



\$125
(incl. GST)

GULF ISLANDS Driftwood

Wednesday, May 21, 2014 — YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER SINCE 1960 54TH YEAR — ISSUE 21



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

CHAMPION SMILES: Salt Spring United manager Tami Benoit gives the Challenge Cup women's recreation trophy to United team member and MVP Danica Lundy as other team members celebrate their division victory. See story on Page 24.

TRAGEDY

Fund set up for former island family

Slocan Lake canoe accident touches Salt Spring

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Salt Spring Islanders are rallying to help the family of a young man still missing after a Slocan Lake canoe accident on May 10.

According to family friend Coral Saunders, Skye Donnet, age 18, lived on Salt Spring with his family from 1999 to 2008. His father is Richard Lockhart, who worked as a taxi driver on the island for several years.

Other family members are his mother Niekitha Donnet, his stepmother Andromeda (Andy) Nelson and siblings Hazen Lockhart Donnet, Uma Gaudreault and Emerald Lockhart.

"The family moved to the community of Nelson a few years ago, having no shortage of happiness until this tragic event," writes Saunders on a ShareSpring crowdfunding page.

"It has torn a hole in the fabric of their tightly knit family. While search units have since become recovery units in Slocan Lake, family and friends have been keeping a constant vigil on the shores.

"The members of the family responsible for the financial well being of Skye's siblings and step siblings are not able to return to work immediately. Bills still need to be paid and that is where community comes in."

Saunders said supporters want to raise funds to help the family function financially through this difficult period.

SKYE DONNET continued on 2

LAND USE

Trust enforces Quesnel decision

Business owner signs consent order

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The owner of a metal recycling business at 440 Rainbow Rd. on Salt Spring Island has agreed to remove all material associated with his business by the end of July.

"John Quesnel, owner of Salt Spring Island Metal Recycling, has signed a consent order agreeing to remove all vehicles, vehicle parts, scrap metal, cardboard and

other materials related to the commercial salvage operations by Salt Spring Metal Recycling from his Rainbow Road property on Salt Spring Island," writes Miles Drew in a letter sent to the Driftwood newspaper last week. "He has further agreed by consent order to stop using the property for recycling operations in the future."

News of the consent order comes one month after Salt Spring's Local Trust

Committee voted 2-1 against issuing Quesnel a temporary use permit (TUP) for the site. Citing a lack of appropriately zoned land for his business on the island, Quesnel has sought to rezone his Rainbow Road property or acquire a TUP for nearly a decade. Successive LTCs have denied multiple rezoning and

QUESNEL continued on 4

20% off Stationery
Salt Spring Books



INSERTS

- Country Grocer
- The Source
- Thrifty Foods
- Home Hardware
- Sears
- Staples
- Merit Furniture

INDEX

Arts.....	10	Island Wheels.....	15
Classifieds.....	21	Letters.....	7
Editorial.....	6	People & Community.....	19
Gulf Islands Real Estate feature.....	12	Sports & Recreation.....	24
		What's On.....	18

driftwood@driftwoodgimedia.com 250.537.9933 www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com

Is someone you know graduating?
Book ad space now in the 2014 Grad Book
See ad on page 2 for details

Ganges Auto Marine
auto MARINE

Zen Master Wolfgang says:
"The other line always moves faster until you get in it"
GANGES AUTO MARINE
SERVICE AND REPAIRS FOR ALL DOMESTIC & IMPORT CARS & LIGHT TRUCKS
#3 - 290 Park Drive Below Dagwoods, behind car wash Mon.-Fri. 8am-5pm
250-537-9221

friend us on facebook!
and win prizes!
www.facebook.com/gulfislandsdriftwood

ENVIRONMENT

GISS grad named among top youth environmentalists

Fossil fuel divestment campaign underway at UVic

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

University of Victoria students and faculty are waging a strong campaign to divest the institution's funds from fossil fuels, thanks to leadership from Gulf Islands Secondary School graduate Kelsey Mech.

Mech, who recently earned the number five spot on

Starfish Canada's list of top 25 environmentalists under the age of 25, has been an outspoken advocate for reducing climate change since her youth growing up on Salt Spring. As chair of UVic's student society, the young woman has been able to put focus on an idea that could actually make a huge difference.

Currently exploring opportunities for working for a national-based organization, Mech said she was surprised to be named on the list.

"I honestly did not expect it at all. I was so appreciative and humble and grateful for that recognition. It was totally out of the blue," she said.

"It was kind of surreal for me because I've been wanting to do this work, and now I am able to do it, and it feels amazing."

As of last week, between 20 and 25 per cent of faculty had signed on to the student-led divestment campaign through an open letter addressed to the chair of the University of Victoria Foundation, asking that the university freeze all investment in companies involved in fossil fuel extraction or processing. It also asks that the university develop a plan for redirecting the \$21 million currently invested in such companies.

"As with the movement against apartheid in South Africa, students have challenged the university to fulfill its role as a leader on issues of justice. And as with the anti-apartheid movement, this movement will not retire until it has succeeded," the letter states.

The signatories argue that in addition to the ethical and practical concerns around climate change, there is also a financial

imperative to invest university funds elsewhere.

"By using its financial and social influence, and by being a forward-thinking investor, the university can promote positive change. There will undoubtedly be some logistical considerations in making this change, but the experience gained from overcoming any such problems can itself make a contribution to this important initiative."

Divestment campaigns are currently underway at hundreds of institutions across North America. While no Canadian university has as yet agreed to divest, the City of Seattle has made its commitment, and the Simon Fraser University Faculty Association recently voted to create a fossil fuel-free option for its pension.

"We definitely have a long way to go and we recognize that, but with the passion that it's bringing up, not only among students but also faculty, I think that at some point it's going to become fairly undeniable," Mech said.

"The university as an institution has to be fiscally responsible in their investments. But there's a very strong argument that divestment is actually more responsible," she added. "So I think there's definitely potential for the university to move forward in this manner, and I really hope they do."

While Mech just completed her double-major in biology and environmental studies, she intends to stay active as an alumni. The campaign will be led by Mech's co-organizer, fellow student Peter Gibbs, and has the support of two divestment champions on faculty.

As a group, alumni could have consid-



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Kelsey Mech in an MC role.

erable impact on divestment campaigns, since their donations form a considerable part of university funds: Making it clear that donations will not be made while investment in fossil fuel continues is one way people outside the university can help make a difference. Mech also suggested extending campaigns to other institutions, whether local government bodies or churches. Raising awareness by writing letters to the editor could also help.

"We obviously want to see it move across all age groups and sectors, not just schools," Mech said.

More information on the local campaign can be found at divestuvic.org.

Is someone you know graduating?

Book space now in the 2014 Grad Book

Add deadline noon on Tuesday May 27th

This Souvenir edition is the perfect place to congratulate the grads of 2014.

Call now 250.537.9933

May life be full of adventure & endless escapades!
Good luck to all grads!
SPECIAL WISHES TO Jade, Cassandra and Tavis
By Owner 250.537.7320

Notice of Public Information Meeting:

St. Mary Lake Field Research and Management Planning Process –

Wed. June 25 1:00 – 3:00pm at SSI Library.

Invitation for nominations to the SSIWPA Public Advisory Committee (deadline June 12, 2014).

Details at www.ssiwatersheds.org
ssiwpacoord@gmail.com,
250-537-4847

Or arrange for personal interview about the St. Mary Lake watershed and SSIWPA.

Donnet remembered as 'bright light'

SKYE DONNET

continued from 1

"Any and all donations will help assure their family has the time they need to come out of this without irreparable financial damage."

A trust account has also been set up at Island Savings. The number is 2355782.

Salt Spring resident Sally Sunshine remembers Skye Donnet well from time he spent at her house as a child. "Skye was such a bright light filled with mischief and laughter," she said.

Skye Donnet is one of three people who has not been found since the canoe they were in was found partially submerged about 150 metres from shore in the lake near New Denver in the West Kootenay region of B.C. A 19-year-old woman was found unconscious in the canoe and later died.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Family photo of Skye Donnet, who lived on Salt Spring Island from 1999 to 2008. He has not been seen since a canoe accident in Slocan Lake on May 10.

We're all about the Islands

For scheduled flight info please call
1-800-447-3247
or visit our website at
seairseaplanes.com

Introducing...
Seair's New Super Saver Webfares

AS LOW AS

\$81 includes all fees & taxes

*selected seats on all flights between Richmond (YVR) and Salt Spring Island.

MUST BOOK ONLINE TO SAVE!

Ganges ↔ Richmond (YVR) **Book your flight on-line and SAVE \$8.00 on a return trip airfare.**

NEWSBEAT

Heads up!

SS Fire Protection District Trustees Meeting

Monday, MAY 26

7 p.m. at the Ganges Fire Hall

SALT SPRING FORUM

Legendary Canadian activist sees reasons for hope

Salt Spring Forum welcomes Maude Barlow

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

There are few bigger names in Canadian activism than Maude Barlow; and it doesn't take very long to understand why that's the case.

Within a few minutes of an interview earlier this week, she touched on a global gathering to oppose investor-state trade agreements in Istanbul, a resource grant conference in Milan and the need to completely reevaluate the way the world thinks of water.

Not too shabby for a Victoria Day long weekend.

Barlow has devoted much of her life to defending the rights and freedoms of the world's poorest and underrepresented people; she's a respected defender of the natural world and a scathing critic of trade agreements that place corporate profits over the common good.

She is the national chair of the Council of Canadians and also chairs Food and Water Watch, a Washington-based group.

She has earned 11 honorary doctorates and several awards, including the 2011 EarthCare Award from the

Sierra Club in the U.S.

On Sunday, Barlow brings her decades of unrelenting activism to Gulf Islands Secondary School as part of the Salt Spring Forum ongoing speaker series.

She anticipates good things.

"I think the folks on Salt Spring are the type of people who care about nature and care about the financialization and commodification of nature," she said.

"Water is a wonderful teacher."

MAUDE BARLOW

Council of Canadians chair

Given the island has at least three groups exclusively devoted to the protection of fresh water resources, Barlow's take might not be too far off the mark.

Water, she explains, is the story of so many social and environmental issues around the globe, including climate change, hunger, corporatism and women's rights.

While it may be easy to lose an audience after only a few paragraphs



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Council of Canadians chair Maude Barlow will speak about global water ethics during a Salt Spring Forum event at GISS this Sunday.

about the Charlottetown Accord or the Multilateral Agreement on Investment, the story of water and the struggle to preserve the world's most precious resource transcends boundaries and commands attention.

"Water is a wonderful teacher," Barlow said.

The topic has emerged as a consistent theme in her talks and writings since the 1980s. Blue Future, Barlow's 17th book, is the long-anticipated final installment in her water trilogy, which includes Blue

Gold and its sequel, Blue Covenant.

In her latest work, Barlow examines threats to water supply and the need to enshrine access to water as a fundamental human right.

"We need a new water ethic," she said. "We need to put water in the centre of our lives."

As the planet's growing population develops an increasing thirst for water to fulfill so many hopes, dreams and aspirations, Barlow doesn't hesitate to admit the world is in a bad way. Entire lakes and rivers have vanished under increased

demand to supply the demands for mining, energy and food around the globe. Many more sources of freshwater are doomed to follow.

"The bad news is quite frightening," she said.

Rather than get bogged down by the tales of woe, Barlow continues her campaign by acknowledging the strides society has made since the publication of Blue Gold nearly 14 years ago.

"There is reason to be optimistic," she said.

The past decade has seen the rise of a global water movement that's promoted awareness about everything from the privatization of water and the proliferation of plastic water bottles to the profligate use of water in the food and energy sectors.

And the debate hasn't been relegated to the folks who attend international water conferences in Istanbul or the Salt Spring Forum. Barlow was recently amazed by concerns expressed by students in her grandchildren's Grades 5 and 6 class.

"You can't sugarcoat it because they already know what's going on," she said.

Tickets for the Sunday, May 25 event are available from ArtSpring at 250-537-2102 or www.tickets.artspring.ca and at Salt Spring Books.

The event starts at 7:30 p.m.

NEWS BRIEFS

GISS reunion deadlines

Graduates of Gulf Islands Secondary School in the 1970s have until May 29 to get the earlybird registration price for this summer's reunion.

Fees are currently \$65 per person, but will rise to \$75 on May 30, says organizer Sue Myers.

Registration will also be cut off on June 21, so anyone interested in attend-

ing the July 5 event at the Farmers' Institute should make their plans soon.

The event is for GISS grads in the years 1970s through 1979. The reunion will include a dinner and dance with Paxton Bachman and his band, with a Sunday brunch held the following morning.

People can register by sending an email to Myers at slmyers@shaw.ca. To join the GISS Reunion 2014 Facebook page, send a message to her at https://

www.facebook.com/sue.myers3.

Wellness festival idea explored

Salt Spring's Conscious Wellness Group hosts a world cafe discussion next Wednesday to explore the possibility of holding a major health and wellness showcase event.

Group member Inga Michaelsen of Freebird

Coaching will lead the May 28 session at the Salt Spring Library Program Room from 7 to 9 p.m.

As discussed so far, the event would take place on Salt Spring Island in the spring of 2015.

A previous mention of this event in the Driftwood's spring Health & Wellness guide had a different date listed.

For more information, contact Michaelsen at inga@freebird-coaching.com.

RCMSAR hosts sale

RCMSAR Station 25 and the Gulf Islands Marine Rescue Society invites islanders to take in the third annual marine garage sale this coming Saturday at the Search and Rescue building at 294 Fulford Ganges Rd.

The sale runs from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and there will also be a silent auction with prizes donated

from local businesses.

People with something marine-related to donate can drop it off on Friday between 3 and 6 p.m., or call 250-537-7248 to arrange for pick-up.

"Come by to meet the crew, find out about joining us, grab some tickets for our firewood raffle and find some great bargains," urges a press release.

"Thanks for supporting your local marine search and rescue volunteers."

BOOK YOUR SPACE NOW!

An informative, glossy, digest size magazine plus website space on our gulfislandstourism.com.

Contact the Driftwood for more information
250 537 9933

gulfislandstourism.com



PHOTO BY ARJUNA GEORGE

HATS OFF: Saturday's annual "boot drive" saw local firefighters raise over \$4,500 for SSI Babies, an outreach support group for at-risk young families. From left are Sharon Rocha, Chantelle Pohl (Sparky), Peter Andress and Michael Surman.

Consent order in place

QUESNEL
continued from 1

TUP applications based on concerns from neighbours, many of whom want to preserve the rural character of their residential neighbourhood.

According to conditions of the consent order, Quesnel will not be allowed to take any recyclable materials onto his property after June 30 and must remove all materials related to the business by July 31. Should Quesnel sign an agreement to buy or lease a property where his business can be conducted in accordance with local bylaws by June 30, the Trust's deadline will be extended to Sept. 1.

"Consent orders have the same force and effect as an ordinary order by the Supreme Court of British Columbia, but avoid the high costs associated with a hearing in court," Drew added.

FIRE

Dry conditions prove fire risk

Brush fires sparked over past week

Warmer and drier weather and human-burning activity has already led to three island brush fires in the last week.

"Residents and guests to the island are advised to take extra caution while burning," said Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue chief Tom Bremner. "Please observe and control fires when they are burning in order to

protect our homes and our forested environment."

An afternoon burn pile ignited a field on Robinson Road on May 14. The fire was quickly doused by firefighters in two trucks with 200 gallons.

A weekend-party beach fire spread onto the neighbouring bank at Baker Road on May 19. Seven firefighters, three trucks and 600 gallons were used to extinguish the blaze at 1 a.m. RCMP also attended.

A third fire on Bishops Walk was

ignited by a small burn pile at 11:30 a.m. on May 20. It was extinguished with 550 gallons. Eight firefighters responded to the scene in three trucks.

"Permits are currently required for all burning and are available at the Ganges fire hall," Bremner said. "The Ministry of Forests is predicting a hot dry fire season due to a low snow pack last winter. Unless people are very careful, we might be very busy."

SSIFR also responded to three smoke-sighting reports last week.

COURT REPORT

RCMP stalker told to keep distance

Court issues former islander \$500 recognizance

A former island resident has been released on a \$500 recognizance after he pleaded guilty on Wednesday to criminal harassment of a Salt Spring RCMP officer.

Jesse Timmins has been

ordered to stay clear of the officer, the officer's family and any place where family members work or attend school.

Court heard that Timmins was stopped and arrested by local RCMP after he was caught following one of their own through Ganges in May 2013.

The officer noticed Timmins watching him outside the Country Grocer store on Lower Ganges

Road. The RCMP constable became suspicious when he realized Timmins was following him out of the store's parking lot. Soon after the officer drove into the nearby Mid Island Co-Op gas station, he saw Timmins drive past and park his car nearby.

That's when the officer called the local RCMP detachment about being pursued, according to Crown counsel Jody Patsch.

The incident occurred between approximately 1:10 and 1:30 on Thursday, May 2, 2013.

Timmins, who no longer lives on Salt Spring and works in northern Alberta, agreed to conditions of his recognizance in Ganges Provincial Court. These include staying clear of the officer and the officer's family, keeping the peace, and not possessing any weapons or knives, unless required for his work.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Political change anticipated

Island representatives share plans for November

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With six months to go before British Columbians cast their ballot in local elections across the province, the shape of Salt Spring's political future has begun to slowly emerge.

Sheila Malcolmson, a trustee from Gabriola Island who chairs Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee and Islands Trust Council, announced earlier this spring that she will not seek a fifth consecutive term.

The decision coincides with the federal NDP's official approval of Malcolmson as candidate nominee for the new Ladysmith-Nanaimo riding. A timeline has not been confirmed, but Malcolmson's riding supporters report that NDP members could be asked to choose their candidate by the end of June.

Having devoted much energy over the past 12 years to issues such as the threat of oil spills, derelict vessels, affordable housing, First Nations reconciliation, fisheries collapse and climate change, Malcolmson said she realizes how local issues are rooted in federal policies.

Nanaimo-Cowichan NDP MP Jean Crowder's decision to not run in the 2015 federal election offered the perfect opportunity, Malcolmson added.

"Our coast and communities are threatened and I'm strongly called to be a voice for the coast in Ottawa," she said in an interview last week. "There was an opening, and our biggest threats are from Conservative federal policies."



SHEILA MALCOLMSON

Newly elected Islands Trust LTC members will elect a new Trust Council chair and three vice-chairs in December.

Peter Grove, one of Salt Spring's two locally elected LTC representatives, confirmed last week that he will chase another term in

November.

"I have especially valued becoming deeply involved with the community and its issues," wrote Peter Grove in a statement submitted to the Driftwood. "We live in one of the most desirable places in the world and I am proud of the small part I am able to play as a trustee in protecting and enhancing this special place. And yet there is much to be done."

Grove notes many unresolved issues, including employment, governance, housing, availability of industrial land, completion of the downtown boardwalk and a broader Ganges village plan among reasons he has decided to seek another three-year term.

"I feel that I have only just begun," he added.

Grove's LTC counterpart, George Grams, said he is considering his position and has yet to decide about pursuing a second term.

Wayne McIntyre, the Capital Regional District director for Salt Spring Island, said he too is still undecided.

"Personally I am focusing on community priorities which are appropriately taking my time and energy," McIntyre wrote in an email. "I will make a decision on running again at a later date."

