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WATER CONSERVATION

Water shortage prompts response

Greywater and rainwater systems urged, while NSSWD doing water audit

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Water Council wants the Capital Regional District to consider mandating rainwater catchment and greywater recycling systems for all new homes built on the island.

"Doing anything after the fact is really expensive and complicated, so to make it most affordable and feasible is to start at the time of build," said Sharon Bywater, a Water Council member and chair of the Highland Fernwood Water Local Service Commission.

Early last week, Bywater's district issued a water notice urging residents to use water sparingly. The notice follows one of the driest summers Bywater said she has experienced since moving to the island 20 years ago.

The North Salt Spring Waterworks District has issued similar warnings throughout the summer.

NSSWD trustees plan to undertake a district-wide water audit due to concerns. Board members are meeting this week with other government representatives to discuss how longer and drier summers

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PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

PUMP IT UP: Ken Barnes and Mark Ritchie add another piece of history to the Lions Club display at Central intersection. The 1940s-era gas pump had been stored at Salt Spring's Mainroad Contracting facility for at least 30 years. It was delivered to the site by Russ Murcheson, who retired from Mainroad last week after 29 years of local highways maintenance service.

MARINE RESCUE

Family rescued from Porlier Pass

Mayday call elicits strong turnout

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Two adults and five children suffered moderate hypothermia after getting stranded on their sinking fishing boat near Porlier Pass on Tuesday evening.

Rescue crews discovered the family clinging to the overturned hull of their 10-metre (30-foot) gillnetter in the Strait of Georgia just after 8 p.m.

"It was swamped and started to sink very rapidly," said Ron MacDougall, a spokesperson for the Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre in Victoria. "It was mostly submerged and they were just clinging to it."

The seven passengers shared two life jackets and had a marine radio for communicating with crews during the rescue, he added. They spent approximately 25 minutes in the water.

The family was relocating from Delta to the Kitimat area. All of their possessions were on board the ship when it sank.

MacDougall said a Canadian Coast Guard hovercraft from Richmond was first on scene after the mayday call was received.

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FIRST NATIONS

Grace Islet court case has wide implications

Legal battle brewing over islet's future

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The plight of Grace Islet could have far-reaching consequences for land-use planning on a provincial and even international scale, according to a First Nations legal expert.

John Borrowes, who holds the Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Law at the University of Victoria, suggested the future of Grace Islet hinges on the legal interpretations of the Douglas treaties, the Tsawwassen Land Claim Agreement and Aboriginal Title.

Members of the Hulqumín'um group of First Nations could make a claim to the latter as a result of the summer's landmark Tsilhqot'ín decision.

"Grace Islet cannot be considered in isolation from these broader issues, and thus the dispute does have wider implications for land use planning in B.C. and internationally," Borrowes wrote in an email.

Opposition to a property owner's plan to build a home on Grace Islet continued through the summer. In mid-September, the lawyer who



FILE PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Saanich North and the Islands MLA Gary Holman, left, and Joe Akerman at an occupation of Grace islet on Aug. 26. Holman and Akerman are among individuals named in an injunction application.

represents property owner Barry Slawsky applied for an injunction that would prevent any further demonstrations around or on the islet.

On Sept. 23, Supreme Court Justice Douglas Thompson granted a four-week adjournment in the "interests of justice." The decision gives defendants until Oct. 16 to prepare their case against the injunction application.

The injunction seeks to prohibit Tsartlip Chief Don Tom, Chief Vern Jacks of the Tseycum First Nation, Saanich North and the Islands MLA Gary Holman, Victoria city councillor Ben Isitt and Salt Spring residents Joe Akerman and Phil Vernon from protesting near Grace Islet. Also named are Jane and John Doe, and persons unknown, which is intended to prevent others from attending protests

near the islet.

"The adjournment was basically First Nations carrying the day," Holman said. "I think it was a moral victory."

"I think it demonstrates to the public at large that this is a serious issue; it's not just a matter of private property rights being upheld."

Holman said the attitude of the court largely depends on what transpires on and around the islet before court reconvenes. Further allegations of trespass, he said, could see the case resume quickly.

Defendants want to see the islet acquired and preserved as a sacred First Nations burial site.

"We need to acquire Grace Islet at fair market value and protect it forever," he said. "To do this, the province needs to show some leadership and initiate formal negotiations with the property owner."

Meanwhile, construction on the islet continues and defendants have launched a public appeal for funds. The group is at the Saturday Market at Centennial Park and Salt Spring Residents for Responsible Land Use has initiated an indiegogo.com fundraising campaign called Connect to Protect Grace Islet.

AWARDS

People's choice among business kudos

Nominations invited now

Islanders are gearing up for the Ninth Annual Salt Spring Business Excellence Awards, with the nomination process well underway and the gala event set for Oct. 23 at the Harbour House Hotel.

Deadline for nominations in nine different categories is this Friday, Oct. 3. Those categories are: Business of the Year (more than 15 employees); Business of the Year (less than 15 employees); New Business of the Year (in its first three years of operation); Non-profit Association of the Year; Tourism Business of the Year; Agricultural/

Farm Business of the Year; Green Business of the Year; Outstanding Customer Service (individual); and Trades and Construction Award.

In addition, people can send in nominations for a People's Choice Award for the business that provides the "best customer service," sponsored by Driftwood Gulf Islands Media. Those nominations should be sent to the Driftwood at news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com, via Facebook at www.facebook.com/gulfislandsdriftwood, on paper to the Driftwood office or by using the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce nomination form in print or online at www.saltspring-chamber.com.

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Cause of sinking under investigation

RESCUE
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BC Ferries diverted two vessels travelling between Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland to assist. They were joined by Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue units from Salt Spring and

Ladysmith, and a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter.

"We were dispatched and stood down en route," said Andrew Ross Collins, media liaison officer for Salt Spring RCMSAR. "We were ready for what sounded like it was going to be quite dramatic."

Ross Collins said the area in and around Porlier Pass is

known as a challenging stretch of water.

"There are a number of marked hazards around there as well as strong tides that move through," he said on Tuesday morning.

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VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Open house introduces ICAT to greater community

Team helps prevent harm to domestic abuse victims

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BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

For the past 18 months, a team involving core local agencies in the southern Gulf Islands has been working together to protect women and their children from the most serious risks of domestic violence.

Community members will have the chance to learn about the Integrated Case Assessment Team (ICAT) and meet some of the principal people involved during an open house session being held at the library program room this Tuesday, Oct. 7.

The Violence Against Women in Relationships committee contains many partners from law enforcement, community services and groups like Island Women Against Violence, which runs Salt Spring's Transition House. They have been able to facilitate the ICAT thanks to two years of funding through the federal Department of Justice.

The program is run out of the RCMP office, where ICAT's coordinator Katie Watters also works as the Victim Services program coordinator and manages family

violence files. Salt Spring is one of 15 communities across the province where ICAT pilots have been put in place. Watters noted the program is unusual in that it allows different organizations to share files in the interest of protecting lives.

"We think the unique approach has had an impact."

SGT. GEORGE JENKINS
 Salt Spring RCMP

"We can't just call up a colleague from another agency and say, 'What do you know about this client,'" she explained.

Under ICAT, the diverse agen-

cies involved with domestic abuse victims share crucial pieces of information. When put together, these fragments can sometimes assemble into a frightening picture that points to likely violence in the future — and provide the tools for action that will prevent serious bodily harm or even death.

Referrals to ICAT come from professionals and community members, and safety plans are developed for women who have been determined to be at high risk.

Shared information can also help law enforcement personnel act efficiently.

ICAT has had 11 active files during its 18 months in operation, pointing to both the amount of domestic violence in the Gulf Islands and the potential for the program to help.

"We think the unique approach

has had an impact," said Sgt. George Jenkins, senior officer at the Salt Spring RCMP detachment.

"That was true for one of the cases, in particular, because everybody had a key piece of information that could elevate risk assessment. It resulted in charges that we couldn't have otherwise laid and we seized a large cache of weapons. We protected the woman and her children, and we prevented the person from doing something that would have ruined his entire life.

