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GRACE ISLET

Residents rally for Grace Islet

Monday features largest rally to date

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Nearly 80 people gathered in Centennial Park early Monday morning to participate in the largest demonstration against the development of Grace Isle to date.

"We have to fight every day like this, every day," said Augie Sylvester, a Penelakut First Nation elder who spoke to the crowd. "We're not free, we're prisoners in our own country."

Sylvester was among nine politicians and First Nations representatives who spoke before participants launched canoes, fishing boats, kayaks and a stand-up paddle board to circle the islet off the tip of Grace Point.

Elizabeth May, leader of the Green Party of Canada and MP for Saanich-Gulf Islands, apologized to the gathering for not having been able to do more earlier on in the process.

"I think all of us feel that a terrible mistake was made [...] for the permits being granted for any building to be taking place on Grace Islet, which is a First Nations burial ground; it's a cemetery, it's scared ground," she said.

May said the Grace Islet issue has taken on a broader importance in recent weeks.

"It is nationally significant in the process of reconciliation and healing that must take place in Canada," she told the crowd.

"We collectively made a mistake, the Province of British Columbia made a mistake. That mistake

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PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Participants in a rally against construction of a home on Grace Islet in Ganges Harbour took to the water on Monday morning. See www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com for video and more pictures.

WATER

Province declares Level 3 drought

Water provider meets unprecedented rush

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

As temperatures across the Gulf Islands creep ever higher with not much sign of letting up, Rhonan Heitzmann can expect little relief from 14-hour days and a lengthy backlog of bulk-water orders.

"What's disturbing is people's wells are running dry earlier," Heitzmann said. "We've been busy."

Some clients who normally call in August, Heitzmann said, began to request water in June. It's been non-stop business ever since.

Despite Tuesday's rain, the long-term forecast for more dry weather has led the provincial government to declare Level 3 drought conditions for Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands. The decision comes after ministerial staff observed low stream flows and low water levels at provincial observation wells.

The designation calls for voluntary water-use restrictions of 20 per cent or more

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Australian band OKA made dancers happy at Centennial Park and a variety of other venues over the weekend.

Low rainfall in record dry year

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from all municipal, agricultural and industrial users.

“Staff with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations [...] may upgrade the drought advisory if the weather continues,” reads part of a statement issued by the province on Friday.

A Level 4 drought advisory would impose mandatory water-use restrictions.

The North Salt Spring Waterworks District recommended voluntary water-use restrictions in early July due to an earlier-than-usual dip in its reservoir levels.

NSSWD records indicate the past year is one of the 10 driest

years since record-taking began nearly four decades ago. The driest year on record is 1987, when total rainfall was 620 mm. Average rainfall for Salt Spring is approximately 970 mm. About 730 mm of rain has fallen on the island since August of last year.

Heitzmann said low precipitation last winter encouraged him to distribute a water-conservation sheet to his clients in March. The sheet included reminders to limit outdoor watering, take shorter showers, and to consider low-flush toilets or other water-efficient fixtures.

Based on his observations, winters are getting drier and summers are getting hotter. He’s seen the pockets of properties where wells traditionally run dry expand in the past few years.

“I grew up here and never saw it rain so little,” he said.

Adequate replenishment of water supplies, he said, requires long periods of sustained rains, something that’s just not happening as often. Heitzmann is a strong proponent of water-catchment systems as a way to cope with a situation he foresees as only getting worse in the years ahead.

Storage of winter rains for use in the summer is a logical response for Gulf islands residents who want to limit their impact on water sources and possibly save money in the longer term. He said local governments like the Capital Regional District and Islands Trust need to do more to encourage further water catchment incentives.

Archeological significance of rock cairns debated

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can be rectified by expropriating [the land] from private ownership and ensuring that the spirits of the ancestors of the First Nations people of this territory are honoured and respected and no construction can go forward on Grace Islet.”

Gary Holman, a Salt Spring resident and provincial NDP MLA who represents Saanich North and the Islands, said he is sad and embarrassed that construction has progressed since early June.

“This did not need to happen. [Minister Steve Thomson] was asked repeatedly [to cancel the permit]. Instead, they seek balance, which in this particular situation, is such an idiotic word to use; it’s not a balanced solution to be building a luxury house on top of a cemetery.”

Monday’s event comes nearly a week after Barry Slawsky, owner of Grace Islet, released a statement through the Victoria Times-Colonist newspaper. In a letter published in the paper’s Aug. 6 edition, Slawsky refutes accusations

that he is building a home on a First Nations cemetery.

He said he has navigated “a complex group of governmental regulations” to obtain all necessary approvals to undertake construction of his 2,300-square-foot home. He has also sought “professional environmental and archeological consultants” to respect First Nations throughout the application and construction process.

Three bone fragments have been discovered on the island since Slawsky bought the property in 1990.

“Neither of these two findings in 2006 and 2007 is anywhere near the location of my home,” he wrote in the letter. “There have been no findings, at any time, of any trace of human remains anywhere near the location of my home.”

A 2007 archeological impact assessment prepared by Bjorn Simonsen and John Somogyi of The Bastion Group Heritage Consultants confirms there are two areas on the islet with “archeological deposits and/or remains.”

“The presence of one confirmed burial cairn at Grace Islet and the presence of a



PHOTO BY ALAN BIBBY

Paddlers assemble below the high-tide mark on Grace Islet’s eastern shore to share stories and songs on Monday morning.

single human bone found in one of the shovel test units, strongly suggests that the islet was used as a burial site by local First Nations people at some time in the past,” wrote Simonsen and Somogyi.

In his letter, Slawsky said none of the 15 “rock features” identified in the 2007 report were determined to be burial cairns by archeol-

ogists working in conjunction with First Nations. His home will be built over an enclosed a 1.5-metre high crawl space that will protect two rock features within the house’s footprint.

“I am confident that, over time, people of goodwill see past the rhetoric and consider the facts for themselves,” Slawsky wrote.

An archeologist from the

provincial government’s archeology branch who visited the site in late July found no evidence that conditions of the Heritage Alteration Permit issued for the site have been violated, despite objections from project opponents and First Nations groups.

Many of those gathered at Monday’s event called Slawsky’s letter an act of

desperation. Opponents of the development feel the province’s heritage conservation process is flawed. They anticipate greater actions like those held in recent weeks around the island to raise awareness about the issue and eventually stop construction.

“I think that we do have to look at intervening in more direct ways,” said Ben Isitt, a Victoria city councillor who has proposed a motion for the CRD to expropriate the Grace Islet property (see story on page 5).

“Ultimately, the right thing to do is protect the island. I hope the CRD does that, but I am personally prepared to take other steps to stop construction and ensure that that land is respected and ultimately remediated as a burial site, as it should be, forever.”

Slawsky has not returned the Driftwood’s request for an interview or statement.

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SPORTS

Paralympian Murby soars well beyond life's challenges

Blind athlete's top competitor is herself

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Amidst the fireworks and flag waving of big-ticket tournaments like the Olympic Games or soccer's World Cup, it's easy enough to forget what sport is all about.

Owning the podium is great for television ratings and national pride, but it can overlook the important lessons to be had from such large-scale international competitions.

Ness Murby, a native of Australia, represented Japan as a women's powerlifter for three years until she moved to Canada after the 2011 earthquake and tsunami hit Japan's Tohoku region, forcing sudden retirement of her then guide dog Verdi.

Having met Eva Fejes, a Canadian, in Japan, the two moved to Canada and were married on Salt Spring in 2012, but they only just settled on the island in December last year.

"You know you're meant to live on Salt Spring," she joked during a recent interview, "when you come to visit in November and move in for the winter."

Then again, Murby isn't afraid of a challenge. She thrived professionally and athletically in a country where language and culture were largely unfamiliar. She rose to the top, becoming the

world's top-female powerlifter in her class.

Murby credits her extended sporting apprenticeship in Japan as a key factor in her more recent success at the Canadian Track and Field Championships in Moncton, NB in July. She shattered the Canadian record in the women's F11 ambulatory javelin throw — the previous record was in place since 1981 — and confidently broke through the top four world rankings for ambulatory shot-put and ambulatory discus.

"The idea is that your competitor is not someone to compete against, it's someone to learn from and the competition is within yourself. In that sense I feel there is much more of a harmonious aspect to doing sports," she said. "When you're competing with yourself it doesn't matter where you stand in relation to others. When you think you're perfect that's the time to stop competing."

She participates in the ambulatory events because she's blind. The 28-year-old has been fully blind for the past 14 years but if that wasn't enough, she has also lost all feeling below the left knee due to a cricket injury.

Murby, her wife and her guide dog Lexington have become regular fixtures at North End Fitness, where they're busy training for the chance to participate in the 2015 world games in Seoul and the 2016 Paralympic Summer



Blind track and field athlete Ness Murby, left, is settling into island life with her guide dog Lexington and wife Eva Fejes.

Games in Rio de Janeiro.

Murby and Fejes continue to be amazed and surprised by the succession of good fortune and coincidences that have followed them to the island. It didn't take them long to discover a largely abandoned field-sports station in an overgrown corner of Portlock Park. Soon afterwards, they learned one of Canada's top throws training groups is based in Victoria.

"There's never really been a coach who has focused on throws nor a coach who has focused on adapting the sport for Ness as a

disabled athlete, which has been absolutely huge," said Fejes.

Financing hasn't been easy as there's no funding. Training takes money and costs to attend events across the country can add up. Murby has also met much prejudice in her efforts to find work that suits her numerous qualifications since moving to Canada.

Murby is in the process of trying to expedite her citizenship application (she's currently a permanent resident and cannot yet represent Team Canada internationally). While the paperwork is getting processed, Murby and

Fejes hope to give back to their new home as they develop connections and secure the funding that's needed for further and greater success. They will be holding their first fundraising event on Sept. 2 at the library.

The couple wants to share their passion for sport with the island community and host entertaining and informative events designed to educate people about what it's like to live and compete without the ability to see. Their biggest hope is to share what sport has come to represent in their lives, a bonding between athletes that encourages everyone to reach new heights, both inside and out.