"For now, full speed ahead on the business at hand."

The North Salt Spring Waterworks
flowing fresh and clean

TO ALL SALT SPRING RESIDENTS & VISITORS
HELP PRESERVE MAXWELL LAKE and THE MAXWELL WATERSHED

Maxwell Lake is a vital island water source, and the only protected community watershed left on the island. Please help protect this valuable island resource.

The Board of Trustees of North Salt Spring Waterworks District wishes to remind everyone that Maxwell Lake is Private Property and a Community Watershed and is NOT open for hiking, swimming, picnicking, mountain biking or off-road vehicles such as motorbikes and ATVs.

These activities will slowly erode the watershed; as trails and pathways expand and harden these channels create a direct route for nutrients and silt to enter the lake during the rainy season. This nutrient loading will negatively impact water quality. The risk of wildfire during the summer months is enormous and the devastated watershed would take many years to return to its natural state.

The cost of treating water to meet the appropriate standards and regulations will only increase with degrading water quality. The efforts being made today to protect the lake and surrounding watershed may mean deferring or minimizing the capital cost required to treat the water for years.

The North Salt Spring Waterworks appreciates your cooperation in their ongoing efforts to preserve this valuable natural resource.

Thank you,
North Salt Spring Waterworks District
Board of Trustees

For more information visit our website www.northsaltspringwaterworks.ca

FIRST NATIONS

Grace Islet campaign resurfaces

Petition nears 600 signatures

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Opposition to construction of a private residence on a First Nations' burial islet in Ganges Harbour has reached the BC legislature thanks to a pair of provincial politicians with deep island connections.

"I have to go at this head on and the reality is that there seems to be a double standard for sacred places; those standards need to change," said Adam Olsen, interim-leader of the Green Party of B.C. "A general lack of respect for these sites

continues."

Olsen will present a petition to Saanich-Gulf Islands NDP MLA Gary Holman before the end of the month. Holman will, in turn, present the document in the legislature.

Petitioners want the provincial government to designate Grace Islet as a heritage site and compensate the owner for any loss of real estate value. Even more significant is the petition's demand that representatives from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations work with First Nations and local government officials to prevent a recurrence of similar disputes else-

where in the region.

"Let's learn from our mistakes," Olsen said. "At the very least, if this has gone too far let's make sure that we don't repeat this."

As of Monday, nearly 600 people had signed Olsen's petition, well above his 500-person goal. Olsen said he hopes the petition will encourage Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Minister Steve Thomson to stop the project.

Thomson, a Liberal MLA who represents Kelowna-Mission, said the Grace Islet case has met all requirements under the province's Heritage Conservation Act.

"The decision strikes a balance between the rights of the private property owner and the province's obligation to protect First Nations archeological sites," he said. "Given the province's history, purchasing every piece of property that contains human remains is neither necessary nor fiscally practical."

Thomson said steps have been taken to make sure development on the islet avoids all remains and burial cairns.

The Capital Regional District issued a new building permit to property owner Barry Slawsky and builder Wilco Construction on March 21.

SOLAR ENERGY

Solar panels pledged

MP May and party support campaign

Elizabeth May, MP for Saanich-Gulf Islands and leader of the Green Party of Canada, is urging Salt Spring residents as well as those from the wider region, to chip in to support the installation of solar panels on the roof of Gulf Islands Secondary School.

"This exciting project will allow the GISS gym roof to generate 20 kilowatts of electricity, with energy savings used to provide student scholarships for the next 30 years. I have decided to give a 60th birthday present to myself by buying one of the required 78 panels," said May.

The MP's 60th birthday

is coming up June 9, and on June 7 she will be at the GISS graduation ceremony to present the Green Party of Saanich-Gulf Islands annual Scholarship for Engaged Citizenship to one of the graduates. The federal Green riding association is also jumping on board and has decided to purchase two panels.

The project is jointly supported by School District 46 and the Salt Spring Community Energy Group. The solar array will help meet energy conservation goals as well as provide for electric vehicle charging stations at the school. There are opportunities to incorporate this project into the curriculum. Everyone will be able to view and monitor the live data over the web.

TEACHER NEGOTIATIONS

Government lead plays hard ball

Little movement in contract negotiations

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

B.C. teachers will move to strike action next week, being no closer to reaching a deal with the Ministry of Education than when their last contract ended in June 2013.

The BC Teachers' Federation announced Tuesday that phase two of job action initiated in May will go into effect starting May 26, with teachers striking in different zones on rotating strikes of one day each from Monday to Thursday. The action will reach the Gulf Islands School District on Thursday, May 29.

"It's a tool labour has — to withdraw their services — but a strike is very hard on us and the kids. No teacher wants to strike," Gulf Islands Teachers' Association president Deborah Nostdal told the Driftwood during an interview last week.

"We have a patient executive committee and they're bargaining in good faith. But we're not going to give up our class size and composition or our non-enrolling ratios, that's just not on. And 'zero-zero' is not on."

BCTF president Jim Iker said the union was ramping up its efforts in response to a threat that government-appointed negotiator Peter Cameron made on Friday, when he said teachers should get a five per cent pay cut for reduced services they provided under the recent limited job action.

The BCTF union membership voted 89 per cent in favour of job action and has since been acting on the first phase of its program. So far this has meant refusing to supervise extracurricular activities and not responding to written forms of communication from administrators (except those dealing with health and safety matters and job security.)

In the Gulf Islands, all field trips, place-based outdoor learning activities and previously arranged activities that teachers have voluntarily been involved with out of school hours, such as arts performances and sports clubs, have gone ahead. Some teachers have also cancelled field trips for the end of May and June because of the possibility of rotating strikes falling on those days under phase two of the job action.

"We need to stay supportive of each other and realize what we're fighting for. We're fighting for better educational conditions for our kids, and fair wages for ourselves."

DEBORAH NOSTDAL
President, Gulf Islands Teachers' Association

However, phase one did not have the desired effect of moving things along toward a contract settlement. Cameron lobbed his first hardball when he stated the ministry will withhold its portion of teacher benefit payments for June and cancel the final administration day if an agreement isn't reached by the end of that month.

Nostdal asked the school board at its May 14 meeting on Mayne Island what stand it intended to take on this proposal.

"We don't have any room to take

a stand. We are part of a provincial organization; they've paid Peter Cameron to do the job," replied school board chair May McKenzie.

School trustees were part of the bargaining process until last summer, with nine elected trustees from across the province forming the B.C. Public School Employers Association's board of directors.

On July 31, 2013, the province appointed Michael Marchbank, CEO of the Health Employers' Association of British Columbia, to take over their responsibility as BCPSEAs public administrator. Cameron was appointed labour negotiator for the province.

Though movement has occurred on both sides of the table, the distance in the positions seems difficult to overcome. The province was looking for a 10-year deal (although Education Minister Peter Fassbender offered a six-year contract instead on Thursday.)

It also wants to limit the wage increase to 7.25 per cent over the first six years but to zero per cent for the first two years, and it hasn't conceded teachers' right to negotiate class size and composition.

On the other hand, Cameron has said the wage increase and benefits that BCTF is asking for would come to \$576 million, a number that would put the province's credit rating in jeopardy.

Until now, BCTF president Iker has favoured the calm and measured approach to job action, and many teachers agreed with that plan. Others are anxious to accelerate things. But at the same time, teachers haven't wanted to fall into the trap of striking if that's what the government is trying to push them into — as the Supreme Court of B.C. found was the case the last time a strike happened in 2012.

"It's tricky," Nostdal said. "We need to stay supportive of each other and realize what we're fighting for. We're fighting for better educational conditions for our kids, and fair wages for ourselves."

Keep Smiling...



THOUGHTS & NEWS

from Dr. Richard Hayden

What's the cheapest thing, Doc?

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

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

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



Please discuss your budget with your dentist, and always ask yourself if you can truly afford the 'cheapest' option.

We have a smile for you!

199 Saltspring Way, Saltspring Island, V8K 2G2
250 537 1400

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.haydentistry.com

Dr Richard Hayden Island Dental Centre

OPINION



2013 CCNA AWARDS
 Gold - General Excellence | Gold - Front Page | Gold - Environmental Writing (Sean McIntyre)
 Gold - Special Section (Best of 55) | Gold - Community Newspaper Magazine (Gulf Islander)
 Silver - Editorial Page | Silver - Outstanding Reporter Initiative (Sean McIntyre)
 Silver - Feature Series (Sean McIntyre) | Bronze - Sports Photo (John Cameron)

2013 BCYCA AWARDS
 Gold - Sports Photo (John Cameron) | Silver - Cartoonist (Dennis Parker)
 Silver - Special Publication (Aqua) | Bronze - General Excellence
 Bronze - Environmental Writing (Sean McIntyre) | Bronze - Ad Campaign, Collaborative (Leanne Brunelle)



EDITORIAL

\$11-million question

When it comes to seeking ratepayer support for a major infrastructure project, it's tempting for local government bodies to try the easy route first.

That's what the North Salt Spring Waterworks District has done in seeking approval from the approximately 2,500 property owners who could pay between \$350 and \$400 more per year for parcel taxes to fund a new St. Mary Lake treatment plant.

People who don't get their water from St. Mary Lake may not be aware that they will be footing the bill too. All NSSWD property owners, regardless of whether their water comes from St. Mary or Maxwell lake, will pay the same amount.

The Alternative Approval Process being used in this case instead of a referendum assumes ratepayers approve of that huge hike unless more than 10 per cent of those affected sign and submit an "elector response form" to the NSSWD stating otherwise.

Whether or not a new plant is needed is not the question. A new facility with improved treatment functions to replace the current one, which is 42 years old, has been mandated by the provincial government.

The new plant is also separate from St. Mary Lake's chronic health issues. A treatment plant will obviously not impact algal blooms, and other measures taken to improve St. Mary Lake water quality will not eliminate the need for a plant.

The questions to be answered are exactly what kind of facility is needed and how will it be paid for.

Despite the district providing eight pages of information about the plant location, design, cost and treatment process and related topics as published in the Driftwood in March and April, the vagueness about costs can't help but float to the surface.

The NSSWD has commissioned a preliminary design on which it bases its \$10 to \$11-million capital cost figure, and claims to be investigating some other revenue sources to help pay for it.

But without the rigorous discussion fuelled by a referendum, district property owners are giving the NSSWD a blank cheque of up to \$11 million.

We hope enough property owners indicate to the NSSWD by May 30 that they're not swallowing these costs without having a referendum first.



VIEWPOINT by Stephen Roberts

Island Liberals will have their say

This coming weekend, the BC Liberals meet in Kelowna for their biannual convention. There will no doubt be a celebration of the party's election win just one year ago, but there will also be extensive debate of party policy and the way forward.

This is the time in the political process when the grassroots can have a real impact. Ordinary party members come together to shape a political party that will reflect their views. Members can encourage friends and like-minded people to join. They can speak for and against proposals brought by other members.

On southern Vancouver Island, no government MLAs were elected last May. Yet, in the absence of representation in our provincial government, seven local riding associations of the BC Liberals have joined together to ensure Gulf Islands and southern Vancouver Island concerns will be heard by the party leadership in Kelowna.

Thirteen jointly sponsored policy resolutions have been put forward for discussion. A number of island ridings have additional resolutions specific to their local communities.

On ferries, we have put forward the following: "That BC Ferries be recognized as an essential element of the transportation infrastructure of British Columbia and funded accordingly, such that the service is sustainable, affordable, and supportive of our coastal economy and communities."

In addition to our resolution there are others from elsewhere in the province on ferry fares, home-porting and a ferry rate stabilization fund. A fulsome debate of ferries is sure to ensue and the concerns of coastal citizens to be heard.

Several other Vancouver Island-specific transportation initiatives are among our 13, including improvements to the Malahat highway, a comprehensive island transport strategy, and a more flexible regulatory environment for car-, bike- and ride-sharing services and neighbourhood electric vehicles.

We have proposed several innovative environmental resolutions. There is a call for incentives to municipalities to reduce heat and water costs for consumers by building systems of independent resource recovery treatment facilities. There is a request for support for "gasifiers" to address CRD composting and bio-solid waste issues.

Mindful of the ongoing controversy in Shawnigan Lake, we have a call to rewrite environmental regulations to prevent proponents from applying for a permit for a contaminated waste dump within a certain distance of a watershed that residents depend on for drinking water.

We have a resolution on funding for small and medium-sized arts and culture organizations in our communities, and another on financial literacy education.

Recognizing taxes have risen somewhat of late, we also call on the BC Liberals to renew their commitment to lowering the overall burden of taxation and government services fees on citizens as we continue to develop our economy and balance the provincial budget.

During the provincial election last year, there were candidates who said their party's platform and policies were perfect. Acknowledging the need for unity in an election campaign, however, that can really never be the case. There will always be specific issues on which members of the same party disagree.

It's at a convention policy debate that we try to persuade our fellow members to our point of view. Will all of our resolutions be accepted? Unlikely. But we give voice to our priorities and highlight issues to our colleagues. We have to be the change we want to see.

We currently lack elected government MLAs on the south island, but islanders will continue to advance island issues within the governing BC Liberal Party at the Kelowna convention.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident and was the BC Liberal candidate for Saanich North and the Islands in the 2013 provincial election.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Is a NSSWD plant referendum necessary?

 Yes No

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

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you support Bike to Work week?



Driftwood

Published every Wednesday by Driftwood Publishing Ltd.

Tony Richards, MANAGING DIRECTOR
 328 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3
 Ph: 250-537-9933 Fax: 250-537-2613 Toll Free: 1-877-537-9934
 Email: inquiries@gulfislandsdriftwood.com
 Website: www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday
Subscription Rates: In the Gulf Islands \$52.50
 Elsewhere in Canada \$88.20* Foreign: \$235.00*
 Digital Edition: \$39.85 anywhere | Prices include GST
 Digital Edition with Print Edition subscription additional 1yr \$12.60 | 2 yr \$18.90

Editorial:
 Sean McIntyre,
 Elizabeth Nolan

Front office:
 James Burton,
 Johanna Walker

Advertising:
 Elena Dunn,
 Jennifer Lannan



Amber Ogilvie
PUBLISHER
aogilvie@gulfislandsdriftwood.com



Gail Sjuberg
MANAGING EDITOR
news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com



Lorraine Sullivan
PRODUCTION MANAGER
production@gulfislandsdriftwood.com



We acknowledge the financial support of the Government of Canada through the Canada Periodical Fund of the Department of Canadian Heritage.

International Standards Serial Number 1198-7782

Member of: Canadian Community Newspapers Association, B.C. & Yukon Community Newspapers Association, B.C. Press Council



ISLAND VOICES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Purchasing every piece of property that contains human remains is neither necessary nor fiscally practical."

STEVE THOMSON, BC FORESTS AND LANDS MINISTER

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked:

How would you encourage more people to bike to work?



STEPHANIE MOORE
I encourage less cycling. The roads really weren't set up for it and it scares the heck out of me as a driver.



NICHOLAS MORREAU
I've seen quite a few cyclists already. It seems well promoted.



MATTHEW HOLLINGSWORTH
I think improved bike lanes on some of the tougher corners are needed.



ALEX GAY
Make it not a death trap by making more bike lanes.



CRYSTAL FOURNIER
As a bicyclist, they should make the roads wider so we don't have to ride in the ditch where it's skiddy and dangerous.

Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication. Read and reply to letters online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com under the Opinion tab.

Garbage everywhere

In response to Doug MacDonald's May 7 "Unintended consequences" letter about the cost of garbage disposal, I would like to point out that the cost for this service has gone up everywhere.

My household produces one green garbage bag per week. In Edmonton, where I live for part of the year, it costs \$33 per month for garbage pickup. That's \$8 per bag, so \$4 on Salt Spring seems like a bargain, even if I have to stop in on my way to the store to take it to Blackburn Road myself.

Services cost money. Employees want to be paid and prefer to get regular raises. Owners expect to make

a living out of the operation. There are taxes, equipment purchase and maintenance, and the cost of removing the garbage from the island. All these expenses continue to go up. Naturally, this is passed on to the consumer. Nobody will run a business at a loss just to keep prices artificially low.

There are low-lives everywhere; Salt Spring Island is no exception. The cost for garbage disposal could be zero and some people would just toss their trash into the bush to save the trouble of dealing with it properly. Other people will do just about anything to save a few dollars. Generally it's not that they can't afford it, it's just because they don't care.

JANE GARTRELL,
SALT SPRING/EDMONTON

Consent order signed

Re: Salt Spring Island Metal Recycling bylaw enforcement action, I am writing with new information about Islands Trust Bylaw Enforcement's efforts to stop further violations of the Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw by John Quesnel and Salt Spring Island Metal Recycling operations at Rainbow Road.

John Quesnel, owner of Salt Spring Island Metal Recycling, has signed a consent order agreeing to remove all vehicles, vehicle parts, scrap metal cardboard and other materials related to the commercial salvage operations by Salt Spring Island Metal Recycling from his Rainbow Road property on Salt Spring Island. He has fur-

ther agreed by consent order to stop using the property for recycling operations in the future.

According to the consent order, Mr. Quesnel is prohibited from taking onto the property recyclable materials effective June 30, 2014 and he is to remove from the property all materials related to the Salt Spring Island Metal Recycling business by July 31, 2014.

If, however, he is able to prove to the Islands Trust by June 30 that he has an agreement to purchase or lease a property where a commercial salvage operation is a permitted use, both deadlines will be extended to Sept. 1, 2014.

Consent orders have the same force and effect as an ordinary order by the Supreme Court of British Columbia but avoid the high costs associ-

ated with a hearing in court.

Islands Trust Bylaw Enforcement will monitor compliance with this order and if necessary take further steps to ensure compliance with the order.

MILES DREW,
BYLAW ENFORCEMENT
MANAGER, ISLANDS TRUST

Referendum needed

I have been trying to find out the engineering reasons why the new North Salt Spring Waterworks District project is designed to produce between two and four times the current capacity of the existing system, which meets current demand. No one in the NSSWD will discuss this with me.

I believe the future need

for water should be married to the Islands Trust policy toward future business growth and residential subdivision policies. Borrowing \$10 million for something that may not be required is in my view an expense we do not need.

I will be filling out the form this week disagreeing with the proposal.

I would be interested in your views on this. Some 260 land owners are required to file the form objecting to put this to a full vote, during which time it may be possible to ask the question of those involved and get an answer that is meaningful.

BILL COTE,
SALT SPRING

MORE LETTERS continued on 9

Water plant funds an inappropriate use of AAP

BY PAUL MARCANO

I am not qualified to argue the merits of the current \$10.4-million proposal by North Salt Spring Waterworks, but just as Doug Smith wrote in a Driftwood letter a few weeks ago, the use of the "Alternative Approval Process" instead of a genuine ratepayer's referendum on this important issue is highly inappropriate for a project of this size.

With its huge impact on property taxes in perpetuity I argue for voting "no" on this purely on democratic principles to discourage other groups and improvement districts from attempting this highly suspect tactic to slide through on mega projects.

A lot of people argued about a mere \$50 per year tax increase for the recent fire hall, which was defeated by fair referendum and I say kudos to the fire department for having the temerity to put it out there openly for all ratepayers to decide. Not so with North Salt Spring Waterworks looking for a \$300 to \$400-per-year tax increase!