"Potentially nothing could have happened, or the very worst could have happened. We don't know how many incidents we've actually prevented," Jenkins added.

Despite its initial successes, the local ICAT could be in jeopardy because of the funding model. The initial grant that allows Wat-

ters to act as coordinator one day per week runs out on March 31, 2015, but the next cycle doesn't begin until the following September.

"We're hoping for another two years, but it's not guaranteed, and we can't sustain the initiative without a paid coordinator," Jenkins said.

"We need someone to coordinate and take referrals. Each agency is extremely busy with high case loads. We can't run anything more off the corner of our desks."

Watters and other ICAT members will be on hand at the library to discuss the program and hand out referral packages between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Tuesday. Short presentations will be offered at 11:30, 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. with cake cutting happening at 12:30 p.m. Lunch is provided to everyone.

Professionals working in any service field and members of the general public are welcome to attend.

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NEWS BRIEFS

CREST cost hike coming

The directors of Capital Region Emergency Service Telecommunications have approved \$24.5 million in spending to upgrade its technology over the next five years.

CREST includes 20 shareholder communities and 49 different emergency agencies. The five-year plan is to upgrade the emergency system to open standard com-

munications, or P25, using 700 MHz spectrum. The new funding will be used to install new transmitters/receivers, convert existing sites, purchase new radios and take the system to P25.

"This investment will further improve reliability and coverage for the 2,500-plus men and women who rely on their CREST radios," board chair Gordie Logan stated in a press release. "We're building on the current system with new technology, at a reasonable

cost." On Salt Spring, CREST is used by BC Ambulance, Salt Spring Fire-Rescue and the CRD's Emergency Program.

CRD director Wayne McIntyre said he would like to know more about what the investment actually means for islanders.

"Fundamentally the costs will go up and the taxpayer will have to bear it," he said. "I'm concerned about the cost."

Salt Spring Fire Chief Tom Bremner does not expect

much added cost when it comes to the fire district.

"We'll have to buy new radios but we've been doing that bit by bit every year anyway," he said. "That's one of the areas where we've planned ahead."

Crofton area search

A team of Salt Spring search and rescue volunteers assisted the search for a missing hiker near Crofton over the weekend.

Searchers joined a group of roughly 250 volunteers from the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island to comb an extensive wooded area near Maple Mountain, south of Crofton. The Salt Spring volunteers participated in searches undertaken on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

As of Tuesday afternoon, neither ground, air surveillance or dog team-assisted searches had found any clues to the whereabouts of Anthony Morley.

The 79-year-old man was last seen by his vehicle at a trailhead along Osborne Bay Road on Sunday, Sept. 21. Cowichan Valley Search and Rescue was deployed on Wednesday when members of Morley's family told RCMP they hadn't heard from him.

Morley is described as a fit and able hiker who shows mild symptoms of dementia.

The search effort is still underway.

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FERRIES

UBCM endorses roll-back on ferry fares

Resolutions passed with unanimous support

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Delegates from across the province voted unanimously at the Union of B.C. Municipalities convention last week to endorse resolutions related to coastal ferry fares, including a call to return fares and service levels to 2013 levels.

Four resolutions were proposed as a result of a new study on the economic impact of fare hikes and service cuts over the past decade. The UBCM-commissioned report called Boat-swains to the Bollards: A Socio-economic Impact Analysis of BC Ferries found that passenger traffic declined by 11 per cent from 2003 to 2013 as a direct result of fare increases, which led to a loss of \$2.3 billion to the provincial GDP.

Salt Spring's electoral area director Wayne McIntyre said in his experience issues presented at the UBCM convention have both pros and cons, but in the case of asking for more government support for ferries, there were no cons to be found.

"The fact that it was unanimous is, I think, a very powerful message," McIntyre said.

"Talking with other delegates, they really get it is a province-wide issue, not just affecting the coastal community."

Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Todd Stone did not sway from the government position on keeping the ferry system separate from highways, nor agree to roll back fares or up government funding. He suggested fixed links and other innovations could be the answer to cost savings, and offered to try to keep future fare increases to the inflation rate as long as local governments agreed to help fund the system, as the Lower Mainland communities do for Translink. Federal gas tax funds were cited as a potential source of revenue.

"He was absolutely not talking about the province putting more into their support payments for BC Ferries," said Harold Swierenga, who chairs Salt Spring's Ferry Advisory Committee.

"If the ministry sticks to what it's saying, then any break in fares would have to come from the cost side, not from the revenue side as per the contribution — and that's asking a lot."

According to the UBCM policy paper, BC Ferries stimulates a total of \$1.8 billion in expenditures each year, which in turn produces \$1.5 billion in total value-added GDP for BC.

The 90-page report estimates that if fare increases from 2003 to 2013 had been limited to the rate of inflation, passenger volumes would have grown by 19 per cent, adding \$2.3 billion to B.C.'s gross domestic product over that 10-year period.

Stone had previously dismissed the UBCM's report, calling it "highly simplistic in terms of the analysis that was done."

"The assumptions that were made that underpin the findings of this report were so massively overstated that you could drive a ferry through them," he said before the UBCM convention.

Swierenga noted Stone has been heavily criticized for his comments, and for good reason.

"His ministry did not do any background studies and then he's blasting the UBCM for doing what they should have done in the first place before they did all the cutbacks, especially on Route 40 [Port Hardy-Bella Coola]," he said.

McIntyre agreed the report appeared to well-researched.

"It was peer-reviewed, fact-based and supported with irrefutable statistics," he said, adding the ministry didn't provide any alternative to the study's findings.

Swierenga said the issue is mostly out of the hands of the coastal FACs. Further talks between Premier Christy Clark and the elected coastal representatives have been proposed for November.

"The fact that it was unanimous is, I think, a very powerful message."

WAYNE MCINTYRE
CRD director, Salt Spring

Aside from the direct loss of revenue to the ferry system, the report estimates indirect losses in areas ranging from accommodation, services and entertainment to real estate, construction and manufacturing. In addition, lower traffic resulted in an estimated \$609 million in unrealized tax revenues.

Advertising Deadlines Change

Please note that the Gulf Islands Driftwood office will be closed on **Monday, Oct. 13 - Thanksgiving** and will reopen for usual business hours on Tuesday, Oct. 14.

Deadlines for the Gulf Islands Driftwood Wednesday Oct. 15 edition will be as follows:

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Water officials debate best options

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might affect water allocations in the district. While board chair Marsh Heinekey could not say if the NSSWD tap has been shut off for future developments, he expects to have a public update by early next week.

Water Council members voted unanimously to support the motion to send a letter about mandating rainwater catchment systems and greywater recycling technology to CRD director Wayne McIntyre.

"Ultimately it comes back to the CRD operating out of date," Bywater said. "We should have a bylaw; all new builds, houses, outbuildings, must have rainwater collection even if you are on infrastructure."

"If this community is going to remain vital, we have to figure out other ways to get water for our gardens and washing our cars, all that silly stuff that people use treated water for or precious groundwater for."

Although rainwater catchment is mandatory in parts of Australia, Ber-

muda and the United States, the CRD would be the first jurisdiction in Canada to implement the requirement.

Lorrie Hunt, who belongs to the Water Council, Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority and Highland Fernwood Local Water Service Commission, suggested it's crucial to follow up with more research about incentives that could help homebuilders implement the technology.

"There's more to it than just mandating the collection; there has to be some change in attitudes," he said. "I'm suggesting that if we are going to pressure the CRD into this, we also need to have some changes to make it easier or initiate some kind of grant system that offsets the costs."

Hunt said greywater requirements in at least four states in the United States means the technology already exists and may be readily available.

Greywater systems recycle wastewater from sinks, showers and baths for use in toilets and garden irrigation, whereas rainwater systems store precipitation in a barrel or tank for use during dry periods.

"I'd like to see greywater recycling

given as much priority as rainwater collection," Hunt said.

When asked to comment on the prospect of mandated water retention and recycling practices for new homes, McIntyre said he has always been keen on water conservation but questions the effectiveness of such an approach.