Murby's favourite story is that of a 10-year-old triple-amputee who ran in the 100-metre event at the Japan National Track and Field Championships. The young boy fell behind soon after the start gun went off, and struggled to reach the finish line with tears flowing from his eyes.

Minutes into the race, long after everyone else had completed the event, something incredible took place.

Every other athlete turned around to encourage the young competitor to make it to the end.

"Even the guy who came in first came back and was running with him," she said. "There has to be a camaraderie. You have to want to give back no matter if you're winning or losing."

That is what sport is all about.

NEWS BRIEFS

Eelgrass volunteers needed

Recent citizen science studies of eelgrass beds around Salt Spring by the SeaChange Marine Conservation Society will be highlighted Thursday, Aug. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in a public presentation at the Salt Spring Public Library.

SeaChange, along with the Salt Spring Shoreline Stewards, are also looking for volunteers to help restore eelgrass in island locations on Thursday, Aug. 21 and Friday, Aug. 22. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the starts for planting and other activities. Organizers promise

lots of fun. No previous experience needed. Contact Leanna Boyer at 250-537-8999 or lboyer@shaw.ca.

Oil response training underway

Residents of Salt Spring and Pender Islands may

observe vessels and equipment related to oil response field training in locals waters on Thursday, Aug. 14.

Western Canada Marine Response Corporation commenced field work in Haro Strait on Monday, Aug. 11 and will continue through Friday.

According to the organization, WCMRC person-

nel, contractors and registered biologists will assist in developing and documenting protection strategies for identified features. The areas covered will see the field team in waters near Sidney Island and the Saanich Peninsula, as well as Morseby, James, Mayne and Saturna Islands throughout the week.

The field work will

involve multiple spill response vessels deploying boom in the water to test Geographic Response Strategies (GRS). In accordance with Environment Canada regulations, no product will be used during the field work.

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ENVIRONMENT

Solar project gets funding boost

Bullfrog Power to match community donations

BY BRIGITTE HAYES
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The campaign to put a scholarship-generating solar array on the Gulf Islands Secondary School gym roof got a boost this week with the announcement of a matching grant from Bullfrog Power, Canada's leading green energy provider.

When built, the installation will be the largest school-based solar photovoltaic array in British Columbia.

The dollar value of energy savings from the 21-kilowatt solar array will be set aside by the Gulf Islands School District to create a Solar Scholarship Fund for GISS students who are interested in renewable energy, renewable energy trades certifications and similar studies.

Transition Salt Spring's Community Energy Group has already raised \$40,000 and is actively seeking donations from Salt Spring and Gulf Islands residents, businesses and organizations. To encourage participation, Bullfrog Power is offering a challenge.

Through its Bullfrog Builds Renewable Accelerator program, Bullfrog Power is committing up to \$20,000 to match all new donations until the Community Energy Group reaches its fundraising goal.

"Thanks to our local renewable energy pioneer and Bullfrog customer Ron Watts, the Bullfrog Builds program was on our radar from the beginning," said Kjell Liem, project coordinator for the Community Energy Group. "This matching grant helps us raise the funds needed for this project to be completed this year."

"The Bullfrog Builds program helps develop new renewable energy projects across Canada and builds awareness of the importance of taking action on climate change," said Ron Seftel, Bullfrog's senior vice president of operations. "This new solar array, by both generating clean power and funding a solar scholarship, is a model project for us, demonstrating that green energy projects can make real and ongoing contributions to their communities."

Rob Pingle, the Gulf Islands School District's vice chair, agreed, adding, "School District 64 is always looking for innova-



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Vince and Maggie Argiro donated a major matching grant for the GISS Solar Scholarship Project, with over 70 community members responding by the July 1 cut-off date. A new matching grant has been announced by Bullfrog Power.

tive ways to partner with community groups to create a more sustainable learning environment and provide lifelong learning opportunities to our students. We are grateful for the unique opportunities that the Transition Salt Spring Community Energy Group Solar Scholarship provides in these areas. The addition of Bullfrog Power as our renewable energy funding partner will help to realize these goals even sooner."

Thanks to the matching grant from Bullfrog Power, donations made to the GISS Solar Scholar-

ship Project will be effectively doubled. Businesses or organizations may wish to consider sponsoring a solar panel at the \$750 level. Donation forms are available at Salt Spring Books and Apple Photo, or online at saltspringcommunityenergy.com.

To learn more about how solar power is rapidly becoming the world's leading renewable energy, islanders should mark their calendars for a presentation by solar energy specialist Michael Mehta, taking place at the Salt Spring Public Library on Tuesday, Aug. 19 at 7 p.m.

ISLANDS TRUST

Saturna LTC eyes land-use reforms

Secondary suites and vacation rentals loom on horizon

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Trustees on Saturna Island are considering an overhaul of local bylaws to enable the rental of short-term vacation rental properties and the legalization of secondary suites.

Pamela Janszen, one of Saturna's two locally elected Local Trust Committee representatives, said the changes are needed to reverse the island's gradual population decline.

Since she moved to the island in 1988, the island's population has dropped from 350 to 310 people. When her kids began school in the late '80s, there were 22 students at the island's elementary school; today there are only two.

Offering people an affordable place to rent or an opportunity to earn additional income by renting out their secondary suite, she said, may persuade young families to stay on Saturna or move to the island.

Benefits of legal STVRs, Janszen added, stand to trickle throughout the community and bolster a tourism sector that's been hard hit by the

high cost of ferry travel.

"We talked to all of the [legal accommodation] owners and all of them were in favour. They believe, like we do, that if you encourage people to come to the island, they'll encourage others," Janszen said. "Business begets more business."

As is the case throughout islands in the Trust Area, secondary suites and STVRs do operate on Saturna. Apart from few exceptions, the majority of these uses contravene local bylaws.

Janszen said implementing a system to monitor suites and STVRs will assist the island's long-term planning and management of crucial infrastructure like potable water and waste management.

She believes most Saturna residents will choose the legal route when offered a choice.

"By and large people prefer to be legal as opposed to being illegal," she said.

Property owners, she said, can rest assured their properties comply with building code, health and fire regulations, as well as with any requirements of their insurance companies.

But not all Saturna residents are sold on legislation that could increase the island's population density. Common worries about the

legalization of STVR, on Saturna Island as much as any other of the Gulf Islands, include noise, parking, water shortages and waste disposal.

Morgan Yates has voiced concern in local media about the proposed bylaw's scope and complexity, stating they serve to undermine a "carefully and holistically developed" Official Community Plan.

Yates wants trustees to slow down and continue with caution on the proposed bylaw changes.

"A proportional level of public engagement and a proportional amount of time for sober consideration and optimization is truly warranted," Yates wrote. "This has not been acknowledged or addressed."

The rental of STVR units is allowed on South Pender and Hornby islands, though Mayne and Gabriola islands have implemented a temporary use permit system similar to that which is being considered on Saturna.

Proposed bylaws 112, 113, 114, 115 are on the agenda for Saturna's September LTC meeting, where trustees will consider second reading. A public hearing originally scheduled for Aug. 6 will be rescheduled.

Paul Brendt, Saturna's other locally elected trustee, was not available to comment.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ratepayers approve exhaust system

Few register opposition in AAP

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Fire Protection District can proceed with plans to borrow up to \$90,000 and install point-of-contact exhaust ventilation systems since an Alternative Approval Process passed without opposition on Tuesday, Aug. 5.

Fewer than 30 eligible voters turned in electoral response cards against the proposed borrowing plan by the 5 p.m. deadline. An estimated 727 responses would have been required to meet the 10 per cent threshold to halt the process.

"I'm very pleased with the outcome. Now we can move forward with a project that has been on the books for some time," said Fire Chief Tom Bremner.

Having point-of-contact exhaust extraction equipment installed will both satisfy the longtime concerns of fire department members and meet

the recommendations of the North West Environmental Group, who prepared an indoor air quality assessment in May 2013. The report, which was commissioned by Salt Spring Fire-Rescue's health and safety committee, found that diesel exhaust control was inadequate at all three halls.

In order to "maintain nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and diesel particulate concentrations within WorkSafeBC regulatory and guideline limits," North West listed Nederman-type exhaust ventilation for point of generation collection as one of three recommended actions.

Cpt. Jamie Holmes, the department's union representative, said the system will benefit all firefighters and staff, not just the career officers who work in the halls full time.

"Obviously we're glad to hear that the ventilation system is finally going ahead, after years of tying to work with the department and the board to make it a reality," he said.

"We're ecstatic that our workplace is going to be a safe environment."

Holmes noted that diesel particulate

poses a danger beyond direct breathing in the truck bays when the trucks are running. It also soaks into the gear that is stored there and sticks to the walls.

"This system is point of contact, right over the exhaust, so any fumes are captured until the truck has cleared the hall," Holmes said. "Any pollutants coming out of the trucks will be captured."

A draft borrowing bylaw states the district's intention is to borrow the funds necessary to purchase and install the exhaust systems using temporary financing. The loan will then be covered by fixed-rate financing through the Province of British Columbia for a five-year term. The cost to taxpayers is estimated to be \$3.43 per average residential property annually.

The new system will include new components as well as used pieces that are being sold by the View Royal Fire Department. These will be available by the end of October.

"It's all about timing on their end," Bremner said. "There's nothing we can do until we get the used sections."

GRACE ISLET

CRD board ponders expropriation

In-camera vote held Aug. 13

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The MP for Saanich North and the Islands says expropriation of Grace Islet is required to end a dispute over a property owner's plan to construct a home on land considered sacred by First Nations.

"We collectively made a mistake, the province of British Columbia made a mistake," said Elizabeth May, in a speech to about 80 participants at a Monday morning rally in Centennial Park.

"That mistake can be rectified by expropriating it from private ownership and ensuring that the spirits of the ancestors of the First Nations people of this territory are honoured and respected and no construction can go forward on Grace Islet."

May's statement comes as board members of the Capital Regional District prepare for a Wednesday in-camera

vote on whether to take on the property under the province's Expropriation Act.