Other groups like the Salt Spring Transportation Commission, who dutifully placed the appropriate cryptic notice for an AAP in the Driftwood actually won a tripling of our transit tax overnight through this apparently very effective little alternative to our democratic process called the "Alternative Approval Process."

The reality is that unlike an election or a referendum, this "default yes taxing approval instrument," which used to go by the simple name of a "counter-petition," was often used only to pass very minor approvals for small tax increases on small issues. It has now morphed into this Alternative Approval Process, which requires publicly declaring your no vote through a completely inconvenient procedure of finding whatever form they have, the location of it, going to get it and then going back with a signed copy of it declaring for all and sundry that you oppose a particular project. Sound like fun? A new ratepayers association called SOAR — Salt Spring Oversight Association of Ratepayers — has provided links to the printable PDF form if you have a computer and printer (with ink). See www.soaratepayers.com for more info.

The real deal is that sure, water issues are critical and while one might like to let a mega-project like this slide through on fear and ignorance alone, who is to say that we even need a project of this size to deal with the problem? After all, we found out during the fire hall referendum debate that we didn't actually need a \$6.25-million designer fire hall either and that a perfectly reasonable building could be engineered for far less.

INDEPTH

The point is, there is a lot we don't know about how our volunteer groups and districts come up with ideas, whether they are qualified to make the right decisions and what not. And that is why referendum debates work for ratepayers in fleshing out the so-called "devil in the details!" What are the alternatives? Who, what, when, where and why does one solution work over another? North Salt Spring Waterworks has chosen the Alternative Approval Process to specifically avoid such scrutiny and to force customers and ratepayers in their district who oppose their proposal to publicly come forward and go on their records as such.

So now there will be a list of only those who opposed the project and in the event it is defeated and god forbid they have a Walkerton situation on their hands and people actually die, who is going to be hunted down as responsible? This is why democratic decisions are always made in the privacy of a polling booth! We have that right to privacy and the AAP takes that right of privacy away and specifically only for those voting no. Again, on principle we should send these groups, improvement districts and the province itself a message that this is a highly irregular abuse of our voting rights as citizens,

even for small tax increases.

I have personally written all our local politicians on this and not heard back from anyone but a small one-liner from our CRD director that basically said he agreed it did seem out of proportion to use this process for mega-million dollar projects but that if it falls within AAP guidelines then . . . oh well, shrug. Thank you, Wayne McIntyre.

I would suggest that at least 10 per cent of the required ratepayers in the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, roughly 255 of us, should be sure to vote down this proposal by May 30 by signing the "elector response form," not because we're engineers who understand what is needed to solve the leaching of septic fields into the lake or fish stocking or even public swimming in a reservoir, but because we need to stand up to tax increases that are being added to the tax requisition by a defaulted "yes" vote through the inappropriate use of the AAP.

Vote no on democratic principles alone. This project is huge and complex and requires an official referendum for all ratepayers and I think North Salt Spring Waterworks knows it!

The writer is a NSSWD customer and ratepayer.

here's my card

GULF ISLANDS PICTURE FRAMING
is Celebrating 21 years
25% OFF MOST WOOD MOULDINGS
 IN CUSTOM AND STANDARD
 SIZES UNTIL MAY 30TH
100's & 100's OF CHOICES
 #3203 Grace Point Square
 250 537 1299 gabriellejensen@shaw.ca

Paul Zolob
 p.zolob1@gmail.com

250.526.2626
 1.888.537.5515 (Toll Free)

#103-342 Lower Ganges Rd.,
 Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K



Helping you is what we do.

ROYAL LEPAGE

Salt Spring Realty • INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED

Donna's Deal of the Week
BROWNIES REG. \$2.20 ea **SALE \$1.75 ea.**
EMBE BAKERY
 PRESENT THIS CARD MAY 21 - 27, 2014

Blue Velvet Upholstering
 #6-315 Upper Ganges Road

Kim Nash 250.537.4369
 bluevelvet@uniserve.com
 See us on Facebook

BACK ON THE ISLAND

Dan Hardy
Denturist
 Salt Spring office located at
 Gulf Clinic
 241 Lower Ganges Road
 EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1ST
 • New Dentures
 • Reline & Repairs
 • Home & Care Facility Visits
For appointments call
1-250-710-1884

Craft Wine & Beer Making
 Wines, Ports, Beers, Coolers & Ciders
 Local Fruits and Apple Wines
The Wine Cellar
 250.931.1963
 www.saltspringwinecellar.com

Driftwood Classified AD??
 Call Johanna at 250.537.9933
Save 25%
 when you run 13 weeks
 Only \$10.50/week



PHOTO BY KATHY REIMER

FREE TO GO: Releasing coho salmon fry into Fulford Creek on Mother's Day were, from left, James Reimer (the Victoria man from a Salt Spring family who underwent a double lung transplant in 2013 for the second time), Cate McEwen, Andrew Jacobs and Adena Reimer. The fry were part of the most successful year seen at the Cusheon Creek hatchery, which had more than 30,000 coho and chum eggs in its care.

Response from a gentle omnivore

BY JEAN BROUARD

I am writing in response to Victoria Mihalyi's letter of April 30 ("Abattoir appeal points out cognitive dissonance") and E. Graham's of May 7 ("Killing questions").

I do it for love. V. Mihalyi equates our small local abattoir with cruelty, greed and environmental destruction inherent in the modern factory farm. I chose to support this project precisely because it is the antithesis of this approach.

I have not eaten red meat (mammals) for over 30 years now. I did it for love and I still do. I did it for love of a woman, whom I still love deeply, and I was convinced by her arguments about the evils of factory farming. I also did it for the love of animals and their rights to compassionate care.

However, I have no objections to others eating meat, provided the animals were well cared for while alive, treated humanely, and slaughtered quickly and painlessly. The best way of achieving this last objective is to support a small-scale local abattoir.

The animals do not need to be rounded up in the early hours and trucked to a ferry and a distant abattoir where they wait with hundreds or thousands of fellow sufferers (as they did before our local abattoir was constructed). With local slaughter, there is considerably less stress all around, especially for the animals. On lamb days we always have a volunteer (farmer) on hand to keep the animals and their

INRESPONSE

owners calm. Our barn and slaughter area were designed with humane handling principles as developed by Temple Grandin.

There are also fewer carbon costs (trucking and refrigerating carcasses); there is local employment, and better quality food available for local residents.

Happy birds, happy eggs, happy meat, good shit: As a poultry farmer I am always thinking about the welfare of my birds. Do they have access to clean water, clean bedding, good food, sufficient space, pasture, earthworms, whey, seaweed, bugs?

The last thing I would tolerate would be cruelty towards these fascinating creatures. I don't know of a single farmer on Salt Spring who is deliberately cruel to their animals. It is in our interest to keep the animals happy and healthy.

Our eggs are consumed by our family and about two dozen other Salt Spring families (you can walk here and pick them up, or I will deliver if I am going to town for other purposes; one of the reasons why I sing in two choirs).

We have a waiting list for our meat birds and have never advertised them for sale. I do eat chickens I raise myself; I know what they have been fed, where they have been, and how they have been treated. To cap it all, I rake up the poops from their litter

and fertilize my veggie garden and apple orchard — it is good shit.

Omnivore's dilemma? I don't understand V. Mihalyi's accusation of cognitive dissonance. We are omnivores; we evolved to eat meat and veg. Should we eat less? Probably. Should we eat no meat at all? That remains a personal choice.

However, since many people choose to eat meat, should we not produce the meat locally and slaughter the animals locally? Are we better to import our lamb from New Zealand? Or truck our hamburger from a giant slaughtering plant in Alberta, where animals are processed by temporary foreign workers (they do it for less!). Oh dilemma, dilemma.

Killing questions! In answer to E. Graham's question: "How are the animals killed?" Yes, they are stunned and rendered unconscious before slaughter; our head slaughterer grew up on a Salt Spring farm and he learned from his uncle.

There is also always a government inspector on hand to ensure that the animal is healthy and that the slaughter is carried out humanely. We are also subject to periodic audits by government animal welfare officers.

I suggest that E. Graham and V. Mihalyi join the Salt Spring Abattoir Society, and either offer their volunteer services on the animal welfare side, or join the board.

The writer is chair of the Salt Spring Abattoir Society.

RANTS and Roses

Roses

Arm loads of fragrant roses to all those who helped with our second Parents As Literacy Support (PALS) course. Glenys Rudden of the quilters' guild for the beautiful book bags; Salt Spring Air for delivering our books; delicious soups, buns to feed all of us from Barb's Buns, Country Grocer, Fernwood Road Cafe, Oystercatcher, Salt Spring Inn, TJ's, Thrifty's and the Tree House; Heidi Serra and Salt Spring Elementary School for their hospitality; Anna, and

Tara, Janice and Andrea for their energetic help with the children; Rineke and Cathy T., retired teachers extraordinaire for their expertise; and funds from Salt Spring Literacy and School District 64, Gulf Islands to make this possible. Thank you all.

Many thanks to the kind people who helped me up! From the old lady who fell down.

I want to thank everyone who has helped us in the last

few weeks, while we waited to replace our van. Thank you, thank you, thank you to Dennis Beech for your kindness and honesty when I really needed a reliable van for my business. Thank you, Mike and Noella Fraser, for putting up with me, being supportive, checking out my potential buys and sending me off to the right man for the job, and Eric from Beddis Road Garage for keeping me safe on the road to my clients. We could have never pulled off the Jinnyah event at Mahon Hall nor made it to any of our clients or markets last or this week without your cars and truck and moral support. Thank you Whirled Peas (Laura), George Kanu Bowie,

Jaime Marie, Ceridwen and Andrew Ross Collins, Deanna, Carolyn Marie Cook, Kim Tebbutt, Taliesen Wendt, Christina Chu, Glen Marcotte, Mitchell and Cedar Soulfather. You are all angels and Eric and I are feeling so blessed to have you all in our lives. Isis Nesbitt

The Reynolds family fundraising bake sale last Saturday was a huge success. Special roses to everyone who contributed to this event, including Jana's Bake Shop, Country Grocer, Cutie Pies, Thrifty Foods, Barb's Bakery & Bistro, Penny's Pantry, Embe Bakery, Mouat's Home Hardware. Much love to Dora, Mike & family. Carol

Energy of killing

Re: "Civil suit targets CRD officer," May 7 Driftwood.

The world as we know it is in a profoundly precarious place. No matter to what degree we choose, individually and collectively, to keep our head in the proverbial sand, we cannot deny the veracity of the words of Pogo, the possum comic strip character of decades ago: "I have seen the enemy, and it is us."

Every thought we have, and word we speak; every feeling we harbour or express; and everything we do has one source of creative power at its core... energy. Before there is form, there is always energy. People who insist on literally shattering the tranquility and oh so necessary peace of this area by firing off their guns at the Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club are contributing to the aforementioned precarious place our world is in. It matters not that nothing is killed there.

A gun was created for one purpose, and one purpose only: to kill. Therefore, the energy at the core of its form is the energy of killing, of aggression, of death, and often of fear. Every time their gun is fired, the destructive forces that already have this world in their vice grip are further empowered... pure and simple.

KATHLEEN MARION,
MADRONA ROAD

Wheelchair donor?

Roses and lovely lilacs for any person who could donate a used wheelchair in good working order to a store like the Country Grocer, who has done so much for our people, to replace the one that was stolen and for one is donated then I suggest the Pharmasave uptown could use one because people usually have items to pick up like prescriptions, etc. and could use one to replace the one they had that broke down.

I suggest you take a piece of ID like a driv-

er's licence or some other identification and the wheelchair users can get it back when they return the chair.

Disabled people like to get out and do their own shopping. It gets them out of the house and gives them a chance to talk with others.

DOLORES BIRD,
SALT SPRING

Only Planet Cabaret

I've lived on Salt Spring for 35 years and this island and its community never cease to amaze me.

You have only to head down to the Lions Hall on Saturday evening, May 31, for The Only Planet Cabaret to see what I mean. The Only Planet Cabaret could only have come about on Salt Spring. It brings together five islanders with five lifetimes' commitment to and passion for environmental and social justice, who also happen to be fantastically talented performers, poets, singer-songwriters, storytellers and writers.

It takes the most pressing environmental issues of our times and serves them up in a unique mix that's funny and thought-provoking, entertaining and stimulating, moving and inspiring.

And it's a benefit for the GISS Solar Scholarship Fund — how much better (and more Salt Spring) can it get? Tickets are \$15 (\$5 for students) at Salt Spring Books and at the door. Showtime is 7:30 p.m.

MURRAY REISS,
FULFORD

Solar support

A good number of the members and friends of the Salt Spring NDP Club have undertaken to raise money through individual donations to support the GISS Solar Scholarship Project. As of May 16 we have raised or pledged \$2,550 and we continue to raise interest in this activity. An example will

be having donation forms available at our spring bazaar on May 31.

It occurred to us last week that it would be fun and particularly encouraging to the community to challenge not only our members to support this truly fine idea but to invite members of other political parties (and some who may have no clear affiliation) to meet or beat our continuing support.

Anyone who would like more information or a donation or pledge form is invited to drop in at the United Church hall between 9 a.m. and noon on the 31st. There will be pamphlets as well and an opportunity for a local food soup and sandwich lunch.

IRENE WRIGHT,
FOR THE SSI NDP CLUB

Coin box thefts

The local BC SPCA branch is seeing a number of its coin boxes being stolen from businesses. Over the weekend, the box at Barb's Bakery was taken and recently, coin boxes at Salt Spring Roasters and Pharmasave have also been stolen. Boxes contain anywhere from \$20 to \$60 each. The estimated amount of losses to our non-profit shelter is about \$250 so far this year.

While we don't expect return, we do want businesses and people to know that boxes are picked up monthly by a volunteer wearing an SPCA name tag and no other people are authorized to collect the boxes. Please let store owners know if you see someone loitering around or attempting to steal the coin boxes.

Our local branch exists and relies on donations and coin boxes raise about \$4,000 annually, so to have people stealing them is really a low blow to the good work we do.

Information about these thefts can be directed to me at shogan@spca.bc.ca or 250-537-2123.

SEAN HOGAN,
55 BC SPCA MANAGER

Grossly undemocratic

Aside from any legal implications, the NSSWD board's decision to go with an Alternative Approval Process (AAP) in seeking approval for a proposed money bylaw is totally unacceptable.

Sure, the proposal may be controversial but the AAP itself is grossly undemocratic and offensive to voters. Consider:

In a normal referendum, everyone on the "eligible voters' list" gets to vote on voting day. Those who choose to vote are validated at the polling station against this list before being given their ballot. They then cast their vote, privately and anonymously, in a well-screened voting booth so that nobody knows how they voted. That's democratic.

In the AAP process, only those who wish to vote "no" are invited to vote. But to do so they must first complete an Elector Response Form, which then becomes their "secret" ballot. However, not so secretly, this form requires the voter's name, address and signature. And when completed it must be returned by the voter, to the NSSWD offices, either in person (not so private) or by mail to arrive by the May 30 deadline. The whole process is flawed with subtle intimidation.

We are told that only one person (a NSSWD manager) will see these ballots, as he or she validates each one against NSSWD's master roll of eligible voters, and counts the total number of legitimate votes. Presumably, this person will be sworn to secrecy to never divulge the name or identity of any of the persons who submitted a "no" vote on the proposed bylaw.

The NSSWD board defends its decision to use the AAP on grounds that it is much less costly than a normal full referendum. True. But is it really worth trampling on our democracy just to save a few taxpayers dollars? Give me a break!

The irony of all this is that the AAP in question is already underway and so the only way to derail it is to sign up and vote "no," regardless of whether one is for or against the proposed bylaw. Only then can we halt the AAP and go ahead with a fair and democratic referendum process.

So, if you receive a water bill from the NSSWD and are on their eligible voters list, do your democratic duty. Sign up and vote "no," whether or not you are against the proposed money bylaw.

S. SYDNEYSMITH,
SALT SPRING

Hear what you've been missing.

May is Hearing Awareness Month.

ENTER TO WIN!
Hearing Aids valued at \$5000
NEXT DRAW MAY 31st
See website for contest rules.

90 DAY CHALLENGE

FREE HEARING TEST
Fully Refundable 90 Day Trial period.
No Money Down for the first 21 days.

Congratulations to our latest winner!
April Winner
Leona Macht

Discreet Hearing.
Model not exactly as shown.

Working with your Physician for Better Hearing

NexGen HEARING
The Next Generation of Hearing Care
nexgenhearing.com

BBB
ACCREDITED BUSINESS

SALT SPRING 778.353.3012 | **OAK BAY 250.598.9884**
101 - 164 Kings Lane | 402 - 1990 Fort Street, Victoria

here's my card

REYNOLDS
CARPET & UPHOLSTERY CLEANING
FLOOD RESTORATIONS
TILE & GROUT CLEANING

PAUL REYNOLDS
owner/operator
250-537-4208
ssipreynolds@yahoo.ca

JOSH LACY
certified technician
FREE ESTIMATES
"Since 1964"

"When fate and destiny collide, we'll be there."

COMPLETE COLLISION REPAIRS

- *ICBC accredited Express Valet Shop
- *All Private Insurance
- *Wheel Alignments
- *Air Conditioning
- *Auto Glass Replacement
- *Guaranteed Workmanship

Irwin COLLISION
250-537-2513
6155 Highway 101, Victoria
250-537-2513
next road down from the car wash
email: irwincollision@telus.net

1-855-537-4228(4ACT)
Tuesdays by appointment
241 Lower Ganges Road, (Gulf Clinic)
www.acthearing.ca
Leslie Peterson, M.A., Aud (C), R.AUD.,
Registered Audiologist

Act HEARING & AUDIOLOGY

CALL TODAY to find out why people are choosing Act Hearing for their hearing care. You'll want to tell your friends too!

- 90 day trial on hearing devices
- Comprehensive hearing assessments
- VAC health identification cards accepted
- Part of the WorkSafeBC provider network
- Independent and locally owned

SALTSPRING'S FINEST
NATURAL SPRING WATER

PREMIUM BOTTLED WATER
FREE HOME DELIVERY!

250.653.4729
www.saltspringwaterco.com

RHONAN HEITZMANN
SALT SPRING WATER CO.
rhonan@saltspringwaterco.com

Ray Dahl OPTICAL & OPTOMETRISTS

DR. LISE FRASER
Optometrist

SIDNEY CENTRE, 104-2376 Bevan Ave. Sidney, BC. V8L 4Z9
Ph: (250)655-1122 • Fax: (250)655-1057

Crizal lenses
reflection free, care free
www.crizal.ca

ESSILOR

Smythe Roofing

ALL TYPES OF RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
"Quality Workmanship - Reliable Service"

Vince Smythe
info@smytheroofing.com

Ph: 250-213-6316
Fax: 778-746-7310

Dgim DRIFTWOOD GULF ISLANDS MEDIA

328 Lower Ganges Rd.,
Salt Spring Island, B.C.
V8K 2V3 Canada

Email me story ideas for my column:
Streets of Salt Spring!
dwsalty@driftwoodgimmedia.com

D.W. Salty
REPORTER
250-537-9933

arts&entertainment

SALT SPRING INN

BURGER & PINT
All day Monday
\$14.95

OPEN EVERYDAY
8AM 'till LATE
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



D.W. Salty is looking for material for his column, **Streets of Salt Spring Island**

If you have information on any of our streets, please contact us at: 250-537-9933 or dwsalty@driftwoodgimedia.com



16th Annual Music Under the Stars

125 consecutive nights

Music This Week

Wed	May 21	Susan Cogan
Thur	May 22	Black Velvet Band
Fri	May 23	Dan Howlett
Sat	May 24	Geoff Berner, Kris Demeanor and Carolyn Mark
Sun	May 25	Jessica Benini
Mon	May 26	Sweet Water Revolver
Tue	May 27	Open Stage with David Jaquest
Wed	May 28	Gene Grooms

Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner
8am - 8pm daily

Next to Mouats in the heart of Ganges
250-537-5379

CONCERTS

Choir touches Earth in weekend show

Viva Chorale! and youth group

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Viva Chorale! community choir members will direct their vocal talents to producing 'Earthly Sounds' during their annual spring concert, with two performance dates at ArtSpring set for May 24 and 25.