"I don't think it would give the best bang for the buck," he said. "I think a carrot approach would be much better. I know there are toilets in Ganges that are still 12 litre and catchment is conspicuous by its absence; this to me is the target to hit in some innovative way."

Establishing a grant system to assist the owners of existing homes with catchment systems, he added, could result in a much higher participation rate than taking things one new house at a time.

"I would hazard a guess that there are 5,000 properties that could inexpensively put in catchment systems, particularly if there was a grant program in place like there was with low-flush toilets," he said. "Twenty per cent of the 5,000 homes would be 1,000 and a much cheaper and better return than looking at 20 new builds [per year]."

YOUTH RECOGNITION

Tahani Peters stands tall with award

Coast Capital provides funds

A former Salt Spring resident has reason to hold her chin up.

Coast Capital Savings has named Tahani Peters, who graduated from GISS in 2013, among 25 recipients of this year's Standing Tall Award.

The \$5,000 prize is offered to youth who have made a positive impact on their community despite personal

adversity. The money can be used for post-secondary education expenses. More than 500 students from across B.C. applied for the scholarships.

"Every year we are truly amazed by the applications we receive for our Education Awards Program, and this year is no exception," said Wendy Lachance, Coast Capital Savings' director of community. "These young men and women are inspirations not only to other youth but to all of us."

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FIRE NEWS

Fire permits needed but burn ban lifted on October 1

Islanders still reminded to take precautions

Salt Spring's burn ban will end today (Wednesday, Oct. 1) and islanders are reminded to practice diligent fire safety with backyard

and machine-piled burning.

"Please burn safely," said Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue Lt. Mitchell Sherrin. "Even after the recent rains, we still have significant fire risk on the island."

Due to extreme fire-hazard conditions, backyard and machine-

piled burning has been banned since June 23 and campfires and incinerator use since July 11. SSIFR lifted the ban on incinerator and campfire burning effective Sept. 23.

"The island survived this fire season with relatively little activity.

We've only had about 10 small wild-land fires so far this year and we're hoping we can make it through fall without any big blazes."

SSIFR has previously faced fairly large wildfires as late as October and November, he noted.

Islanders are reminded to obtain

a fire permit, burn only with a watchful adult and water at the site, and follow permit directions to keep fires away from igniting vegetation and structures.

Fire permits are available free of charge at the Ganges Fire Hall weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

NOISE

New Sable Fish owners hear complaints

Consultation planned

Neighbours of the Sable Fish Canada fish hatchery at Walker Hook may find some future relief to 24-hour-a-day noise issues now that the company has new owners.

The business was in receivership when it was purchased by Vancouver's Aquilini

Investment Group under its Golden Eagle Group, a division devoted to agriculture holdings.

Salt Spring's CRD director Wayne McIntyre reports he recently spoke to Golden Eagle Group president Richard Buchanan about the noise issue and received an invitation to meet with him in Vancouver.

McIntyre intends to get more input from the fish farm's neighbours and then hopefully work with the company on sound mitigation.

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WATER RESOURCES

Water Council criticizes cohorts

Members want more openness and broader scope

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The chair of Salt Spring's Water Council questions the scope of an island group tasked with improving the St. Mary Lake watershed.

Speaking at Friday's Water Council meeting, John Borst said he cannot see why terms of reference for the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority's public advisory committee omit any mention of the environment.

"In the terms of reference they say cultural values, but they don't say anything about environment, but here we have Elizabeth May elected on the island and all these environmental movements all over the island and it's not part of the [committee's] mandate to talk about environmental values," he said.

Speaking on behalf of the island's Water Preservation Society, Maxine Leichter said she'd like to see SSIWPA expend more effort to include members of the public in the process.

"I don't think the people running this are immune to suggestions. Anybody in the community has the right to input."

LORRIE HUNT
Member of Water Council and SSI Water Protection Authority

"It's hard for people to give really good input without hearing the options," she said.

As a member of both the Water

Council and SSIWPA steering committee, Lorrie Hunt invited anyone with concerns about the process to attend one of the group's regular public meetings. He said the group will release research findings of all projects slated to occur on and around the lake when results are compiled, possibly before the end of winter.

"We have every intention of telling everybody who is interested what the findings are and what we hope to do, if anything," he said.

"As far as the public advisory committee goes, if you don't like what's there, join and stamp your feet at the meetings.

"I don't think the people running this are immune to suggestions. Anybody in the community has the right to input."

The next scheduled SSIWPA steering committee meeting is on Friday, Oct. 17, 2014. Visit ssiwatersheds.ca for location information and more details about the group.

UNITED WAY

Fundraising campaign launched

Greater Victoria group responds

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The CEO of the United Way of Greater Victoria wants to set the record straight about the funding of community groups as the organization enters its annual fundraising campaign.

In an interview following the publication of a Sept. 24 Driftwood article about funding challenges faced by Salt Spring Com-

munity Services, Patricia Jelinski stressed that the United Way of Greater Victoria has not cut or suspended funding to the group.

Rob Grant, SSICS executive director, told participants at the organization's Sept. 18 AGM that uncertainty over funding for mental health programs has stretched services to the limit.

Jelinski said the three-year funding agreement between United Way and Community Services is slated to conclude in March 2015. Applications

for a new funding period will be accepted later this year. Funding cycles of one, two or three-year terms will start in April.

The SSICS' level of funding for the upcoming cycle is not yet known, but United Way will fulfill its three-year commitment to Salt Spring Community Services.

"We honour all of our commitments," Jelinski said.

The United Way launched its annual fundraising campaign in the middle of September with a goal to reach \$6 million.

The United Way is the region's largest non-government sector donor. Contributions to community programs across Greater Victoria jumped from \$4.7 million in 2013 to \$4.9 million in 2014.

The organization serves all communities in the Capital Regional District and on southern Vancouver Island, an area that encompasses approximately 370,000 residents.

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Smile Train is an international children's charity that provides free surgery to poor children suffering from cleft lip and cleft palate. Children born with cleft cannot eat or speak properly, aren't allowed to attend school or hold a job and face very difficult lives of shame and isolation, pain and heartache. Some children are even abandoned or killed—all because of the way they look. Their clefts usually go untreated because they are too poor to afford the simple repair surgery that takes as little as 45 minutes and costs as little as \$250 dollars. Yet with your help, we can save these children and give them the life changing surgery they both need and deserve.

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Please help me support Smile Train by contributing generously to my fund. For information about this volunteer fundraiser and its programs, you can visit my personal page.

Whatever you can give will help - it all adds up! I greatly appreciate your support and will keep you posted on my progress to becoming an IRONMAN.

Thanks again! With your help we can change the world—one smile at a time.

Sincerely, Richard Hayden

To make donations, call Natalie at the office or visit:
http://support.smiletrain.org/site/TR/AthleticsEvent/General?px=3517617&pg=personal&fr_id=1350




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OPINION



2014 CNA Awards
 Gold - Excellence in Rural Reporting (Elizabeth Nolan) | Gold - Community Newspaper Magazine (Gulf Islander)
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 Silver - Multimedia Feature (Pride Festival) | Bronze - Community Newspaper Magazine (Aqua)
 Bronze - Local Cartoon (Dennis Parker) | Bronze - Arts Coverage | Blue Ribbon Award - General Excellence

2014 BCYNA Awards
 Silver - Special Publication (Gulf Islander) | Bronze - Special Publication (Aqua) | Bronze - General Excellence



EDITORIAL

Water worries

Residents of the Highland Fernwood Water Local Service Commission received a Capital Regional District notice last week asking for continued water conservation measures.

The notice may not be unlike the many other conservation-oriented notices circulated in water districts across the island during the summer, but it's the timing that's truly telling.

With October upon us, the long, dry days of summer should be well behind us. Yet water districts find themselves stretching storage to precariously low levels until the rainy season arrives in earnest.

Although September rain helped keep districts afloat, the prospect of only sporadic rain over the first half of October will undoubtedly cause much concern among many of the island's water commissioners and board members.