First Nations and Salt Springers who've risen to protect the islet will travel to CRD headquarters in Victoria today (Wednesday) to address board members before the vote.

"This is primarily a provincial obligation, but since the premier and her ministers have shown a complete unwillingness to act, within my authority as a CRD director, I've given notice for local government to intervene and acquire ownership of the land," said Ben Isitt, the Victoria city councillor who introduced the expropriation motion, during Monday's event.

According to Bruce Melville, a Surrey lawyer who specializes in expropriation law, the vast majority of expropriation actions launched by municipalities or regional governments are focused on transportation and infrastructure projects such as highway

extensions and upgrades.

Though regional governments are known to expropriate land for park purposes, he could not provide specific figures. Expropriation of lands based on heritage conservation or First Nations concerns, he added, is infrequent.

He said property owner Barry Slawsky will have a "limited opportunity" to appeal if the CRD votes to expropriate the land.

Though not in attendance at Monday's rally, Salt Spring CRD director Wayne McIntyre spent the day discussing the Grace Islet topic with Saanich North and the Islands MLA Gary Holman and Adam Olsen, interim leader of the Green Party of British Columbia.

He called it a "positive meeting," but has yet to get a response from the appropriate provincial ministries for further clarity on the matter.

"I am hoping feedback will be available as info for the Wednesday CRD board meeting," he said on Monday

evening. "The item will be in-camera so none of us will know what the actual motion will be that will be voted on or what actions that may result."

Meanwhile, MLA Holman used Monday morning's ceremony to pledge Salt Spring's support if directors choose the expropriation route.

He observed that from Burgoyne Bay to Mt. Erskine and Blackburn Lake, Salt Spring residents have a long history of buying land for preservation purposes.

"Salt Spring knows how to do this and we will be there with the Capital Regional District board," he told the crowd. "If [CRD board members] agree to take this step towards expropriation, the community of Salt Spring will be there to help with fundraising."

The CRD board meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. at 625 Figard Street in Victoria. The meeting can be watched live at www.crd.bc.ca or by searching online for "watch CRD board meetings live."

BUSINESS

New economic plan will stress diversity

Looking past tourism is key

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The chair of Salt Spring's Community Economic Development Commission says a new map for

the island's economic future may be finalized this fall.

"While most islanders have been focused on this summer, the Capital Regional District's community economic development commission (CEDC) has been thinking

about future summers — about how we can make our island economy more resilient, and less dependent on vagaries of weather and tourist whims," said John Tylee.

The group has spent much effort to incorporating opinions from a

June information meeting, where many participants said the time has come to take business on Salt Spring beyond tourism.

"Relying on tourism and the small, but important, agriculture sector will not ensure economic resilience,"

Tylee said.

Participants at the June event examined opportunities to diversify the economy, including green industries, the digital economy, and educational and research facilities.

Another public meeting will occur in the fall.



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EDITORIAL

Islands apart

By the time this week's paper hits Salt Spring newsstands and mailboxes, Capital Regional District board members will be on their way to HQ.

Among their tasks will be to ponder the expropriation of Grace Islet, where a growing group of Salt Spring residents has been rallying to prevent construction of a retirement home since early June.

CRD directors don't make a habit of expropriating private property, especially when the owner in question appears to have followed all the rules outlined by the provincial government's archeology branch.

Regardless of which way Wednesday afternoon's vote goes, debate over what should and should not take place in Ganges Harbour represents how little

THE ISSUE:

Grace Islet

WE SAY:

Dispute highlights national troubles

has been done to heal Canada's deepest wound since Stephen Harper's ceremonial 2008 apology for wrongs inflicted on First Nations people forced to attend residential schools.

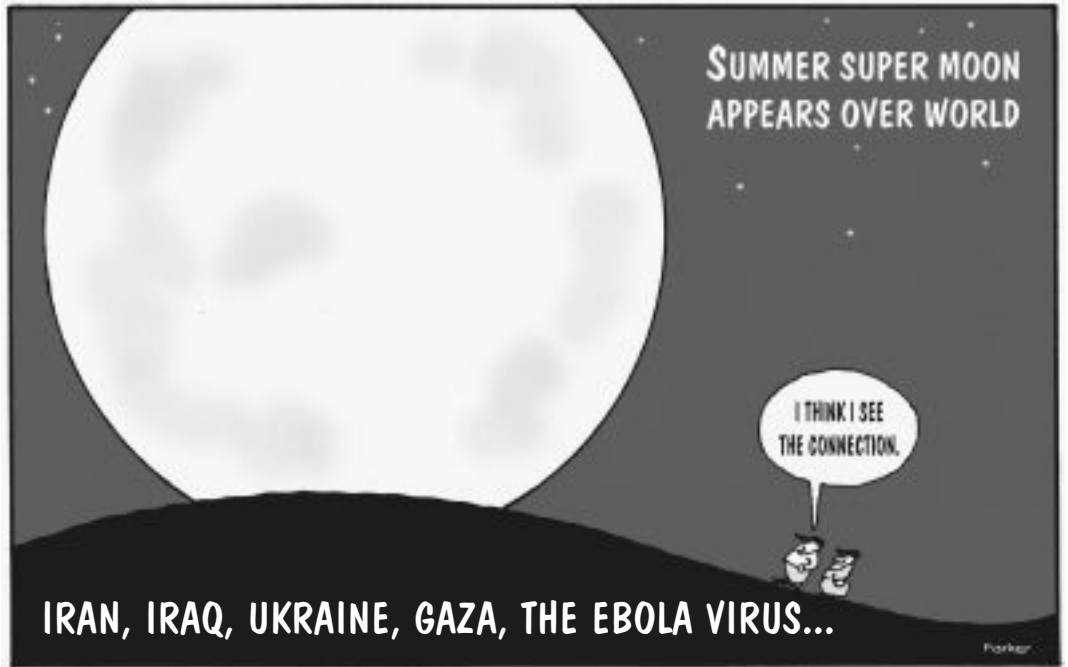
Harper called for a "new relationship between aboriginal people and other Canadians," one that acknowledges a shared history, mutual respect and "a desire to move forward together . . ."

These are powerful words. Unfortunately, they seem to have been meaningless.

By 2010, the Public Health Agency of Canada declared that First Nations in this country face "third-world-level" risk of tuberculosis. The desperate state of many Canadian First Nation communities drew international headlines, once again, when contaminated water forced the evacuation of the Northern Ontario community of Attawapiskat in 2011. By December 2012, First Nations across the country had launched Idle No More, an Occupy-inspired movement that sought to keep working on that relationship between First Nations and "other Canadians," specifically the Government of Canada.

Earlier this month, B.C.'s archeology branch said all Grace Islet permit requirements are being satisfied by builders and landowner Barry Slawsky. On Monday, an elder from the Penelakut Tribe, based only a few kilometres from Salt Spring, said he's a prisoner in his own country.

At this rate, we wonder if there's anything that can be done to bring these two sides closer together.



VIEWPOINT by Jon Scott

NSSWD critic mulls 'yes' vote

A lot has happened since North Salt Spring Waterworks District ratepayers voted "no" via the "alternate approval process" (AAP) to borrow up to \$10.4 million for a new water treatment plant.

Since then, we (an ad-hoc group of concerned ratepayers) arranged for a large construction company and an extremely experienced consulting company that has been involved in 1,500 water and waste-water plants to meet with the NSSWD trustees. The consultants have issued the following report to me:

"As discussed, I believe that there are significant savings if the [NSSWD] water board would pursue Alternative Service Delivery options ... Historical data shows that savings of 20 to 35 per cent compared to traditional design-bid-build procurement are realized. These savings can be achieved without sacrificing performance or quality.

"For this project, our review indicates that significant savings could be achieved. Specifically, the level of redundancy of installed equipment and storage in the proposed predesign exceeds the best practices for water plant design. We believe the storage for finished water and backwash water could be more economically constructed using above ground glass-lined steel tanks vs. in-ground reinforced concrete tanks.

"The conceptual design we had priced at \$7.5 million is based on the Kerr Wood Leidal [consulting engineers] predesign that includes a new raw-water pumping station and intake. Upon further examination, our opinion is that the existing pumping station can be refurbished and upgraded at significantly lower cost. Also, if the new intakes were installed using the existing pipe anchors (in the lake) further savings could be achieved. Based on this approach, we are confident the price could be reduced to approximately \$6.5 million.

"The current estimate provided by our design-build constructor is based on very little detailed engineering and, consequently, has

higher than normal contingency and markup. Once the design is further advanced, I am confident the construction cost could be further reduced by 10 per cent, bringing the final DB cost (engineering and construction) to below \$6 million.

"As discussed, the ASD approach does not eliminate KWL from the process since the owner needs an owner's engineer to prepare a performance specification and review design submissions."

As well as the above information, the preliminary estimate from water board consultant KWL was based on a water throughput that has since been reduced. This should further reduce the cost.

So, how to vote at the referendum this Saturday?

There are quotes from NSSWD chairman Marshall Heinekey made right after the AAP process failed (June 4, Driftwood) in which he said, "The board intends to stay the course with its preliminary design," and, "At this stage, we're not going to change direction . . ." Hopefully, he has since changed his mind.

Based on these quotes, it is tempting to me to vote "no" at the referendum, but my fear is that the whole thing may get turned over to the CRD, and we do not want to see them do to us what they did to Fulford.

So, can we vote "yes" to the referendum and trust the trustees to only borrow \$6 million when they are able to borrow \$10.4 million? I hope we can, now that we know what the plant should cost, and I expect them to keep the rationale for key design and procurement decisions fully transparent, and regularly report them in the newsletters and or the Driftwood.

The writer is a NSSWD ratepayer.

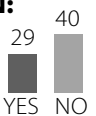
THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should experimental drugs be used against Ebola? Yes No

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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Will you vote yes in the NSSWD referendum?