Led by choral director Debbie Toole with accompanist Chris Kodaly, the choir will engage in a vocal celebration of the renewal of life featuring works by Bach, Clausen, Holst, Washburn and more. Emotions as varied as joy, sadness, grief, elation, devotion and love will be expressed through analogy to the natural world, and stretch to embrace tropes such as water, the sun and moonlight.

"I like the spring concert to always have a spring overtone, with the idea of finding music that expresses rebirth, that's perhaps light-hearted, and shows our love for the planet in different guises. And every selection is a reflection of that," Toole said.

"Every piece has its symbolism with our connection with the Earth."

Coming fresh from their second consecutive award at the Victoria Performing Arts Festival in April, Viva Chorale! is ready to take the lessons they learned in that venue and continue to even greater heights.

"I would continue to go even if we didn't win a prize. It's a wonderful growing experience," Toole said. "We get great adjudication and get put through our paces, and it's such a positive thing to do."

This weekend's program



PHOTO COURTESY VIVA CHORALE!

Debbie Toole and Viva Chorale! choir at Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival in April.

starts with Cantemus, which translates to Let Us Sing, and the lyrics of which purely express the joy that singing produces. The group ends with How Can I Keep From Singing, a powerful piece that reflects on the problems and sorrows of this earth and the healing powers of song.

In between these two works, the choir will explore a wide variety of material. The Viva Chorale! chamber group will celebrate May Day and the beauty of spring in Ce Beau Printemps, based on the poem by Pierre de Ronsard. They will also present Music, When Soft Voices Die, based on a poem by Shelley and arranged by Rene Clausen, which deals with the lingering memories after the loss of a loved one.

This spring concert in fact has a special poignancy for Toole, as the last one to have input from her longtime mentor and close friend John Trepp, who recently passed away.

Toole and Trepp were accustomed to speaking on the phone every day about music. He also worked with the choir, contributed song recommendations for the program, and came up with the name Earthly Sounds.

"He was a profoundly generous man," Toole said. "His influence in the choral world was felt throughout North America and parts of Europe."

The Viva Chorale! men will sing one of Trepp's favourite pieces called It Touches the Heart.

Sorrow is part of life but not the whole of it, especially in a concert dedicated to spring's renewal. A theme of water echoing the flow of life will be expressed in The Water is Wide, Shenandoah and the lively gospel Wade in the Water.

Vladimir Konik will bring his percussion talents to lead the group in the traditional Cuban chant Yemaya Asesu, as

arranged by Vancouver's Brian Tate. Dedicated to the goddess of the top layer of water, the chant shows the strong influence of African culture on the music of Cuba. Learning the piece has proved a worthwhile challenge for the choir, who will be visiting Cuba for an international festival in 2015.

"They embody rhythm very differently in Cuba than we do in North America, so that's the challenge, along with language," Toole said.

"Latin music is also not so restricted by the bar lines. Their interpretation is much looser, and we have a hard time with that. It's interesting and it's good for us."

Members of Viva Chorale Youth will join the adult singers for the first two songs of the program.

Show times are 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 24 and 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 25. Tickets are available through ArtSpring.

FAMILY FUN

Old-fashioned fun at annual carnival

15th annual event for kids and families

A favourite family event returns for the 15th time with the Salt Spring Co-operative Preschool's Children's Spring Carnival on Sunday, May 25.

Running from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Farmers' Institute, the carnival gives kids a chance to enjoy a slew of games such as plinko, balloon darts, bean bag toss, fishing, lollipop pull, basketball toss, and dig for treasure, to name a few.

Between games they can catch a magic show, get their face painted or participate in arts and crafts.

Bouncy castles will be on site, along with live music for kids of all ages. Entertainers include Sweetwater Revolver, Jim Raddysch, Ruwadsano Marimba Band and others.



JIM RADDYSCH

Family members will enjoy a range of delicious food offerings, from burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers and dogs, to other goodies like juice boxes, popcorn (with a flavour bar) and frozen chocolate-covered bananas.

Raffle and auction tickets will be sold for a chance to win a number of fantastic prizes.

Admission is \$10 for families, \$5 for adults and \$2 for kids.

All proceeds of the event will go to support Salt Spring's long-running non-profit cooperative preschool.

WARRY MANX

FULFORD HALL
MYSTICISSIPPI BLUES
FRIDAY JUNE 6, 8PM

PRICE: \$30

TICKETS AVAILABLE: SALTSRING BOOKS or ONLINE at WWW.BROWNPAPERSTICKETS.COM

SERA CAHOONE

Southend Grooveyard

Saturday, May 31
7:30pm Showtime

Tickets \$20 at Salt Spring Books, Fever Tree and Stuff & Nonsense or at southendgrooveyard.com
Pre-show dinner at 6pm, BYOB
Doors at 7pm

All proceeds go to the artist



EXHIBITIONS

Impressions and space explored

Three artists show work

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Layers of texture, time and memory are the source material for Evelyn Russell's solo show at Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art, with new hand-pulled prints and handmade paper collage providing the medium for expression.

Under the sweetly evocative name Rain Storms & Tea Cups, the show is a window into the artist's interior process, and a glimpse into her way of seeing the outer world. This includes a strong base in her island community, and a focus on its fascinating mixture of dichotomies such as old and new, natural and industrial, hip and homey.

"First and foremost inspiration comes from the beautiful landscape and culture of the Gulf Islands," Russell explains in her artist's bio. "Secondly from what I like to call 'the space between,' the unknowable which exists where the ocean meets the air, or one hand meets another, the place where two disparate qualities blend."

Russell's main medium is the collograph, a form of printing in which the artists builds up a three-dimensional plate and then runs the final sealed and inked piece through an etching press. She uses materials such as pieces of cardboard, glue, grasses and "bits off the forest floor" to create the plates, which results in a print that is itself three dimensional, with texture creating a complex visual space.

Russell puts much work into determining exactly how the ink should be applied to emphasize components of her design. Adding to the texture and the richness, she often collages and stitches together pieces of different collograph prints. Good examples of this process include Post and Beam, with a central panel featuring a patterned globe in black ink against a brown background. Overset posts in rippled grey frame the central panel, and are bookended by darker vertical panels. The colour choices and architectural motif help create the idea of stone, with eons of geological time exposed through the cross-view.

Russell also has lovely handmade paper that incorporates her old sketch books as base material. This appears in pieces like Feathers in the Wind, where the thread used to stitch the paper to the backing becomes an important part of the work. Handmade paper is also used in collaborative sculptures made with ceramic artist LeeAnn Norgard, a series of lovely, whimsical works that embody the Japanese concept of wabi-sabi, an aesthetic that celebrates the imper-



Above, Post and Beam by Evelyn Russell; below is piece from Blurred Boundaries series by Gail Sibley.



fect and the incomplete.

Over at Gallery 8, Gail Sibley has been exploring a fairly wabi-sabi-like ideal herself, as she pushes beyond her comfort zone of expertly crafted still lifes and portraits. Known for her vividly rendered pastel paintings, Sibley has recently added some lighter tones to her palette box and lightened her touch to focus on the process, rather than the end result.

The exploration can be seen in her Vertical Landscape series, which are abstracted down to a series of marks representing the fine components of light and colour that make up a scene.

The Emergence series creates a bridge between abstract and representational, with figures coming through a bright colour field, almost like an infra-red image of heat signatures. The first of the series contrasts a figure in green against red and orange, with no definition between background and foreground. The effect is akin to tapping into an energetic reality, as well as being visually stimulating.

The Blurred Boundaries series is a stunning set of variations on one scene, a classic view of a nude female model seen from behind, holding a draping cloth behind her back. Sibley's intent here was to break the line

that defines background from figure, and to dissolve differences while emulating paint's ability to create layers, dripping and texture. She beautifully renders the model's curves through areas of deep shadow and bright highlight, while creating a softness running from hazy background to the model's skin to the fabric.

Sibley's joint exhibitor is the talented basket maker Heather Martin-McNab, who always shows a playful willingness to experiment with traditional techniques. Her fine work with wrapped linen thread can be seen in a trio of works in turquoise and aqua tones, each with a completely different form and character. Raven's Song is a dish-shaped work in black linen thread over fibre rush, with the spaces between sections, two large black glass beads and a woven flower at its centre providing delicate balance to the darkness.

In Experimentation, Martin-McNab gives a hurricane lamp's oversized lightbulb a woven base and decorative looped ropes. An untitled work reveals how a gifted artist can turn a 75-foot length of rough rope into a welcoming functional piece.

Russell's show is at Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art to May 29. Emergence is at Gallery 8 until June 10.

SALT SPRING'S VERY OWN

Community Cookbook



Back by Popular Demand!

Calling all Cooks!

Submit your favourite recipes!

E-mail: news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com

Fax: 250-537-2613

Or drop-off in person. Deadline for submissions is Thursday, May 29.

Published by the Driftwood Wednesday, June 11

Driftwood
YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER SINCE 1960



Your donation gives our doctors x-ray vision.

Help us replace our aging CT Scanner with one that is faster and that provides more detail to our doctors. See your donation do wonders.

it's our hospital
www.sphf.ca
250-652-7531

Saanich Peninsula Hospital
FOUNDATION
your community, your health

Viva Chorale! with Viva Chorale Youth presents EARTHLY SOUNDS
Saturday - May 24 - 7:30 pm
Sunday - May 25 - 2:00 pm
Ticket Centre: 250-537-2102 www.artspring.ca ARTSPRING Island Arts Centre Society

REAL ESTATE

The next Gulf Islands Real Estate magazine is published June 25 2014. The ad deadline is June 18, 2014. For information please call 250.537.9933 or email sales@gulfislandsdriftwood.com.

www.gulfislandsrealestate.ca

In North America new homes are getting smaller

From the early 1990s to the beginning of this century, "bigger is better" certainly was the mantra of the home-building industry. All across North America buyers could browse among home developments boasting homes of 3,000 square feet or larger and multiple bedrooms and bathrooms. But according to new data, home buyers are seeking less space today but more in green amenities.

Research by the Canadian Home Builders' Association has found that many people now desire smaller homes with multipurpose rooms and energy saving features. They're not ready to trade in their two- and three-car garages just yet, though. Plus, a survey of International Furnishings and Design Association members forecasts that McMansions will become a thing of the past and more emphasis will be placed on smaller, more eco-friendly homes. Family rooms will grow larger, as will kitchens. Other rooms in the home will disappear, including the living room.

Many homeowners and potential home buyers realize that with girth comes a cost. In today's fragile economy, the ability to cash in on the dream of homeownership may come at the compromise of a smaller, better-planned home.

According to Tim Bailey, the manager of Avid

Canada, a research and consulting firm for the building industry, "While many consumers are willing to forgo space, they are not equating this with having to forfeit functionality. Design creativity is requisite to adapt to this changing preference."

Here are some things that you will and will not find in newer homes moving forward.

* The dining room is becoming extinct, with larger, eat-in-kitchen/entertaining spaces the norm. The kitchen will be the main room of the home and be renamed the "kitchen lounge."

* Separate rooms are evolving into spaces that serve many different purposes.

* Although the sizes of bathrooms may be scaled back, the amenities will not. Spa-style bathrooms with luxurious products, high-tech features and televisions will be on the rise.

* The master bedroom suite may not shrink in size, but it could be combined to form a home office and exercise space.

* Expect to see more high-tech offerings, such as voice- or motion-activation devices in the home. Lighting, entertainment gear, heating/cooling systems, and even blinds could be hooked up to a master control system.

* Thanks to an increasing number of people working from home, the presence of a dedicated home office is a given in newer homes.

Nearly 40 percent of industry forecasters say that they expect one in every home.

* Home storage solutions will also be a vital component of new homes. Builders will create clever solutions for mixing storage into more compact spaces.

* With aging Baby Boomers comprising a larger segment of home buyers, expect to see more one-level homes, or at least homes where there is a master suite and the majority of the living space on the first level.

Part of what is driving this trend is the cost of

homes in relation to space and the increased interest in environmental conservation. Smaller, more efficient homes require less in terms of heating and cooling energy. They need less furniture, and new materials made from sustainable products help further fuel green initiatives in the building industry. Energy efficient homes are a main priority for buyers. Although the homes may be smaller, they will not be minuscule. And home buyers can expect a host of amenities that will make the smaller size of homes barely perceptible. SH122770



Sotheby's
INTERNATIONAL REALTY
Canada

Chris & Darlene Hobbs

250.537.1778
chobbs@sothebysrealty.ca dhobbs@sothebysrealty.ca
sothebysrealty.ca



119 Quail Crescent **\$957,500**
Set on 1.12 southwest facing oceanview acres, this meticulous Oscar Woodman designed residence welcomes with quality and character throughout a beautifully arranged 4210' floorplan. Large workshop. Lovely gardens. A wonderful west side home!



293 Wright Road **\$1,639,000**
Pastoral 20 acre farmhouse with modern rural luxury in every design - wise detail. Energetic 3882' floor plan. Knockout kitchen. Office & media lofts. Indoor & outdoor fireplaces. Ocean view pastures with sheep station. Horse friendly!



641 Sunset Drive **\$497,500**
Brilliant west side light and epic sunsets highlight this cozy 1273' Linwood rancher on 6.42 alpine acres. Wood floors. Vaulted ceiling. Bistro kitchen. Multiple walkouts to wide welcoming sun decks. Prime location with direct trail access!



128 Mariners Lane **\$1,890,000**
Exceptional 1.5 acre oceanfront home on the sun drenched shores of Maracaibo. Classic Schubart elements with 3549' of family friendly spaces ideal for modern lifestyles. Private guest loft. Vast view - filled entertaining decks. A fine ocean home!



163 Seaview Avenue **\$678,500**
Hip and historic, this dynamic village home enjoys a walk to all location from its park side setting. Inviting 3839' design with an easy elegance throughout. Stunning master retreat. Lower level guest suite. Timeless design yet like no other!



262D Fulford Ganges Road **\$585,000**
Premier 2455' home in the small, friendly enclave of Bishops Green. Master suite with dual rooftop sun decks. Walk out guest level with private access. Dual level garage/workshop. Fine design with easy care in mind!



Lot 10 Quarry Drive **\$495,000**
High level 1.25 acre oceanfront lot with iconic Sansum Narrows views and sensational south/west exposures. Level building bench. Town water. Dedicated trail to the shore. A wonderful opportunity to build on this upscale oceanfront ridge!



146 Sandpiper Place **\$748,500**
Sweeping ocean views, stone walled gardens and sensational sunsets set this custom craftsman home apart. Intricate interior beam work. Chefs kitchen. Fir floors. Oversized garage. Huge covered entertaining deck with sea-view spa!

Extraordinary Marketing
OUR 2014 MARKETING STRATEGY IS DESIGNED TO DELIVER

Salt Spring Realty

#103-342 Lower Ganges Rd. Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2X4



190 HOLMES - Private South End waterfront home & studio on 5 sunny acres. Custom engineered, architect designed post & beam construction. 3 bdrms, ea with ensuite. Quality materials & finishing throughout, custom doors, premium hardware, skylights, custom built kitchen. Large sundeck with a southfacing sunroom. Large 800 sq ft studio w/2 pce bath. Driveway partially paved. **\$980,000** MLS #332333



148 CORMORANT - If quality is important add this to your must see list. This 3 bdrm, 3 bath home has been designed with south & west views in mind. This well built CUSTOM home offers both main floor living & a lower level with extra bdrms & bath. This location offers all day sun as well as amazing views. Call to view this great family home situated in an upscale area of the island. **\$639,000**



SUNNY VESUVIUS - Spacious level corner lot, home has plenty of room for a growing family. 3 bdrms & 2 baths, spacious kitchen/family room combo opening onto a large deck. High ceilings, large bay windows & formal dining room. Fully finished, above ground lower level with separate entry. Level lawns with 2 natural ponds. Great outdoor play areas & backyard entertaining. **\$425,000**



330 DUKES ROAD - 12 ACRES WITH 2 CLEARED BUILDING SITES Centrally located, this acreage has a barn and feed storage building which is presently used as a 2 bedroom, 2 storey home plus a two storey garage. Live in the barn while you build your new main house and guest cottage on the cleared building sites. Services already in to the main building site. Drilled well 215 ft deep, 2.5 gpm as per well log. **\$485,000** MLS #329412



RUSS CROUSE
250.537.7654

Buying or selling a home is one of the most important decisions we make.

Call to get our experience and dedication working for you.

Phone 250.537.5515
1.888.537.5515



PAUL ZOLOB
250.526.2626

Helping you is what we do



See Li Read & Be Ready for Summer!



Oceanview Kingfisher townhome, 2 bed, 2 bath, cook's dream kitchen, feature fireplace, wood floors, attached single garage, double length driveway. Walk to all Ganges amenities! An easy care, no hassles option!
MLS# V1056384 \$539,900



Be ready for Summer with this charming cottage featuring a beautiful walk on beach at your doorstep! Wonderful panoramic oceanviews. Sunny & private! Build your dream home in the future! MLS# V1034666 \$599,000



Oceanview 2 bed, 2bath one level home, cook's dream kitchen, gas fireplace, sep studio, fenced vegetable garden. Sunny, quiet property. Don't overlook this one!
MLS# V993100 \$599,000



Private & pastoral 4+ acres, 3 bed, 4 bath home, extensive decking with BBQ area, sep guest cottage, pond, forest, wrap around drive. Just move in! Don't overlook this one!
MLS# V1053654 \$1,150,000



Oceanfront cottage with year round dock & warm ocean swimming. Wood floor, vaulted ceiling, gas fireplace, Sunny S/SW/W exposure. In a area of fine homes. Super weekend/summer getaway! Build your Dream!
MLS# V992509 \$685,000



Oceanview weekender or summer retreat. This is almost oceanfront. 3 bedrooms, enjoy beachcombing, 0.69 acre, great investment/rental option. Sunny & pastoral. Don't overlook! MLS# V995906 \$459,000



One level sweet cottage, verandah style decking, wood floors, spa style bath, sep guest studio, barn, sunny 5.26 acres. Swimming pond. Close to beach. Charming!
MLS# V1037438 \$539,000



Charming 3 bed / 2 bath home in a 5.37 acre forested enclave. Wood floors, media/family room, open plan living/dining/kitchen, fenced garden, outbuilding. Very private, yet close to Ganges.
MLS# V1025466 \$458,000



Visit Li Read at her office at #4 - 105 Rainbow Road, across from Ganges Marina
Contact Li Read today at 250-537-7647 or LiRead33@Gmail.com
Visit www.LiRead.ca for a showcase of fine properties for sale!
See Li for Successful Solutions!



