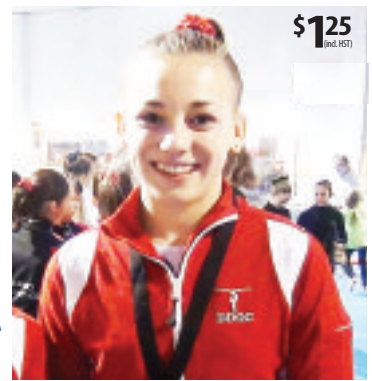


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FERRIES

Ferry cut opponents team up

Short and long-term goals being pursued

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Chamber of Commerce has joined elected officials, First Nations groups and concerned individuals up and down B.C.'s coast in opposing the provincial government's plan to cut BC Ferries service while continuing to raise fares.

Chamber president Li Read and director John Cade, who chairs the group's BC Ferries Task Force, were among people endorsing a press release the broad-based group issued on Thursday. Other signers include the MLAs for Nanaimo-North Cowichan and Skeena-Bulkley Valley, the Ferry Advisory Committee chairs for the Sunshine Coast and interim Green Party leader Adam Olsen, among others.

FERRY CUTS continued on 2



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

CRUMBLED: The 1400 block of North Beach Road eroded as a result of heavy rains that fell on Friday through Saturday morning. No rain is in the forecast until at least Saturday.

BULLOCK LAKE

Debris allegation haunts lake project

LTC wants complete investigation

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island's Local Trust Committee wants to resolve any questions about the potential burial of toxic debris at a resort development next to Bullock Lake.

"We have to pursue this to a conclusion, one way or another, and find out whether there's any substance to this allegation or if there is not," said

LTC member George Grams. "Whatever we need to do to fulfill that satisfaction, I think we should undertake."

The allegations date to a letter submitted last summer by the site supervisor who worked for the Bullock Lake development's former owner. Shortly after Chris Dixon took on the top job in 2007, a fire destroyed the property's 24,000-square-foot lodge and swimming pool.

Dixon wrote that he believes much of the debris — including melted fibreglass bathtubs, copper

wire, finishing material, office furniture, computers and building materials — was buried on the property to reduce clean-up costs for the financially troubled developer.

"My personal opinion is that there is a potentially harmful situation here — tons of toxic material may have been buried in a watershed by desperate men," Dixon stated. "I believe an investigation compelled by an appropriate authority, including some form

BULLOCK LAKE continued on 2

NOISE BYLAW

CRD aims to restrict gun club

Measurable noise violations sought

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Capital Regional District is taking one more stab at resolving an ongoing conflict between the Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club and its neighbours by recommending new amendments to the island's noise bylaw.

Salt Spring's CRD director Wayne McIntyre will present recommendations to the Electoral Area Services Committee meeting today (Wednesday) that, if accepted, will prohibit shooting on Sundays, Mondays and holidays, but will affirm the club's rights other days within permitted hours.

"The idea is to present it to the board and discuss it," McIntyre said.

"I think it would be ideal to proceed, it's been going on for so long. At least get it on the table, and come up with a collaborative way forward — and hopefully that's within the realm of reality."

The CRD's last attempt to solve the divisive issue stemmed from a flurry of complaints from a small number of neighbours living in the Churchill Road area. A staff report from October 2012 recommended limiting shooting at the club to between 5 and 7 p.m. on weekdays, and to four

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Please note, effective January 20, 2014, the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District's Trustee's monthly business meeting, scheduled for the third Monday of every month, will henceforth be held at the Salt Spring Island Public Library, 129 McPhillips Avenue.

In addition, the start time has changed from 7:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

For further meeting information, please review the meeting procedures' Bylaw 119, which can be found in the Trustees' section of the SSIFR website www.saltspringfire.com

As always, the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Deeper probe promised on resort site

BULLOCK LAKE

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excavation of the filled, graded area (where Dixon believes toxic materials may be buried) is necessary."

Should debris be uncovered, he adds, any potential environmental threat to the lake or aquifer must be examined.

"If necessary, a complete removal and clean-up should proceed," Dixon said.

Fewer than six months after the fire, a B.C. Supreme Court judge appointed a

receiver to oversee all assets controlled by Tuan Development Inc., the project's former owner.

Platform Properties, a Vancouver-based development company, bought the property in 2011. Last week, the company submitted a revised rezoning application that seeks to allow the resort's 50 cottages to be bought and rented as holiday accommodation. Platform's latest application will be presented at an upcoming LTC meeting pending review by Trust staff.

Cameron Chalmers, who speaks for Platform Properties, said the company

met with Dixon soon after hearing about the toxic debris issue on July 25, 2013.

"One area, on lands not subject to the application, was identified as a possible location for refuse during the site meeting," Chalmers wrote in an email on Monday. "Platform has completed a search of the balance of the property, finding no evidence of refuse, and will undertake a more detailed investigation in the location identified."

He added that any debris discovered during the investigation will be removed as part of the project.

Letter writing urged for ferry issues

FERRY CUTS

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"We have hope that BC Ferries and the government will take some note that this is of great concern to all the parties involved," Cade said of the informal alliance. "Whether they're going to listen to us or not, that's an interesting question."

According to the alliance's press release, proposed cuts to ferry service will affect 20 per cent of B.C.'s population, but coastal communities produce more 36 per cent of the provincial revenue — a figure that could be severely impacted.

"The thing it will really affect is tourism, for the most part. Somehow they'll find ways of getting goods and resources through," Cade said.

While grassroots campaigns like the "I Live Here" project based on Gabriola Island and a day of protests planned for the Sunshine Coast this Saturday, the concerned groups have yet to plan a cohesive action.

Speaking for the Salt Spring chamber, Cade said, "Our task force

job right now is to have our ears open and to be open to comments, and listening to our constituents, and the island in general, rather than jumping out and making wild statements.

"We're trying to be logical and methodical and to proceed in a thoughtful fashion, rather than have a knee-jerk reaction."

However, there are two stages the group thinks are necessary for turning around the failing system. The first is to put an immediate halt to service cuts and fare increases while a better solution is found. The second and more long-term goal is to incorporate BC Ferries into the provincial highways system.

"Because that's on the minds of everybody," Cade said.

The BC Ferry Coalition is asking individuals to make their voices heard by sending letters directly to Premier Christy Clark. Cade suggests including positive suggestions toward how the system could change to generate money instead of losing it.

For more information on coastal opposition strategies, visit www.bcmarinehighway.org and www.bcferrycoalition.com.

PROVINCIAL COURT

Third court deadline missed

Warrant issued for Gord Hollingsworth's arrest

A provincial court judge in Duncan has issued a warrant for the arrest of Gordon Kenneth Hollingsworth.

The former Salt Spring resident was given until Tuesday, Jan. 14 to enter a plea to a fraud under \$5,000 charge after he failed to appear in Ganges Provincial Court last week. He also missed a Nov. 13, 2013 court date in Ganges.

The charge stems from an alleged scam involving the sale of sporting event tickets to island residents.

Salt Spring RCMP Cpl. Martin Beardsmore said Hollingsworth is believed to have moved off the island but is living nearby.

"It's really just a question of re-arresting him," Beardsmore said on Tuesday afternoon.

Hollingsworth also faces four fraud-related charges stemming from incidents in Nanaimo in October and November of 2013.

In other court news from the Jan. 8

sitting in Ganges, Thomas Wood was released on a \$1,000 recognizance for an incident that stems from allegations of uttering threats during an argument in a Maliview Drive home in April of last year.

Wood, who has spent most of his time away from Salt Spring since the incident, was apprehended by RCMP after trying to collect a debt. He is not to have contact with individuals related to the matter, or to be found near 114 Maliview Dr. or 133 Hereford Ave.

• Harold Pedersen of Salt Spring will have to undertake alcohol counselling and avoid contact with a youth he is alleged to have touched inappropriately. Conditions were part of a \$1,000 recognizance, or peace bond, issued instead of going ahead with a charge of sexual interference with a person under 16. Court heard the charge resulted from "minor touching of a youth at a bus stop."

• Jean Puts must pay a \$500 fine and is not allowed to possess firearms for three years after he pleaded guilty to uttering threats in an unrelated matter.

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COMMUNITY GROUPS

Salt Spring Literacy reboots community programs



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Aletha Humphreys, left, the new executive director of Salt Spring Literacy, and Stella Weinert, the organization's educator. They welcome potential volunteer tutors and learners to contact them through the Elma Rubright Literacy Centre.

New staff excited by coming year

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A fresh calendar year often creates an environment conducive to new energy and possibilities, but for the Salt Spring Literacy Society that's particularly the case for 2014.

As of October, the organization has been helmed by a new executive director, Aletha Humphreys, and new educator Stella Weinert. Having spent their first couple of months getting to know the organization, the team is now ready to share their enthusiasm with the southern Gulf Islands through established programs and new goals.

"I think we're both really excited to be here and investigate possibilities for the community," Weinert said, noting the board is also all new in the last year, which has contributed to a feeling of fresh energy.

"It's been a great organization to come into," Humphreys added. "We're very supported by the volunteers and the board."

Humphreys said she's personally excited by the opportunity to work in the community for the first time since her family moved here several years ago. She was most recently a project manager with the Provincial Health Services Authority.

Weinert, on the other hand, has been

fully immersed in the public eye as a teacher on Salt Spring for 25 years.

"Literacy has always been a strong interest. I'm really enjoying investigating it in a new context," Weinert said.

Perhaps most readily recognizable for being the organization to host the Giant Book Sale fundraiser at the Farmers' Institute for its past few editions, Salt Spring Literacy Society has been more quietly serving community members' learning needs for a number of years.

The literacy centre was first envisioned in 2005 by island resident Elma Rubright, who wanted to give adults facing reading and writing issues the help they needed in a free, confidential and supportive environment. Since successfully establishing the society and then the physical base in 2007, a broadening definition of literacy has been recognized.

"The current definition of literacy has moved beyond reading and writing," Humphreys noted.

In today's parlance, it can still mean building those basic skills, but it can also be extended to mean fluency in any area, whether a computer program, personal financial management, or learning English as a second language.

The literacy centre is blessed with having a downtown location (it's located in the green building behind Cafe Talia), so people can drop in casually to discuss their needs. Some learners book regular

appointments and meet with tutors every week; others are more casual or might come in to fulfill a specific, one-time need such as getting help to fill out an application or research something on the internet.