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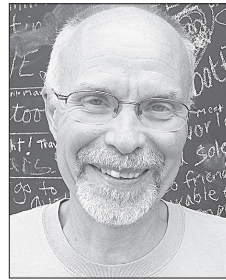
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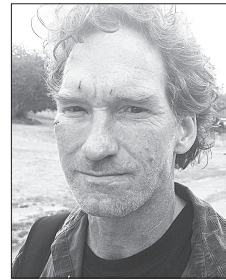
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I'd like to go to Scotland to see some real castles.



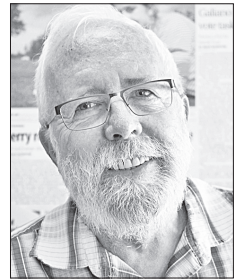
JENNA BIGMORE
I'd like to become a millionaire.



LOYD NICHOLSON
Visit New Orleans during Mardi Gras.



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I'd like to see the pyramids.



TONY RICHARDS
I want to read about the election of the first mayor and council of Salt Spring Island.

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.

Coverage disappointing

The North Salt Spring Waterworks Board of Trustees and senior management would like to express its deep disappointment with the Driftwood for its recent editorial and Sean McIntyre's piece on our upcoming referendum regarding Borrowing Bylaw 264.

We feel that your implication that our ratepayers have not been informed in detail about the project and the borrowing bylaw is completely erroneous and misleading, as is your statement that no public information session was planned. We held a public open house held at Community Gospel Chapel

before our April AGM, and we have been holding an ongoing open house Monday through Friday at our district office since April 16. It has been frequently advertised, including in your newspaper. Consequently, many ratepayers have been in to the office to view the drawings and ask management staff questions about the project and financing options. Staff and board members have answered many questions by phone and email, and many ratepayers have also had discussions and/or meetings with staff or board members.

For the last two years our ratepayers have been kept informed about the project and the borrowing bylaw through a series of newsletters mailed directly to them.

This spring we ran a set of four double-page ads in your newspaper and others to explain the project to ratepayers and the island in general, and we have developed an extensive section on our website with project details, a copy of the bylaw, and copies of the advertisements and the newsletters, plus many FAQs about the project and the process. Both the website and ratepayer newsletters include an explanation of why we are asking to borrow the figure of up to \$10.4 million and not a lesser figure, and of how we expect to realize cost savings that will lower the final figure significantly. It is misleading of you to state that our ratepayers have not been provided with this information. We have

endeavoured to make the entire process as transparent as possible.

The district serves the equivalent of 5,500 full-time residents: our schools, parks, fire halls, seniors' residences and the hospital, our local artists, businesses and organizations, and the many tourists so vital to our island economy. However, the Driftwood continues to ignore the fact that this project is vital to the quality of life of so many people and businesses on our island. We believe clean, safe drinking water is important to everyone, and further, we believe that the majority of our ratepayers support the construction of a new water treatment plant. With the current plant at the end of its useful life, we need a

new facility that will allow us to meet current and future drinking water standards and greatly improve drinking water quality and taste. We hope that all our ratepayers will come out and vote so that their voices may be heard.

MARSHALL HEINEKEY
CHAIR, NSSWD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Wasp solution

I'd like to share a method for dealing with wasps that is non-toxic. I've successfully sucked up two half fist-sized wasp nests in the last couple of days.

The trick is to take the head off the vacuum, put as many extensions on it as you have (I had five feet), and then approach the nest slowly. The wasps seem

oblivious to the noise or wind. Then thuck, thuck, thuck they go down the tube.

I thucked a hundred the first day with little risk of being stung. When finished I stuck a rag in the end of the tube and turned the vacuum off. The next day there were dozens more wasps wondering where their nest had gone. Thucking agitated wasps was more exciting but still no stingage.

All that's left is figuring how long until it's safe to remove the vacuum bag that is mostly filled with wasps and fruit flies.

MEROR KRAYENHOFF,
SALT SPRING

MORE LETTERS continued on 9

Government uneasy about Canadian giving

BY GEORGE SIPOS

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

That old non-metric cliché is easy to dismiss because it is, well, a cliché. But it crops up in the oddest places, like in the contretemps between Oxfam Canada and the charities directorate of Canada Revenue Agency.

It seems that CRA has rejected Oxfam's mission statement which says the organization's goal is to "prevent and relieve poverty, vulnerability and suffering by improving the conditions of individuals whose lives, livelihood, security or well-being are at risk." CRA objects to the phrase "prevent poverty."

"Relieving poverty is charitable," they have told Oxfam, "but preventing it is not. Preventing poverty could mean providing for a class of beneficiaries that are not poor."

At first glance this seems absurd. But strangely enough, it starts to make a kind of sense once you think about it.

Think of Smoky the Bear and his famous dictum: "Remember, only YOU can prevent forest fires." The actions he recommends

— putting out your campfire properly, not throwing cigarette butts out the window, not playing with matches, etc — are all sensible, but nobody would call them charitable actions akin to looking after the needs of people whose house had been burned down by an out-of-control forest fire.

So maybe CRA has a point. Not every action that is good is a charitable act.

But then at the same time the annual report of the UN Development Program was released, warning that significant improvements in recent years in global lifespans, education and incomes are now slowing because of worsening inequality, economic disruptions and natural disasters.

The report notes a "widespread sense of precariousness in livelihoods, the environment, personal security and politics" afflicting close to half the population of the planet.

Poverty, in other words, is not a static naturally occurring phenomenon with a fixed measurable quantity, like a coal reserve. It is a dynamic condition which can increase or decrease in response to causes which, in many instances, are within human control.

For an NGO like Oxfam to address the "vulnerability" of individuals whose lives

GUEST COLUMN

and livelihood are at risk by working on the root causes of poverty is just as "charitable" as providing food, shelter and other succour in times of crisis or disaster.

Unless, of course, we think of "charity" in a purely Victorian sense by restricting its meaning to symptoms only and not causes. Which many argue is precisely the problem with Canadian public policy on how the purposes of non-profit organizations are to be judged.

When the CRA confers charitable status on a non-profit, it allows the public to make donations to the non-profit in exchange for a tax receipt so that the donation can be deducted from personal income tax. Effectively, revenue that would otherwise go to the government gets spent on a variety of charitable purposes outside the purview of government programs and initiatives.

Charitable giving is thus profoundly democratic. The people themselves decide how their tax dollars (or what would have been their tax dollars) get spent.

It is perhaps this very democratic nature of charitable giving that makes governments uneasy, particularly if "charitable goals" include addressing the causes of

poverty. Since some of those causes are the doing of the government itself, at least through its failures to address such things as climate change, income distribution, and corporate irresponsibility, you can understand how CRA, as a branch of government, frets about inevitable hypocrisy.

But democracy is like that. It accommodates contradictions in the interests of blundering forward.

To quote Winston Churchill's comment that has been repeated often enough to become a cliché of its own: "It has been said that democracy is the worst form of government, except for all those other forms that have been tried from time to time."

If Oxfam needs to address the economic causes of poverty, or if the David Suzuki Foundation needs to challenge government environmental policy in the defence of ecological sustainability, and if Canadians are willing to support these activities by directing government money toward them via their charitable donations, they should be allowed to do so.

To quote John F. Kennedy (in slightly abbreviated form): "A nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth or falsehood of unpleasant facts is a nation that is afraid of its people."

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Better at Home gets rolling

Governments and social service agencies have for years espoused the value of seniors staying in their own homes as long as possible, but there wasn't a coordinated effort to help make it happen.

That changed in B.C. last year with the rolling out of the Better at Home program. Salt Spring Island is one of the communities with a brand-new

program, as Ministry of Health funds provided to the United Way have been granted to Salt Spring Community Services.

One part of Better at Home facilitates a new way for seniors to access housekeeping, yard work and simple home care services.

"Through this support it will really make a difference in terms of seniors being able to stay

at home," said Shellyse Szakacs, the Seniors Program coordinator.

Depending on a senior's income, Better at Home can provide subsidies of 30, 70 or 100 per cent towards the cost of services.

"Even people who don't qualify for any subsidy might want to use the services because the providers have been vetted," Szakacs added.

The island's long-running Senior Peer Counsellors and Friendly Visitors programs are also now running through Community Services' Seniors Program, and a new service is being added through a partnership with Salt Spring Literacy. Friendly Readers sees volunteers visit seniors to read with them.

Rides to grocery shopping can also be arranged through Better at Home, and while Salt Spring Seniors already has a driving program for seniors to access medical appointments, Szakacs said some back-up could be provided in that area too.

For information about how to access Better at Home or other seniors services, call Szakacs at 250-537-9971.

Also, watch soon for the new Community Services seniors office opening at 129 Hereford Ave. in Ganges.



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Right decision

As neighbours living in the area of Bullock Lake, we'd like to acknowledge the Islands Trust for the decision to proceed no further with the application for rezoning of the Bullock Lake Resort property. In particular, we are grateful to Peter Grove, who recognizes that the risks posed by this development outweigh any benefits.

We are especially appreciative of the efforts made on our behalf by the hard-working Friends of Bullock Lake committee; we know they would much rather have been doing something else this past year than spending countless hours researching, writing and attending meetings! Many thanks from your neighbours.

CHRISTINE ARNET, TISHA BOULTER, GWEN CAR-

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Library love

I recently misplaced a treasured bookmark and contacted the library to see if I had left it in a returned book. After taking the time to search for it in the lost and found, the garbage and the recycle bin, it was not discovered. One of the volunteers took time to contact and provide me with a personal update. I was

so impressed by this act of generosity, I felt compelled to write the library and subsequently the Driftwood, to share my gratitude for this outstanding establishment and personalized service received.

I applaud the personal touch I receive at the library whenever I go there. I love the fact children are warmly accepted and appreciated (joyous noise and chaos abounding). I enjoy the warmth and esthetic charm of the decor, the whimsical art, the community spaces, and the gathering of so many appreciative and helpful people.

Thank you for all you give to this small island. We are indeed fortunate to have such a valued resource at our disposal six days a week. And please pass along my sincerest thanks to the helpful volunteer who assisted me. It is individu-

als like this who make the library an extension of our home and such a welcoming place.