THE ISSUE:

A precious resource

WE SAY:

Stop taking it for granted

It's a rare land-use application on the island that overlooks the water question. This year alone, water quality and quantity have been central to discussions about a Drake Road affordable housing project, the ill-fated Bullock Lake development and small-lot residential properties near Walker Hook.

On St. Mary Lake, there's worry among North Salt Spring Waterworks District board members that low water levels won't leave enough overrun for federally mandated fisheries outflow into Duck Creek.

The lake's low level has prompted the board to take stock of current and predicted water allocations. Board members will meet representatives from local and regional governments this week to discuss implications of longer and drier summers.

As the largest and most well-supplied of all Salt Spring water districts, NSSWD acts as a binger of the island's water resource. To this end, the district is launching an audit to determine who's using how much water, when they are using it and why. Details about the study are forthcoming, we are told.

After three dry years, it's hard to determine if precipitation levels are trending lower or set to rebound. NSSWD board members want to be prepared for either outcome.

In the meantime, Salt Spring residents can do their part to research, consider and implement ways to use less water and extend the supply in our homes and workplaces.

Fortunately, that can be as easy as a turn of the tap.



VIEWPOINT by Scott Simmons

Are developers getting a free ride?

If you have recently been on Anna's Drive on Mount Tuam on the south end of Salt Spring Island, you probably noticed a big new sign for Skywater, which bills itself as a "world class acreage development."

During the last referendum for Salt Spring to become a municipality it was stated over and over that "if Salt Spring becomes a municipality the developers will take over." It seems to me that the developers would not want a municipality and would want the rural/Islands Trust/Capital Regional District form of governance to remain.

Let's just look at the Skywater development as an example. The property started out as four titles with a total of 222.561 hectares with three lots zoned Forestry 1 and one zoned Rural Uplands 1. The development now has 27 new lots for sale that have a combined asking price of over \$14 million.

Not that I'm against anyone making a buck, but one has to ask what we (Salt Spring) are getting out of this development. Are we getting park land? No, because the minimum lot size was big enough so the developer did not have to give five per cent of the land to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Are we getting a contribution to our pool? No. Are we getting a contribution to our new library? No.

At a future date will the residences demand bus service? Probably. Fire protection? Probably. Park? Probably. The future owners might claim they are paying high property taxes and not getting any services.

Did Salt Spring receive a "development cost charge" (DCC) per lot or home? No. Only municipalities or cities can charge DCC.

Most seem to charge \$25,000 or more. Most jurisdictions use the DCC to shift some infrastructure burden from the present taxpayers to developers.

Some astute local politicians have come to the conclusion that property owners feel property taxes are high enough and DCCs are a way of raising money without raising property taxes. How nice would it have been to see this world-class acreage developer contribute a million or so to our much-needed boardwalk or pay off our library debt?

To me it is ridiculous that developers can add to our rural sprawl, sell on the benefits of Salt Spring's infrastructure and not contribute to the island's amenities. If this development of forest and rural uplands lots is the Island Trust ideal of preserve and protect, I would hate to see what would happen if the developers got a free ride and/or "took over."

On second thought, maybe I'm seeing the free ride now. As the emotions heat up over the next referendum on Salt Spring becoming a municipality, please refrain from using the "developers will take over" myth as an argument against a municipality.

There are pros and cons to Salt Spring becoming a municipality, and the more we consider every side the better the decision we can make. My mind is not made up either way at this time. I'm considering all the ramifications.

Missing out on DCCs is one glaring example of how a municipal government might be a better option for Salt Spring Island.

The writer is a Salt Spring Island realtor and active volunteer.

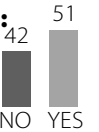
THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Would you like to see a bridge study for SSI? Yes No

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

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should Canada support the war against ISIS?



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ISLAND VOICES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Each agency is extremely busy with high case loads. We can't run anything more off the corner of our desks."

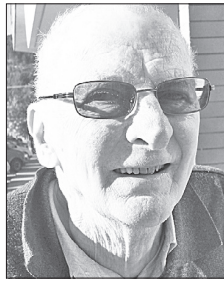
SALT SPRING RCMP SGT. GEORGE JENKINS ON NEED FOR ICAT FUNDING

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: How can the community better support victims of domestic violence?



CINDY CONSTABLE
We can start by changing our attitudes so it's not such a secret.



DUNCAN MATHIESON
By being more supportive to the people who have suffered.



SHAUN LUTTIN
Stop calling them victims and call them survivors.



ROBERT PRINCE
People can shop at the Transitions Thrift Store.



KRISTYN ADAMS
Make it part of the conversation and get it out in the open so it isn't a taboo topic.

Letters to the editor

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

Referendum details

I would like to commend Elizabeth Nolan and the Driftwood for the recent detailed coverage of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission's debate on the concept and costing of the Rainbow Road safety upgrade.

The commission's ongoing deliberation has so far resulted in a cost reduction of over 50 per cent of the Rainbow Road project's original budget estimate. These cost reductions have been achieved through the combination of design modification and use of volunteer labour and project manage-

ment wherever possible.

Rainbow Road, with its high volume of school-age pedestrian traffic, is the priority of three safety upgrades the SSITC seeks to implement by 2018, with the others being Lower Ganges Road and Ganges Hill.

Final project concepts and costing will be presented and voted on at the next SSITC meeting to be held Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 4 p.m. in the library. The meeting is open to the public.

I urge all interested parties to attend and be fully informed on this most important issue going to referendum in November.

ROBIN A. WILLIAMS,
SSITC CHAIR

Whose rights?

This is a response to John Callas' Sept. 17 "Residents helpless" letter.

Let us assume that you decide to move into a neighbourhood that includes a club that, on occasion, makes a lot of noise.

What are your rights? After all, you recently chose to live there. The club has only been in existence for more than 100 years and more than 50 years in that location. How important can they be?

Don't your rights as a newcomer override the rights of an already existing and well-established entity?
MARILYNNE CUNNINGHAM,
SALT SPRING

Evaluate Salt Spring for bridge too

The following letter was sent to Transportation Minister Todd Stone and filed with the Driftwood for publication.

The purpose of this email is to commend you on your decision to proceed with a feasibility study for a bridge linking Gabriola to Vancouver Island.

I understand there is a portion of the population who is not in favour of hard links from the Gulf Islands to the rest of the province, but I also know there is a large portion

who is. Unfortunately, this group tends to represent the "silent majority." So, I'm speaking up.

I absolutely agree that the Gulf Islands are a "special part of B.C." In fact, I happen to feel this way about many parts of our province. I believe that the province we live in is one of the most beautiful places in the world.

I also absolutely believe that, as part of B.C., we should be afforded the same rights as the rest of B.C. in being connected to the provincial transportation network.

Unfortunately, this is not the case — we are required to personally pay for the right of travelling within

our province and only at times of the day when a corporation and the government allow. And even these links, as tenuous as they are, are becoming more costly and less frequent as the years go by.

Given the ferry transportation network is apparently not sustainable, it's time to evaluate also the option of a fixed link to connect the largest Gulf Islands community, Salt Spring, to the rest of B.C., while we still have a vibrant community here to connect.

KAREN WRIGHT,
UPPER GANGES ROAD

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Book exchange needs community cooperation

BY PAT BURKETTE

The Island Exchange, the much-loved book room located at the Salt Spring Recycle Depot on Rainbow Road, has seen some changes lately. As the Exchange's volunteer coordinator (and yes I am a volunteer), I thought I'd try to clarify those changes.

First, it's important to remember that the book exchange is now, and always has been, a volunteer-run service. In the early 1990s, two island women asked the Recycle Depot if they could locate a book exchange at the depot and were given space. Depot employees have never actually staffed the Exchange.

The Exchange, which offers magazines as well as books, has thrived thanks to three factors: a few dedicated volunteers, tolerant Recycle Depot staff and a cavernous paper recycling bin.

Boxes and boxes of books and magazines surplus to the Exchange's small space have filled that big paper bin. When charities like thrift shops and the Giant Book Sale needed to dispose of books they couldn't sell, they brought them to the Exchange, where volunteers would put what they could on the shelves and take the rest to the bin. The library also disposed of its culled books at the Exchange.