For ongoing studies, learners are matched with volunteer tutors who have the requisite skills. The place of learning can be at the centre, at home or a coffee shop, or in the public library.

"It's really what works for them," Weinert said. "The learning path is determined by what the learner would like to know, so it's totally learner-centered."

Tutors and learners each come from a wide variety of backgrounds and ages. The current roster includes teachers, an actor and a retired pharmacist.

"That's what makes this job really interesting is the people involved, because you've got these tutors who are keen to help out and these motivated learners," Weinert said.

With so many ways that literacy can be interpreted, the real challenge for the society is in determining how to work most effectively.

"One of the things we're being cognizant of is seeing what the needs are and growing in a measured fashion, as there are so many roads we could go down," Humphreys said.

In order to do that, the group has teamed up with the Salt Spring Public Library, Salt Spring Community Services and the Gulf Islands School District to create a Literacy Task Force that will investigate more precisely what local needs are, and where the gaps might be. Broader community consultations will also be held. The literacy society also partners with Decoda Literacy Solutions, B.C.'s literacy organization that channels provincial government funding.

"Decoda provides us with a provincial network and resources that strengthen our programs," Humphreys said.

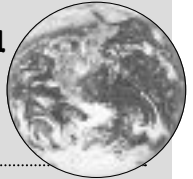
Funding is also provided by the Ministry of Advanced Education.

Collaborating more with local organizations will also be a major focus during the coming year, with plans to connect with groups such as Salt Spring Community Services and Island Women Against Violence, for example.

The literacy centre is open Monday to Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday from noon to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information on how to access services or to volunteer, call 250-537-9717 or contact ahumphreys@saltspringliteracy.org or sweinert@saltspringliteracy.org.

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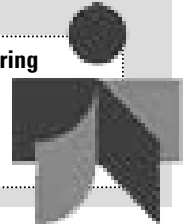
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Club members oppose limitations

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hours on Saturdays. Shooting outside the gun club would still have been allowed to take place between 9 a.m. and sunset daily.

A new staff report written by Travis Whiting, the CRD's senior manager of protective services, recommends setting the gun club's permitted outdoor shooting hours within the noise bylaw from Tuesday to Friday. No shooting is to be done on statutory holidays or during the period from Dec. 23 to Jan. 2 of each year. As well, the report proposes setting indoor shooting hours from Tuesday to Friday from sunset until 9 p.m. and limiting trap shooting and Cowboy Action to one day a week.

Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club president John Foley will be in Victoria along with other club members to ask the committee to reconsider these limitations, which he said will endanger the club's ability to sustain itself.

"We feel that the suggestions are way too much. We are willing to work with the CRD to find a solution," Foley said.

CRD staff have confirmed that Salt Spring resident Brian Milne will also be presenting a delegation. Milne and his partner Jean Barakett own property next door to the gun club and have launched a civil suit seeking an end to all shooting and punitive awards, citing intolerable noise and environmental damage.

Neighbour opposition to the club has been relentless, as the CRD staff report shows. In October 2013, alone, bylaw enforcement received 70 complaints

covering 38 instances of shooting. "Of these, five instances were indoor shooting after sunset, two instances were outdoor shooting after sunset, and 30 instances were outdoor/indoor shooting between 9 a.m. and sunset."

Since the CRD made its first suggestion for restrictions in 2012, Foley said the club has voluntarily put some of its own limits in place, such as ending Sunday shooting. But the ban on holiday shooting could have an undesired effect.

"The results of this report show that use of the range creates negligible increases in noise levels from most locations tested."

TREVOR WHITING
CRD protective services manager

"There's been a lot of push-back from the club, mostly because we're working stiffly. Our concern is if hours are limited, a lot of people will find other places to do their shooting," Foley said.

Whiting's recommendation to add a definition of "disturbing" noise in relation to existing natural noise levels in the bylaw follows a suggestion by the Supreme Court of B.C. In 2012, the gun club launched a court challenge against the CRD noise bylaw and to tickets bylaw enforcement officers had issued both during and outside of permitted shooting hours.

Justice Gregory T.W. Bowden found

the CRD could not use the noise bylaw to prohibit an activity allowed by zoning, but noted an objective measure was called for in the area of the bylaw that prohibits any noise that disturbs other people.

The CRD contracted North West Environmental Group Ltd. to undertake a study of the noise arising from use of the indoor range, which was completed on Nov. 29, 2013.

"The results of this report show that use of the range creates negligible increases in noise levels from most locations tested," Whiting summarized.

However, he noted that by setting an acceptable decibel level above natural noise, bylaw officers would have a stronger base to work from that could be applied to any noise, not just shooting.

Foley agreed that having an objective measure could help the gun club's case.

"It would be nice to have a benchmark of some sort — how they're going to monitor that is beyond me," he said. "There's a lot of problems with that, but at least it would take out someone saying, 'Oh, that noise is bothering me.'"

Foley will be taking to the meeting a 1,400-signature petition from people asking that the pre-2006 noise bylaw's wording be reinstated. That version provided a specific exemption to shooting limitations for the gun club.

"We realize that might not be a reality, but we've already given up too much — voluntarily," he said.

"At some point the CRD is going to have to take a stand with the neighbours. There is no appeasing these neighbours and the CRD knows it."

EMERGENCY CALLS

Pedestrian struck

Paramedics, police and firefighters assisted a pedestrian who was struck in the Purvis Lane crosswalk at Lower Ganges Road on Jan. 10.

"Fortunately, the pedestrian did not appear to suffer significant injuries," said Salt Spring Fire Rescue's Lt. Mitchell Sherrin.

"Pedestrians and drivers are reminded to take extra precautions when there is poor visibility from environmental conditions

such as rainfall and darkness," he said.

"Many local businesses offer safety lights, reflectors and reflective clothing that can provide additional visibility for pedestrians."

Firefighters also assisted a patient with breathing difficulties on Jan. 8, helped paramedics with a patient who had fallen in a shower stall on Jan. 11 and responded to four calls for commercial and residential alarm bells during the week.

Town Hall Meetings

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DEVELOPMENT OF A PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN

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The purpose of the proposed multi-agency Pest Management Plan (PMP) is to manage invasive alien plants and/or noxious weeds on provincial Crown land in south coastal B.C.

The PMP applies to areas located within the Capital, Cowichan Valley, Alberni-Clayoquot, Comox Valley, Strathcona, Powell River and Mount Waddington Regional Districts.

The PMP applies to areas in the vicinity of the communities of Port Hardy, Port McNeill, Campbell River, Powell River, Courtenay, Comox, Parksville, Qualicum, Port Alberni, Nanaimo, Duncan and Victoria.

The pest management methods proposed for use include mechanical, cultural and biological control and the use of herbicides within the area to which the PMP applies. The common name and examples of the trade names of the herbicides proposed for use under this plan include aminopyralid (Milestone), dicamba (Vanquish), glyphosate (Vantage Plus Max), metsulfuron methyl (Escort) and triclopyr (Garlon XRT). Selective application methods include wick/wipe-on, injection, squirt bottle, cut surface, and foliar applications using backpack or vehicle mounted sprayer.

The proposed duration of the PMP is from May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2019.

A draft copy of the proposed PMP and map of the proposed treatment area may be examined in detail at: Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Range Branch, 441 Columbia Street, Kamloops, BC, V2C 2T3, online at <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/HRA/Plants/> or by contacting the Agent listed above.

A person wishing to contribute information about a proposed treatment site, relevant to the development of the pest management plan may send copies of the information to the applicant (c/o SMC Consulting, Agent, at the address listed above), within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

ISLANDS TRUST

LTC formalizes 'public participation'

Proposed bylaw tweaks meeting procedures

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee has approved changes that will define the public participation component of its regular business meetings.

Once approved, proposed Bylaw No. 473 will replace the well-known town hall sessions with "public participation" periods. These sessions will be limited to 15 minutes but can be extended by a majority vote of LTC members. Speakers will receive three minutes to address LTC members. Likewise, extensions will be subject to LTC approval.

Barring LTC consent, topics "must relate to matters under the jurisdiction of the Local Trust Committee, or items within the jurisdiction of the Islands Trust Council."

The meetings' more formal delegations section will also be limited to 15 minutes, unless trustees vote to extend the allotted time.

Individuals or people who represent an organization must submit a written request to the LTC's deputy secretary by noon, 14 calendar days before the meeting.

Each address should be limited to five minutes, though trustees

are able to grant delegates more time.

In both instances, the LTC chair retains authority to curtail a presentation in the event a speaker makes defamatory remarks, addresses issues other than those contained in his or her application, or "immoderately raises his or her voice, or uses profane, vulgar or offensive language, gestures or signs."

Leah Hartley, Salt Spring's regional planning manager, said the meeting procedures bylaw gives certainty to members of the public who wish to address LTC at a meeting.

The bylaw also includes provisions to facilitate electronic meetings under special circumstances.

Trustees gave proposed Bylaw No. 473 third reading. It is being forwarded to the Trust's Executive Committee for final consideration.

In other Islands Trust news, LTC members gave second and third readings to a rezoning application to change a portion of shoreline off Collins Road from Shoreline 7 to Shoreline 6. The change is needed to allow owners to build a dock on the site.

During the referral process, trustees from the North Pender Local Trust Committee recommended against the application based on the dock's possible effects on eelgrass beds.

Approval of proposed Bylaw No. 470 is subject to registration of a land covenant to protect the marine environment at the site and completion of a subtidal inventory that will determine the boundary of eelgrass at Bader's Beach.

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



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HEALTH CARE

Health coalition gets underway

Seniors, mental health in focus

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The recommendation made by Salt Spring's Physician Recruitment Committee last spring to establish a health advocacy group on the island appears to have spurred a new spirit of cooperation and action in the community, with a broad-based coalition now collaborating to improve primary health care provision.

After surveying island health care providers and other organizations for their input, the five-member PRC discovered four key areas that deserved attention, including seniors care and mental health care. To accomplish its goals, the group recognized the need for a community advocacy group as its primary priority.