Sell your home!

Optimize your results...make sure your realtor advertises in the Gulf Islands Real Estate Magazine!



Don't miss GIRE magazine in June 25 edition of the Driftwood



Sell your property faster

using the

Gulf Islands Real Estate Magazine

Why choose Gulf Islands Real Estate?

Best Exposure & Frequency

The GIRE has over 9,000 copies distributed seven times per year to many locations including:

- All Gulf Islands Driftwood subscribers
- Gulf Island Ferries
- Mayne, Saturna, Pender, Galiano
- Duncan
- Chemainus
- Nanaimo
- Victoria
- Vancouver and more!

Long History

Gulf Islands Real Estate is Salt Spring Island's original real estate magazine. Published by the Driftwood, a name you have trusted for over 50 years.



328 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island
250.537.9933
www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com



CONCERTS

Geoff Berner and friends ready to thrill at Tree House

Book signing also in store for May 24 visit to Salt Spring

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Klezmer punk Geoff Berner will return to Salt Spring this weekend for an evening at the Tree House Cafe, along with musical friends Kris Demeanor and Carolyn Mark, promising the type of show that can only come from three creative individuals who share a deep knowledge of and respect for each other's work.

"It will kind of be an incestuous hootenany. That's the plan anyway," Berner said about the May 24 appearance. "We'll probably just get on stage and swap songs. I've known both of them for about a million years . . . We're not as young as we used to be, but the up side of that is we all have a lot of songs."

Berner's accordion antics are well known on the island, with his razor sharp social commentary punctuated by deeply human emotion. The variation can swing from The Rich Will Move to the High Ground to the hauntingly beautiful Light Enough to Travel, which was famously covered by The Be Good Tanyas.

With a hectic touring schedule that frequently takes him to international venues (including a spring tour of Europe with Corb Lund), the Vancouver native has recently added to the list with the publication of his first novel, Festival Man. The narrative is written from the perspective of a disgraced promoter who seeks out only the most interesting musical "weirdos" to represent.

In fact, those fictional weirdos correlate with Berner and his friends, who are busy creating some of the most unique and well-crafted music on the Canadian scene today.



Geoff Berner.

WWW.GEOFFBERNER.COM

deprecating lyrics have established her as one of the nation's leading folk artists.

"Really, only Neko Case has sung with Mark and come away unscathed," said one reviewer about her vocal prowess. Another reviewer calls her "a songwriter of innate irreverence and live performer with few peers," as well as being more than deserving of the title of her eighth studio album, "The Queen of Vancouver Island."

Demeanor, a one-time Poet Laureate of Calgary, has been called "musically adventurous and lyrically stunning." Blending spoken word, hip hop, folk-country and rock into his act, his powerful storytelling comes across with trademark humour. The last time he was on Salt Spring, he spontaneously created a hilarious new song about islanders' need to listen to some other — any other — Bob Marley album besides Legend.

When sharing the stage, it's

not uncommon for Demeanor to sing one of Berner's songs, to be followed by the reverse. Berner's novel Festival Man comes with a soundtrack that expands on this tradition, with artists including Demeanor and Mark performing his songs.

As he explains, some of the people who appear get radio play and have sold thousands of records, while others are essentially unknown, but all are amazing musicians and performers.

"It's pretty cool to have this album of 15 songs that I made up recorded by these 15 people. It's a pretty big deal for me," Berner said.

People who are curious about the secret backstage world of the Canadian folk scene will have a chance to hear Berner do a reading and get books signed at Salt Spring Books at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday. The Tree House show goes from 7 to 10 p.m.



ISLAND NATURAL HEALTH
250-537-0035

What is Island Natural Health?

Salt Spring's new naturopathic clinic. Owned and operated by island-raised Dr. Patrick Callas, ND. Naturopathic Physicians provide complete primary medical care with a focus on prevention and natural remedies. Our goal is to work with our patients to provide them with up-to-date information and treatment options.

SERVICES PROVIDED:

- Acupuncture & Traditional Chinese Medicine
- Botanical medicine • Chelation
- Homeopathy
- Hormone balancing • Nutritional consulting
- In-house labs for food sensitivities, hormones, and heavy metals
- Integrative cancer care
- Neural therapy • Prolotherapy
- Pediatrics
- Spinal adjustments

For a full list of our services and treatments offered, visit our website:
www.islandnaturalhealth.ca

The clinic is currently open Monday-Friday 9-5.
Dr. Callas is also available for house-calls by appointment.

YOUR Health

for 2014

4 Ways to Spring into Health

- 1. Prevent allergies** – testing & treatments.
- 2. Detoxification** – clear your body of harmful chemicals. Find out what detox is best for you.
- 3. Eat seasonal foods** – nutrition for optimal health.
- 4. Play** – correct imbalances to resolve chronic pain.

ASK US ABOUT OUR SEASONAL SPECIALS

- Acupuncture
- Cancer Care • Pain Management
- General Family Practice

DR. PATRICK CALLAS, ND
250-537-0035

COMPREHENSIVE NATURAL HEALTH CARE
190 LONG HARBOUR ROAD
INFO@ISLANDNATURALHEALTH.CA

Set in a Saltspring 'country' garden, our family dental practice offers you:

- A pleasant, warm atmosphere with friendly, professional staff.
- Our commitment to serve your needs by providing all aspects of general dentistry including the treatment of joint pain and bite imbalances, crowns and bridges, and root canals on molars as well as front teeth.
- A thorough and successful programme to prevent and eliminate gum disease.
- Our commitment to present and explain all treatment options and to offer a choice of available materials.

We would be delighted to have you as a new patient and we look forward to providing you with the highest quality dental care.

DR. WM. E. LEA & STAFF

DOROTHY PRICE

CERTIFIED YOGA TEACHER

250-653-4655

"Come and see what you have been missing"

Yoga For All Levels
Yoga for Beginners
Rejuvenating Retreats *SSI
*Tofino *Tulum *Tuscany

Visit my website for class schedules & retreat info
WWW.SANTOSHA-YOGA-RETREATS.COM

ISLAND WHEELS

a driftwood guide to island transportation, sales, service, accessories and more!

CLASSIC CARS

'Corvette forever' owner passes half-century mark

Don't ask if the car is for sale; it's not

BY ALYN EDWARDS
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Ann-Shirley Goodell ordered her new Corvette roadster on Jan. 15, 1962 at King Chevrolet in Cincinnati, Ohio. The car cost \$3,747.85 with taxes and licence. This was slightly more than her annual salary as a nurse.

A native of the British Columbia interior city of Trail and a University of British Columbia nursing graduate, she had moved to Ohio for her graduate degree and a research job. Her father, who worked at the Trail metals smelter for 40 years, suggested she get a new Oldsmobile, drive it for two years, bring it into Canada without import duties and then he would purchase it.

But the Oldsmobile proved to be a lemon with constant brake problems. Since Ann-Shirley loved Corvettes, she went back to her original plan to buy one and "keep it forever." Her short ownership of the Oldsmobile cost her \$800. The fawn beige Corvette arrived



Ann-Shirley Goodell with the top down in her 1962 Chevrolet roadster in 2012.

in time for spring top-down motoring and Ann-Shirley is still cruising in her Corvette more than half a century later, having racked up at least 300,000 kilometres.

"I drive it every day. This has been my baby all these years," says the former nurse and hospital administrator. Now, as a gender specialist and consultant in corporate social

responsibility, she uses her skills volunteering in developing countries. "Unfortunately my car has to stay home."

She keeps her beloved Corvette in a downtown Vancouver parking garage across from the contemporary two-level condominium she shares with Rob Goodell — her husband of 50 years.

"He married me for my car but all he got was the bills," she says with a grin.

Before she was married, she filled all available space in the Corvette with her wedding clothes to make the 3,900-kilometre trip from Cincinnati home to Trail. The Corvette was her wedding car. It was also driven on Rob and Ann-Shirley's honeymoon in the B.C.'s Okanagan region.

The couple brought the Corvette with them when Rob's work took them to San Diego and then to San Francisco.

"I carpooled taking the kids to school and sometimes had four kids strapped into the passenger seat with a collie dog on the floor," she recalls. "One could hardly do that today."

CORVETTE continued on 16

MOTORING NEWS

Godzilla snacks on Fiats in film promo

Rally record and fuel cells also in the headlines

METROLAND MEDIA

Leading up to the May 16 release of Warner Bros. Pictures' and Legendary Pictures' hugely anticipated epic action adventure Godzilla, Fiat Brand North America launched a new TV commercial.

The 30-second spot features Godzilla rampaging through an American city, targeting anyone driving a Fiat vehicle.

The visual effects were created by the Canadian visual effects house Moving Picture Company, the team responsible for bringing Godzilla to life in the film, who achieve the same level of cinematic finish and dramatic impact in the spot.

The new commercial unleashes Godzilla on the streets of a major city, where he devours a number of Fiat 500 vehicles. While a helicopter hovers overhead, a yellow four-door Fiat 500L zips through the streets below, unsuccessfully trying to evade Godzilla's path.

But Godzilla gets much more than he bargained for with the Fiat 500L when he scoops it up.

Godzilla is back! "And it looks like he's craving Italian!" The spot achieves a striking cinematic feel through its detailed environments, realistic atmosphere and the awe-inspiring power of Godzilla himself.

Fuel cell milestones

General Motors' fleet of fuel cell vehicles recently passed three million miles of hydrogen-powered, real-world driving.

Some individual vehicles have accumulated more than 120,000 miles. By GM's estimate, using hydrogen to power these vehicles, the fleet has avoided 157,894 gallons of gasoline consumption.

This specially equipped fleet of Chevrolet Equinox fuel cell vehicles are part of GM's 119-vehicle Project Driveway program, which launched in 2007. Since then, more than 5,000 drivers have provided feedback on the functionality and drivability of fuel cell technology.

Last year, GM announced two fuel cell-related collaborations. In July 2013, GM and Honda announced a long-term collaboration to co-develop next-generation fuel cell and hydrogen storage systems, aiming for potential commercialization in the 2020 time frame.

In addition, GM and Honda are working together with stakeholders to further advance refueling infrastructure, which is critical for the long-term viability and consumer acceptance of fuel cell vehicles.

Subaru and champ take aim at record

Subaru will mount a fresh assault on the four-wheeled lap record on the world-famous Isle of Man TT course, using the new 2015 WRX STI performance sedan that will be driven by British rally champion Mark Higgins.

The current record stands at 19 minutes and 56.7 seconds, set in 2011 by Higgins at the wheel of the previous-generation Subaru WRX STI.

Higgins achieved an average speed of 115.36 mph around the famous TT



Subaru WRX STI will challenge record.

Mountain circuit in a production-spec version of the iconic model.

As with the previous record-breaking run, the new WRX STI is a standard Subaru production car (U.S. specification), equipped with a 300-hp 2.5-litre horizontally opposed turbocharged Boxer engine, unmodified brake calipers and road-legal tires.

The springs and dampers have been adjusted slightly to minimize any potential damage when the car encounters the many bumps — and jumps — at high speed along the course. The WRX STI is also equipped with requisite safety features, including a roll-cage, race harness and fire suppression system.


Subaru will complete three timed runs under closed road conditions on May 31, June 2 and June 4.

In his previous record attempt on the course, Higgins created one of the most memorable race videos when he had a self-described "moment" at the bottom of Bray Hill at 150 mph. Clips of the attempt have received almost 10 million views on YouTube since 2011.



SIDNEY AUTO SALES

NEXT TO PEDEN RV


 <p>2001 Chevy Tracker 4 cyl, auto, 4x4 \$4,995</p>	 <p>2003 Toyota Echo 4 door, sedan, 4 cyl auto \$3,995</p>
 <p>2006 Nissan XTrail 4x4 4 cyl, auto, loaded \$7995</p>	 <p>2008 Accent Hatchback 4 cyl, auto, loaded 73k \$7995</p>
 <p>2005 Chevy Malibu 6 cyl, auto, loaded \$5995</p>	 <p>2002 Acura TL 6 cyl, auto, leather \$5995</p>

2002 Honda Accord - 5 sp..... \$4,995
2002 Nissan Sentra..... \$4,995
2003 Pontiac Sunfire 85k..... \$4,995
2006 Ford Focus Wagon \$5,995

Open 6 days a week

10077 Galaran Rd. (NEXT TO PEDEN RV)

250-655-0611



ISLAND WHEELS

Beautiful classic Corvette will belong to owner for life

CORVETTE

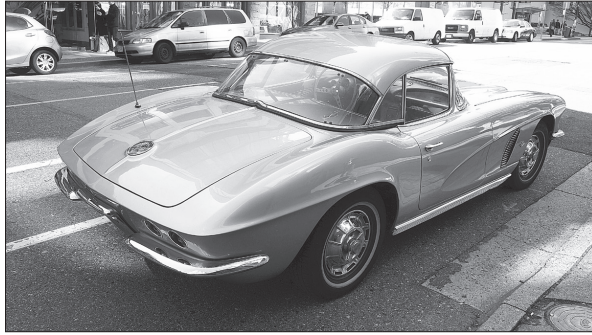
continued from 15

Her two sons loved the car when they were growing up and each drove it for the first time to their high school graduation ceremonies, having polished it till it shone. Now, Ann-Shirley's two 10-year-old grandsons are smitten with the Corvette and love to go for rides in it with their dads.

She originally purchased the car with only a convertible top. But she soon found out she needed a removable hardtop for winter driving and acquired one. Her favourite driving is done with the top down. She carries a matching beige umbrella beside her and, if it starts to sprinkle, she puts the umbrella up while stopped in traffic.

"It only rains in the car when it's not moving," she says.

The Corvette has all its original parts, including a rare floor-shifted three speed manual transmission. Recently it has spent a good deal of time in California where Ann-Shirley and Rob like to spend the win-



Clockwise from top left: side and rear view of the car with the hardtop in place, interior view and a rare floor-shifted three-speed manual transmission.

ters.

"But now it is home where it belongs," she says.

Ann-Shirley can't count how many offers she has had from people wanting to buy her car over the past five decades.

"Everyone wants to talk about my car. People are amazed to know that I am the original owner," she says. "Every time I took it out in California, especially with the top down, people would try to buy it."

There have been several mis-

happenings over the years, including a collision with a car driven by a Vancouver motorist who went through a stop sign, damaging the front end. A friend's car rolled down a driveway into the back end after being left without the parking brake set and there was another fender bender in California with a motorist making an illegal u-turn.

As a result, Ann-Shirley is very protective of her car.

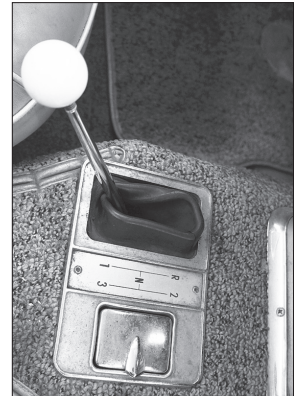
"I look for parking spots away from other cars and I don't like

to take it out at night and leave it parked," she says.

If you see Ann-Shirley driving her 1962 Corvette around downtown Vancouver, don't bother trying to buy it.

"It's not for sale," she says. "It's my car for life and it will always stay with me."

Alyn Edwards is a classic car enthusiast and partner in Peak Communicators, a Vancouver-based public relations company. aedwards@peakco.com



**MANY
BRILLIANT
MINDS
DECIDED
MAKING
REALLY
SAFE CARS
WAS A
NO-BRAINER.**



XV STANDARD FEATURES:

Symmetrical full-time all-wheel drive • 2.0L DOHC, 16 valve 4-cylinder BOXER engine • 5-speed Manual Transmission with Hill Holder System • Bluetooth® mobile phone connectivity • Power door locks and windows • Heated front seats • Power-adjustable heated door mirrors • Air Conditioning • And more



2014 XV CROSSTREK TOURING SMT SHOWN



Confidence in Motion

2014 XV CROSSTREK™

JAPANESE ENGINEERED VEHICLES STANDARD WITH SYMMETRICAL AWD

STARTING FROM \$26,570*

LEASE/FINANCE 24 MOS., AS LOW AS 0.5%**

OR

CASH INCENTIVE \$1,000†



2014 IMPREZA

JAPANESE ENGINEERED VEHICLES STANDARD WITH SYMMETRICAL AWD



STARTING FROM \$22,015*

LEASE/FINANCE 24 MOS., AS LOW AS 0.5%**

OR

CASH INCENTIVE \$1,500†

VISIT YOUR LOCAL SUBARU DEALER FOR INCREDIBLE SPRING SAVINGS. WESTERN.SUBARUDEALER.CA



BOB SAUNDERS

SAUNDERS SUBARU
1-888-849-3091 • 1784 Island Highway

Drop by today...
Coffee is always on!

DL#5032

www.saunders.subarudealer.ca



DAVID SAUNDERS

*MSRP. Excludes tax, license, title, and destination charge. **Lease requires 24 months, 10,000 km per year. Actual mileage may vary. **Finance requires 24 months, 10,000 km per year. Actual mileage may vary. †Cash incentive requires purchase of a new vehicle. See dealer for details. ©2014 Subaru of Canada. All rights reserved.

ISLAND WHEELS

TRAVEL BOOKS

Salt Spring author celebrates Canada's greatest road

Nostalgia thrives in Exploring Old Highway No. 1 West

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Clark Saunders vividly recalls his family's biannual road trips between Winnipeg and North Vancouver.

Come the summer holidays, his parents and two siblings would load up their 1953 Austin A-30 or 1957 Ford Fairlane and drive. They'd pass curiously named towns like Moosomin, Antelope, Qu'Appelle and Boston Bar, chase down an endless horizon, crick their necks under towering mountain passes and eagerly anticipate the smell of the sea.

"I remember my older brother hanging on to the strap of the roof rack just so the thing wouldn't blow off on this curved road," Saunders said. "It was a very long drive."

Saunders' early journeys in the passenger seat may have fuelled many of his road trip memories, but it wasn't until he and a close friend drove the iconic Route 66 between the American Midwest and southern California that he was moved to give Canada's greatest highway some of the respect it deserves.

"Route 66 has a big literature and it has a lot of guidebooks; so if you want to drive it and you want to keep in mind the heyday of the route . . . there's books that will tell you what to watch for, but there was really nothing like that for the Trans-Canada," Saunders said during an interview at the Salt Spring United Church, where he serves as minister.



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Rev. Clark Saunders with Exploring Old Highway No.1 West.

"There were books that read like journals, but they were really spotty. When you got to Winnipeg you got three or four pages about Winnipeg and then, all of a sudden, you're in

Saskatchewan."

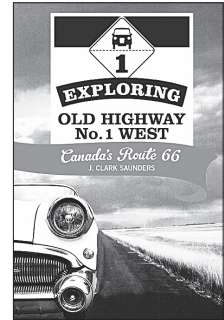
With apt sidebars, intriguing historical and modern-era imagery, and illustrative maps, Saunders' Exploring Old Highway No. 1 West takes readers on a drive through time, from the Ontario-Manitoba border to Canada's West Coast.

There are many pit stops along the way. Readers stop by Winnipeg's Rae and Jerry's steak house, take in the sunshine-yellow canola crops of eastern Saskatchewan, visit the space-age Tel Star Motel in Brooks, Alta. and behold the majesty of Canada's best Rocky Mountain parks.