Many people happily stacked boxes of books and assorted junk in the book exchange, never questioning where the stuff went. Sometimes, people yelled at volunteers disposing of books, even if you had to

make like Houdini to get into the room. Then the volunteers would hide, wishing folks could understand that the Exchange didn't have magical powers to expand on command. Indeed, the majority of people were usually able to accept that many books had to end up in the paper recycling bin, justifying our culture's deep-seated prohibition against destroying books by embracing our culture's equally strong desire to recycle, if not reuse.

Materials like photo albums, old posters, puzzles, gift bags, toys and clothes were also left in the Exchange, perhaps part of a "feel good" recycling vibe. Surely, in this wonderful little room, someone would take the items, when thrift shops and charities wouldn't. And sometimes, that did happen. But more often, such items went to the garbage, kindly paid for out of the limited budget of the Recycle Depot.

Enter B.C.'s new recycling program, introduced May 19, 2014, and called "Packaging and Printed Paper Extended Producer Responsibility." Multi Materials BC is the new industry steward responsible for recycling residential packaging and printed paper. New recycling rules and funding formulas pursuant to this change are putting our Recycle Depot in jeopardy. Alongside it, the Island Exchange is feeling the heat too. Bins of paper with books in them can no longer be shipped from the depot, while

GUEST COLUMN

magazines are still allowed. And no, ripping the covers off books won't make any difference. Long story short, that

cavernous paper bin is no longer a place where unwanted island books can be recycled. Some off-island recyclers who accept books take them to a landfill. The Hartland Landfill facility allows the public to also drop off books in bins provided by Discover Books (a group which re-uses some books, but is selective and does not want textbooks, encyclopedias, etc.)

So if the Island Exchange is to continue as a place where at least some books are re-used, where islanders can get free books and magazines, and spend an enjoyable time when the rain is falling or they're recycling, it must remain true to its original mandate — take a few books, leave a few books. It can no longer accept what won't fit on the shelves.

Hence, the Exchange is now only open when a volunteer is on duty to accept books. But because people are notoriously slow to adapt to change, folks are still piling boxes of "stuff" outside the Exchange. Just last week, for instance, between volunteer shifts, we got two boxes full of torn and mouldy books, a block of wood, used Q-tips, stick-on tattoos and used scribblers. The Exchange's small volunteer team simply can't take on everyone's castoffs. When two nice men saw the volunteer's dismay over the boxes, one of them offered to take two bags to his garbage

— thank-you to the captain of Salt Shaker! The other donated \$10 for further garbage disposal — thanks to you too sir! We will not always be so fortunate.

Our volunteers are dedicated book people who make every effort to stock the Exchange with interesting books. A set of guidelines for accepting books is posted inside the door. Please don't bring us your garbage, and although we love to get good books and popular magazines, be prepared to take books back home with you if we just can't take them. The first question we ask is "Will someone want to read this?" You can ask yourself that same question.

A schedule of open times is posted on the Exchange door. Sometimes a volunteer can't make it and with no one to fill in, you will be disappointed when you come to the wonderful little book room. Please try to understand.

Better yet, volunteer to do a shift — a couple of hours a week, or every two weeks, is all that we ask for. There is a sign-up sheet on the door. I will call you. Oh yeah. You can be sure of that, because the book exchange is an island institution and no one wants to see it close, which it surely will if we can't get a handle on the "stuff."

Coordinating the volunteers for the Island Exchange is one of the writer's volunteer pursuits.



Islands Trust

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE Bylaws No. 476, and No. 477

NOTICE is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a Public Hearing concerning Proposed Bylaws No. 476 and No. 477 for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained therein. At the public hearing, all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaws shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions.

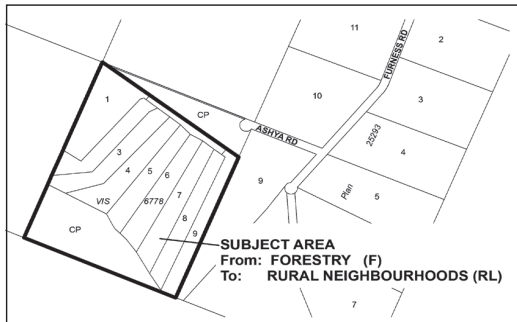
DATE: Wednesday, October 15, 2014
LOCATION: Hart Bradley Hall, Lions Club, 103 Bonnet Avenue, SSI
TIME: 6:00 PM

Island Planner Stefan Cermak will be available from **5:00 PM to 6:00 PM** to provide information about the bylaws and to answer any questions.

1. Bylaw No. 476, cited as "Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan, 2008, Amendment No. 1, 2014" (R. Kelln – 119 to 150 Ashya Road).

1.1 In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 476 is to amend Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 434 as follows:

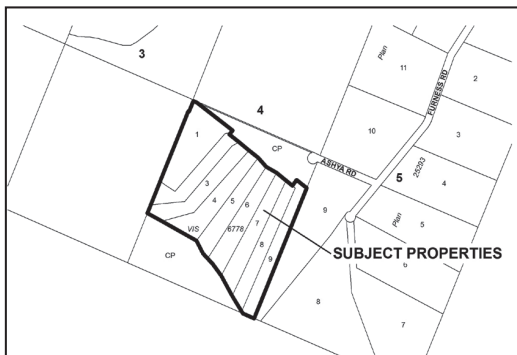
By amending the land use designation from **Forestry** to **Rural Neighbourhoods** as shown on the image below.



2. Bylaw No. 477, cited as "Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw, 1999, Amendment No. 1, 2014" (R. Kelln – 119 to 150 Ashya Road).

2.1 In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 477 is to amend Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw No. 355 as follows:

By amending Schedule "I" (**Secondary Suites Map**) to include Strata Lots 1 to 9, Strata Plan VIS6778, as shown on the image below.



Copies of the proposed bylaws, and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee, may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing Friday, September 26th up to and including October 14, 2014 at 12:00 Noon.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2) of the *Local Government Act*, Proposed Bylaws No. 476 and No. 477 may also be viewed on the Islands Trust website (www.islandstrust.bc.ca) under "Islands", "Local Trust Areas", "Salt Spring", "Bylaws", "Bylaw 434" and "Bylaw 355" under "Bylaw Amendments".

Enquiries regarding these proposed Bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust at (250) 537-9144. For Toll Free access, request a transfer to the Islands Trust via Enquiry BC: in Vancouver at 604-660-2421; elsewhere in BC at 1-800-663-7867.

Written submissions may be delivered as follows:

By Mail: Islands Trust, 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2N8

By Fax: (250) 537-9116.

By Email: ssiphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca prior to 12:00 Noon on October 15, 2014.

To the Local Trust Committee: at the public hearing on October 15, 2014.

Written submissions made in response to this notice will be available for public review.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO WRITTEN OR ORAL REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE OR ITS MEMBERS, AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Claire Olivier
Legislative Clerk/Deputy Secretary

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Gabriola bridge

So Sheila Malcolmson has written, as chair of the Islands Trust Council, to complain about the possibility of a bridge between Gabriola Island and Vancouver Island ("Trust Council chair disappointed by lack of consultation," Sept. 24 Driftwood).

Sheila Malcolmson was elected as an islands trustee for Gabriola. She was not elected as a trustee for any other Islands Trust island. She serves as the unelected chair of some local Trust committees to cast a deciding vote on any local issue. Since when does she have the right to speak for the other 12 islands, where she was not elected, concerning a bridge to link Gabriola and Vancouver islands?

She can express her opinion on behalf of Gabriola residents because they elected her; we did not and she cannot presume otherwise.

She also mentions that 85 per cent of British Columbians agree the Trust Area should be protected from overdevelopment and 83 per cent agree the provincial government should take action to support the preservation and protection of these islands. Of course they do — they don't have to pay for the Islands Trust.

JANE HORSBURGH,
SALT SPRING

Reality, please

I was amused by Sheila Malcolmson's hand-wringing about the very mention of a study for a proposed Gabriola link replacing the ferry, one requested by the citizenry of Gabriola Island.