As a direct result of this work, the 16-member Salt Spring Health Advancement Coalition has now been established and includes Island Health planner Grant Hollett, Lady Minto Hospital Foundation chair Paul Oliphant, Community Services executive director Rob Grant and two physicians, including the chair of the new Salt Spring chapter of the Rural and Remote Division of Family Practice, among its members. With a structure that relies on consensus decision making, the coalition is already making strides toward a collaborative, positive approach to support its mission: ensuring islanders "have access to quality, integrated, sustainable care as close to home as possible."

"I'm really happy we as a community can come together with a coherent, united voice about what we want to do about health care," Oliphant said, adding the coalition has a "lovely tone and timbre."

"It's because everybody has the same end goal. The thing that's

so strong about the committee is they want to do what's best for the community."

Having the support of the attending physicians has been important for the group's potential effectivity, as has Hollett's participation.

"He's listening very carefully to what's being said here," coalition member Barb Aust said of the Island Health planner. Hollett is in charge of community engagement for the regional health authority's next five-year strategic plan.

"I'm not hearing the 'Yes, but's' — it's a group of possibility," Aust said.

"Solutions are really, really important, but good solutions only come with thoughtful consideration."

PAUL OLIPHANT
Chair, Salt Spring Health Advancement Coalition

While the initial consultations conducted by the Physician Recruitment Committee suggested improvements to Lady Minto Hospital's emergency room and creating more multi-doctor clinics are also among the island's top health-care needs, the coalition is putting its focus on seniors health and mental health care provision first.

The group invited representatives from organizations serving seniors to attend a round-table discussion on Tuesday, Jan. 7 where services given, gaps and possible connections could be identified. A similar process involving mental health will take place in February.

Oliphant, who chairs the coalition, has a professional history

of working to create connections between different arms of health care in Alberta, where he worked in children's and family mental health services for 30 years. In his view, the more integration, the better for the system and for the people it serves.

"One of the greatest problems we have in health care is dollars — but we also have systems that are redundant," he said. For example, a patient that moves between various teams of providers will likely be assessed by each team, rather than that information being shared.

"It's all about coordination. How do we make this work better?" Oliphant said.

Aust also noted a "silo" mentality that seems to occur in many community organizations, which tend to focus on very specific needs but could join forces for more seamless care of people needing their services, and mutual support for the people giving it.

Above all, the coalition is not interested in taking an adversarial approach with any of its partners, including Island Health.

"Instead of saying, 'You didn't do this,' our stance is 'How are we going to get that done?'" Aust explained.

Coming up for the Salt Spring Health Advancement Coalition this year, its March meeting will focus on gathering all the information collected at the two previous meetings, identifying issues and starting to form a strategic plan to look at how the group can be most helpful. In the following months, the group will share its ideas with health care stakeholders and the wider community to get input on what it's come up with.

"Solutions are really, really important, but good solutions only come with thoughtful consideration," Oliphant noted.

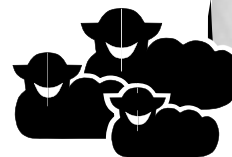
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EDITORIAL

Digging up an answer

Chris Dixon, a former site supervisor at Salt Spring Island Village Resort, first raised the prospect of a possible environmental hazard at the Bullock Lake site in October 2008.

More than five years later, Dixon, along with many other people who live near 315 Robinson Rd., still await an answer.

Tuan Development's venture entered receivership several months after a 2007 fire destroyed the property's lodge and swimming pool. Dixon alleges that the company's tenuous financial circumstances encouraged individuals in charge of the clean-up to cut costs by cutting corners.

Rather than ship the building's charred remains to a Vancouver waste facility — where materials are usually ground up and used in road construction — Dixon believes a portion of the 300 tons of debris was buried on the property. Despite a cursory investigation by Capital

Regional District bylaw enforcement in 2008, Dixon is unconvinced the threat has passed. He worries that leachate from the material could affect Bullock Lake, a water source for several adjacent farms. Longer term, he adds, there's a chance runoff will contaminate the aquifer that serves private well owners and the Cedar Lane Water District, which Dixon happens to chair.

Water quality reports received to date do not reveal any immediate cause for concern, but leachate can take years to enter the adjacent water supply through the rocky ground's maze of tiny, twisting underground fissures.

Regardless of whether the threat of toxic debris is a specious roadblock to thwart Platform Properties' effort to revive the Bullock Lake project or a legitimate environmental concern, Thursday's decision by Salt Spring Local Trust Committee members to have staff develop a strategy to address the allegation is a long-overdue step towards putting speculation to rest.

There's only one way to confirm Dixon's worst fear and hopefully the LTC's response will encourage Platform Properties to finally dig up the truth.

THE ISSUE:

Bullock Lake toxic debris

WE SAY:

LTC action overdue



VIEWPOINT by Peter Grove

Looking ahead with island's LTC

At this time it is appropriate to reflect on the accomplishments of this past year and my hopes for the New Year.

My primary goal as a new trustee was to assist in creating a political environment in which the voices of all islanders and constructive dialogue would be encouraged. Not everyone's wishes on matters for which the Islands Trust is responsible have been realized, but their thoughts, critiques and opinions have been welcomed and respected. Decisions have been made thoughtfully and carefully, endeavouring to do the right thing for the community at all times.

Work is under way by your Local Trust Committee on a number of important projects which I anticipate will be completed during the year including:

The Industrial Advisory Planning Commission report will soon be available. It will assess the need for and location of industrial lands together with the redefinition and simplification of zoning for industrial areas.

Continued monitoring of the pilot program implemented in 2013 for the legalization of secondary suites. A plan to make temporary use permits available for those wishing to have a secondary suite outside of the current permitted areas is in process.

Implementing the Riparian Areas Regulation has been an LTC priority. Mapping of the relevant streams, which will provide the community with the certainty which it requested, is now complete, and public hearings will be held in the spring to discuss a proposed by-law.

Having been empowered by Trust Council to provide administrative and coordinating services, SSI LTC has formed the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority. It is made up of the regulatory agencies responsible for watersheds and St. Mary Lake, in particular. It is expected that SSIWPA will have a clearly defined plan of action for the lake by the end of the current year.

I am eagerly anticipating work to start on a long-term plan for Ganges. This project was recently added to the SSI LTC list of five top priorities. It will include a rationalization and simplification of zoning which will facilitate various much-needed projects such as: the completion of the boardwalk, the appropriate development of the current fire hall, the Shell gas station site, the marinas and live/work opportunities, while respecting the existing village culture.

Finally, I look forward to continuing to advocate as part of the Islands Trust for appropriate and affordable ferry service, for the protection of our coasts from potentially devastating oil spills and of our beaches from shellfish farming. There is much to be done to protect what we have and to ensure a positive future for our island.

With so many projects under way, I will be eager to put my name forward once again to serve the community as a local trustee in the November elections. I look forward to 2014 with enthusiasm.

The writer is a Salt Spring Island local trustee.

There is much to be done to protect what we have and to ensure a positive future for our island.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should noise bylaws be based on objective measurements?

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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Are you satisfied with your property assessment?



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ISLAND VOICES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "We're trying to be logical and methodical and to proceed in a thoughtful fashion, rather than have a knee-jerk reaction."

JOHN CADE, SS CHAMBER BOARD MEMBER, ON A BC FERRIES CUTS RESPONSE

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What is the greatest road hazard faced by Salt Spring drivers?



CLAUDIA FRENCH
I think part of the road near Walker's Hook is ready to wash out next.



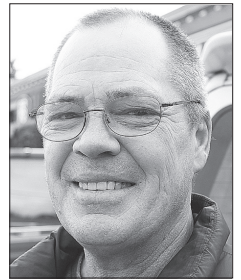
KYLE JACO
On the south end, it's the sticks, twigs and branches that are scattered all over the roads.



REBECCA COX
The lack of road lines is so treacherous.



HELMUT TIMM
The potholes that are everywhere on the island.



ROSS CALLAGHAN
Dirty roads and poor visibility.

Letters to the editor

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Spend money on the island

I hear more and more people saying they watch movies on Netflix. This little consumer act that is cheap and convenient has dire consequences for our Salt Spring economy, one movie at a time.

First of all, with Netflix, your money leaves the island and goes to a U.S. company. For those of us whose work depends on having families living and working here, this is serious. We all want grocery stores, gas stations, hardware stores, health-food stores, cafés, don't we? All those businesses depend on families being able to afford to live here, spending their money here, keeping their businesses open. How many bookstores

have we lost in the last two years? And restaurants?

Well, look where you are spending your money. Every dollar spent at Costco, Save-on-Foods, Netflix, Amazon, Walmart off-island, online, contributes to the demise of our island businesses. Netflix is seriously affecting Island Star. (Nobody at Island Star asked me to write this.)

I see that they have downsized. I love going to browse there and asking Tim and John to bring in such and such French movie I would like to see. And they do. Have you ever really looked at their foreign section? The documentary section?

In our day and age, spending money is a very political act. And where you are spending it is important. Of course

I pay more buying 85 per cent of what I consume here on Salt Spring. But I see it as putting my money where my job is (I work in a school), supporting my neighbours, my fellow islanders, investing in the diversity and the choice we want to have on the island.

If we want our grocery stores, our video stores, our health-food stores, our bookstores, to stay open, ask yourselves if you are helping our island economy or are you contributing to their doors closing... with every dollar you spend.

MARIE BEAUDOIN,
TOYNBEE ROAD

Shocking

I commend Andy Skuce for his well-referenced and authoritative reply in the Jan. 8 issue of the Driftwood to Eliza-

beth Nickson's article the previous week about "peak planet assertions." I do want to suggest, though, an additional way that can help us understand the threat of climate change.

Last Oct. 9, I came across an online article by Tim Radford in Climate News Network, headlined Shock Outlook for Local Weather, and I haven't been able to get it out of my mind. Reporting on a paper in the journal Nature titled, "The projected timing of climate departure from recent variability," Radford shows graphically what will happen to us if we don't work as hard and as fast as we can to mitigate dangerous climate change. It contains a list of nearly 270 cities worldwide showing the year people in each of them can expect their mean climate to shift

continuously outside the most extreme records experienced in the past 150 years. When this happens, even their coolest summer days will be hotter than the hottest days they're experiencing now.

Jane Lubchenco, former head of NOAA, in another article, "Study in Nature reveals urgent new time frame for climate change," calls this paper "unusually important. It builds on earlier work but brings the biological and human consequences into sharper focus. It connects the dots between climate models and impacts to biodiversity in a stunningly fresh way, and it has sobering ramifications for species and people."