CHRIS GAY, SALT SPRING

Palestine versus Israel

Are we an intelligent human race?

What are we using our intelligence for?

Worldwide we are spending trillions of taxpayers' money for designing and building increasingly sophisticated machinery (rocket launchers, tanks, fighter planes) to kill each other "in defense."

And the ones we usually succeed in killing and maiming are people like we ourselves, whether soldiers or civilians, and often their children and ours.

Millions live in refugee camps to flee from those

using these "sophisticated" weapons.

Others use children as human shields.

No wonder some people stop watching the news; it's too sad.

Each side in that fighting blames the other side for being the "bad ones," but the bad ones are not usually the soldiers who are trained to do the killing and who expose themselves to be killed.

Many of these come home with PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder) and some don't find the way back into normal peaceful life.

How do we get out of this vicious cycle?

Should we not wake up and start thinking "outside the box"?

Are we approaching the time when we will have to beat our "swords" (tanks etc.) into "plowshares" as

the Bible foretells?

Again: Are we "intelligent" enough to set up a functioning human society?

Something to think about. Pass this on.

HANS DOBNER, SALT SPRING

Protecting

Thanks for your continuing coverage of Grace Islet.

While convenient, the words "protest" and "protesters" do not do justice to the Salt Spring community and the breadth and depth of its commitment to prevent further desecration of a First Nations cemetery.

We are not protesters anymore than a person who stands up to confront a bully in the schoolyard is a protester. Our actions are not protests; they are acts of protection.

PHIL VERNON, ISABELLA POINT ROAD

Bullock's opportunities lost?

BY PETER VINCENT

Upon reading the double-barrelled op/eds in last week's Driftwood concerning the Bullock Lake Project, I feel I have to respond to some of the commentary, which, at best may be said to contain inaccuracies.

It is an ugly fact of life when any group is blinded by a singular purpose, any tactic is fair play. The end justifies the means.

If you are not with us, you're "against" us. The Driftwood published an editorial the week previous which was critical of the Trust's decision (on a split vote) to reject the Bullock Lake Project. The editorial drew the ire of Mr. Dixon, who wrote that the Driftwood displayed "irresponsible journalism, cherry picking promises" for offering up what I considered a compelling counterargument.

Rollie Cook, who authored the second op/ed piece was positively giddy in his praise of Peter Grove — the trustee who cast the dissenting vote against the project. Apparently Mr. Grove "saw through the Platform bluff [and the project] did not provide any benefits to Salt Spring Island as a whole."

Again, Mr. Grove tells a different story when pressed on this, and again, "never let the facts get in the way of a good sound bite."

We on Salt Spring Island have seen this before, where a vocal minority has shouted everyone within earshot, to the point where if chanted loud enough and repeated often enough the average Salt Springer surmises it is the truth. The most compelling example is the Ganges Marina proposal of a decade ago, where the erstwhile developer was offering up an incredible world class marina along with the completion of the infamous boardwalk and a waterfront park that he committed to maintain in perpetuity.

The naysayers came out in droves to the Trust meetings, booing and hissing anyone who stood in support of the project. They trumped up "experts" who unequivocally stated that the wharves would kill the eel

IN RESPONSE

grass, thereby turning the harbour into a lifeless swamp. Salt Spring lost (again, by split decision) an incredible opportunity. In my opinion, that was the beginning of an economic downward spiral that lords over us to this day.

There are other examples. The municipality vote of yesteryear, where again, the monied vocal minority placed full page ads in the Driftwood decrying the end of Salt Spring as we know it should we become a municipality — that the entire island would be overrun by developers who would immediately turn our island into a giant paved parking lot. We had the Salt Spring Coffee Company thrown under the bus, sending this great Salt Spring success story to the bowels of Vancouver, along with dozens of jobs.

And now we have the continuing saga of Bullock Lake, with opponents manning the ramparts with their own brand of eel grass, intimating that the project will suck up all the water, turning the surrounding properties into an arid wasteland. There was even a whispering campaign going around that there is toxic construction material buried on the property.

There are accusations that the complex will produce a sick lake. The project is putting a 30- to 60-metre buffer zone around the shore. The septic system is the best out there, producing near potable water at the end spigot. Platform also has an 88,000 gallon potable water holding tank, and had plans to install a second identical tank prior to the Trust's rejection.

I read in Mr. Dixon's piece that the profits will go off island. This one kills me. This project will bring a whole lot more tourists to Salt Spring Island (our only economic resource). It could make Salt Spring Island a year-round destination, hosting corporate retreats, weekend getaways for harried Vancouverites, and wellness seminars. No economic benefit? Please. A 2007 study stated that

each of the 385,450 tourists that came here in that year spent \$80 to \$100 a day.

I have walked the Bullock Lake property a number of times, seen the top shelf quality of the units and the infrastructure, and have seen the lake, with the lovely dock across the water sporting a couple of adirondack chairs. I can certainly understand why the owners of the neighbouring properties are reluctant to share paradise.

Sadly (and somewhat ironically) the recent Trust decision to slam the door on the project also slams the door on the community having any input on how the project will proceed, what will happen to the 20-odd acres Platform Properties had earmarked for a community amenity (read "park"). Going forward, any resistance or objections will be going to court. In Platform's opinion (and in the opinion of some of the best legal firms on the West Coast) they are within their right to build out the original 123 units laid out in the original proposal.

Thankfully, we have had a handful of projects that have navigated their way through the bureaucratic and NIMBY maize. Despite the sometimes ear-shattering wailing of naysayers, ArtSpring is now an absolute jewel, as is the public library, as is the swimming pool, as is the public transportation system. All these have made Salt Spring Island a better place to live and have resulted in jobs.

Bullock Lake is one of those golden rings that don't come along that often, that will make a palpable difference to the economic livelihood of many Salt Springers living on the edge. There is a large contingent of islanders that are in favour of this development and a larger contingent who glean their information from op/eds that have an agenda, an axe to grind. I have no axe to bring. I am not a cousin of the developer. My agenda is a healthy, economically viable community, and I don't want to see another fantastic opportunity thrown under the bus through partisan politics and paranoia.

Keep Smiling...

THOUGHTS & NEWS

from Dr. Richard Hayden

I love to ...

Run marathons and long course triathlons. I sure wouldn't want to try one without training. Even with training they seem daunting while toeing up to the starting line. Having a plan to get prepared and to race is essential. Even with a great plan sometimes things happen unexpectedly and throw a wrench into the works.

I think our general and specifically oral health is similar. If you are starting out a bit out of shape or with neglected teeth or gums then a plan is needed to get back in shape. It doesn't happen overnight, it takes regular work and a plan to get to the goal of long, healthy life. Simply taking a walk, doing some stretches and flossing daily are a great start.

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BY SGT. GEORGE JENKINS
 SALT SPRING RCMP DETACHMENT COMMANDER

The Salt Spring RCMP Detachment has eight uniformed police officers, two public servants and one victim assistance worker. In any given year the detachment responds to 2,800-3,200 calls for service. This year we are on pace to be in the middle of that range.

Earlier this year, in consultation with our community partners, we developed an Annual Performance Plan to address specific community issues. For 2014-15 we're focusing on traffic safety, marine safety and crime reduction.

TRAFFIC SAFETY
 One of this year's traffic safety initiatives is focused on increasing the use of seatbelts with the goal of harm reduction for people involved in motor vehicle collisions. We have focused on seatbelts in the past, and two years ago this community had a very high rate of seatbelt usage. It has been noted of late however, that our compliance has slipped somewhat.

Our other traffic initiative this year is to reduce the number of impaired drivers on our roads. Members of the motoring public may have noticed that

CRIME REDUCTION
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K. PERSSON
Service: 7 years
On Salt Spring: 3.5 years
Interests: Spending time with family, and fishing



CST. STEPHEN CASEY
Service: 2.5 years
On Salt Spring: 2.5 years
Interests: Outdoor activities, family time



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CST. GERARD KOPPERUD
Service: 9 years.
On Salt Spring: 2 years
Interests: Outdoor activities and farming



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CST. ALEX UPSHALL
(photo not available at press time)
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On Salt Spring: 1 month
Interests: Boating, recycling



JOSIE RIPLEY
DETACHMENT SERVICES ASSISTANT
Service: 10 years
On Salt Spring: 2.5 years
Interests: Enjoying family & Salt Spring



LORETTA RITHALER
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Service: 14.5 yrs
On Salt Spring: 14.5 yrs
Interests: family time, gardening, volunteering

in sight for 2014-15 THE SAFETY ON ROADS AND WATER

...re being conducted on an amount of impaired driving roadside prohibitions and as increased substantially. We're hoping that those and driving will soon get a high likelihood of getting continuing this dangerous

number of foot patrols through these areas and have adopted an assertive prosecution strategy to target offenders who continue to behave badly. We are also collaborating with Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission, which will be forming a working group of concerned stakeholders to find a long-term solution to this persistent problem.

MARINE SAFETY

We have made a concerted effort to increase our profile on local waterways. Our goal is to increase marine safety through education and enforcement. We will be accomplishing this by checking boats on the water to ensure operators have all the required safety equipment and legal documents on board. We will also be checking to ensure operators are not under the influence of alcohol, which carries the same penalties in criminal court as operating a motor vehicle while under the influence.

For more information about the Salt Spring RCMP's annual performance plan, contact the local detachment at 250-537-5555 or drop by the station during regular business hours.



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CONCERTS

Duck Creek Farm hosts concert series

Shane Philip, West My Friend play shows this week

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Duck Creek Farm will be more than just a source of prime garlic and basil this summer, with a series of outdoor concerts by innovative artists on tap.

A successful venture in June with Dominique Fricot has helped farm resident Eland Bronstein jump into the promotion world. Upcoming shows this week with Shane Philip and West My Friend, and one with Vancouver up-and-comers The Boom Booms later this month, are helping solidify the farm's place among the list of great Salt Spring venues.

Bronstein has lived at the farm for just two years, but his mother Sue Earle has been there for close to a dozen. The family is seeking to carry on the legacy started by founder John Wilcox, who passed away in 2012.