The 500-kilogram gorilla in the room that escapes her analysis (and one might wonder why) is the result of a discounted cash-flow analysis (Economics 101) which would compare the long-term costs of a fixed-link (no ferry; maybe 10-year bridge-toll) against continuing the ferry service as-is (complete with continuing ferry fares to pay and future fare hikes). This analysis should be available for the public to scrutinize before considering the apparently supervening issues adduced by Malcolmson — such as the benefits (dollar and non-dollar) accruing to Gabriolans being isolated on an island. Gabriolans especially need to think this through and — as evidenced from the original petition — there is a constituency questioning it, despite Malcolmson's blurb.

We're already hearing talk of the ferry-fare structure strangling the economies of the southern Gulf Islands (and others). Islanders cannot demand access-parity and dollar-parity with those served by highways at the same time as objecting to and militating against bridge access, if that is the most economical solution from the perspective of B.C. taxpayers, all of whom would otherwise be subsidizing isolationist, smug, draw-bridge-raising, island dwellers who want their cake and to eat it too.

Halloooo, Sheila? Where are you on this? As a candidate for

higher-and-better office, are you qualified if you fail to recognize cost-benefit analyses as part of the equation? I suspect your leftist tendencies will dictate: Maintain the status quo; subsidize islanders at the expense of everyone else; re-nationalize BC Ferries; and run up the provincial debt, all at the same time as repudiating just about every initiative to improve B.C. exports and resource royalties, such as pipelines. Note recent news about \$10 billion worth of natural gas facilities likely to be shelved because of the attitude of B.C., spurred on by the likes of Sheila Malcolmson.

This lady lives in Cloud Cuckoo Land, unless she wants us all to revert to Third-World cave living.

Can we have some reality around here, please?

ROSS KING,
BEDDIS ROAD

Perennially blooming thanks

In the past years I have read over the Driftwood's Rants and Roses column and I admit just briefly scanned over the words that many people have written about the kindness of the people at Lady Minto Hospital. On so many occasions there are words of profound thanks for the care and compassion shown to a patient and to the family during a decline and eventual passing in the hospital.

Maybe you truly do need to walk a mile in someone else's shoes to really understand much in life, and on this subject I will be forever changed.

My beloved mother, Shirley Sager, had a stroke at the end of August, remaining in the hospital until her death last week. During that time myself and all our family have been in and out of the hospital constantly. A week ago Mom had to move into palliative care for her final days. The pain we all felt to be losing such a loved person in our life was completely heart wrenching.

My brothers, who live in Victoria and West Vancouver, said over and over to me how unbelievably lucky they felt that Mom and Dad had moved back to Salt Spring Island and what a peaceful and beautiful place this was. The small, country feel of the hospital made everything so much less stressful.

As well and maybe more importantly was just how kind, compassionate and supportive the nurses, the care aides and of course Dr. Ron Reznick was to Mom and all of her family members.

I cannot thank these wonderful people enough. I feel anything I say would fall short in my depth of gratitude. So in honour of all the staff and with extra special thanks to Maggie, Jacquie and Karen, who were with us in those final painful hours, I would give you a field of perennial flowers that would bloom again year after year so that you would be reminded forever of our sincere and heartfelt thank you.

With love,
SUZANNE ZACHARIAS,
SALT SPRING



PHOTOS BY JEN MACLELLAN

FASCINATING FOOLS: Part of last weekend's Festival of Fools at Mahon Hall are, from left, audience member Travis Puntarelli brought up on stage to be a therapist for Priscilla Costa as "Mona Monae," Bob Twaites as MC Bob Snellock; and Jesse Grindler in the guise of "Hans."

RANTS and Roses

Many bouquets of roses of gratitude are sent to the beautiful women of Salt Spring Island supporting those in need. Many thanks to Brenda, Cherie and Jewel. May the many blessings received by the many many people you serve be showered back on you. With deep and sincere gratitude, IWAV

Five boatfuls of roses for the five trips back and forth to the ferry crew on the evening of Sept. 12. When our van wouldn't start, you did everything possible to fix it, and when that failed, you helped us arrange for towing and mechanical help. The hot cups of tea were most welcome. Also, special thanks to Fred, the tow-truck driver who towed the car up Mount Belcher, and Rob the mechanic, who stayed up late to solve the

problem. All of your kindness was appreciated!

Thanks to all who purchased a Gulf Islands Marine Rescue raffle ticket. The winner of a cord of firewood was the Copper Kettle.

Roses that always bloom today from exit-StageLeft Productions to everyone who helped make RENT so memorable and successful, especially: our wonderful and generous sponsors Country Grocer, the Driftwood, Graffiti Theatre, Apple Photo and Green-FM; the amazingly hospitable Benson family; Theatre Resources, Accent Exteriors, Terra Firma Builders, M. Azzarello Photography; our outstanding musicians, cast and crew; the supporters too numerous to name; and you, the audience. We love you!

It's the new 'F' word: Fame

Of all the creepy things I know about Kim Kardashian (and they are legion) the creepiest is that she has fans.

The Hollywood figure who's famous for . . . well, nothing, actually — she can't sing, dance, act, paint or string together enough platitudes to get invited on talk shows — is now flogging something called Kim Kardashian: Hollywood.

It's an on-line game which the gullible may download. The app shows you how to create your very own avatar which pretends to be Hollywood-bound in search of stardom. Not as an actor or a dancer or anything, you know, talented. Just as a celebrity, famous for being famous. Much like you-know-who.

Your avatar will go to "photo shoots," for which virtual wardrobes must be purchased. Your avatar will get weary, for which "energy boosts" (Colombian marching powder, anyone?) need to be paid for. How to pay? Just head to the online "Star Shop" and purchase as many "stars" as you like. You can get 50 for \$4.99. Or the Best Value Bargain: 1250 stars for \$99.99. Then you spend your "stars" to get your avatar up and running.

The app is free to download and the perks are imaginary, but the money spent to obtain them is very real. Star-struck kids have spent hundreds of dollars apiece helping their avatars pursue fame. Experts predict Kim Kardashian: Hollywood will gross \$200 million in its first year.

A visiting Martian might be forgiven for asking: what's going on?

Good question. Whatever it is, it was also going on last month at the Toronto International Film Festival. TIFF is a big deal. It attracts world-class films and the people who produce, direct and star in them. People



Arthur Black

WIT & WHIMSY

like David Cronenberg, Atom Egoyan, Kate Winslet, Al Pacino.

And Justin Bieber.

What? Bieber? The teenybopper princeling of high school hooliganism and over-refreshed dumb-ass misdemeanours? What's that mutt doing at a film festival?

Doesn't matter. He was there and the TV cameras and the Hollywood paparazzi followed him around like a flock of seagulls tracking a shrimp boat. The actor John Cusack, also at TIFF, was totally mystified by the Bieber TV coverage.

"They had, like a Wolf Blitzer Situation Room," Cusack said. "They'd go to a reporter on location saying, 'He's been on this street' and 'Here he is in a mall' and 'Here we see him kissing his girlfriend.'"

Cusack was nonplussed. "This is a film festival," Cusack said. "It's awesome that the guy actually likes films, but . . ."

Exactly; but who cares?

Millions, apparently. When it comes to lowest common denominator media pandering, nothing can be too trivial.

Somebody once compared the visionaries George Orwell, who wrote 1984, and Aldous Huxley, who wrote Brave New World, thus:

"Orwell feared those who would ban books. Huxley feared there would be no reason to ban books because no one would want to read one . . . Orwell feared the truth would be concealed from us. Huxley feared that the truth would be drowned in a sea of irrelevance."

What-ewvver!

Who needs to read a book when you can "like" The Biebs on Facebook or channel Kim K on your iPhone?

I mean, like . . . Hel-LO!

Governmental Games

BY H. BARRY COTTON


I think an open government
Has everybody's sentiment;
Election promises should be
A matter of veracity,
With platforms properly debated,
Before election's even slated.
And later — after the election
We like to know of changes in direction.