Mighty in scope and imagination, Canada's great asphalt dream is often dwarfed by the power and grandeur of the transcontinental railroad. Whereas the railroad sparked a young nation's hopes for the 20th century, completion of the 8,030-kilometre (4,990-mile) Trans-Canada Highway in 1962 tells the story of Canada's postwar rise. It recounts the tale of mighty motor cars, waitresses on roller skates and summertime family road trips.

Saunders' book merges his early childhood memories with trips undertaken between 2011 and 2013 and an intriguing review of Canada's automotive history.

"As soon as people had their own cars in the postwar era . . . the idea that you could just get into your car and go was immensely appealing," he said. "It's all part of that car culture, which is something we probably can't



maintain much longer given the state of the world, but it is of an era."

Regardless of how far technology and transportation have evolved in the 50 years since the end of the period Saunders writes about in his book, the lure

of the road survives. Whether one is moving across the country, taking a family vacation or on an extended business trip, the mythology of the road still packs as much romance, adventure and mystique as ever before.

"The book is a nostalgia piece in many respects," Saunders said. "It's nostalgia for [my generation], but my hope is that there will be vicarious nostalgia for people who are younger than my generation."

Exploring Old Highway No. 1 West: Canada's Route 66 is published by Heartland Associates. Visit www.heartlandbooks.ca for more information.

Copies are available at Salt Spring Books. A reading/signing event is also scheduled for First-Metropolitan United Church in Victoria on Monday, June 16 at 2 p.m.

Legendary wagons, low mileage, great prices!



2012 Nissan Murano SL
STOCK NUMBER: 86395

\$28,888 ONLY
50,463 km



2007 Hyundai Santa Fe GL
STOCK NUMBER: 86401

\$14,888 ONLY
96,197 km



2006 Volvo V70
STOCK NUMBER: PLEASE CALL

\$14,888 ONLY
126,301 km



2006 Volvo V70 2.5L Turbo
STOCK NUMBER: 86403

\$14,888 ONLY
117,258 km



2000 Volkswagen Passat
STOCK NUMBER: 86373-1

\$9,888 ONLY
123,078 km



2003 Infiniti I-35
STOCK NUMBER: 13065-2

\$8,888 ONLY
129,802 km

PROUD AUTO DEALERS TO THE GULF ISLANDS

Jim Pattison
Volvo of victoria

2735 Douglas St.
(corner of Hillside & Douglas)
LOCAL & TOLL FREE
866-433-6289



DL #10900

What's on this week



Wed. May 21 Thur. May 22 Fri. May 23 Sat. May 24 Sat. May 24 Mon. May 26 Wed. May 28

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Simply Organic. Last free organ recital of the season with Don Conley. All Saints By-the-Sea. 10:10 a.m.
Susan Cogan. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
SIMS Year-End Concert. ArtSpring. 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Dying With Dignity Meeting. Guest speaker is lawyer Jim Pasuta on the topic of wills and power of attorney. Salt Spring Library. 1:30 p.m.
Legal Advocacy Community Education Sessions. Training & supports for advocates (limited attendance) from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Community information event for everyone from 6:30 to 9 p.m., covering residential tenancy, financial and legal resources info. Lions Hall.
Special Olympics AGM. Choices. 6:30 p.m.
Texas Holdem Poker. The Local. Sign-up at 6:30 p.m.
SongJam. A 21st century rock/pop sing-along; we provide the lyrics and you provide the harmonies. Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Cowboy Ted. Live at The Local bar. 6 p.m.
Black Velvet Band. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Open Mic Night. Hosted by Johnny Manouvers & Random Johnson. Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Library Book Club. Meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Library Program Room. Contact Nan at nan.lefebure@gmail.com for book info.
The Salt Spring Kidd Pivot Project - Dance Workshop. With Crystal Pite and dancers from Vancouver's Kidd Pivot company. Antler Ridge Studio (211 Horel Road). 1 to 3 p.m.
Margaret Thompson and Aaron Shepard. Poets read from their most recently published works. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 4 to 5 p.m.
Crossing the Event Horizon DVD Screening. DVD series about the new physics of a unified field theory as applied to energy and consciousness. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 7 p.m.
Dance Temple: Beyond the Temple. Art Barn, 150 Suffolk Rd. 7:15 p.m.
Wildlife and Cultures in East Africa. Trail & Nature Club photo presentation by Gwen McDonald. United Church, lower level. 7:30 pm.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Soul Shakedown. The Local. Free appies at 5 p.m., followed by live music at 6 p.m.
Dan Howlett. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
The Emperor's New Clothes. Adapted musical of the classic tale performed by Salt Spring Centre School students. Mahon Hall. 7 p.m.
Compassion Gorilla. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

The Salt Spring Kidd Pivot Project - Dance Workshop. With Crystal Pite and dancers from Vancouver's Kidd Pivot company. Antler Ridge Studio (211 Horel Road). 1 to 3 p.m.
Margaret Thompson and Aaron Shepard. Poets read from their most recently published works. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 4 to 5 p.m.
Crossing the Event Horizon DVD Screening. DVD series about the new physics of a unified field theory as applied to energy and consciousness. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 7 p.m.
Life After Life - a Channeling Event. Tina Louise Spalding shares communications from some famous names who have passed over into the after life, guided and organized by her teachers and guides Ananda. Ram Spring Wellness Sanctuary. 7 to 9:30 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Barley Bros. The Local. 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.
The Emperor's New Clothes. See Friday listing. Mahon Hall. 4 p.m.
Geoff Berner, Kris Demeanor & Carolyn Mark. Three of Canada's finest singer/songwriters on stage. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Viva Chorale! Earthly Sounds. Choral selections for exciting spring concert. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
Seth Martin. Folk singer plays intimate house concert. Neptune Farm, 209 Byron Rd. 8 p.m.
Dougal Bain McLean & Sam Weber. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Saturday Market in the Park. Centennial Park. 8:30 to 4 p.m.
RCMSAR Marine Garage Sale. Multiple marine related items plus firewood raffle and silent auction. Fundraiser for local Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue unit. 294 Fulford-Ganges Rd. 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
The Salt Spring Kidd Pivot Project - Choreographic Project. For participants from Friday's workshop. Register by emailing slanger@sd64.bc.ca or at the door. GISS Dance Studio. 9 a.m. to noon.
Life After Life - a Channeling Event. Ram Spring Wellness Sanctuary. 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Pathway Celebration. Lower Ganges Road pathway is feted by elected officials, volunteers, cake, Ubuntu singing and more. Meet at the bus stop across from Country Grocer. 11 a.m.
European Champions League Soccer Final. Live on the big screen in the Legion Lounge. 11:30 a.m.

ACTIVITIES

Afternoon Tea in the Garden at Wavehill Farm. Gourmet tea snacks and treats. Rain or shine. Tickets through Plan2farm@gmail.com or 250-537-5511. Wavehill Farm. 3 to 5 p.m.
Parent Information Event for Little Nest Forest Preschool. Learn about September pilot program on outdoor learning in forest school model for early childhood. Little Nest Forest Preschool. 3 to 5 p.m.
Geoff Berner Literary Event. Acclaimed Canadian musician gives a reading and signs copies of his novel Festival Man. Salt Spring Books. 3:30 p.m.

Sun. May 25

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Viva Chorale! Earthly Sounds. See Saturday listing. ArtSpring. 2 p.m.
The Emperor's New Clothes. See Friday listing. Mahon Hall. 2 p.m.
Jessica Benini. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Life After Life - a Channeling Event. Ram Spring Wellness Sanctuary. 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Salt Spring Co-op Preschool Spring Carnival. Entertainment, games and great food for the whole family at the Farmers' Institute. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Foosball Tournament. Sundays at The Local Bar. 1 p.m.
An Evening with Maude Barlow. The Salt Spring Forum hosts Canadian icon and internationally renowned political activist, policy critic and non-fiction author. GISS Multi-Purpose Room. 7:30 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Sweet Water Revolver. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

ToddlerTime. For parents and children under four. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 10:30 a.m.
Bike to Work Week Celebration Station. In front of TJ Beans. 4 p.m.
Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission. Public meeting at the Portlock Park portable. 5 p.m.
Salt Spring Fire Protection District. Public trustees meeting at the Ganges Fire Hall. 7 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Gene Grooms. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Library Writers' Group. Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Public Library, Room 103. 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Conscious Wellness Group World Cafe. Inga Michaelsen of Freebird Coaching will host a conversation about holding a health & wellness showcase event on Salt Spring next spring. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 7 p.m.
Salt Spring Garden Club. Guest presenter is plant hunter/gatherer Kenton Seth. Meaden Hall. 7 p.m.
SongJam. See last Wednesday's listing.
Texas Holdem Poker. See last Wednesday's listing.

Tues. May 27

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Stage. Hosted by David Jacquest. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Family Fitness. Ages 0-6. Portlock Park. 10:30 a.m.
Salt Spring Vipassana. The Gatehouse. 7:30 p.m.

IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT FOR THE EVENTS CALENDAR EMAIL: news@gulfislands-driftwood.com

IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT FOR THE EVENTS CALENDAR EMAIL: news@gulfislands-driftwood.com

CINEMA

Muppets Most Wanted packs in enough clever gags, catchy songs and celebrity cameos to satisfy fans of all ages. The film stars Tina Fey as a feisty prison guard, and Ty Burrell as an Interpol agent. Disney's Muppets Most Wanted takes the entire Muppets gang on a global tour, selling out grand theaters everywhere. But mayhem follows as they find themselves entangled in a crime caper headed by Constantine-the-World's Number One Criminal and a dead ringer for Kermit the Frog.

EXHIBITIONS

Rain Storms and Tea Cups, an exhibition of hand-pulled prints and collage by Evelyn Russell, runs at Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art until May 29.
 Pastel and paper artist Gail Sibley and basket maker Heather Martin-McNab are in the spotlight at Gallery 8 with their joint show Emergence running until June 10.
Peter Luckman exhibition of photography of underwater life in the Salish Sea is at Fernwood Road Cafe until June 14.
Impressions - Prints by Benita Sanders, Richard Tetrault, Nicola Wheston, Mark Stevens Jan Smith and Richard York show at Duthie Gallery to May 27. Gallery hours for May are Friday to Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment.

- Gwen McDonald and Curt Firestone** show photos in the Harbour House Hotel lobby and restaurant through May.
- Art Simons** artworks are at kiZmit cafe and gallery through May. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.
- POD Contemporary Gallery** shows a Sophia Burke photography exhibition until May 16.
- Above & Below,** an exhibit of work that gives viewers a look above and below local waters, is on display in the Library Program Room through May. Participating artists are Melodie Herbert, Libby Jutras, Ingrid Korner, Jackie Meredith, Bernadette Mertens-McAllister, Judy Nurse, Herb Otto, Ellen Mae Simmonds, Margaret Threalf, and Doug Wahlsten.
- Balancing Act:** Interim Report is the latest body of work from Jeanne Lyons. The exhibit, which is featured in the ArtSpring lobby from May 1 to May 30, includes works on paper using graphite, coloured pencils and pastels. The exhibit is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on weekends and evenings when performances are scheduled.
- Gulf Islands Picture Framing** in Grace Point Square shows new releases by the late LeRoy Jensen. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Jerry Witmer** shows imaginary landscapes in acrylic at Island Savings until mid-July.
- Roger Donnelly** has artwork hanging at Penny's Pantry.

www.driftwoodgulfislandsmedia.com/calendar/events/ view our new online comprehensive interactive calendar of events listings

John Perkins
 Activist & Best-selling author speaks at ArtSpring
 Presented by the Green Raven Centre
 Saturday, May 31st 7:30pm
THRIFTY FOODS™
 Ganges, Mout's Centre • 7:30am to 9pm • Customer Service 250-537-1522

imagine - comfort on wheels

UNCLE ALBERT'S FURNITURE
 107 2nd St. Duncan Mon.-Sat. 9-5pm
 1-800-593-5303 Sun. 11-4pm

people&community

D.W. Salty is looking for material for his column, Streets of Salt Spring Island

If you have information on any of our streets, please contact us at: 250-537-9933 or dwsalty@driftwoodgimedia.com



VOLUNTEERISM

SOLID members report on Kenya trip

Donations aid communities

Three Salt Springers and a former resident recently returned to the island from a four-week mission to Kenya on behalf of SOLID.

Shirley McIntyre, Lynda Turner, Nancy Wigen and Jackie Stibbards personally delivered money and best wishes from the island to complete a number of projects, primarily in Western Kenya.

Christmas projects that were sponsored by SOLID and strongly supported by the local Anglican parish resulted in 250 hens and 14 roosters being delivered to Kenyan grandmothers who are caring for their orphaned grandchildren. The grandmothers in Shianda district had organized themselves into seven groups and received the chickens as well as money for chicken houses and wire.

Thirty goats were delivered to 30 HIV positive mothers, bringing the total to almost 350 goats that have been provided by Salt Spring Islanders over the past four years. The SOLID goat herd has grown to nearly 800 now as all delivered goats are pregnant nannies.

The Christmas fundraising campaign also resulted in 50 solar lights being delivered to Grade 8 students who have no electricity but must write nation-wide exams to deter-



PHOTO BY COURTESY SOLID

Kenyan youth with school uniforms purchased with funds raised at the 2013 Salt Spring Anglican parish Wine and Appies social.

mine whether they will go on to secondary school. With additional money from SOLID, the people of Merritt and Lynda Turner, 103 solar lights were delivered to two disadvantaged schools in the area. Those interested can see a sample of the solar lights at the SOLID Exchange in Gasoline Alley.

On a personal mission, a special wheelchair designed for developing countries had an interesting trip from Canada to Kenya where the fire-engine-red chair was donated

to an eight-year-old girl named Gladwell who suffers from cerebral palsy. The chair enables her to get to and from school and provides her with much greater mobility around the schoolyard and her home.

With money raised by the 2013 Wine and Appies social at All Saints, 199 uniforms were delivered to deserving school children in disadvantaged schools. In Kenya, no uniform equals no education.

A bridge tournament held at the home of Mollie Colson in the fall

of 2013 resulted in 230 hygiene kits being delivered to Grade 7 and 8 girls. The kits consist of three pair of underpants, washing soap, a plastic pail with a lid, and six re-useable sanitary pads. The pads were made by Shirley McIntyre and SOLID supporters on Salt Spring, and by a group in Kenya raising money to help female victims of violence.

The outreach committee of the Anglican parish also provided funds for a rain collection system for one school, and money towards a new water pump for another school.

Fifty layettes were delivered to the local maternity hospital. The layettes included receiving blankets, M'toto dolls and hats knit by the KnitWits at Meadowbrook, re-useable diapers and sanitary pads, sleepers provided by Lisa Sayer, and soap. The pediatric ward was also visited, where hats and knitted bears provided by several islanders were joyously received by children largely suffering from malaria.

The four intrepid travellers had a busy month but the excitement and happiness they saw everywhere made the trip more than worthwhile. SOLID offers many thanks to Salt Spring for their tremendous support of these Kenyan communities.

People can support SOLID by visiting the SOLID Exchange in Gasoline Alley and at www.solidsaltspring.ca.

Article contributed by SOLID.

Complete Automotive Repairs

- Hydraulic hoses
- Electronic engine analysis
- Tune ups • Oil changes
- Four wheel drive service
- Suspension shocks and struts
- Fuel injection • Tires

HAROLD HARKEMA REPAIRS
427 Fulford-Ganges Rd. • 537-4559 • Mon. - Fri. 8-5

iWAV
Island Women Against Violence

SAFE • FREE • CONFIDENTIAL

Salt Spring Transition House & Help Line
250-537-0735 or toll-free 1-877-435-7544

Women's Outreach Services
250-537-0717 or toll-free 1-877-537-0717

Stopping the Violence Counselling for Women
250-538-5568

Children Who Witness Abuse Counselling
250-538-5569

Transitions Thrift Store
#1-144 McPhillips Ave.
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

Please visit our website
www.iwav.org
Funded by BC Housing and the Ministry of Justice

GARDENING

Seth reveals plant hunting logistics

Colorado-based collector visits Salt Spring Island

Salt Spring Garden Club members have a chance to meet a plant hunter and gatherer at the group's upcoming meeting at Meaden Hall next Wednesday.

Kenton Seth is an enthusiastic young plant collector and freelance gardener/landscaper from Grand Junction, Colo.

"He builds mountain-style rock

gardens and rain-powered landscapes there and in Denver to accommodate native, rare, endangered and special flowers," explains press material from the garden club.

"We've all read books about and by plant hunters who bring new wild flowers from nature (at home and abroad) to our gardens. But what is it like to actually do it? What does it entail? What can go wrong? Kenton has dared to dip a toe in the pond where the big dogs swim and has brought a plant-collector-garden-

er's perspective of all the novelty, beauty and the ridiculous ways to make mistakes when plant hunting. Examples from botanising in Turkey, Armenia, the Republic of Georgia, as well as the alien landscapes of Utah, will bring the dirty logistics of hunting green things that can't run away."

The May 28 evening begins at 7 p.m.

Garden club presentations are free for club members. Non-members are welcome to attend for a cost of \$5 at the door.

EVENTS

Ag fundraiser serves tea, food, music

Spring farm series proves popular

Bach, Beethoven and Renaissance music will accompany afternoon tea at Wave Hill Farm this Saturday.

Professional musicians Jim and Laurie Stubbs will be playing at the fundraiser at the Bridgman Road farm.

The event is the second in a series being held on Salt Spring farms this spring to raise funds for project supporting local agriculture.

The first dinner held at the Salt Spring Seeds farm was a great success and the other dinners have already sold out.

Tickets for the May 24 tea can be purchased at Foxglove Farm & Garden Supply or by calling 250-537-5511.

"We are delighted with the support for these events," said Anne Macey of the Agricultural Alliance. "Special thanks to our local farmers for providing produce and meats, and to Natureworks and Country Grocer for supplying additional ingredients for these memorable meals."

Open to Everyone!

- Classic Massage
 - Collagen Facials
 - Book Well in Advance
 - Body Wraps
 - Hot Stone Massage
 - Shiatsu Therapy
 - Manicures, pedicures, waxing
- Call Terra Dimock

Kindly book well in advance

Wellspring Spa
AT HASTINGS HOUSE
250-537-2362 Mon-Sun info@hastingshouse.com

SHIP AHOY!
There's a potential water taxi service on the horizon and we need YOU at the helm!

To ensure a service that will meet your needs for travel between the Southern Gulf Islands & Sidney please complete the on-line questionnaire at:
www.crd.bc.ca/watertaxi

Survey produced by the S. Gulf Islands' Economic Development Commission in conjunction with Moving Around Pender Society, Galiano Island Chamber of Commerce, Mayne Island Chamber of Commerce, SaturnaWorks, & endorsed by the Salt Spring Is. EDC

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

BridgePad brats create havoc

BY JILL EVANS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

May 5, aka Cinco de Mayo. Did you ever wonder what that's about? Well, according to Wikipedia, the date is observed in the United States as a celebration of thanks to Mexico in fending off would-be French support for the Confederate States of America in the Civil War.