When I read the Climate News Network article, the first thing I did was look for the

city where my children and grandchildren are living to see when their climate will change so drastically. You might want to do this, too. In one of the worst-case scenarios, in Kingston, Jamaica, this will happen in just nine years.

As for my family, according to the Nature study my children will be gone, but my grandchildren may still be alive. And my great grandchild, to be born this June, will be 41. I'd like to believe they could have a better chance, and I'll always believe that, knowing the danger we're in, we humans working together can prevent this from happening.

DOROTHY CUTTING,
PRICE ROAD

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Winter gardening: a Canadian machismo trip

The new 2014 catalogue from West Coast Seeds arrived in the mail this week. As soon as I pulled it out of the postal box, the first image that jumped into sight was that of an ecstatic honey bee having its way with a bevy of consenting purple flowers, an obvious attempt to titillate the reader into innocently opening the pages to discover the unsworn pleasures waiting seedily between the covers.

"Oh no, you don't," I hear me scolding myself. "It's bloody January! You're not going to suck me in so early again this year."

A couple of hours later, I find my fingers wandering aimlessly along the gardening bookshelf, pulling out a copy of Linda Gilkeson's Year Round Harvest, which extols the virtues of winter gardening on the West Coast. I absent-mindedly thumb through several chapters and lose myself temporarily in a world inhabited by cloches, climate zones and cultivars. I start to think of which seeds to plant in order to be able to eat freshly picked food a year from now.

"Stop that!" I shriek as I slap myself hard on the hand to dislodge the book from my grasp. I try to reason with myself. After all, if the good Lord wanted us to garden in January, he would have planted our butts in Australia instead of on Salt Spring.

As I gaze out the window at the garden below, I witness torrents of rain being driven almost sideways across my field of vision. There are new ponds where the raised beds should be. Later this evening, meteorologists are calling for near

hurricane force winds to blow in the next weather system. Yet here I am, actually day-dreaming about that same soggy garden being full of edible delights year round.

What's all this obsessing with gardening deep in the heart of winter? Is this just another Canadian machismo scene? Seriously, how much sunlight are we getting this time of year? I'd say about a half hour per day (if we're lucky) and that's only if I include the tiny amount of wattage streaming from my fridge light bulb when I hold the door open (which seems to happen more and more often as the days grow shorter).

Judging by the angle of the sun in the sky these days (about as equal in degrees as the outdoor temperature in Celsius), any self-respecting form of plant life not named "kale" would gladly volunteer to go straight to the compost heap rather than eke out a futile existence trying to photosynthesize in the absence of both heat and light.

There are those who claim that winter gardening can be fun and rewarding, but these are the same people who enjoy root canals and airport security. In actuality, probably the only people who profit from "out of season" gardening are chiropractors and registered massage therapists.

Mother Nature has her way of dealing with over-enthusiastic and obsessive-compulsive horticultural behaviour. To paraphrase Ecclesiastes 3:2, there is a time to sow and a time to



Shilo Zylbergold

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

reap, but you better make sure you also dedicate a time to leave your garden plot alone and find something else to do with your pent-up energy.

In case you need an obvious hint, Mother Nature will throw an obstacle or two your way to convince you that winter gardening might not be such a good idea. Those fluorescent lime green gardening crocs, having taken the place of more hardy footwear, may have been ideal for the dry, sunny days in August. However, during the rains of February they are easily sucked right off your feet and swallowed up by the bottomless muck that used to be your garden path, never to be seen again.

Another sign that shows you are wasting your time trying to grow stuff in the winter is the depressing vision of your once glorious greenhouse (constructed ingeniously from six-mil poly and recycled PVC pipe), which has collapsed under the weight of snow or blown over to your obnoxious neighbour's property (who not only has no intention of returning it but plans to make it pay by using it as a summer rental unit).

There's a good chance that any vegetable you might want to harvest in mid-January will be encrusted in icicles and frost. How ridiculous is the thought of having to get dressed up as an Everest mountaineer (or more than likely, the Abominable Snowman), replete with ice axe and crampons, just to be able to trek down to the

garden to chip out a frozen carrot? Think about it: if you wanted frozen veggies, wouldn't it be a whole lot simpler to take a few steps indoors and crack open the chest freezer?

Okay, apart from the snow, ice, mud and muck, why would anybody not want to extend the growing season so as to have fresh vegetables available all year round? Do you really want to give up precious kayaking time in favour of planting yet another row of beets?

Health concerns should also be considered as reasons to think twice. Soft and supple gardening gloves may be perfect accessories for transplanting delicate radicchio seedlings into their carefully prepared raised beds during the summer, but for January harvest, you're going to need goose-down lined mittens to ward off frost-bite and prevent your "green" thumb from turning "gangrenous."

Nobody asked me, but I think I've convinced myself to take my new seed catalogue and stash it in a dark drawer, along with all those sprouting potatoes. No more arguments. As the saying goes, "out of sight, out of mind." It's still early winter and I don't want to spend another wasted minute thinking about plants, seeds, or micro climates. I'll just wait patiently, along with the rest of the same world, until the weather improves and Mother Nature shows definite signs of springtime. Maybe I'll get into it by the time Seedy Saturday rolls around again. That probably won't happen until... let's see... oh no!... the second weekend in February!

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Beyond fact fights: who do we trust?

BY BOB WEEDEN

The Jan. 1 Driftwood carried an article by fellow islander Elizabeth Nickson about global climate change, presenting facts supporting her position.

I thought of presenting my own facts, which of course would annihilate hers. We could have a fact fight. We need something to keep the dreary winter at bay, don't we?

But what do she and I really know? Wouldn't we be arguing from facts we can't verify ourselves? Aren't we just trusting different people? And isn't the choice of whom to trust bent by prior attitudes on global warming, which in turn emerges from a deeper view of how the world works?

It's startling and more than a bit scary to realize how tiny a fraction of what I think I know comes from my own experience or even could be verified personally if I tried. I don't mean bosons and Darwinian evolution and God — big stuff like that — I mean simple things. How do I know the Earth is really round (well, almost)? How do I know the Earth revolves around the sun? How do I know that the digital math I can prove with my fingers can be extended to prove the existence of anti-matter?

I can't always trust my own experience, either. It's too anecdotal. What can I conclude about global warming when I'm in Toronto during a winter of record-breaking cold? After all, later on I may experience a few cool days in Hell, too, which doesn't make it a vacation spot.

What to do? Certainly not stop dead in my tracks or get off the world at the next stop.

One thing surely is to welcome personal experience. Every time you take your mortal marvellous body and its eyes and ears and nose and incredible mind for a walk — to a homeless shelter, to a garden

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ready for seeds, to a stormy point, to a sawmill or sheep ranch or city playground — you add a bit to the solid grounding of your ideas. You increase your ability to judge when to trust, when to distrust, and when to doubt and find out.

Your own experience never will be enough, not if you concern yourself with affairs of consequence to the wider community. Ten thousand years of civil development has brought us to the point where our main experience is risking our trust in others. That we have come this far and lasted this long is evidence of the general day-to-day worthiness of others.

One of our problems today is that groups representing "interests" control most money and power.

Who is worth that trust? Sometimes your instincts are pretty good, especially face to face. Remember Emerson's quip (cribbed from Samuel Johnson): "The louder he spoke of his honour, the faster we counted the spoons." Mostly we have to ask the motives of those behind the facts we query. With things like global climate we want scientists to be trustworthy, and mostly they are. But corporations, their think tanks and government agencies fund most of big science these days. What's their motive?

One of our problems today is that groups representing "interests" control

most money and power. The interests are diverse, of course, ranging from shareholders to cancer researchers to wilderness preservationists, from bankers to insurers to farmers and workers. None of them represents the larger whole. Too often our elected representatives don't either. The public good is what's left over after interest groups duke it out.

We do have another tool in our kit, which is doubt. I don't mean the self-serving doubt that merely announces your own intolerant opinion, nor doubt that freezes you in your tracks. There is a kind of doubt that, springing from a readiness to change your mind, nevertheless examines new and contradictory ideas keenly.

Those two make a good pair, in fact: the twin possibilities that the way you see the world can be improved, and that the guy trying to change your mind doesn't have the right of it either.

Judge Learned Hand (who retired in 1924 from the U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals) wrote, "The spirit of liberty is that which is not too sure that it is right. The spirit of liberty is the spirit which seeks to understand the minds of other men and women. The spirit of liberty is the spirit which weighs their interests alongside its own without bias."

And later he said, "... I cannot see much further into the tangle of life than I could 50 years ago. I am less disappointed than I should have thought. Indeed, there is solace in a companionship where all are groping their way equally in the same fog."

I often enjoy a chat with people met in a fog.

The writer is a retired university professor and author of Country of Heart, Eye and Hand.

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Thank you!

Free speech battle

Christ and Socrates lost their lives and Galileo almost did too, for free speech. The annals of history ooze bloodshed for that freedom.

The Trust is now bent on stealing it from us with Bylaw 473. It will be hard to get it back if we let them take it away.

TOM VARZELIOTIS,
 BOOTH CANAL

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HANDFUL OF ART: Sabrina Edwards holds mini cards and an image of one of her multi-pieces is seen above. Edwards is exhibiting artwork at TJ Beans this month, along with photos by Asia Petis. Winter days are perfect for cafe and gallery art tours.

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FILM FESTIVAL

Change happens, one film at a time

Documentaries are catalysts for change

BY PATRICIA LOCKIE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

As the countdown to the island's 15th documentary film festival begins, it seems timely to question whether documentaries are catalysts for change.

Just how do they affect audiences? Can they alter attitudes and prompt action? The evidence is yes, they can. Studies from various media research groups, both in England and the U.S., have shown that films with powerful content explored through skillful and creative storytelling can and do help shift public opinion and generate collective action.

Some documentaries implore audiences to do something, to take action. They cast light on the neglected issues and people of our time. The late John Grierson, founder of Canada's National Film Board, called documentaries "the creative treatment of actuality."

Grierson also believed that filmmakers had a social responsibility. The problem is that, with the exception of Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth*, no socially concerned documentary generally reaches a mass audience. Not everyone is thrilled by the prospect of seeing one. And yes, we're still polluting, still eating too much junk food, arms dealers are still prospering and human rights violations around the world are still rampant.