"We're looking to make the farm a little bit more of an events space in any way the community wants," Bronstein said, noting this has included recent farm-to-table dinners. "We'd like to get people more in touch with the land and the farm through great community events."

Concerts are played on the cobblestone patio in front of the old farm house, while audience members look on from the slopes of an adjoining field.

"The acoustics are really great because it's in the valley, and you're looking out into the main market gardens, which are beautiful to see," Bronstein said.

Philip is headlining the show this Saturday, Aug. 16, showcasing original West Coast island rhythms that contain



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Multi-instrumentalist Shane Philip will play outdoors at Duck Creek Farm this Saturday.

a sea of influences. The self-taught musician plays seven instruments —usually at the same time — including the Australian didgeridoo, African djembe and Hawaiian Weissenborn guitar.

"I have no limitations and that's what keeps it really exciting for me," Philip states in a press release. "I have a collaboration of global fusion, if you will, within my set and with the gear I use."

Sometimes described as a mixture of folk, reggae and electronica, the solo artist's music has been called "impossible to pigeonhole." His power to reach people through music is particularly evident during live shows, which should be magnified by the free space of a farm venue that includes plenty of

room for barefoot dancing. As Bronstein observes, it will be "Shane Philip unleashed."

Duck Creek Farm will play host to another original West Coast synthesis of sounds just three nights later when West My Friend visits the island as part of the Bikes, Barns and Beers tour on Tuesday, Aug. 19.

Speaking on the phone from Victoria, the band's accordion player Jeff Poynter described their sound as "Cascadian indie Prague folk roots music," which boils down to "indie folk but a bit quirkier."

Weird time signatures, weird keys and nontraditional forms are the band's playthings. They received Vancouver Island Music Awards nominations for Roots Album of the Year and Song of the

Year for their debut album and released their second album this spring with help from Grammy award-winning producer Joby Baker and Juno award-winner David Travers-Smith.

Like Philip, West My Friend has made fans on Salt Spring during previous gigs. This time they come as part of a bicycle-powered tour of Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands that was dreamed up by their colleague in music, Brett Wildeman. Unfortunately, Wildeman has been in hospital and won't be going on the road, but West My Friend was happy to fulfill a long-held dream.

"It's something we've always wanted to do and never been able to do before," Poynter said, explaining the trip requires three bike trailers to bring all their instruments, including a double vase and a heavy accordion as well as the more portable mandolin, guitars and flute.

None of the band members own cars and they customarily get around their home town by bike, but they usually borrow a vehicle for touring.

"Part of it is showing there is an alternative to cars. We want to show you can do it," Poynter said.

Doors open at 7 p.m. for both concerts this week, with music starting at 7:30. Concert-goers are encouraged to bring their own blankets, seating and refreshments, though a concession will be available at some shows. Advance tickets are available at the Duck Creek stand at the Tuesday Farmers' Market and Saturday Market, Kin (located next to Barb's Bakery) or Island Escapades.

Camping can be arranged for all August concerts. West My Friend encourages people to ride their bikes to their Tuesday night show.

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EXHIBITIONS

PhotoSynthesis returns

14th group show opens Aug. 22

PhotoSynthesis, the annual photo show and sale by Salt Spring photographers, will return for its 14th season with an exhibition at the ArtSpring Gallery beginning next week.

The show will kick off with an opening reception on Friday, Aug. 22 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Guests will have the oppor-

tunity to meet with some of the PhotoSynthesis members, their four invited guest exhibitors, and the sponsored student who are contributing to this year's event.

PhotoSynthesis is made up of 25 permanent members. The group was formed in 1995, and has since become an island tradition. The annual summer exhibit has taken place at ArtSpring since 2001.

"The search for light and

image creates an endless palette of possibilities, for those who are looking. And photographers are always looking," the group observes on its website.

"The result is an eclectic collection of subject matter, techniques and styles, befitting the eclectic nature of Salt Spring Island itself."

The show will run daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Aug. 23 to Sept. 9.

ART EXHIBIT

Gulf Islands revealed in full glory

Eight-foot-long canvas on exhibit

Mayne Island artist Leigh-Anne Maxwell is making a trek across the water with an exhibition of artwork at ArtSpring slated for Aug. 16 to 21.

After several successful regional shows, Maxwell is turning her attention to Salt Spring Island.

"This particular endeavor involves transporting approximately 50 paintings by ferry — including one eight-foot-long canvas — quite the production by anyone's standard, but it's all systems go," she states in

a press release.

The show, called Coastal Reflections, is a collection of West Coast and Gulf Islands-inspired imagery and includes drawings, watercolours, oil on canvas and acrylics.

"Art enthusiasts will enjoy a presentation of work that balances technical skill with the story behind each piece. Whether it's dramatic and raw or light and uplifting, art is all about the expression of an idea. That's the goal."

The artist will be in attendance from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, and an opening reception is set for Saturday, Aug. 16 from 4 to 6 p.m.



Mayne Island painter Leigh-Anne Maxwell shows paintings at ArtSpring this week.

CONCERT

Church consecration celebrated

Music and Munch guests from past 20 years present concert

Music and Munch will fulfill its tradition of presenting a special summer program of music, song and dance by past contributors with a concert celebrating the consecration All Saints' by-the-Sea set for Wednesday, Aug. 20.

Twenty Years On celebrates the 20th anniversary of the October 1994 consecration.

The light-hearted program not only remembers some of the highlights of the energetic project that transformed the original church of St. George's into the present Anglican centre of All Saints' by-the-Sea, but also draws from the talents of the performers who have continued the amazing, creative legacy established in those early years.

With David Storm as piano

accompanist, many familiar contributors to Music and Munch will be sharing their talents on Wednesday. Alan Robertson and Carole Scott will give a rendering of Flanders and Swan's famous Have Some Madeira My Dear. It was first performed by Robertson and the late Margaret Jardine 20 years ago at a Victorian dinner served during the week of celebration following the consecration.

Dancers Gale Hingston and Lottie Devindisch have reworked a piece which they presented that same week in a dance recital called Poetry in Motion. Assisted by reader and percussionist Carole Scott, their newer version promises to be as pleasing as the original. Charles Hingston will then join them in a comic dance specially choreographed for the event.

Betty and Alan Robertson, who have a delightful chemistry honed over many years of per-

forming together, will be enjoying a special moment from Fiddler on the Roof. Betty will also sing a solo, the theme of which is much too much fun to reveal before Wednesday.

Anke Smeele and Connie Holmes will be singing something old and something new from their repertoire, highlighting the warm blend of their alto and soprano voices, while soprano Jean McClure adds lustre to the program with her shining voice.

The audience, too, will be invited to join in the fun by singing-along in a newly composed musical history lesson on the life of All Saints' over the last 20 years.

The performance begins at 12:10 pm. Entrance is by donation to the "new chair" fund. Donations over \$20 will be tax deductible. All are welcome to put their name in for a door prize. An optional lunch is served after the performance. Tickets must be purchased beforehand.

MUSIC

African virtuoso Kinobe visits

Workshop and concert Aug. 15

Kinobe, a multi-instrumentalist and singer-songwriter born in Uganda, will be on Salt Spring this Friday, Aug. 15 for a day filled with teaching and performance at All Saints by-the-Sea.

According to press material, "Kinobe leads his listeners into the soul of Africa with traditional instruments, songs and stories from his homeland. His solo shows are intimate and informative, where he talks about the making and history of his traditional instruments, crafted and

brought to life by his skilled hands, engaging audiences and helping them to understand and feel the beauty of the music. He talks about the meaning of his songs and their roles in his community."

Born near Lake Victoria in Uganda, Kinobe (pronounced "CHI-NO-BÉ") began playing music as a child. By the time he was 21, he had visited every country in Africa, studying and playing with celebrated musicians including Toumani Diabate, Youssou N'dour, Salif Keita, Angélique Kidjo, Oliver Mtukudzi and Baaba Maal.

Kinobe has given con-

certs and workshops all over Europe, North America and Africa, bringing a powerful world-roots-dance sound to festival main stages and theatres, as well as his extraordinary solo shows that showcase the diversity of the traditional Africa instruments he plays.

Members of the public can join Kinobe for a three-hour Singing Workshop at All Saints from 2 to 5 p.m. Pre-register at heartstar@care2.com. Later that evening he will perform a solo concert highlighting the kora, kalimba, tama (talking drum) and endongo instruments. Doors open at 7 p.m. and music begins at 7:30.

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Motorcyclists needed for Salt Spring's annual toy ride

Public welcome to festivities Aug. 22 - 24

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Motorcycle riders who have never checked out Salt Spring's annual toy ride are invited to see what they've been missing and join in one of the island's biggest Christmas fundraising events.

A core group of volunteers has been working on this year's program since March, planning a full weekend of music, games and fun from Aug.

22 to 24 at the Farmers' Institute. At its heart is the ride itself, which will see a huge group of bikers tour the island with their toy donations proudly displayed and Santa Claus leading the pack.

"A lot of people come to the island for the ride and they use it as a nice weekend away," said participant and volunteer Kevin Kopetzki.

"It's an excuse to go for a ride in a nice destination."

"Last year we had over 100 bikes," he added. "Probably over half were from off-island, but we'd like to get more people

from on island involved."

The point of the toy run is to collect new, unwrapped toys, which are destined for families in need at Christmas time. Cash donations are welcome, and winter clothing is also collected.

Aside from its main purpose, the toy run has come to include a series of fun events that draw in both locals and visitors. What started off with just 10 bikers in 1996 has grown steadily over the years to become a full throttle celebration, and even those who don't have motorcycles are more than welcome to



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Toy run volunteer Kevin Kopetzki.

join in.

Gates at the Farmers' Institute open at 3 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 22. Camping is available for

a weekend rate of just \$10. The evening will feature live music and dancing with Soul Shakedown that is free for campers,

or anyone can pay the cover charge to attend.

Saturday morning begins with rider registration at the Farmers' Institute at 9 a.m. The ride leaves at 11 a.m. sharp and travels through town, over Beddis and Cusheon Lake roads and then around the north end before coasting back into the main site.