And what has this to do with Canada? It seems Windsor, Ont. holds a Cinco de Mayo Street Festival, some Canadian pubs play Mexican music and serve Mexican food and drink, and a sky-diving club near Vancouver holds a Cinco de Mayo skydiving event.

So on that date there were only five and a half tables for duplicate bridge — too much mariachi, piñata-popping and enchiladas? Nevertheless, hotter than chipotle were Jeff Bell and Marcia Jeanne, with Liz and Oleh Mycyk's salsa on fire in second place. Two Gillians (Mouat and [Jill] Evans) paired and danced

to the third spot, with George Laundry and Paul Retallack being the jumping beans in fourth place. Did the rest drown their sorrows in Corona?

May 12 saw seven and a half tables arrive, but not all on time, which resulted in problems with the Bridge-Pad scorers among other things. Paul Retallack and Terry Clement struggle faithfully to provide results each week, but this time to no avail. Said Paul in his blogspot report, "It is vital that players assist the scorers and be present and in seats prior to 7 p.m. when we make a decision to enter parameters regarding pairs . . . problems occur every time we have to scrap a setup and start over . . . because every scrap of info from the first setup must be removed before redoing it. This is time consuming and must be done correctly . . . Please wait until instructed to open the bridgepads and try to take your seats in a timely manner."



womeninbusiness 10th annual trade show



PHOTOS BY JEN MACLELLAN

FUN AND ENTERPRISE: Clockwise from top left at the Women in Business Trade Show on Friday was Wellspring Spa director Terra Dimock giving Cornelia Krikke a brow treatment; Michelle Kay of Mouat's Home Hardware showing some clothing for dogs from Mouat's pet supplies department; and the Ramspring Wellness Sanctuary table swamped by women checking out Savita Young's balancing oil samples. The 10th annual event spearheaded by the Driftwood saw socializing, demos and samples shared at Mahon Hall. Winner of the Hastings House door prize was Kim Young.

COMMUNITY APPRECIATION

Nurses' reunion makes islander proud



PHOTO BY CURT FIRESTONE

Attendees at the reunion for the University of Saskatchewan Nursing Class of 1961 pose for a photo at the Harbour House Hotel.

Salt Spring participant dispenses mega-rose

BY GWEN McDONALD
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Acres and acres of prairie lilies to all the remarkable Salt Spring Islanders who made the University of Saskatchewan Nursing Class of 1961 Reunion at Harbour House Hotel on May 8-9 such a perfect event.

There were too many to mention, but you know who you are!

Special bouquets of lilies go to the two

wonderful community bus drivers who picked up two groups of classmates at the Fulford ferry on May 8, and actually drove them right to the hotel so they didn't have to walk from the visitor centre in the pouring rain. Only on Salt Spring!

Acres of lilies also to everyone we visited on our island tour: Heather Campbell (aka The Bread Lady) for her warm and gracious hospitality and her scrumptious rhubarb focaccia; David Wood for his fascinating orientation to cheese making; Heidi at Salt Spring Vineyards for her well explained tastings; the staff at Sacred Mountain Lavender for the lovely

farm tour and explanation of lavender oil distillation; and to Ava of Salt Spring Brewery for her excellent presentation of the various brews and Zack for his passionate and knowledgeable discourse on beer making.

Acres of lilies also to Harbour House and its remarkable staff, who made the event run so smoothly, and to Valdy who gave a performance our classmates will never forget.

By popular acclaim this was "the best reunion we have ever had!"

Thank you Salt Spring for shining . . . as you always do!

free scrap car pickup

CALL 250-537-2239

MURAKAMI
COLLISION & AUTO REPAIRS
191 RAINBOW ROAD IBCB # 33795

Become a BC Licenced **HOME INSPECTOR**

Registration is now open for the above series of online courses leading to licensing as a Home Inspector in British Columbia.

Ashton

Contact a program adviser at (604) 899-0803 or register online at www.ashtoncollege.com

DRIFTWOOD Classifieds **250-537-9933**

www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com OR 1-855-310-3535 • OVER 20,000 CLASSIFIEDS ON-LINE UPDATED DAILY

PLACE AN AD

In person at 328 Lower Ganges Rd., Ganges
By telephone 250-537-9933 or fax 250-537-2613
By email to driftwood@driftwoodmedia.com
By post to Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Rd.,
Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3

Payment

By cash, debit, Mastercard or Visa. Classifieds are prepaid.

DEADLINES

Class display deadline: Monday 4pm
Word ad deadline: Tuesday 9:30am
Too Late To Classify: Tuesday 1pm



WHAT IT COSTS

3 LINE CLASSIFIEDS:
\$14.00 - additional lines \$1.00 ea
All ads are posted to BCClassified.com
EMPLOYMENT/LEGAL ADS:
3 line rate \$16.50 - additional lines \$1.00 ea
DISPLAY ADS: \$12.88 per col. inch

YOUR AD ON-LINE

All ads booked in the Driftwood Classifieds appear on-line at www.bcclassified.com
Auto ads also listed on line at www.bcautocentral.com

BOOK YOUR AD ON-LINE

Book your classifieds online - open 24 hours a day
www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com or bcclassified.com



Please check your ad after the first insertion. Should an error appear in an advertisement, Driftwood Publishing Ltd. is only liable for the amount paid for the space occupied by the portion of the advertisement in which the error occurred. Driftwood Publishing Ltd. will accept responsibility for only one incorrect insertion.

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS	FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS	FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS	COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS	COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS	LocalWork.ca YOUR BEST SOURCE FOR LOCAL JOBS	LocalWork.ca YOUR BEST SOURCE FOR LOCAL JOBS
IN MEMORIAM	IN MEMORIAM GIFTS	DEATHS	COMING EVENTS	INFORMATION	EDUCATION/TRADE SCHOOLS	TRADES, TECHNICAL

IN MEMORIAM

Celebration of Life for **Tim McBride** will be held on Wednesday, May 28th, 2014 1-4pm at the Salt Spring Golf Club

COMING EVENTS

Salt Spring HOSPICE

Offering grief support services since 1984

250-537-2770
saltspringhospice.org
Supported by **COUNTRY GROCER**

COMING EVENTS

DEATHS

Shelley Marie Day
1956-2014

She lives now in every wondrous thing we see, Her love surrounds us still.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

Bible Believers Fellowship of Salt Spring Island

Sunday service 10 - 11:30 am

Core Inn - 134 McPhillips Ave.
www.bbfssi.org
more info: 250-537-4934

INFORMATION

Alcoholics Anonymous Service Meetings

Salt Spring 250-537-7573
Gallano 250-539-2222
Pender 250-629-3631

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DID YOU KNOW? BBB Accredited Businesses must pass a comprehensive screening process. Look for the 2014 BBB Accredited Business Directory E-edition on your Black Press Community Newspaper website at www.blackpress.ca. You can also go to <http://vi.bbb.org/directory/> and click on the 2014 BBB Accredited Business Directory

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPEN GARDEN AND PLANT SALE

Bearded, Siberian, Spuria, and Japanese Irises, Peonies, Primulas, Phlox, Hosta, Oriental Poppies and more.

Friday and Saturday each week until mid-June or by appointment. Bring your camera.

Ted and Sonja Baker, 185 Furness Road, Salt Spring Island, 250 653 4430

PERSONALS

MEET SINGLES right now! No paid operators, just real people like you. Browse greetings, exchange messages and connect live. Try it free. Call now: 1-800-712-9851

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND - Digital Camera on Fullford Ganges Rd. at Garner. Call to claim 250 653-0062

FOUND - White Lace Sweater left in my truck at Country Grocer Wed. Phone 250 538-7987

LOST - SILVER Celtic Cross earning on May 12th. If found call 403 973-7678

LocalWork.ca
YOUR BEST SOURCE FOR LOCAL JOBS

EDUCATION/TRADE SCHOOLS

APPLY NOW: Pennywise Scholarship for Women to attend Journalism certificate course at Langara College in Vancouver. Application deadline May 31, 2014. Send applications: fbula@langara.bc.ca
More information online at: www.bccommunitynews.com/our-programs/scholarship

INTERIOR HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR SCHOOL. NO Simulators. In-the-seat training. Real world tasks. Weekly start dates. Job board! Funding options. Sign Up online! ineschool.com 1-866-399-3893

HELP WANTED

An Alberta Oilfield Company is hiring experienced dozer and excavator operators, meals and lodging provided. Drug testing required. 1-(780)723-5051.

FAST AND Reliable Plumbing Repairs, 24/7. Call Parker Dean for your next plumbing job. Present this ad and get \$50 off. Vancouver area. Call 1-800-573-2928.

LocalWork.ca
YOUR BEST SOURCE FOR LOCAL JOBS

TRADES, TECHNICAL

RADIUM Technologies Inc. is currently looking for: PIPEFITTER'S Camp work 1477 rotation. In Grande Cache, Alberta. Fax your resume to 780-567-3789 or email resumes@radiumtech.ca

PERSONAL SERVICES

FINANCIAL SERVICES

RAPID DEBT RELIEF... No Interest - LOW Payments
There is Special Government Legislation that allows you to reduce your DEBT by up to 100%
Call KYLE for a FREE CONSULTATION
1-855-812-6767
ABAKHAN & ASSOCIATES INC.
414 - 1207 Douglas St. Victoria
1120 - 625 Howe St. Vancouver
Good people to know in lines of trouble
Serving Communities Throughout Vancouver Island
www.abakhan.com
"We'll help you get a fresh start!"

DROWNING IN debt? Cut debts more than 60% & debt free in half the time! Avoid bankruptcy! Free Consultation. www.mydebtsolution.com or Toll Free 1-877-556-3500 BBB Rated A+

Notice of Annual General Meeting Salt Spring Recreational Holdings Ltd

Wednesday, May 28th 4:00pm
Portlock Park Annex 145
Vesuvius Bay Road
Salt Spring Island, British Columbia

CELEBRATIONS

COMING EVENTS

THEATRE ALIVE!
Presents: A Literary Evening with fiction writers Kathryn Para & Eufemia Fantetti
Thursday, May 22nd, 7:30 p.m. at Salt Spring Public Library Sponsored by Theatre Alive, Mother Tongue Publishing, SS Public Library and The Canada Council. Admission is free - Donations gratefully accepted to support Theatre Alive Literary Programs

CLASSIFIED AD DEADLINE: MONDAY 4PM

COMING EVENTS

PERSONALS

MEET SINGLES right now! No paid operators, just real people like you. Browse greetings, exchange messages and connect live. Try it free. Call now: 1-800-712-9851

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND - Digital Camera on Fullford Ganges Rd. at Garner. Call to claim 250 653-0062

FOUND - White Lace Sweater left in my truck at Country Grocer Wed. Phone 250 538-7987

LOST - SILVER Celtic Cross earning on May 12th. If found call 403 973-7678

GiftCards INTERNATIONAL

HIRING OUTSIDE SALES REPS FOR ACROSS CANADA!

Are you a dynamic, results-driven sales professional who can work independently and close deals? We currently have career positions for assertive and highly-motivated reps to target new clientele and identify new leads for GiftCards International. Must have proven track record, high school or GED, and access to vehicle.

Email your resume to: david@giftcardsinternational.ca

GET BACK ON TRACK! Bad credit? Bills? Unemployed? Need Money? We Lend! If you own your own home - you qualify. Pioneer Acceptance Corp. Member BBB. 1-877-987-1420 www.pioneerwest.com

IF YOU own a home or real estate, Alpine Credits can lend you money. It's That Simple. Your Credit / Age / Income is not an issue. 1.800.587.2161.

UNFILED TAX returns? Unreported income? Avoid prosecution and penalties. Call a tax attorney first! 855-668-8089 (Mon-Fri 9-6 ET)

CELEBRATIONS

JIM STANDEN
Happy Birthday
Love ya honey!
Sheri

COMING EVENTS

Bamboo Ranch HALF PRICE SALE

Saturday, May 24, Sunday May 25, Monday, May 26
9am - 4pm daily

Bamboo, grasses, assorted shrubs and perennials

185 THOMAS ROAD

Salt Spring Island Conservancy OPEN HOUSE

Saturday May 31, 2-5 pm at the Library
Goodies & Drinks

- Find out what the Conservancy does!
- Learn about the 7 Nature Reserves & get free maps!
- Talk to Board/Staff about Conservancy activities!

Salt Spring Island CONSERVANCY
Conservation In Action

TRAVEL

GETAWAYS

LONG BEACH - Uclulet - Deluxe waterfront cabin, sleeps 6, BBQ, Spring Special. 2 nights \$239 or 3 nights \$299 Pets Okay. Rick 604-306-0891

TIMESHARE

CANCEL YOUR Timeshare. no risk program, stop mortgage & maintenance payments today. 100% money back guarantee. Free consultation. Call us now. We can help! 1-888-356-5248

LocalWork.ca
YOUR BEST SOURCE FOR LOCAL JOBS

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

EMPLOYERS CAN'T find the work-at-home Medical Transcriptionists they need in Canada! Get the training you need to fill these positions. Visit CareerStep.ca/MT to start training for your work-at-home career today!

GET FREE vending machines. Can earn \$100,000+ per year. All cash-retire in just 3 years. Protected Territories. Full details call now 1-866-668-6629. Website www.tvvend.com.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

PUR YOUR experience to work - The job service for people aged 45 and over across Canada. Free for candidates. Register online now at www.thirdquarter.ca or Call Toll-Free: 1-855-286-0306.

POWELL RIVER and Region Transition House Society is posting for a full-time "Stopping the Violence Counsellor." For a complete job posting, please email Julie at chamber@telus.net.

THE LEMARE Group is accepting resumes for the following positions: Boom men, Off Highway Logging Truck Drivers, Hydraulic Log Loader Operator, Processor Operators, Chasers, Coastal Certified Hand Fallers, Machinists, Millwright, Heavy Duty Mechanics. Full-time with union rates/benefits. Please send resumes by fax to 250-956-4888 or email to office@lemare.ca

HOTEL, RESTAURANT, FOOD

THE Tahsis Time Grill is seeking a full time cook from July 1 - Aug 31. Position primarily responsible for executing dinner service. Pref given to skilled candidate with min 2 yrs rest. exp. Licensed dining for 40, waterfront location, we offer an ethical workplace and staff housing. Pls email tahsistimegrill@gmail.com. See our facebook page & TripAdvisor for more info.

TRADES, TECHNICAL

ELECTRICIANS WANTED Journeyman and apprentice, full time temp - could be perm. 250 537-6149

HEAVY Duty Mechanics JM & Exp 2+ yr Apprentice to join our team, camp work on the Westcoast of BC. Comp. wages/benefits. Email resume to js29bd@shaw.ca Black Diamond Mechanical.

HOME/BUSINESS SERVICES

BUSINESS SERVICES

LOOKING FOR your own business? Flake ice has a proven market on Salt Spring for farming products, ice-bins, drinks & food, etc. Have a high capacity flake ice making machine for sale (4x4x4 fish tubes every 6 hrs.). \$7000. o.b.o. View at Cushcoe Cove, 107D Meyer Rd. SSI 250-653-9654, Janthra@gmail.com

CONCRETE & PLACING

GULF COAST MATERIALS
Serving the Gulf Islands

- Concrete
- Concrete Pumps
- Sand/Rock
- Rebar
- Bagged Cement
- Colour & Sealers

Small Load Pick Ups Available at Yard

345 Rainbow Road 250-537-2611

DRIFTWOOD CLASSIFIEDS

DEADLINES
TUESDAY 9:30 AM

classified@driftwoodgmedia.com

HOME/BUSINESS SERVICES HOME/BUSINESS SERVICES HOME/BUSINESS SERVICES

PETS AND LIVESTOCK PETS

MERCHANDISE FOR SALE MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

RENTALS HOMES FOR RENT

TRANSPORTATION AUTO FINANCING

McIVER'S

mcivers.biz • mcivers@telus.net

50 years of selling only QUALITY PRODUCTS

Clean Wash Fast Spin

UNBEATABLE:

- 3 year parts & labour
- 5 year motor warranty
- 10 year transmission warranty
- Huebsch - built by Speed Queen

Dryers Electric or Propane

- Largest seller of Huebsch products in BC
- Delivered and serviced on-island

CALL 604 879-5222

CALL BOB'S Computer Service for troubleshooting, software & networking support. We do house calls. 250-537-2827 or call 250-538-7017. Please go & back-up your important data now!

DRAFTING & DESIGN

LET'S GET STARTED

Bring your sketches & ideas and together we'll design (or upgrade) your dream home. Through the use of computer-aided drafting, we'll quickly produce the working drawings you'll take to your contractor.

HELSET DESIGN
250.537.1037
Ask for Jim

MISC SERVICES

GemGates.ca

GATE AUTOMATION SYSTEMS sales & service

250-753-6125 PH/FAX
308 Fitzwilliam St.
Nanaimo BC V9R 3A5

RECYCLING

GULF ISLANDS RECYCLING SERVICE

\$45 / month + GST

Residential, curbside pickup available now! We supply the bin and sort all your recycling for you. Call now for your bin!

250 538-7206
www.gulfislandsrecycling.com

GI RECYCLING

SEE WEEKLY HOROSCOPE ON PAGE 23

CHILDRENS MISCELLANEOUS CHILDRENS MISCELLANEOUS

HAPPY ISLAND Diaper Service

*** MAY SPECIAL ***
Receive 10% off your first month of service.

We are a complete cloth diaper pickup/delivery service. Convenient and affordable, from just \$25.55/week! We make cloth diapering as easy as using disposables. No rinsing or scraping required. You can enjoy more time with baby while we take care of your diapering needs. As former islanders, we are thrilled to bring our awesome service to Salt Spring!

Please visit www.happyislanddiapers.com or call Jane & Shawn @ 1-866-922-7377 for more info or to get started!

English Springer Spaniels CKC Reg. Puppies Champ lines, tails docked, vet checked, 1st shots, guaranteed. Home raised, well socialized.

Ready May 30. \$1,200.
peterandskye@gmail.com
(250) 392-1440
Williams Lake

MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

FUEL/FIREWOOD

HONEST OL'S FIREWOOD

GUARANTEED CORD Cut, Split & delivered Cedar Fence Rails

250-653-4165

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

2010 YARD MACHINES 2 stage SNOW THROWER, 30" auger, electric start, yard light, manual & keys. NEVER USED Best offer over \$500. Call: 250 537-9301

DUNCAN FOAM AND FUTONS

Sofa cushions too soft? Mattress too hard or needs replacement?

RV, boat cushions need work? We can help! Replacement foam, latex foam. We can sew RV or boat cushion covers.

4485 Trans Canada Hwy, Duncan
1-250-746-0702

HOT TUB (SPA) COVERS Best price. Best quality. All shapes & colours available. 1-866-652-6837 www.thecoverguy.com/newspaper?

KILL BED bugs & their eggs! Buy Harris Bed Bug Killer Complete Treatment Program or Kit. Available: Hardware Stores, Buy Online: homedepot.com

KILL ROACHES! Buy Harris Roach Tablets. Eliminate bugs - guaranteed. No mess, odorless, long lasting. Available at Ace Hardware & The Home Depot.