Can you change the world with a documentary? Judy Jackson, a veteran documentary filmmaker and

island resident, fervently believes that the stories told and the issues explored in documentaries can unquestionably be a part of changing our world for the better.

"It's like the stone thrown in the pond. The ripples will arrive. They may not be very big and we may have to wait to see them, but they will be there. Ripples of change."

Jackson has every reason to be a believer. Her own films have produced some remarkable responses. For example, following the broadcast of her 1991 documentary called *They Shoot Children, Don't They?*, about the brutal murders of street children by police in Guatemala City, the BBC's phone lines were jammed by angry and upset viewers. The Guatemalan government was subsequently deluged with letters of protest. Four policemen were ultimately imprisoned and violence against street kids diminished for a time.

**"It's like the stone
thrown in the pond.
The ripples will arrive."**

JUDY JACKSON
*Award-winning
documentary filmmaker*

Also, as a direct consequence of seeing that film, two couples went to Guatemala City and set up aid agencies to help street children. This initial program has now expanded to five other countries. The ripple

effect in action.

A more recent film by Jackson, *War in the Mind*, which had a special screening on Salt Spring, explores the plight of returning soldiers suffering from post traumatic stress disorder. It raised \$1.5 million for the Veterans Transition Program at UBC. This means more soldiers can receive badly needed help. This program is now being rolled out across the country. The ripple effect in action.

In addition to showing films from around the world, films that have been carefully selected not just for their content but for the filmmakers' storytelling craft, the Salt Spring Film Festival has always recognized the energy and dedication of islanders working for change. A symbiotic relationship exists between the Social Justice Bazaar, an integral feature of each year's festival, and the documentaries shown. Yet another example of the ripple effect in action.

Many of the people behind the tables at the Social Justice Bazaar have been inspired and motivated by watching environmental films, films about poverty, about human rights abuses, about food security. They are trying to make a difference.

The festival, which runs at GISS from Friday, Feb. 28 through Sunday, March 2, will continue to try to make our world a better place, one film at a time.

New volunteers are always welcome. For an application form, go to the festival's website: www.saltspringfilmfestival.com.

The writer is co-chair of the Salt Spring Film Festival Society.

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BOOKS

Books launched Friday

Artist and channeller Tina Spalding publishes two new books

Local artist and long-time Salt Spring resident Tina Louise Spalding will share two new books with the public at a special event at the library on Friday, Jan. 17.

Spalding's books *Making Love To God* and *Great Minds Speak To You* were published by Light Technology Publishing of Flagstaff, Ariz.

They are the result of 18 months of channelled material delivered to Spalding by her spirit teachers and guides "Ananda," which she describes as "a group of non-physical teachers who have come through this particular channel to teach and help us on our awakening journey."

According to a press release, Spalding began channelling in the summer of 2012 after a Kundalini awakening that transformed both her life and her abilities.

"Although the form in which this material was received may be a challenge for some to comprehend, the quality of the messages that are contained within the covers of these two books are undoubtedly from a higher source.

"I certainly did not create these wonderful texts all by myself," she states.

Making Love To God is about society's troubled relationship to sexual energy and how to transform and heal into a more blissful state of sexual expression.

Great Minds Speak To You offers a multi-faceted view from the other side of death. The text features channelled messages from 20 of the most well-known icons of the 20th century, as well as some messages from less well-known but influential people from the past.

Both books are available at Salt Spring Books in downtown Ganegs and on Amazon.com.

"If you've ever wondered about the reasons we are born and the purpose and spiritual values of life, these two books will provide many answers and yes, a few surprises," the press release promises.

Spalding will offer a talk about her experiences and an opportunity to "meet" Ananda between 4 and 5 p.m. on Jan. 17 at the library meeting room.

She also offers public and private channelling sessions, workshops and retreats on an ongoing basis.

For more information or to connect with her for news of these events, email Spalding at blissistheanswer@gmail.com.

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1/4 c. white wine
Lots of freshly ground pepper
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EVENT PREVIEW

Light returns at interfaith event

Music, dance, readings

BY MUSIC MAKERS OF THE ANGLICAN PARISH

The month of January can often be a challenge as we move away from the holiday season, which celebrates many festive occasions.

After the festivities, the days seem to lengthen so very slowly while gardens await the warmth of spring. For us in northern climes especially, the lengthening days and coming of light awakens us to an appreciation of how closely linked our bodies are to the rhythm of the seasons and that of day and night. For the people of more temperate world climates, where day and night are not so different in length and seasons less diverse, light is related even more to spiritual awakening.

With all this in mind, members of the community will be offering an interfaith celebration of light on Sunday, Jan. 19 at 4 p.m. The event is the brain child of composer Joi Garrod, who brought us the joyful *Oil* for the Lamps musical a couple of years ago at ArtSpring. With the skillful assistance of George Sipos, *Into the Light* is an expression of the many unifying traditions of some of the island's faith groups and will include music, song and dance from ancient traditions, the Jewish and Christian faiths, and Buddhist and Baha'i teachings and beliefs.

Well-known for her gifted soprano voice and creative presentation of music from ancient traditions, Rasma Bertz with accomplished flute player Craig Paterson will gently lead us from a song about the dark to a Puget Sound legend of how Raven brought the light. The scene set, the light will continue to manifest as evening falls, through readings, chanting, song and dance.

With the lighting of the menorah, Garrod will

tell of its significance, invite us into the mystery and metaphor of light and, together with her friends from the Jewish tradition, offer music from *Oil* for the Lamps.

The Salt Spring Singers Schola, so much appreciated at their Christmas concert, will again perform some of their Zoroastrian, Hebrew, Buddhist and Gregorian chants, while the Christian community has a Taize chant as well as a Star Dance performed by liturgical dancers Lottie Devindisch and Gale Hingston, which represents both the Star of the Nativity and the beauty of starlight in the night sky.

Interwoven with these more active invocations will be short readings from the discourses of the Buddha by meditation teacher Heather Martin, and poetry and readings by local members of the Baha'i faith. There will also be an opportunity for the audience to join in singing a newly composed chant by Garrod as everyone moves further into the light.

The venue for the evening is All Saints By-the-Sea, where the ambiance and acoustics are perfect for the intimacy of the evening. It should be noted that the event will begin in the lower hall and move in procession along the magically lit pathway and ramp to end in the main body of the church. For those who feel hesitant to walk this route, there will be ample shoulders to lean on, or if preferred, people can sit in the hall or church to await the second part of the evening.

After the celebrations, an informal time of light refreshment will be hosted in the upper hall, where everyone can enjoy traditional goodies, some light-hearted fun and an opportunity to chat to the performers.

Admission to the event is by donation with profits going to the Salt Spring Food Bank.

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

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



FOOD SECURITY

Seed-saving lessons learned in Assam

Looking ahead to Seedy Saturday 2014

BY ERIN HARPER
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The annual Seedy Saturday is coming up again this Feb. 8 and every year more and more people are attending with the knowledge that local food security is a pressing issue and saving local seeds is a step in the right direction.

This is my fifth year coordinating the event and I am more excited than ever to bring together farmers, gardeners and plant lovers to share our stories and knowledge about the seeds we love to grow every year here on our beautiful island home in the Salish Sea.

This year I am especially inspired by farmers I was fortunate to meet and work with in Assam, India. I had spent most of 2006 there in the north east near the border of Myanmar and China volunteering with Fertile Ground East West Sustainability Network (an NGO based out of Merville on Vancouver Island). Since then I was waiting for the right opportunity to return. Two years ago while headed to the Seedy Saturday, I realized that this was it; Seedy Saturdays in Assam. So last January I returned to spend three months volunteering with the focus of seed saving.

One project was at the Eastern Karbi Anglong College where we inaugurated their seed bank, which arose from a student competition to collect and display indigenous seeds. We photographed about 100 varieties of seeds they had collected of distinctive rice colours and shapes; the red, black, pink, maroon, black, yellow and white corn, different millets, herbs and vegetables. We spoke



PHOTO COURTESY ERIN HARPER
Seedy Saturday coordinator Erin Harper of Salt Spring, centre at back, with Karbi Student Association members in Assam. Harper's excitement about seeds and food security can be tapped into at this year's Feb. 8-9 events.

to the students about the varieties they had brought as well as continuing a video documentation project on the origins and stories for the various traditional rice and vegetable cultivars.

After the inauguration, the students were very proud to treat us to an elaborate meal of traditional Karbi food they had prepared. Three types of rice, three pork dishes, four chicken dishes, local mustard greens, a magenta sauce of a local sour fruit, one black and one white sesame gomasio-like condiment, rice beer and rice wine, roasted turmeric root and egg poached in a bamboo leaf. They were very proud as they dished out and explained the different foods that were all prepared from their home farms and cooked in traditional ways.

This is what most people love about travelling: experi-

encing new and different culture, food, dance, music, art. Who keeps this going if not the farmers, the locals caring for the little things passed down from their ancestors; children experiencing, valuing and continuing to recreate the meals, the rituals and the festivities of their parents.

Assam for me was a mirror reflecting what we have here on the west coast of Canada, and what we have to lose if we stop caring. After returning home, I realized that the excitement and passion I experience while in Assam speaking to locals about their seeds is also something to appreciate and cultivate here at home. In both cases local people are feeling threats to their food security through the corporatization of agriculture and expansion of hybrid and GMO seeds.

This year I invite growers

to come with your best seeds, the ones you've been growing since you were little, the ones given to you with a story, the ones that always outgrow the others, the ones you wouldn't want to live without, the ones with the delicious recipe passed down.

The seed exchange is the place to ensure those special seeds live on to expand and delight others, to delight and feed their children for generations to come.

We will have a sign-up sheet and schedule for you to come and tell or listen to the stories of the seeds we love. I will also be presenting a slideshow of my experience in Assam.

For more info on Fertile Ground, check out www.fertileground.org.

For details about Seedy Saturdays, go to <http://www.seeds.ca/ev/events/php>.

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Award nomination deadline looms

Female islanders to be acknowledged for contributions

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A coalition of non-profit organizations will mark International Women's Day by giving islanders a chance to recognize the achievements of exceptional Gulf Islands women.