"We want people to come out and honk and wave," Kopetzki said.

Motorcycle games and a show and shine kick off at 12:30 p.m. at the Farmers' Institute, with public viewing open free of


charge. With a number of expensive show bikes on display and some bizarre sounding games and challenges for riders on the schedule, live music from the bandstand and beer gardens, this is not-to-be missed entertainment.

Saturday evening events include a pit roast beef dinner and dance with live music by D'ale and the Coolers (adults only for this event). Tickets can be purchased for both portions, or just the dance.

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ACTIVITIES

NSSWD Referendum Advance Poll.
Voting for members of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District on \$10.4-million borrowing plan. NSSWD office at 761 Upper Ganges Road. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Wednesday Market in the Meadow.
Vendors set up in the United Church meadow every Wednesday. 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Summer Reading Club.
For ages 6-12. Pre-register at the library. Salt Spring Library. 10:30 a.m. to noon.
SongJam.
A 21st-century pub sing-along, to vocal and instrumental backing tracks. Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Shane Phillip.
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Open Mic With Ross & Dave.
Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Talking Pictures, Painting Words.
Salt Spring author Kathy Page in conversation with visiting artist Carole Miles. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 7 p.m.

Fri. Aug 15

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Wine Down for the Weekend.
Live music with Frank Huether. Salt Spring Vineyards. 4 to 6 p.m.
Sunyata.
Tree House Cafe. 7-10p.m.
Iman Habibi & The Emily Carr Quartet.
Informal performance reveals sections created during creative residency at ArtSpring. Free event. ArtSpring. 6 p.m.
Kinobe Concert.
African virtuoso plays solo concert highlighting the kora, kalimba, tama (talking drum) and endongo. All Saints' By-the-Sea. 7 p.m.
Fans and Motor Supply Co.
Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Kinobe Singing Workshop.
Three-hour class with African virtuoso. All Saints' By-the-Sea. 2 to 5 p.m.
Friday Night Island Hopping.
Visit Galiano, Mayne or Pender islands due to favourable ferry schedule. Details on Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce website. Long Harbour Ferry Terminal. 3:55 p.m.

Sat. Aug 16

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Marianne Grittani.
Mistaken Identity Vineyards. 2 to 4 p.m.
Peter Prince.
Guitar vocalist and friends perform. Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Sunyata.
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Shane Phillip.
Multi-instrumentalist performs on outdoor stage. Duck Creek Farm. Doors open 7 p.m.
Ange Hehr.
Rock/dance band. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

North Salt Spring Waterworks District Referendum.
Ratepayers vote on whether to borrow \$10.4 million for water treatment plant. Community Gospel Chapel. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Saturday Market in the Park.
Centennial Park. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Eden Energy Medicine Training EEM 101.
Covering many of the key topics from Donna Eden's award-winning book Energy Medicine. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info registration: 250-538-0196 http://www.transformative-practices.org.
Berry Tea in the Meadow.
Enjoy refreshments and improvements to the United Church's Memorial Garden. Salt Spring Island United Church Meadow. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sun. Aug 17

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Summer Saturdays at the United Church.
Open house with musical entertainment, refreshments and stained glass window tour. Salt Spring Island United Church. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Leigh-Anne Maxwell Art Opening.
Opening event for solo exhibition of artwork titled Coastal Reflections by Mayne Island artist. ArtSpring Gallery. 4 to 6 p.m.



LEIGH-ANNE MAXWELL, King of the Hill

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Music in the Vineyards.
Live music with Synergy. Salt Spring Vineyards. 2 to 4 p.m.
Billie Woods.
Acoustic guitar vocalist. Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Gerry Barnum.
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Bourbon Street Sunday.
With el Zocalo Quintet and some surprise guests. Moby's Pub. 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Eden Energy Medicine Training EEM 102.
Second day of training. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Verna Meyer Art Show.
Paintings on display. Mistaken Identity Vineyards. 1 to 5 p.m.

Mon. Aug 18

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Terry Warbey/The Hoochie Coochie Men.
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.
Salt Fire Protection District Trustees' Meeting.
Monthly business meeting. Public welcome to attend. Ganges Fire Hall. 7 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

West My Friend.
West Coast indie folk group performs on outdoor stage as part of Bikes, Barns and Beers tour. Duck Creek Farm. Doors open 7 p.m.



WEST MY FRIEND

Open Stage with David Jaquest.
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Paddle & Play.
Family Place parent child drop-in. Vesuvius Beach. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Tuesday Farmers' Market.
Every Tuesday in Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.
Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission.
Public meeting of the commission. Portlock Park Portable. 4 to 6 p.m.
Photon Power.
Talk on the future of energy, the electricity grid, and the power of micro-grids with Michael Mehta. Co-sponsored by the Community Energy Group and the Salt Spring Public Library. Library Program Room. 7 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Mike Alviano.
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.



MIKE ALVIANO

ACTIVITIES

Wednesday Market in the Meadow.
See last Wednesday's listing.
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EXHIBITIONS

- Gallery 8** presents **Cross Country Inspirations**, featuring paintings by **Pieter Molenaar** and sculpture by **Vance Theoret**, from Aug. 1 to 22.
- Two Yellow Lines**, photographs by **Seth Berkowitz**, is the Showcase stage exhibit at **Mahon Hall**. Show continues daily through Aug. 22.
- Leigh-Anne Maxwell** holds an exhibit called **Coastal Reflections** in the **ArtSpring** gallery from Saturday, Aug. 16 through Thursday, Aug. 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with an opening reception on Saturday, Aug. 16 from 4 to 6 p.m.
- Denys James** shows ceramic wall plaques at **kiZmit Galeria and Cafe** through August.

EXHIBITIONS

- Jacqueline Meredith** exhibits paintings that capture the tranquility of the islands in the **ArtSpring** lobby through August.
- Duthie Gallery** presents **Dead Reckoning**, sculptures in bronze, steel, cement and paper by **David Robinson**, through Sept. 30. The gallery is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursdays through Mondays. The Summer Lights Night Gallery is open nightly from 9 p.m. to 12 midnight.
- Avril Kirby** shows photographs at **Salt Spring Coffee Co.'s cafe** in Ganges through August.
- Carole Miles'** artwork is in the **Salt Spring Library** program room until Aug. 29.
- Original oil paintings by **Alunia** are on display at the **Country Grocer cafe** for the month of August.
- ArtCraft**, the annual sale of some 100 Gulf Islands artisans, runs daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at **Mahon Hall**.
- 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.
- Rhiana Lynn's** artwork is now showing at **Penny's Pantry**.

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COMMUNITY ART

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Salt Spring Gallery member Dawn Davies adds her contribution to a new community exercise in public art.

Chalkboard exercise offers 'pure and simple fun'

Passersby are invited to share their dreams by contributing to a new community art space located outside Salt Spring Gallery. Salt Spring Gallery (formerly known as Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art) members Ken Ketchum and Dawn Davies spearheaded the chalkboard project on an outdoor side wall. The chalkboard mimics a 40-foot long outdoor example set up in Reno by the Blackrock Arts Group.

Chalk is supplied and people passing by are encouraged to jot down or draw their bucket list wishes under the heading "Before I die I want to..."

"The board has already filled to over-flowing, making for some delightful, even thought-provoking reading, and spawning sidewalk conversations and cell phone photos," said Davies. "Blackboards of this type are appearing in many communities, opening dialogues, minds and hearts."

The board will be refreshed frequently and the posed question will be changed from time to time.

PERFORMING ARTS

ArtSpring hosts Iman Habibi

Creative residencies produce new works

the Powell Street Festival (Vancouver). Listening to his music online, it strikes one as being contemplative, melodic and very beautiful.

On Friday, Aug. 15 at 6 p.m., the public is invited to experience sections of the new work played by the Emily Carr String Quartet, hear about Habibi's creative process and participate in a question and answer session with the composer and the musicians.

This is a unique opportunity to see behind the scenes of an artist's creative process. The cost of entry is free.

In the coming weeks, ArtSpring is hosting two more artist residencies. Martha Carter Dance is hosting open rehearsals from 12 to 1 p.m. on Aug. 17, 19, 20 and 21, a workshop called Dancing Your Spine on Aug.



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Composer Iman Habibi is working on a new creation at ArtSpring this week.

20, and informal performances on Aug. 18 and Aug. 22.

Our final residency is with pianist/composer Eve Egoyan and installation artist David Rokeby. We invite you to attend

our last informal performance with the two artists on Thursday, Aug. 28.

For more information, call the ArtSpring ticket centre at 250-537-2102 or visit tickets/artspring.ca.

BY CICELA MANSSON
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Composer and pianist Iman Habibi is at ArtSpring all this week with the Emily Carr String Quartet, working on a new composition for and with the Victoria-based group.

Habibi is an award-winning composer whose work has been programmed by prestigious concert organizations such as The Marilyn Horne Foundation (New York), The Canadian Opera Company (Toronto), Tapestry New Opera (Toronto), Vox Novus (New York), Atlantic Music Festival (Maine), the BCScene Festival (Ottawa), and

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A shopping cart full of old fashioned roses from the old fashioned residents of Brinkworthy Place to profusely thank the management of the Country Grocer for their generous contribution to the success of our annual barbecue.

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Linda and Rebekah Lee, and Spencer Paiment. Your support for our Sixth Annual Invitational Bocce Ball tournament brought in other enthusiastic athletes from Campbell River and Port Alberni, along with their coaches and cheering section. Thank-you roses also go to PARC for having everything ready, and the Driftwood newspaper for keeping all informed about our sport achievements this year.

Heartfelt thanks to Meron for finding my wallet and keeping it safe for me at the Saturday market.

