's only run two previous 5K [events] at 25 and 27-plus minutes," Gordon wrote in

an email. "Then he looked at her photo and she's a rather large woman who ran in a jacket and long pants — it was hot and sunny here today."

Denise Van Amerom of London, Ont. supposedly finished the race in 17:28, nearly four minutes ahead of Gordon's silver-medal finish at 21:02.

"She's from Ontario of all things, a fellow Canadian. So who knows what exactly went wrong," she added.

Gordon contacted race organizers about the incident and has arranged for a friend to collect her first-place medal.

The discovery comes about six months after Gordon exposed the cheater initially thought to have finished first in her age category during the 2013 Vancouver Sun Run in April.

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SOCCER

Women annihilate Bays United

Cowichan sneaks past Old Boys

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
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Salt Spring's United O30B women struck fast and never looked back during a 6-1 thrashing of Bays United on Sunday.

Sue Anne Donaldson gave home-island fans assembled at the Gulf Islands Secondary School field reason to celebrate by scoring in the match's opening minute.

Jeannie Gray followed with a 25-yard shot that flew over the Bays' keeper. Karen Clemson chipped in shortly afterwards to give the home team a three-goal lead.

Bays briefly closed the gap by taking advantage of an untended Salt Spring goal, but Liz Wilson put Salt Spring up 4-1 before the half.

Bays attacked the Salt Spring side with newfound strength to open the second, sending many shots towards keeper Kym Sheppard Belavance and Salt Spring's defensive unit.

Jenny Pickering stepped up with a strong give-and-go passing game to create many chances for runs down the right flank and crosses. Andrea Barker held strong at centre back, delivering solid clearances and steady pressure.

Donaldson scored her second goal of the game by connecting with a pass from Cheryle Johnson. Wilson got her second goal late in the match by running down a ball on the outside and crossing it in.

United will try to build on its success on Sunday, Nov. 10 when the team travels off island to play Vic West Scottish.

In men's soccer action, a valiant second-half effort wasn't enough to avert a third-consecutive loss for Salt Spring's Old Boys on Sunday afternoon in Duncan.

"The man of the match award unfortunately went to the opposing keeper," said Graham Tweddle in his post-game report.

The Cowichan Masters jumped to an early lead, forcing the Old Boys to reconsider their approach during intermission.

"With the score 1-0 at the break a new system was needed. After an inspirational speech by Antonio Alonso it was decided to do away with the long ball and concentrate on short passing," Tweddle added.

Players emerged from the break with renewed vigour, managing to tie the game on a goal from Mark Aston.

The Old Boys sustained the offensive pressure, only to be outdone by a Cowichan breakthrough that gave them the match's winning goal.

"With time running out, the Old Boys switched to three defenders, but even with a last-minute free kick from the edge of the penalty box we couldn't beat the Cowichan keeper," Tweddle said.

The Old Boys' next match is against Cordova Bay at the Gulf Islands Secondary School field on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 10:30 a.m.

In Vancouver Island Soccer League play, Salt Spring's Westcastle United FC travels to the Sunshine Coast on Sunday for an important match against Powell River.

This Week's Horoscope

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Tip of the Week:

Between last week's Solar Eclipse and the immanent prospect of a rare comet illuminating the skies, we are in the midst of a potent cosmic time. The proximity of these two events may be waved aside by some as coincidence, but maybe there is more to consider than boiled down facts. The Solar Eclipse was in Scorpio and it shared a close connection to Pisces. Interestingly both these signs share a prominence in the Chinese Sign of the Snake. Many will attest that 2013 has been one of measurable change. To metaphorically refer to it as a year in which many have shed skins will prove quite apt indeed. And this cycle of the watery serpent is not over until late January. In sync, Comet Ison that is now rapidly approaching the deep inner reaches of the Solar System where our own planet is situated is predicted to complete its approach in late January as well. Like a celestial snake, this comet with its long body and tail is a remarkable compliment to the image at least and probably to the themes of the snake as well. If this is true, then it will prove to activate a measurable skin shedding process for us all as our entire planet beholds it's awesome and perhaps eerie presence. Whatever its impact, and the theories range from it fizzling out in the heat of the Sun to activating increased and perhaps even unprecedented solar flare eruptions, humanity is sure to be changed and perhaps even transformed by Comet Ison. Astronomers say it will first appear to the naked eye on November 28, then should steadily increase in visual magnitude for several weeks before it makes a tight flyby around the Sun and, if it survives the solar winds, will appear again for another several weeks finally closely crossing the Earth's orbital plane. Whatever happens, get ready for a lot of excitement about it. Stay tuned...