But now we have this ballyhoo
Whereby a statute, tried and true,
Stands in the way of some objective,
So must be rendered ineffective.
And here's the part that worries me —
They'd like it as "a fait accompli" —
So quietly they put things through,
Without disturbing me and you.

Our B.C Parks Act was intent
On guarding the environment;
For many years it paid its way
In keeping industry at bay;
So now we need to alter it
So industry can benefit.
So what is government's explanation
For this amazing transposition?

The Land Commission statute, too,
Will soon be up for a review;
Hailed as a model farmland law
It'll soon be called Bill 24;
For farmland too gets in the way
Of oil and gas and all that play —
(Dave Barrett's law just far too sound
For industry to get around).

Now explanations are a must
In forming governmental trust;
And citizens have a right to know
Such changes in our status quo.
We're well aware what it's about —
Maybe they thought we'd not find out!



Opportunity to Comment on BC Ferries' Proposed Spirit Class Mid-Life Upgrade Project

The British Columbia Ferry Commission is seeking public comment on BC Ferries' application pursuant to section 55(2) of the *Coastal Ferry Act* ("Act") for approval of the major capital expenditures for a mid-life upgrade project for the *Spirit of British Columbia* and *Spirit of Vancouver Island*, the primary vessels serving on Route 1, connecting Swartz Bay and Tsawwassen.

The scope of the proposed Spirit Class Mid Life Upgrade Project is fourfold: 1) to carry out work to address regulatory requirements, 2) to convert vessel propulsion to dual fuel marine diesel and liquefied natural gas, 3) to implement hull, electrical and passenger service modifications, and 4) to carry out renewals and overhauls of systems which have reached end-of-life.

Under section 55(4) of the Act the commissioner may approve a major capital expenditure if the proposed major capital expenditure is:

- a) reasonable,
- b) prudent, and
- c) consistent with
 - (i) the current Coastal Ferry Services Contract, and
 - (ii) any long term capital plan established by the ferry operator

BC Ferries' application is available at http://www.bcferries.com/files/PDFs/Spirit_Class_MLU_Application_to_the_BC_Ferries_Commissioner.pdf. Section 55 Application Guidelines as established by the Ferry Commission is also available at <http://www.bcferries.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/Section-55-Application-Guidelines-Revised-July-5-2014.pdf>.

Comments or submissions can be sent by email to info@bcferrycommission.ca or by mail to:
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CONCERTS

Michelle Footz gives musical farewell

Duck Creek Farm concert launches eastern journey

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A young woman who made a strong impression on Salt Spring Middle School music students and their parents last year is saying goodbye to the Gulf Islands for the time being and preparing for a new phase in her life journey.

Community members protested when 26-year-old Michelle Footz's contract as music teacher wasn't renewed due to the rules of seniority, but the Mayne Island native is taking it in stride.

"I didn't even realize until all these letters starting coming out," she said about her popularity with parents.

"I'm planning to come back eventually, but I'm taking the opportunity to go out and explore."

Footz will be playing an intimate house concert at Duck Creek Farm this Saturday, Oct. 4 as the start of her "East My Friend" tour. A look at the concert dates reveals an inevitable pull from that direction, with shows lined up from Victoria to Edmonton right through to Montreal, so far. The goal is to get all the way to Newfoundland.

"I feel drawn east because I want to check out the other coast, and I hear the music scene in Halifax is really good," Footz said. "And just the drive, because I've never driven through the Prairies before."

Local audiences may have seen Footz perform with Compassion Gorilla. Her tour east will be based on her solo act Shelder the Electric Clamfish, which is a nickname she's had since Grade 7. Footz plays a number of instruments, having started on piano as a child and then studying trumpet at the University of Victoria. The Shelder show will be mainly herself and an accordion, which she just learned to play last year.

"That what I spent my free time on last year when I was teaching, and now I'm going to make my way across Canada," Footz said.

In a style that she describes as "eclectic art folk," Footz plays original compositions as well as arrangements of other folk songs, like obscure Scottish tunes from the 1973 cult film *The Wicker Man*, for example. Storytelling inspired by her life



PHOTO COURTESY MICHELLE FOOTZ

Michelle Footz, a GISS alumna who taught music at SIMS this past year, with her accordion. She performs with Coddlefish Foxtrotter at a Duck Creek Farm house concert on Saturday night to kick off her East My Friend tour.

and travels is also a big part of any show.

Common to her work, whether teaching or performing, is an openness to other people's ideas and a high energy output from herself. Footz is happy playing all styles of music with all types of musicians, and hopes to pick up some new ideas during her trip out east, both from the maritime artists and from the different geographies that she'll pass through.

"I'm hoping to write more songs and add to my repertoire when I'm travelling," Footz said. "I do a lot of writing on the ocean—the ocean really inspires me—so I'm looking forward to being in other environments."

Joining Footz for the Oct. 4 show is Coddlefish Foxtrotter, a songwriter and guitarist from Lasqueti Island who plays "really good songs that people can relate to," based on his life experience and travels.

The concert is taking place inside the Duck Creek farmhouse, so seating is limited. To reserve tickets, contact Footz at mfootz@gmail.com or 250-896-3325. Doors will open at 7 p.m. and the music starts at 7:30.

Those who are interested in her journey can visit the blog Footz will be keeping during the trip. See her website at <http://footzmusic.wordpress.com> for details.

"I feel drawn east because I want to check out the other coast, and I hear the music scene in Halifax is really good."

MICHELLE FOOTZ
Gulf Islands musician & teacher

"I feel a bit sad and nervous to be leaving the islands for an indeterminate amount of time, but I will eventually return, as I will always consider the Gulf Islands to be my home," Footz concluded.

"Thanks to everyone for their support during the last school year. Have a wonderful winter, Salt Spring, and I will see you upon my return."

EXHIBITIONS

Avison retrospective shows at library

Salt Spring painter recognized as master watercolourist

An exhibition of Jack Avison watercolours will be held in the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room for the month of October.

Avison died in December of 2013, just six weeks shy of his 99th birthday. A founding member of the Salt Spring Painters Guild, he drew and painted right to the end of his life. Both during his lifetime and afterward he was recognized as a caring man who shared his great skill, helping many aspiring artists. He believed in drawing as a base and excelled at watercolour.

A celebration of Avison's life and of the show will be held at the library on Friday, Oct. 3 from 4 to 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served and there will be an opportunity to share stories about the artist. There will also be portfolios of his unframed watercolours and drawings on display and for sale. Proceeds will go toward a bursary in Avison's name for a Gulf Islands Secondary School graduate.

The portfolios will be available for viewing and purchase each Friday during October from 1 to 3 p.m. in the library program room. Also during October, the display case in the library lobby will feature Avison's many sketchbooks, his working tools and an unfinished painting.

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COMMUNITY ARTS

New sculptor La Vigne takes up residence at ArtSpring

Artist happy to discuss work with public at arts centre

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

ArtSpring continues to extend its reach to the visual side of the arts community, most recently by opening its doors to a community sculptor in need of studio space.

Randy La Vigne forged a connection with the small lobby off ArtSpring's back door some years back, when he made a request to make it the permanent home of a previously mobile upright piano. The facility's then-executive director George Sipos was happy to comply.

ArtSpring's new director Cicela Månsson was equally accommodating when La Vigne made a recent visit after returning from a year in Arizona. Having taken up sculpting while he was away, La Vigne thought the back lobby would be an ideal place to pursue his work, and Månsson agreed to give it a try.

La Vigne began by sculpting in the corner of cafes and immediately learned that staff are more comfortable when there's no mess left behind, so being clean



Sculptor Randy La Vigne and bust of David Suzuki.

PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

is part of the deal. Being friendly to other people in the building is just a given.

"I like to sculpt in a high-power environment. I like the conversations and the energy — getting

people's thoughts and opinions charges my work," he said.

La Vigne has spent much time meditating and focusing on personal growth during recent years. His new path in creating art is in some ways an extension of other lifestyle practices such as breathing properly, doing yoga and eating well.

Feeling the urge to work with clay, he said, "I just found I had more concentration and focus, and it seemed to come easy, so I just kept sculpting."