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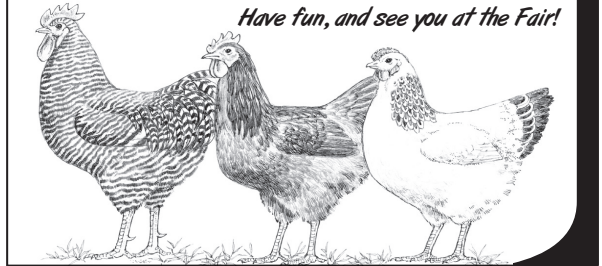
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This Week's

Noroscope

by Michael O'Connor

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Tip of the Week:

Before Leo time ends and Virgo begins and with four planets in the lion's sign, plus the Black Moon, it merits some special attention. Leo is the sign of entertainments, fun, games, play, sports, children and creative offspring of any kind including works of art and performance. Hollywood and show biz in general come under the domain of Leo. It can be interpreted as the 'earthy fire sign'. In this regard Leo possesses a solid and practical approach to the affairs of life. Superstar and mega wealthy singer, songwriter, performer, actress and CEO of her own fashion and accessories company, Madonna was born on August 16th. Often liking to be the producer, director and actor in their own show, people with Leo strong and balanced in their Astrological signature demonstrate creative, determined and steadfast leadership. Excess and imbalance of the Leo archetype can produce a proud, dominant, controlling and dictatorial disposition. Napoleon Bonaparte and Benito Mussolini are historical examples. But these characteristics are not limited to people whose Sun Sign is Leo. Any of the 12 Zodiac Sign archetypes can be prominent even when the Sun and the sign it is in is not directly involved. An actual chart must be cast to decipher such factors. Positively, Leo is expressed as a generosity of spirit backed by an ardent passion to essentially get attention in order to entertain others and, more pragmatically, to achieve and to win recognition, fame and accolade. In this Age of Aquarius, which is still dawning, Leo is situated on the relationship line which naturally attracts a lot of attention. Thus we see and experience great prominence and fame among actors, professional athletes and celebrities of any and every kind. In the context of our current age and in the wake of a rapidly emerging global culture, these people are placed on the veritable pedestals of the gods of mythology.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Fun, sun, games and a healthy twist of passion and drama are all current themes. In the drama department it may even be matters of birth, life and death. Something is surely changing or someone and this may especially be you. Looking back over the past couple of years you will notice that you have undergone a veritable metamorphosis. How much fun can you have?

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21) Creative inspirations are not just pouring in, you are in the water. Blessings are now yours to receive and enjoy, though these may be mixed due to the power plays of significant others. Yet you can probably handle them. Meanwhile, a growing urge to express the beauty you are seeing and feeling inside is your main focus.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21) Ventures and journeys are keeping you busy. Some of these may have come about unexpectedly. At worst you feel a little scattered and overwhelmed. You have to make extra efforts as well. You may feel the need for support, a rock to lean on. Amidst the wide array of activities and personalities, you may need to focus more than usual to claim your own balance and center.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22) Patiently establishing a new and more reliable foundation continues. This includes building your momentum. As well, you feel compelled to take stock of your resources and to increase your reserves. Increasing your overall awareness of what is implied and required is featured. However you do it, your focus is to invest into your future.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23) Thoughts and notions of increase and expansion remain firmly on your mind. Success requires that you be willing to take a few risks, a leap of faith or two. The main obstacle stands to be inertia and apathy linked to subconscious fears. Take deliberate measures to confront and overcome these. Know what you want, decipher why you feel hesitant and then let action lead the way.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22) You are in a creative cycle that requires that you step back and take space for a while. Yet, it also demands organization, clarity, determination and follow through. All of this can be done behind the scenes. Whether you feel called to download your dream vision, get organized, outline a power plan, set things in motion, or all of the above, this is your final cue.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22) Your sense of individuality is really beginning to shine through. This is generally an expansive time for you. Meeting people and establishing new friendships is featured. Your ambitions are fueled, though you are still in a process of paying dues and passing entry exams. This will continue until the end of the year. Patiently persevere.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21) You are in a passionate and determined mood. So much so that others may even find you overzealous and pushy. You are in a commanding mood which might even be interpreted as demanding. It does make sense that you want to take new leads to increase your exposure and influence. Be careful not to overdo it.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21) Some big energy patterns are stirring both within and without. Inwardly you feel called to overcome, to do battle with limiting beliefs and worn out attitudes and behaviour patterns. Outwardly you are feeling very excited, perhaps especially about cultural events. Either way, there is plenty of drama stirring requiring optimism and faith.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19) A search for new resources, talent and leverage is keeping you busy now. Deciphering what you want and need and who can meet your criteria is firmly on your mind. To this end you have research work underway. You have many questions and want answers to all of them. You are less patient than usual and will play hard to win.

Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19) With each new day your world is expanding. This includes your social outreach. Making new connections feels necessary but is a source of excitement as well. The time is right to share what you know. Others will prove receptive, even enthusiastic to hear your message. Be willing to take the stage and shine your light. Do it for one and for all!


Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) A creative work cycle continues. In addition to the actual organization and follow through efforts implied, the work also includes mustering the vision, faith and courage to take action. Yet, you are not meant to do it alone. Cooperation and collaboration is required. Decipher how you can best make win/win proposals.

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Francis David Adair
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Francis David Adair (alias "g-string Jack", "the SSI chick magnet" or just plain "Jack") 87, of Salt Spring Island, B.C. passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 10th at Victoria General Hospital.

Jack is survived by and will be deeply and fondly remembered by his son Carman and his 3 grandchildren (Kristin, Braden and Gordon), his loving niece Nancy Whitford (husband Jeff), all of White Rock, B.C., and by a number of other family members. He will also be dearly remembered by many, many friends on Salt Spring Island where he resided for the past 30 years.

Jack's wife Connie preceded him in death as well as his sister Bev and brother Ray.

The family both recognizes and appreciates the warm and attentive care provided both at Lady Minto and Victoria General Hospital and we salute all the special people on Salt Spring Island that are like family to Jack.

There will be a Celebration-of-Life service held at the SSI Legion to honour Jack at a date to be announced.

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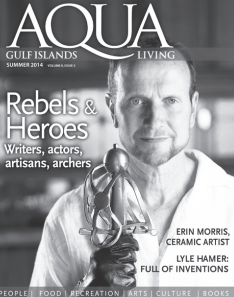
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A number of Salt Spring athletes have been rewarded for their commitment to sport this month. Taylor Akerman, centre at left, has jumped into competitive swimming after excelling at gymnastics, and came out of the Vancouver Island Regional Championships over the B.C. Day long weekend with two gold medals in Division 3. Debbie McNaughton and Maxwell Haffner received first place ribbons in the B Division of a Special Olympics bocce tournament held on Salt Spring on Aug. 10. The event involved athletes from Campbell River, Port Alberni and Salt Spring.

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TRAIL RUNNING

Runners announce Ruckle trail race

Registration opens soon for 12K trail run

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
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Would-be trail runners might want to take it easy on the barbecued foods over the next few weeks now that the Saltspring Trail Runners has announced its long-awaited race in Ruckle Park.

Runners will line up on Saturday, Sept. 27 for a 12-kilometre walk, jog or run through one of the island's most scenic spots.

"We can't express how happy we are to share this little piece of heaven from the fields to the hills to the shores," said Dave Melanson, a founder of the island's trail running group who helped bring Salt Springers the Channel Ridge 8K Run in early April.

Organizers had wanted to host the event earlier in the season, partly to build on momentum from



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From left, Jon Suk, Dave Melanson and Peter Oro celebrate by the finish line during a trail race at Channel Ridge in April.

the spring race, which got nearly 80 people out and about on a damp and cool April morning. Worries about trail overcrowding during the park's busiest season encouraged organizers and park administrators to settle on the September date.

Melanson said he's got a permit for up to 100 racers, many of whom will undoubtedly travel from

away to attend the Salt Spring event.

The course will follow established and well-marked trails that can be explored ahead of race day by anyone who seeks a jump on the competition. More than 50 per cent of the course will wind along the provincial park's scenic coastline.

Melanson, who has completed many long-distance

running events in Canada and the United States, said newcomers shouldn't be daunted by the thought of 12 kilometres of winding narrow-track. Those new to the sport are advised to take things easy and get a feel for the terrain.

"Anyone just getting into trail running is advised to take your time on this course as it will be very technical throughout and the best way to make ready for trails is to spend some time out there," he said. "Slow steady runs and hikes are the basis of safe training for trail running."

The Ruckle run will also feature an inaugural one-kilometre race designed for the island's budding young trail runners.

Registration will open online before the end of the month. Visit the Saltspring Trail Runners' Facebook site orsaltspringtrailrunning.org to keep abreast of all the latest details, including race time and fees.

SWIMMING

Stingrays amped for provincials

Members join Vancouver Island team in Kamloops

Members of the Salt Spring Stingrays swim team will join other qualifiers from the Vancouver Island region at the B.C. Provincial championships in Kamloops this weekend after proving strong competitors at the regional championship event.

During the Vancouver Island Regional Championships, held over the B.C. Day long weekend at the Commonwealth pool in Saanich, 21 Stingrays members achieved race times sufficient to qualify for the provincials.

Highlights included two gold medals for Taylor Akerman in 50 back and 50 breast stroke and four gold medals for Cassidy Fraser, who flew in to first place in 50 free, 50 fly, 100 free and 200 IM events.

Stingrays coach Kevin Nickerson brought home silver in 50 free and bronze in both 50 fly and 100 fly.

Other Stingrays medals in their respective age divisions were: Austin Bisnar, third in 100 breast, Rylan Burnett, second in 50 free, 100 back and 200 IM, Nina de Roo, third in 50 back and 100 free, Mac Flett, third in 50 breast, Aaryn Funk, third in 50 free and 100 free, Kiel Johnson, third in 50 back, Zoey Johnson, third in

100 free, 50 fly and 100 IM, Lylyl Kennedy, third in 100 breast, Izzy Kerrigan, third in 100 free, Nick Koby, third in 100 free, Daniel Kos third in 50 fly and 100 fly, Ollie Macintosh, second in 50 back, Gabriella Oloriz, second in 100 free, Shane Webster, third in 100 back, and Maddie Wesley-Plambeck, third in 100 breast.

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