"Everyone is outstanding, but this is a way to honour people who've done a lot in the community," said Megan Manning of Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse. "The idea is to have some form of acknowledgement."

Organizers invite people to nominate women who've made an exceptional contribution to their field or the community. Anyone is eligible to nominate women from any of

the Gulf Islands. Recipients in two categories — 19 years or under and 20 or older — will be selected by an independent panel in time for International Women's Day on March 8.

The deadline for submissions is Jan. 23 at 5 p.m.

"Everyone is outstanding, but this is a way to honour people who've done a lot in the community."

MEGAN MANNING
SWOVA staffperson

Manning wants people to consider women who've had a strong influence on their life and the lives of others. Participants are asked to

explain, in 450 words or less, why their nominee deserves special recognition.

"They can be outstanding for any reason; it's up to people to nominate someone who should be honoured," she said. "It doesn't have to be somebody famous, but the person nominated has to be a woman living in the Gulf Islands."

The awards will be presented during a dinner featuring Green Party of Canada leader and MP Elizabeth May on March 8. The event will conclude two days of entertainment and workshops hosted by SWOVA in conjunction with Island Women Against Violence and Victim Services.

More information about the nomination process and other events associated with International Women's Day on Salt Spring is available at 250-537-1336 or ssgirlsleadership@gmail.com.

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Wed. Jan 15

ACTIVITIES

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Texas Holdem Poker. The Local. Sign up 6:30 p.m.

Improvisational Comedy Workshop. Everyone (age 15 & over), from beginner to advanced, is invited to a free weekly improvisational comedy workshop with Jan Rabson. GISS, Room 208. 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Fri. Jan 17

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

David Jaquest and Bill Nash. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

Soul Shakedown. Live music, following free apps. The Local. 6 to 9 p.m.

Tumblin' Dice. Alt country band. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

StoryTime at the Library. Rama brings puppets and her beautiful voice to sessions for kids aged four to six and their families. SS Public Library. 10:30 a.m.

Sat. Jan 18

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Billie Woods. Singer/songwriter. Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Eden Energy Medicine Training. EEM 101 & EEM 102. Absolutely Salt Spring. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. www.transformative-practices.org.

Met Opera Screening: Falstaff. Music director James Levine conducts Verdi's opera for the first time at the Met since 2005. Encore presentation. ArtSpring. 10 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Westcastle FC Soccer. Men's team hosts FC Sagres. Portlock Park. 2:15 p.m.

Sun. Jan 19

ACTIVITIES

Eden Energy Medicine Training. See Saturday listing. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Salt Spring United Soccer. Women's team hosts Vic West Scottish at the lower GISS field. 10 a.m.

Old Boys Soccer. Local squad hosts the Centaurs at the GISS field. 10:30 a.m.

Depression Support Group. Eight-week Depression Support Group begins today. For more information and to register, call the mental health nurse at 250-538-4847 or email anastasia.williams@viha.ca. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Into the Light. An interfaith celebration of light, with music, dance and readings. All Saints By-the-Sea. 4 p.m.

Tues. Jan 21

ACTIVITIES

Nia. Dance fitness class led by Arleen Sadler. Still Point Yoga Studio. 10:45 a.m. Info: 250-653-9235.

SS Transportation Commission. Public welcome. Portlock Park portable. 4 to 6 p.m.

Salt Spring Vipassana Meditation. Weekly meditation and teachings with insight meditation teacher Heather Martin. Note day has changed to Tuesdays from Wednesdays. The Gatehouse. 7 p.m.

Wed. Jan 22

ACTIVITIES

Gulf Islands Board of Education. Regular monthly meeting. Salt Spring Middle School. 1 p.m.

Burns Tea. Annual Burns Tea at SS Seniors with toast to a haggis, piper, neeps and tatties and more. Salt Spring Seniors Services Society. 2 p.m.

Improvisational Comedy Workshop. See last Wednesday's listing.

Texas Holdem. See last Wednesday's listing.

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

Thurs. Jan 16

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Mic Night. Hosted by Johnny Manouvers & Random Johnson. All styles of music welcomed. Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Be Moved. An evening of affordable, one-on-one bodywork sessions. Ram Spring Wellness Sanctuary. Info: vanyasforest@gmail.com.

Sun. Jan 19

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Piano Bar with June Bender. Harbour House Hotel. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Awaken: Write and Dance For Your Best Year Ever. One-day women's retreat helps participants discover their deepest desires for 2014. info: http://CreativeWellnessWorks.com; or Lynda Monk at 250-653-2085.

Mon. Jan 20

ACTIVITIES

ToddlerTime at the Library. Puppets, rhymes and simple stories for children aged 0 to 3 and their families. SS Public Library. 10:30 a.m.

SS Fire Protection District Trustees Meeting. Public welcome. SS Public Library. 7 p.m.

Wed. Jan 22

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

GISS Dance. A series of short works plus larger group pieces, from students grades 9 through 12, beginner to advanced. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Town Hall with MP Elizabeth May. Discuss your concerns about federal government matters and get an update from our MP. Gulf Islands Secondary School multi-purpose room. 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Advantages and Benefits of Pre-planning a Funeral. Second in a series of free info sessions presented by Hayward's Funeral Service. Call in advance to book space: 250-537-1022. Noon to 1 p.m.

Inspiring Change

Deadline to nominate young women (19 + under) and adult women who are 'exceptional contributors' in the Southern Gulf Islands is Jan. 23rd

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EXHIBITIONS

- Members of the Salt Spring Arts Council** exhibit works at the **public library's Program Room** through January. Artists include **Patricia Brown, Christine Clark, Stefanie Denz, Barbra Edwards, Sean Goddard, Gillian McConnell, Amy Melious, Gilleen Proctor, Gillian Smith, Michela Sorrentino, and Robert Steinbach.** Opening hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday.
- Zandra Stratford's** bold, textured abstracts are on the walls at the **Harbour House** through the month of **January.**

EXHIBITIONS

- Photographs by Asia Petis** and mixed-media works by textual design artist **Sabrina Edwards** are showing at **TJ Beans Coffee Shop.**
- Carol Adams'** drawings are at **Barb's Bakery & Bistro.**
- The Salt Spring Photography Club** presents **Bob Rogers** at the **Country Grocer cafe** through **January.**
- Carole Leslie** shows new work titled *Geography of the Heart* at **Cafe Talia** until Jan. 17. **Jeremiah Hart** and **Michael Dragland** show work from Jan. 18 to the end of February.
- Doug Rhodes** has multi-media pieces showing at **Penny's Pantry.**
- Paintings of the North** by **Judith Currelly** is now showing at **Duthie Gallery.** Winter hours are Friday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by appointment at 250-537-9606.
- Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art** on McPhillips Avenue is closed for a winter break and will re-open Feb. 2.

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BUDDHISM

Changes and challenges for women in Buddhism

Nuns' visit first of coming events

BY SS VIPASSANA COMMUNITY

The Salt Spring Vipassana community invites the public to meet visiting Buddhist nuns Ayya Santussika and Sumedha Samaneri on Sunday, Jan. 26 at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga.

They will offer teachings, guide meditations and talk about their changing roles as nuns in the West.

As Buddhism is spreading into the western world, many changes are happening. One is the increasingly popular application of the skill of "mindfulness," helping people relate clearly, kindly and effectively in so many different ways.

Another is in the role of women. As more people experience the benefits of meditation in all aspects of their lives, there are correspondingly more people deeply dedicating themselves to a spiritual life. However, as women explore this journey into monasticism, they are discovering the many complex layers of rules and limitations for them in a lineage in which men only have been monastics for more than 1,000 years, particularly in both early Buddhism (Theravada) and later (Tibetan) Buddhism.

For example, in the last two or three years there have been hundreds of newly ordained women nuns whose ordinations are not recognized by the traditional authorities of South East Asia. Some have even been punished.

The groundswell of dedicated western women practitioners is a new worldwide movement. Change will be inevitable, albeit accompanied by difficulty, as the rules, which themselves have been the structure to support such a healthy longevity of Buddhist tradition, are re-written. It's going to be a lengthy and complicated re-writing: the fresh new meeting and re-vitalizing the traditional, as happens with every new generation.

It is within this context of change and challenge that several events are occurring on Salt Spring: For the first time, a visiting nun will be co-teaching a week-long residential meditation retreat with local teacher Heather Martin, at Stowel Lake Farm in mid-February. At the end of that retreat, two women authors (one a Zen priest) will be having a Salt Spring launch of their book, *The Hidden Lamp* (a collection of Buddhist women's teachings gathered by contemporary women teachers from all the lineages).

And before those events, Ayya

Santussika and Sumedha Samaneri will be here on Jan. 26.

Ayya Santussika entered a monastery in the UK in 2005 after raising a family and having a successful career as a computer software designer. She took her first level of ordination in 2010, and in 2012, at the age of 58, was fully ordained as a "bhikkhuni," the female equivalent of the bhikkhu or Buddhist monk. Santussika presently resides at Karuna Buddhist Vihara, in Mountain View, Calif. She serves on the board of Buddhist Global Relief, a non-profit working to relieve hunger and malnutrition. Santussika is joined by Samaneri, a novice from Seattle.

The day is free and open to all who are interested and will be offered in three sessions:

- 9 to 11 a.m. - Guided meditations and practice.
- 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Traditional meal offering, and informal conversation. This is a potluck event, with teas provided.
- 12:30 to 3 p.m. - Meditation, public talk and questions.

People are invited for the day, or for one or two sessions.

Donations will be gladly accepted in support for the nuns.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/bhikkhunis, and the Salt Spring Vipassana community website: www.ssvipassana.org.



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

FOWL WEATHER FAIRWAY: A troop of mallard ducks checks out a temporary pond at the Salt Spring Golf Club after heavy rains on Friday and Saturday.

ECOLOGY

Wetland experts visit island

SS Conservancy event

Two experts in wetland restoration and stewardship will give a presentation in their areas of expertise at the Lions Club on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

Tom Biebighauser is an award-winning ecologist from Kentucky, who began restoration activities in 1982 in Minnesota and has since established over 1,600 wetlands in 20 states and two Canadian provinces. He has also published several books on the subject.