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Although the pace has likely slowed down it has also deepened. This is prompting you to search for key information, answers and insight. Your confidence levels remain surprisingly steady through it all and you will feel inspired to decipher the possibilities. These are linked to accessing the talents and resources of others.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

A whole series of significant changes on relationship fronts continue to roll in. While these are not necessarily 'bad' they may at least be described as complicated and probably difficult. Your challenge includes letting go of some of your own habitual moods and honouring the beliefs and feelings of significant others. At least play along, fairly.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

Everybody is experiencing a challenge to change. This theme has been strong all year, extra evident in the past several weeks and continues now. Often the change is required is one of perspective. When we change our mind, or point of view, what we see changes at least in terms of what we consider to be important. Change your mind and the rest will follow.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)

A new quality of creative self-expression is rising in you. Though it is on the slow burner it is getting hotter by the day. Yet to integrate this hidden reserve of talent you have had and may have to more yet change how you stand in the world. This includes taking risks. For now simply get emotionally comfortable with the prospects.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23)

Some major new beginnings close to home have begun. They will push you again to draw from your inner reserves of faith. Trusting that change is the only constant is a good start. More importantly recognize that a deeper purpose is ever at play. The time has come to confront some very real fears. This theme has been brewing for about a year and now it is actually here.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)

A fresh change of perspective has been activated, as if all of a sudden. At best it is producing some deep insights. Perhaps more importantly, these are meant to be shared and/or acted upon. The time has come to break through some conventional patterns. This inner renovation process may require up to another week to be completed. Then a new round of learning and expression will begin.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22)

Sometimes, perhaps even often, progress comes as three steps forward and two steps back. The positive take on this is that at least this implies one step forward. The back and forth process is one of life's most basic challenges. Making sure things get done thoroughly is the reason. Coming through the other side is the goal and you usually score, eventually.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)

The next phase of advancement toward your brave new world has begun. What is important is that you know its direction. Basically it implies a whole new lifestyle. This began about a year ago. Improvement and refinement are key words. These are meant to be directed at the quality of your lifestyle affecting your health: body, mind, heart and soul.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21)

You have truly entered a darker time. Yet this dimming of the lights does not mean that your spark has faded. In fact, it may be that your light is the main source illuminating everything around you. Still, this is a call to go within, to be quieter than usual, to meditate and to commune with your spirit. Yes, you are allowed to invite an angel to keep you company.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)

Concorting with friends and other allies in high places is the call now. You are meant to share dreams and visions of possibility. Even if these simply remain ideas, it can be fun and even empowering to let the imagination run. But you will want more concrete results than that. Expect to push the boundaries. Take your hypothesis to an experimental level.

Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19)

Something new has begun. It should be evident at least to you. But others are likely aware as well. Although your ambitions are running deep, you may have to contend with some lingering concerns. As long as your focus is anchored with the prospect of practical application you have reason to feel confident. The words nurture and heal are feature themes.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

On your ascent you may have run into a low lying cloud which is obscuring your vision. It may linger for a while so persevere but at a slower pace. By next week you should see through to the blue again. Use this time to reflect, meditate and rest. Your focus is meant to be on deeper things anyway so trust the flow and practice positivity. The pace will quicken again soon.

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