Older Kenmore full sized upright freezer - \$100
COUGAR 2 CHARIOT double stroller, excellent condition with cycling attachment - \$500
Call: 250 537-6481

CLASSIFIED AD DEADLINE: MONDAY 4PM

D.W. Salty is looking for material for his column, **Streets of Salt Spring Island**

If you have information on any of our streets, please contact us at: 250-537-9933 or dwsalty@driftwoodgmedia.com

SAWMILLS FROM only \$4,397 - Make money & save money with your own bandmill - Cut lumber any dimension. In stock ready to ship. Free Info & DVD: www.NorwoodSawmills.com/400OT or call 1-800-566-6899 Ext:4000T.

STAINLESS STEEL commercial grade meat grinder. Original cost \$3,000. Offers welcome. 250-537-9790

STEEL BUILDINGS. Hot savings - Spring sale! 20x24 \$4,348. 25x24 \$4,539. 30x30 \$6,197. 32x36 \$7,746. 40x46 \$12,116. 47x72 \$17,779. One end wall included. Call Pioneer Steel 1-800-668-5422 or on-line: www.pioneersteel.ca

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

YAMAHA Disklavier DCSM4T 67" grand piano rec/plays, quiet/silent modes w/remotes. Exc. cond. Asking \$50,000 Please call (250) 537-9659 More info at www.disklavier.ca

RENTALS

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

1,068 SF for lease, Merchant Mews nr Ganges. Skylights, baydoor, upstairs office, bthrm. Richard, 250-380-1669 (Vic.)

1,127 SF at Merchant Mews near Ganges. Elegant office unit, mezz., conf. rm. (250) 380-1669 Richard (Victoria)

383SF FOR LEASE July 1st, Merchant Mews nr Ganges. Bthrm, revamped and clean. Ideal efficient office or shop. Richard, 250-380-1669 (Vic.)

UPPER GANGES CENTRE, 2nd Floor - 1 professional office 472 sq.ft. at \$489. Chair Lift, ample parking - call: Mary Lou at 250-537-5528

HOMES FOR RENT

3 BDRM MOBILE HOME, private patio, large yard, storage bldg., W/D, fireplace. Avail. July 1 \$800/mo. 250-537-6860

A VERY nice 2 BDRM home in Vesuvius \$1150/mo. Sunny, open, view, FP decks, plus utlis. Call 250 537-2809

CLASSIFIED AD DEADLINE: MONDAY 4PM

ISLAND EXPLORER

Property Management Ltd.

www.islandexploreproperties.com

250-537-4722
1-800-800-9492

Island Explorer is a fully licensed, management company under the laws of the B.C. Govt.

STORAGE

STORAGE

- All units heated
- Humidity control
- 9 foot height
- 24 hours access

MID ISLAND STORAGE
250-537-4722

TRANSPORTATION

AUTO ACCESSORIES/PARTS

AUTOLOANS APPROVED!!!!

FREE DELIVERY B/C/B

Lowest rates always Approved TAKE ADVANTAGE NOW LIKE SO MANY OTHERS CARS TRUCKS SUVS VANS TOP DOLLAR FOR TRADES

APPLY ONLINE AUTOCREDIT911.COM
OR CALL TOLL FREE 1-888-635-9911 NOW!!!!

bcclassified.com

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES FOR SALE

2002 TAHOE LIGHT Fifth Wheel Trailer. Exc. Cond., complete with p/u towing unit. Features gas/electric furnace, fridge, stove, hot water shower, stereo system, TV, 4 new tires. \$10,000. o.b.o. 250-653-9654; Janhra@gmail.com Can view at Cushoon Cove, 107D Meyer Rd.

TRUCKS & VANS

1996 GMC JIMMY \$4000.00 4 door. 4x4. New tires. 175,000 kms. (250) 538-8087

MARINE

BOATS

1976 30FT VERL 900 \$27,000. 250-507-3257 <http://miellytava.webstarts.com>

2 PLACE ULTRA-LITE Float plane \$12,000. Call 250 537-9605 for details.

OLDE STYLE - Converted Gillnetter 35' X 10', 125hp Chrysler Crown gas engine. \$10,000. Rod 250-538-8304

THE GREAT GARAGE SALE MAP

DRIFTWOOD GARAGE SALE KITS

Everything you need for your Yard Sale!

Includes posters, price stickers & your classified ad published in the Driftwood on Wednesday

ONLY \$18.00!
CALL TODAY 250-537-9933

Driftwood
YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER SINCE 1960
www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com

GARAGE SALES

180 CHARLESWORTH Sat. May 24 9am-2pm. Collectables, coins, paintings, and jewellery. ①

200 KINGS LANE, Sat. May 24, 9am - 2pm. lawn mowers, weed-eaters, saws, ride-on tractor and trailer, toys, electronics, J.D. 3pt hitch, tiller & mower and lots more. ②

GARAGE SALES

LIONS GARAGE Sales & Drop Offs: Fridays & Saturdays only, 10am - 12pm. Many household items. We do not accept large appliances, draperies or clothing. Drop-offs accepted only on Fri. & Sat. morning. Please no garbage!! 103 Bonnet Ave. ③

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

ARE YOU A SORE RATEPAYER? Join SOAR online; 'SaltSpring's Oversight Association of Ratepayers'. Soar above and get a wider perspective on the plans and projects that could tax you out of your home and island lifestyle. www.soaratepayers.com.

DEADLINE FOR TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY IS 2:00PM TUESDAY

BOOK YOUR SPACE NOW!

An informative, glossy, digest size magazine plus website space on our gulfislandstourism.com.

Contact the Driftwood for more information 250 537 9933

gulfislandstourism.com

HEALTHY TRANSPORTATION

Businesses support active transport for coming week

Bike to Work Week coming up

BY JAN SLAKOV AND BRENDA GUILD
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

If you ride a bike, walk, or use a mobility aid during May 26 to June 1 to get to work or for any other reason — please register at www.biketowork.ca and log in the kilometres you travel. It's that simple. Salt Spring had a great showing last year. Let's outdo ourselves this year.

It's a great way to reduce green-

house gas emissions and show our support for building the infrastructure we need to make cycling and walking safer and more enjoyable.

Bike to Work Week is a great time to try out walking or cycling to work if you haven't tried it before. People are more aware of "sharing the road" and there are some community promotional events to join in on.

First, doesn't it seem that biking and bakeries go together? Cyclists run on food, not fossil fuels. And when we aren't driving, we're in much closer contact with natural and human communities we pass through. It's

relatively easy to say hi to someone, pick up debris off the road . . . and to take a break at a local bakery, restaurant or cafe.

Several local businesses like this idea and are offering discounts to Bike to Work Week participants: Barb's Buns, Penny's Pantry, Jana's Bake Shop, and Embe Bakery in Ganges, and Soul Food & Co. on Beaver Point Road.

Other sponsors support BtWW's "celebration stations," which have coupons, snacks, stickers and a draw for prizes, including gift certificates from Moby's and the Salt Spring Inn,

a tennis lesson from Baseline Tennis Academy on Stewart Road, a tune-up from Outspokin' Bike Shop and more. The first celebration station will be on Saturday, May 24 at 11 a.m. to kick off BtWW, which starts two days later.

This event will also serve to celebrate the new bikeway and sidewalk along Lower Ganges Road and to thank the many people who made it happen. Country Grocer is providing cake and more, with other businesses supporting in various ways. Key representatives who worked to get it built will be on hand.

Another great BtWW perk is Out-

spokin' Bike Shop's invitation to cyclists to come in for a free bike check-up and discounted tune-ups leading up to and during Bike to Work Week.

Even if biking is not an option for you, your support for safer travels on Salt Spring is much appreciated. Bike to Work Week is an ideal time to make a difference by joining Island Pathways or remembering to watch out and slow down for people who use active transportation.

Contact Jan at 250-537-5251 or janslakov@shaw.ca for help signing up or more information.

GOLF TOURNEY

Tee time for annual fundraiser



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Participants and staff in the Choices and Community Initiatives programs are gearing up for the annual charity golf tournament at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club on May 31.

Great day of golf, prizes and more at May 31 event

Salt Spring's Community Initiatives and Choices programs are holding their 12th annual charity golf tournament on May 31 and invite everyone to join them.

The nine-hole Texas Scramble event raises funds so that people in the community with special needs can access recreational activities.

The success of last year's tournament supported enrichment programs such as Zumba, gymnastics and a music program with local musicians.

This year the program hopes to raise enough funds so that participants can enjoy a trip to the Shaw Ocean Discovery Centre in Sidney.

All levels of golfers, from beginner to expert, are invited to tee off in the tournament starting at 12 noon on Saturday, May 31 at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club.

The entry fee is \$15 for club

members and \$35 for non-members.

Golf clubs and carts are available for rental or people can bring their own.

Sign up is by phone or email at 250-537-2121 or golf@saltspring.com.

In addition to the joy of supporting the special needs community of Salt Spring Island, players have a chance to win fabulous prizes, and to participate in a raffle and an auction with an assortment of treasures furnished by local businesses and artists.

This Week's Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor
www.sunstarastrology.com
sunstarastrology@gmail.com
1.888.352.2936

Tip of the Week:

The last month of spring has officially begun. This is the month of Gemini which naturally is about completions. A social, communicative and witty sign, these qualities should already be more apparent and this trend will continue for the next few weeks anyway. Yet, when Mercury enters the sign of Cancer on May 29th, we all may experience the more temperamental side of Gemini. People will be more inclined to express their feelings and rather quickly changing moods. Mercury turns retrograde again on June 7th and it will take 10 days before it re-enters Gemini on June 17th. Then it will turn Direct again on July 1st and re-enter Cancer on July 12 where it will remain until July 31st when it enters Leo. This entire cycle is likely to synchronize with reunions and trigger old memories. As is true of the drama of life, this could produce the good, the bad and perhaps the ugly. As ever, awareness is the key. During this cycle, especially with Mercury in Cancer, aim to not take what people say too personally. As well, if old and especially unpleasant memories are triggered, taking personal responsibility for having them at all will deflect blaming attitudes and the opening of old hurts, regrets and wounds. In Chinese Astrology Gemini is symbolically linked to the Horse. This is the year of the Wood Horse and it is predicted to produce a good deal of excitement and controversy. People and larger social trends will advance undaunted by opinions to the contrary. This stands to prove particularly true over the coming months and throughout the summer in general. Get ready, this horse is about to shift from a steady trot to a full blown gallop.

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20) Many new thoughts and ideas are pouring in. These are stimulated by a rich exchange of incoming and outgoing communication. A busier social agenda is featured as well. Developing a more mature and responsible perspective and communication style with partners is woven into the plot. Great leadership is based on leading by example.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21) Tending to many fronts and streams has become the new norm in your life. This will prove especially apparent now and over the coming weeks. At best you are covering a lot of ground on any given day. At worst you feel stretched and scattered and have to work overtime to keep-up with the pace and demand. The prospects of new plans and modes of approach are on your mind.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21) The Sun in your sign indicates the sparks of new initiatives. Thoughts and communications about what constitutes your next big hurrah started a few weeks ago. But now it is time to shift into action mode. At least take your ideas to the actual planning stage. To succeed you may have to look farther, over the longer term, take a few risks and commitment.

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22) Many thoughts are brewing in the back of your mind. Some of these include practical action while others are quite theoretical and perhaps philosophical. A good deal of discernment, critical analysis and strategic thinking are at play. This is hardly a lighthearted and frivolous cycle. You need to make some important choices and you need solid answers.

Leo (Jul 22 – Aug 23) Meetings with new people stand to be the foundation of new friendships and alliances in general. The time is right to cast your visionary focus to the future. Doors have and are opening for you. Your main job is to acknowledge these connections, follow through on the proposals offered and persevere. In the bigger picture you are in a process of overcoming old fears to realize deeper potentials.

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22) Doors are knocking in your career/employment world and you are doing your fair share. The time is right to focus this way. Now is a good time to show your colors and credentials. Asking for recognition, earned rewards and favours if necessary will likely yield positive results. Your give includes pushing through inertia and a willingness to try new things.

Libra (Sep 22 – Oct 22) The time has come to expand your point of view to the next level. This is generally a very expansive time in your life. Yet it may also be an expensive one. Focusing to maximize the investment quotient and minimize expenditures is ever ideal and especially important these days. The basic challenge includes deciphering which is which.

Scorpio (Oct 22 – Nov 21) You have entered the garden of the forking paths. Should you go left or right? One of the directions will lead you to the high road but it will be a harder journey at first though more rewarding later. Following it includes following your better judgment based on what is true, good and right. Short-term ego satisfaction has its place but eventually a higher price.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 – Dec 21) Increasing the scope and quality of your connections and communications is important now. People and circumstances are contributing to help you to be more realistic. The key now is to decipher the difference between your dreams and illusions, goals and fantasies. Aim for mutuality, win/win deals and practical wisdom.

Capricorn (Dec 21 – Jan 19) Making needed improvements and adjustments to your perspectives, dreams and visions is the call now. This may require a healthy measure of constructive, critical analysis. As important as it is to learn, sometimes the bigger and more important task is the 'unlearn'. This can also apply to undo, remake, renovate and anything else that clears the clutter.

Aquarius (Jan 19 – Feb 19) Many new creative ideas are pouring in. These are both the result of the cause of new modes of perception. You are eager to push through and beyond lingering circumstances and perhaps certain people as well. A new day is dawning and it promises to expand your world and network. Yet you have to be willing and proactive to make all the first moves.

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20) A busy time close to home has begun. This includes the generation of new ideas and perspectives. As well, you will be challenged to draw upon a wider spectrum of your talents. You may not even know yet what some of them are. Fortunately, you are in the mood for new twists and turns in your talent repertoire. But get ready to work for it.

Attention New Salt Springers!

Don't miss your opportunity for a great welcome visit. Call Jennifer today for your greeting, gifts & useful info. 250-653-9222

WELCOME
WAGON
SINCE 1930
Welcome Wagon
A Canadian Tradition Since 1930

sports&recreation

D.W. Salty is looking for material for his column, Streets of Salt Spring Island

If you have information on any of our streets, please contact us at: 250-537-9933 or dwsalty@driftwoodgimedia.com



SAILING

Glorious conditions welcome Round Salt Spring sailors

Imp tops island finishers

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Consistent winds, favourable tides and sunny skies made this year's annual Round Salt Spring race one for the log books.

And it's a race Judy Button certainly won't forget any time soon. Button skipped her C&C 115 around the island in seven hours and 42 minutes to claim the 2014 Marshall Sharp Trophy, the honour awarded to the race's overall winner.

The Ladysmith-based boat crossed the finish line on Saturday evening with a corrected time of six hours and three minutes, less than a minute ahead of Colin Nichols' second-place Jackrabbit.

Button and crew were among 60 boats to successfully circumnavigate the island before sunset on Saturday



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Round Salt Spring race competitor in wind-tossed waters off Beddis Beach.

evening. Many of the event's larger boats and Division 1 contenders completed the circuit before 6 p.m.

Race organizers said gusty conditions at the start line and plenty of wind on most legs of

the race produced the fastest times in years.

By midnight, fewer than a dozen boats were reported to have not yet completed the course — "Fighting their way to finish in the typical Gulf

Islands' night calms," according to a race report.

By 6 a.m. three boats were "struggling on a flat millpond, eking out every ounce of puff to get to the finish."

Craig Leitch won the Doug

Thomas Trophy, awarded to the race's fastest island boat. Leitch and crew completed the course in 9:53:01. The Salt Spring Sailing Club-based Imp has chalked up a series of impressive performances, winning the award for five of the previous six races. Equally impressive was Imp's third-place finish in the competitive Division 3, a category that featured nine boats from across the region.

Leitch, who successfully defended his 2013 Thomas win, said the winds in the year's event made the competition much more exciting.

"It's always a challenge, but there was more wind this year," he said. "It was much more of a sled race; it was much faster."

Leitch thanked his son Adrian and friend Martin Herbert for their help during the race. He commended race organizers on a well-organized event that featured

competitive divisional splits.

Westerly, an eye-catching Santa Cruz 70 that sails out of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, took full advantage of favourable conditions to blast around the island in little more than six-and-a-half hours. Despite the impressive showing to claim line honours, Westerly dropped to 13th position overall based on vessels' corrected times.

Last year's champion, the Royal Victoria Yacht Club's Baaad Kitty!, finished the race in third spot overall.

Other Salt Spring Sailing Club finishers (results are "elapsed times") included: Caliente (Andersen) 8:24:35; Wildfire (Keating), 10:18:46; Electra (Kibble), 10:20:21; Radiant Heat (Brogan), 10:24:30; Oasis (Jones), 10:13:20; Mystic III (Questo), 10:26:05; Second Wind (van Soeren), 10:58:36; SoulThyme (Simpson), 10:57:01; and Irie (McEwen), 16:18:52.

MID ISLAND



CO-OP

Salt Spring Members Cash Back & Equity Day!

\$2.3 Million Back To Mid Island Co-op Members

Friday May 23rd, 2014

Salt Spring Island Gas Bar: 135 Rainbow Road

Pick up your cheque & or statement between 11am-2pm (outside) after 2pm inside

Have A Hotdog On Us from 11am-2pm!

Any Cheques Not Picked Up Friday May 23rd will be mailed out the first week of June.

CHALLENGE CUP

United wins 'May long' crown

Men's squads ousted in semifinals

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring United cruised to the top of the women's recreation division and didn't look back during the annual Challenge Cup tournament over the weekend.

The women's squad capped a stellar tournament with a 3-1 victory against Juan de Fuca in Monday afternoon's final.

"The Salt Spring United ladies team made history for our Challenge Cup tourney by taking home first place," said a very proud Tami Benoit. "This is the first time our ladies have taken home the trophy in this tourney in 29 years."

United finished round-robin play at the top of its division, outscoring opponents 13-3 in an undefeated run. The United women showed no mercy against their island sisters by dumping Salt Spring's Flashbacks 1-0 in Monday morning's semifinal game.

United were the shining light in what proved a tough day on the pitch for other Salt Spring teams.

After finishing on top

of their respective divisions, Salt Spring's Sons of Pitches and Salt Spring FC lost hard-fought semifinal matches on Monday morning. Salt Spring FC lost 2-1 in a shootout against Black Creek United and Sons of Pitches dropped a 1-0 decision to Play Fair Have Fun.

"This is the first time our ladies have taken home the trophy in this tourney in 29 years."

TAMI BENOIT
Spokesperson, SS United

PFHF ousted Black Creek 3-1 and won Monday afternoon's men's open final.

"I have to say that having a Salt Spring team win was definitely the highlight of the tourney," said Jordon Morrison, a tournament coordinator who plays for SSFC. "It would have been nice to have two Salt Spring teams

win, but unfortunately the Sons of Pitches lost to the eventual winners and we lost to Black Creek on penalty shots in the other semi.

"It was quite close to being an all-Salt Spring final."

Morrison anticipates a strong showing from Salt Spring teams at next year's event.

In other women's play, Salt Spring's Over-30 team narrowly missed the play-offs by placing fifth in its division with a 1-3 record.

In other tournament action, Prospect Lake defeated the Castaways 1-0 to win the women's comp final.

Players wish to thank tournament sponsors, including Gulf Islands Brewery, Country Grocer, Soccer World, The Highlanders and Gulf Islands Secondary School

Benoit thanked Graham Tweddle for his hard work, Jordon Morrison, Chris Jason, SueAnne Connelly and the Waldes at Fresh Coast Catering, and all the other volunteers who helped make the weekend so successful.

"Your hard work does not go unnoticed and we couldn't do it without you," she said.