Neil Fletcher is the wetlands coordinator for the B.C. Wildlife Federation's Wetlands Education Program. It was created in 1996 to deliver quality education that builds the capacity of individuals and groups to assess their wetland assets, and, using this new knowledge, increase community health.

Tuesday's event, sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, will begin at 7 p.m. Admission is by donation.



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GYMNASTICS

McIntyre looks ahead to B.C. Winter Games

Competition features B.C.'s best

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

As athletes prepare to strap on the skis and sharpen their skates for Sochi next month, Salt Spring's Darby McIntyre is getting ready for some winter games of her own.

The young gymnast qualified for the B.C. Winter Games by winning the all-around gold medal during Vancouver Island

qualifiers held in Campbell River last month. McIntyre picked up gold medals in the floor, beam and vault competitions and a silver in bars.

The 13-year-old will be among a group of promising young athletes to represent the Vancouver Island region at this year's Games, taking place from Feb. 20 to 23 in Mission.

"The Games are a multi-sport competition held every two years and are generally a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said

Kim McIntyre, Darby's mother. "She narrowly missed a spot on the team at the last trials at age 11, after having just begun her training with Duncan Dynamics [Gymnastics Club]."

Participants at the B.C. Winter and B.C. Summer Games represent the province's emerging high-performance athletes. The competitions are a stepping stone for athletes toward provincial and national teams, and ultimately international com-

petition, McIntyre added.

"Darby is enthusiastic and proud to represent Vancouver Island in the Games," she said.

"After an amazing season last year, this is a brilliant start to 2014. With the experience of competing for B.C. at the Western Canadian Championships last year in Winnipeg under her belt, bringing home a team silver and two individual silver medals, she is hopeful for a successful experience at the Winter Games."



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED
Gymnast Darby McIntyre

RUNNING

Sneakers start strong in season opener

Record number of race entrants

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Sneakers running club began the 2014 Vancouver Island Running Series in fine form Sunday as 11 participants lined up for the start signal in Saanichton.

"Placings were not easy to come by in this event, but the Sneakers gang came through admirably," said Lynn Thompson, the team's spokesperson,

of the eight-kilometre Harrier Pioneer Road Race.

Andrew Haigh was the first islander to complete the race, crossing the finish line in 31:41. The result earned him an 82nd-place finish overall and a third-place ranking among the 30 runners in his M55-59 age category.

Marcia Jensen finished seventh in her F40-45 category with a time of 36:13, while Lise Fraser came second in the F55-59 group.

Other results were: Eric Van Soeren: 37:13; Marion Young: 39:03; Karen Curtin: 40:25; Doug

Wahlsten: 42:00; Catherine Bennett: 43:23; Lynn Thompson: 46:25; Julie Van Soeren: 49:00; and Richard Bennett: 49:21.

"Marcia and Marion both knocked off more than three minutes from their last year's time and Catherine turned in a better time than last year as well," Thompson said. "Lise and Andrew brought home medals, which is always a bonus."

This year's turn-out earned the Sneakers 124 points in the VIRS standings, more than double any previous season-opener result.

SOCCER

Old Boys celebrate 2014 with a shutout

All teams lace up on the weekend

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Old Boys began the year in grand style, blanking hosts in Cowichan by a 2-0 score on Sunday afternoon.

"With a goal in each half, the Old Boys started the new year the same way they finished 2013," wrote Graham Tweddle in his post-match report.

Tweddle said the team had to deal with extremely slick surfaces and tricky footing after Saturday's monsoon-like weather.

Salt Spring's Mike McCormick opened the scoring in the first half, while keeper Dennis Shaw served up some key saves to preserve the one-goal lead into the game's midway point.

Shaw came up big once again in the second, denying a Cowichan Masters' breakthrough effort. With time running out, McCormick sealed the win with his second goal of the match.

The Old Boys will be back on home turf for the first time since early December when they host the Centaurs at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 19 at the GISS field.

Salt Spring's other adult soccer teams will also resume play on the weekend. Westcastle FC hosts FC Sagres in Vancouver Island Soccer League play on Saturday, Jan. 18 at Portlock Park. Kickoff is at 2:15 p.m.

In Lower Island Women's Soccer Association play, Salt Spring United welcomes Vic West Scottish at the lower GISS field at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 19.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Club's computer system needs epiphany

Players dream of faultless year of operation

BY JILL EVANS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Contrary to the belief of commercial enterprises, there are 12 days to Christmas, and they start on Christmas Day, not Halloween.

But people were not only too busy getting ready on Dec. 23,

BRIDGETRICKS

there was an effort by nature toward making Christmas white by way of a snowstorm.

Nevertheless, there were two and a half tables of bridge braving the weather that evening, with George Laundry and Paul Retallack landing in first place, and Joanne Elizabeth with Gisela Welsh coming second.

There was a better turn-out on Dec. 30, the fifth day of Christmas, but no five gold rings because some mischievous elves got into the computer system so no results could be recorded.

Jan. 6 is Epiphany, the day after Twelfth Night, and five tables turned up, although the three kings of orient were absent as were their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Kings of spades, hearts, diamonds and clubs distributed

themselves liberally, though, with the result that Liz and Oleh Mycyk were the winners, followed by Boodie Arnott and Patricia Hewett, then Vic Parks and Joan Byrne.

May there be an epiphany for the computer system so that it will be working faultlessly and reliably in the future. Happy 2014, everyone!

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1920 - 2014

Lance was born on the 16th of January, 1920 in Sussex, England. During the war he flew with the RAF. Towards the end of the war he transferred to the RCAF and became a Canadian citizen. After the war while teaching at the University of Toronto, he embraced a new career as an advisor to the Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Leslie Frost. Later, moving to Manitoba, he held many posts as a Deputy Minister, his most cherished assignment in that capacity was Inter-Governmental Relationships' during the Trudeau years. Lance was also Chairman of the Public Utilities Board and Municipal Board under the leadership of the Hon. Edward Schreyer, Premier of Manitoba.

Lance enjoyed retirement, reading with a keen interest, always, in politics.

He will be sadly missed by Lise his loving wife of 42 years and by his 3 sons, Stéphane (Elizabeth); Hugues (Marlene) and Charles (Deborah) and 3 beautiful grandchildren, Madeleine Amanda, Noah Michel and Maxim Georges.

Many thanks to Dr. David Butcher and the nursing staff at Lady Minto for the wonderful care. A Memorial Mass will be held January 25th, 2014 at 1:00 pm at Our Lady of Grace Church.

I wish to announce the marriage of my daughter Elizabeth Ann Wiebe to Perry W. Johnson on September 14, 2013 at Langley, B.C. I wish you both a lifetime of love and happiness.

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RICHARD JAMES BASSETT THOMAS

February 9, 1940 – January 4, 2014

Richard was born and spent most of his young life in Vancouver, B.C. After the death of his father, he went from high school to work for Ford Motor Co. and the Vancouver Sun in order to help support his family. Richard later returned to school, receiving a teaching degree from the University of British Columbia. He taught high school in Prince Rupert, and, after his marriage in 1971, settled in Keremeos, B.C. to start a family. The family moved to Salt Spring in 1983, where he worked for the school district until his retirement in 2003. While in Keremeos, Dick served first as Lieutenant and then as Captain with RCAC 582 'Panda' Squadron.

A life long participant and fan of rallying and stock car racing, Richard was a member of a race team that competed in California in the 60's. He had recently joined old friends on a vintage racing team, serving as 'pit crew' for races at Mission Raceway and in Kent, Washington. Closer to home, he was an annual volunteer (golf cart division) for the SSI Fall Fair.

Richard passed away in Lady Minto Hospital after a short illness. He will be greatly missed by his wife Angela, daughter Jen Thomas, son Allyn Thomas-Reilly (Greg), grandson Caden, sister Lynne Benz and all his friends.

By request, no service will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations in his name to the SSI Food Bank or the charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated.

Flood, Anne Pauline (A.P.) (Richardson)

(nee PUNCHARD)

DECEMBER 3, 1930 - JANUARY 6, 2014

Mum was born in London, England and immigrated to Canada in 1956 with her husband, Jack Richardson and three of her seven children.

Predeceased by son Michael. Survived by Paul (Susan), Jackie (Les), Julie (Richard), Virginia (Paul), Rose (Ian), Chris (Natalie) thirteen grandchildren, Jill, April, Stuart, Crystal, Bryan, Carly, Stephanie, Kristina, Robbie, Gordie, Alana, Naomi, Blake and eight great grandchildren, Jackson, Sophia, Magnus, Justice, Boston, Soleil, Brayden, and Scarlet.

Mum was the loving mother of seven children. Our dear Mum loved gardening, sailing and camping. She also had a love for photography, music and was an avid reader. In earlier years Mum was active in local musicals, choir, horseback riding and tennis. She had a love for animals and was devoted to her dogs, Poppy and Daisy.

She was well known in the community for her volunteer time with Our Lady of Grace Parish, Lady Minto Auxillary and the Power Squadron.

Mum was a loyal, supportive, knowledgeable, kind-hearted person who's wisdom and great sense of humor will be dearly missed. Her youthful beauty was admired.

Mum lived on Salt Spring for 22 years and had a wonderful circle of friends that she loved. She was always active and made frequent trips in her Mustang convertible to Victoria, Vancouver and Kelowna to see her family and friends. Mum passed away peacefully in New Westminster at her daughter Rosies's home where she was surrounded by all of her children. We will miss her very much.

Funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2014 at 1:00 PM at Our Lady of Grace Church, 135 Drake Road, Ganges, SaltSpring Island with Father Frank Franz. Reception to follow at the church. Burial will be at Central Cemetery.

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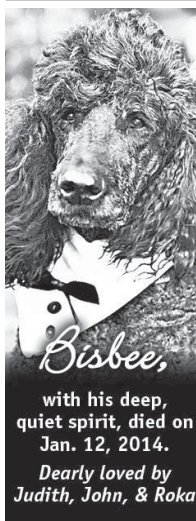


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This Week's **Horoscope** by Michael O'Connor
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Tip of the Week:

In the wake of the first Full Moon of the year, emotions are running high. The sobering state of the human condition continues to beat at our doors. There is a solution to every problem which can only be accessed when we are true. One of the main issues is that due to free will, we can choose contrary to what constitutes our authentic self. With many voices rising selling with seductive slogans of wealth and that you can be anything and have everything you want many are lured to sell out. Call it free will, ambition, or greed, either way it is probably not destiny. Everyone wants to be successful in their own right and that is good. But when success is vain and it leads us to close our doors to authentic and meaningful contributions, we all lose. Sadly, in many respects we are all losing. With each new day all the old problems we have heard about for so long have not only not gone away, they have gotten bigger. The seduction of the popular notion of success hisses like a serpent and distracts us from seeing a deeper truth. The greatest gift of Astrology is that it so accurately points people in directions that constitute authentic success. It outlines the path of our destiny, which is varied in scope and which is a co-creative journey which empowers us to achieve our full potential, or not. It speaks to one's deepest sense of self-knowing. Astrology is simultaneously a psychology, philosophy and science of nature that gives voice to a universe that is conscious. If you have trouble 'believing this' it may be because you have never had a deep and intimate reading of your Birth Chart before. Beyond all predictions, good Astrology focuses deeply upon your core nature. I invite you to give it a try, to put it to the test. The world needs you now to be fully and authentically you.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Looking back over the past 18 months or so will remind you how much you have changed. Hopefully you are you happy with the new you that is emerging. There is more to come and a good deal of it this year. The past few weeks have perhaps been heavy. There is time to weave deeper wisdom into your choices. Fortunately, you will feel reignited this week.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)
If you have been yearning for some extra attention you will get your wish very soon. This is also a good time to approach authority figures for favours and earned rewards. Yet, you may want to avoid making any extra commitments just now. The focus remains on healing unbalanced relationship patterns and you may have a full plate.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)
You are coming out of a tough stretch. Your twin may have found reason and opportunity to play these past few weeks, but not both of you. Now you both will be able to enjoy a more equal satisfaction level. Opportunities to express yourself more creatively and to get some recognition and hopefully some reward for it are on the horizon. See the lights....

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)
You have been shaken and stirred especially in the relationship department of late. It is all part of an expansion process destined to occur. It may be described as pushing you out of your comfort zone. The key now is to trust that there is purpose woven into it and there is. As the co-writer of your life script, how would you like this story to proceed?

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23)
If you have been waiting for some inspiration to be more social and have more fun, your patience is about to be rewarded. Your may still have to give more to feel the spirit and make things happen. Yet, already this week new ideas have been sparked and exchanged with others. This momentum will grow but to get the most out of it take action now.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)
Getting organized to get creative continues. Yet this week a shift in the gears will lead you to get creatively organized. Perhaps it is your living space, or your thoughts, or your goals and dreams that require a better system. This trend will last for up to several weeks actually. Intend to make full use of it. Take your time to do it right.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22)
A good deal of activity close to home should be keeping you busy. Seeing your home, or at least a power zone within it, as your headquarters and/or office will help. Mars in your sign through to July 2014 will help you to overcome obstacles and enter new territory. Some of it is psychological which implies an inspiration and attitude upgrade.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)
Making some key power plays early in the game is a top priority now. Yet, you may have to overcome some obstacles first. Inner fears, lack of clarity or conviction may be at issue. Home and family matters may be unsettled and disruptive. Generally, you have to navigate through emotional ups and downs. Take just one solid lead and it will inspire you.


Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21)
The building upon new foundations has already begun. These will occur amidst the continued clearing process that has been underway for some time. Breaking through inner and outer lines of resistance to the call of your destiny is featured. To know what is true, ask yourself if you are rationalizing or listening to your heart felt feelings, your inner authority.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)
A new quality of individuality has been emerging within you since spring 2011 in particular. Over the past six months or so your social influence has been rising. Together these have contributed to you being more assertive lately. The focus is split between family and business. Aim to balance giving with getting attention now.

Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19)
Faithful perseverance is the key now and will remain so through to summer especially. This is probably not the time to initiate new projects; it seldom is just prior to our birthday. Practice self-acceptance and self-acknowledgement now to boost your psychological immune system against hidden fears of failure or rejection. Your resolve is strong now, make the most of it.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)
Meeting people, making friends and/or increasing your social network are all likely possibilities now. As good as this is it may also be a distraction from important creative projects producing an inability to be fully present on either front. This current could remain active for another two weeks anyway. Focus to manage your time and concentrate on one thing at a time.

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CLASSIC CARS

Grandpa's 1934 Dodge found by family in South Africa

Chance sighting of vehicle leads to reunion with family

BY ALYN EDWARDS
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The lack of cross border agreements in the 1930s meant Canadian auto manufacturers couldn't economically ship their cars to the bigger market south in the United States during the great Depression to help sustain themselves.

But they could manufacture cars and trucks for export to Commonwealth countries, including Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

So it was that a dark blue 1934 Dodge sedan with right-hand drive manufactured by Chrysler Canada was shipped to South Africa. The journey may have taken up to a year because the

Dodge was sold as a 1935 model to David Kearney in the town of Krugersdorp.

David, who worked as a gold miner, and wife Joey did not approve of the dark blue colour and had their new Dodge repainted a more pleasing medium green.

It was the car that they would own for nearly 20 years to take them to church on Sundays. The only incident with the car occurred in 1940 when a rock aimed at the car struck David's wife on the head, causing significant injury to her but not the car.

By 1952, the original owners of the 1934 Dodge had passed away and their son John, who lived in Rustenburg, inherited the Dodge, which he drove for the next five years.

"During that time, myself and my four brothers all acquired our driving skills on Saturday

mornings while dad was at work," recalls Les Kearney, who emigrated to Canada in 1970 and now lives in Chilliwack.

He recalls his brothers Davy and Richard were having one of their self-taught driving lessons when they ran the Dodge into the gate post, denting the front fender. This unfortunate incident would prove to be central to positively identifying the car as their grandfather's Dodge 58 years later.

In 1957, the then 22-year-old Dodge left the Kearney family when it was sold to a "pump jockey" gas station attendant named Moses. He put the car to work as a taxi for the next five years before trading it for \$150, a wrist watch, a jacket and a blanket.

Thirty-seven years later, in 2000, Les Kearney was on a visit to



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Richard Kearney reassembling the restored Canadian-built 1934 Dodge that his grandparents bought new in South Africa.

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Seatbelts: top five facts

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Ninety-five per cent of British Columbians buckle up, but the consequences for the remaining five per cent aren't pretty. From 2004 to 2008, on average 1,601 people were injured and 106 were killed yearly in crashes in B.C. when the victim was not wearing a restraint (seatbelt, child restraint system or booster seat).

Here are the top five facts you should know about seatbelts:

- **Best protection.** Seatbelts continue to be the single most effective protective device in your vehicle. An unbuckled 68-kg (150-lb) adult involved in a 50 km/h frontal crash with a stationary object will strike other occupants, the interior of the vehicle or be ejected with the equivalent force of a 3.5-ton truck. Even in vehicles equipped with airbags, seatbelts are still a necessity. Airbags were designed to work in conjunction with seatbelts, not replace them.

- **Keep kids safe.** A correctly used child seat reduces the risk of being killed in a crash by 71 per cent and the risk of serious injury by 67 per cent. As of July 1, 2008, all children over 18 kg (40 lbs.) must be in booster seats until they are 1.45 metres (4'9") tall or age

nine. It's important to be a role model for your children by always wearing your seatbelt and reminding older children to buckle up every time they get into a vehicle.

- **Take notice.** Even drivers who are buckled up have five times the risk of dying in a crash if their rear seat passengers are not wearing seatbelts, according to a Japanese research paper. Always remind those in the vehicle to buckle up — it could save your life. Eighty per cent of the deaths from these types of crashes could have been eliminated if the rear seat passengers had been buckled up.

- **Never double buckle.** Always use a seatbelt for its intended use — never restrain multiple passengers with one belt. The force of a crash will throw both passengers violently together as their bodies attempt to occupy the same space.

- **Lock it up.** All unrestrained objects — pets included — are a hazard in the event of a crash. If you need to transport your pet, use an animal carrier and if possible, restrain the carrier. Never leave unrestrained objects in your vehicle as they can become projectiles in a crash.

The fine for not wearing your seatbelt is \$167 — including a 15 per cent victim surcharge. Remember that if your passenger is under 16 years old, you are responsible for ensuring that they are properly restrained.

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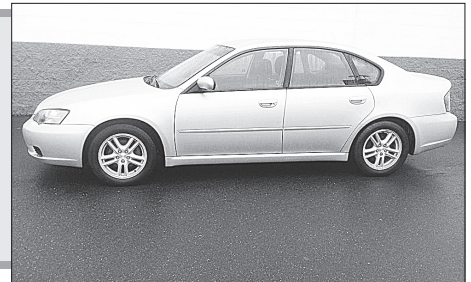
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From left, car in a sad state before restoration began; beautifully sculpted hood ornament.

Fantastic discovery for family

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South Africa when, while out jogging, he spotted a deteriorated brown Dodge similar to his grandfather's original car parked at a home in Rustenburg.

He forgot about the car until his brother Richard, who wanted to restore an old car as a retirement project, found the same car by accident in 2011. The car had been purchased by the 11th owner who had brought it back to Krugersdorp where Les and Richard's grandfather had purchased the Dodge in 1935.

Richard noticed that this deteriorated brown Dodge had a repaired right front fender. Closer inspection revealed that the inner door panel was still painted in the original blue colour and the firewall was the exact green colour that the car had been repainted after his grandfather David

Kearney picked it up new in 1935.

Knowing it was his grandfather's original car, retired game rancher Richard Kearney bought it with plans to completely restore the Dodge. Bringing it back to new condition would involve his brother Les, who lives in Canada where the Dodge was originally built.

"Finding the car that had originally been owned by my grandfather and my father was the most fantastic discovery for our family," Les Kearney says.

Les travelled to Rustenburg, South Africa to see the car and spent three months helping his brother restore it.

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was reupholstered in leather just as it was originally when it was shipped from Canada in 1934.

Once again, the Canadian-built right-hand-drive 1934 Dodge takes the Kearney family to church on Sundays, carries them on short drives to town and to the occasional car show in South Africa.

Richard Kearney is now 69 years old and plans to use the restored Dodge as daily transportation, saying it will probably outlast him.

But Les Kearney is quietly scheming to bring the old Dodge back to Canada. That would mean his family's car will have gone the full circle in the nearly 80 years since it was originally built in Canada as an export product.

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