So far, La Vigne's inspiration has taken form as porcelain busts of famous men, both heroes and villains. His subjects have included George Bush, Vladimir Putin and Albert Einstein. Currently he can be seen working on a bust of David Suzuki, which he has framed in a nontraditional pose so that the scientist's face is tilted up toward the ceiling.

La Vigne said he wanted to sculpt Suzuki because he's been such an important figure for the green movement. The pose came from an actual situation, when the artist had the chance to meet Suzuki while he was having dinner at the Harbour House Hotel with Elizabeth May.

La Vigne had asked what today's youth could do to help

the world.

"He just took his glasses off and looked up, and that's the image that kind of burned in my mind," La Vigne said, adding the look is a hopeful one. There's even a trace of a smile under the famous mustache.

La Vigne's dream is to have the finished sculpture cast in bronze at Jacob Burton's Salt Spring foundry, and to perhaps present its subject with one of the editions one day. In the more immediate future, Armenian-Canadian portrait photographer Yousef Karsh could be a good candidate for another bust.

"I just like the way he captures his subjects, and whatever figures inspired him," La Vigne said.

Visitors going to ArtSpring for any purpose should feel welcome to talk to the sculptor as they pass through.

"I'm not all 'Be quiet - sculptor working,'" La Vigne explained. "Conversation is always good. There's such a diverse group of people here, the conversations are always from one topic to another. Nothing can be taken for granted here, so that's always good."

The artist can be followed through Facebook and Instagram.

MUSIC

La Nef plays Dowland

Celtic-flavoured show opens new series

ArtSpring opens a new season of concerts this Sunday, Oct. 5, with "the bee's knees" of early music ensembles and an extraordinary tenor vocalist.

Quebec group La Nef and Michael Slattery will present a show called Dowland

in Dublin, which, according to ArtSpring executive director Cicela Månsson, will have an Irish pub feel.

"Was England's first great composer John Dowland actually Irish? La Nef and American tenor Michael Slattery make their case for this possibility in a charming program highlighting Dowland's light-hearted side, with Renaissance lute, cittern and gamba joined by the

shruti-box providing a decidedly Celtic flavour to the famous lute songs."

The concert begins at 2:30 p.m.

Afterwards, tea and nibbles will be served, with everyone invited to chat with Månsson, who has been in her post since this summer and is excited about the coming ArtSpring Presents series of performing arts events for 2014-15.

CONCERTS

American songwriter on tap

'Hypnotic' folk artist Detor has island tour date

Krista Detor, a singer/songwriter who calls Bloomington, Ind. home, will make a rare stop on Salt Spring this weekend as she travels between gigs in Alaska and California.

Currently touring North America in support of her fifth album Flat Earth Diary, Detor will perform with partner David Webber at All Saints' By-the-Sea on Friday, Oct. 3.

The Boston Herald has paid Detor the singular compliment of stating, "All songwriters should be this good." Detor's albums have reached number one on the Euro-Americana chart, and placed within the top 10 of the U.S. folk and indepen-

dent music charts. Flat Earth Diary, which was released in January 2014, has attracted international attention.

A sampling of adjectives describing the album and her performance speak to her appeal. They include "hypnotic" from Holland, "mesmerizing" from the U.S.A. and "effortless sublimity" from England.

Detor has performed with notable artists such as Suzanne Vega, Joan Armatrading, the Neville Brothers, Loudon Wainwright III, Sam Phillips and John Gorka. Her choral works have been commissioned by the Ashland Women's Choir, the Shrewsbury Community Choir, the Cincinnati Women's Choir and others.

Friday's show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are available by phone (250-538-8085) or at Salt Spring Books.

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what's on this week

Wed. Oct 1 **Fri. Oct 3** **Sat. Oct 4** **Sat. Oct 4** **Sun. Oct 5** **Tues. Oct 7** **Wed. Oct 8**

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Music & Munch.
Alan Moberg performs at All Saints' By-the-Sea. 12:10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Vipassana.
Meets for meditation and dharma instruction at The Gatehouse, Stowel Lake Farm every Wednesday at 7 p.m.



SongJam.
A 21st-century pub sing-along to vocal and instrumental backing tracks. Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

Thur. Oct 2

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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

ACTIVITIES

Salty Wheels Square Dance Club.
Meets every Thursday. All are welcome, including new dancers. 734 Upper Ganges Rd. 7:30 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Krista Deter Concert.
Singer-songwriter and pianist from Indiana performs with partner David Webber at All Saints' By-the-Sea. 8 p.m.
Salt Spring Hysterical Society Reunion + SEVA Benefit.
The Salt Spring Hysterical Society reunites to present classic and new skits, while helping SEVA Canada bring sight to people in the developing world. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.
Dope Soda.
With special guests Billie Woods and Wesley Hardisty. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

StoryTime at the Library.
Program for kids aged 3 to 6 at the Salt Spring Public Library. 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.
Bridge at the Library.
Salt Spring Public Library. 10 a.m. to noon. Info/registration: Jean Elder, 250-537-0897, or Ruth Hopping, 250-537-9682.



Jack Avison Exhibit Opening & Life Celebration.
Special event for month-long exhibit of work by the late Jack Avison. Salt Spring Public Library Program Room. 4 to 7 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Shelder the Electric Clamfish.
Michelle Footz (AKA Shelder the Electric Clamfish) kicks off epic cross-Canada tour with an intimate house concert. With guest Coddlefish Foxtrotter. Duck Creek Farm. Doors open 7 p.m., music at 7:30.
Salt Spring Hysterical Society Reunion + SEVA Gala Benefit.
See Friday listing.
The Ravens.
Rock 'n' roll band at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.



THE RAVENS

ACTIVITIES

Saturday Market in the Park.
Centennial Park. 8:30 to 4 p.m.
Ganges Yoga Studio Open House.
Free classes from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Potluck at 5:30 p.m. New location at 120 Hereford Ave. (SS Wellness Centre)
Quintessence Breastfeeding Challenge.
Island Health-sponsored event to remove public breastfeeding stigma. Story time at 10:30 a.m., short discussion and then a latch-on at 11 a.m. Salt Spring Library Program Room.

ACTIVITIES

Fall Plant Sale.
The SSI Garden Club offers huge selection of perennials, trees, shrubs, grasses and more. Mentor gardeners available for free advice. Farmers' Institute. 1 to 3 p.m.
Susan Paynter Art Opening.
Opening event for exhibit of work by fabric artist Susan Paynter. kiZmit Galeria and Cafe. 1 to 3 p.m.
Men's Soccer - FC Division 3A.
Salt Spring's team plays against Saanich Fusion FC Campus Honda. Portlock Park. 2:15 p.m.



Sun. Oct 5

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Michael Slattery With La Nef.
Celebrated young tenor joins with Montreal early-music ensemble for a program called Dowland in Dublin. ArtSpring. 2:30 p.m. Followed by reception with ArtSpring executive director Cicela Månsson.
Chamigos.
Music of South America. Moby's Pub. 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Ride On! Cycling Program.
Workshop geared for rural bike riding in the Gulf Islands. ArtSpring. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Men's Soccer - Old Boys.
The Old Boys play the Gordon Head Gunners at the GISS field. 10:30 a.m.

Mon. Oct 6

ACTIVITIES

ToddlerTime.
For parents and children under four. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 10:30 a.m.
iPad and eReader Tutoring.
Sign-up sheets in Info Desk Programs binder. Sessions available every Monday. Salt Spring Public Library. Noon to 2 p.m.
Chess and Scrabble Club.
Open to chess and Scrabble players of all ages and skill levels. Salt Spring Public Library. 2 to 5 p.m.



ACTIVITIES

Integrated Case Assessment Team Open House.
Learn about a domestic violence prevention program operating on Salt Spring from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Presentations at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. Lunch provided. Salt Spring Library Program Room.
Tuesday Farmers' Market.
Every Tuesday in Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.
Adult Floor Hockey.
Every Tuesday at Fulford Hall at 7 p.m.



Chiropractic Information Session.

Free Tuesday evening info sessions with Dr. Bob Richmond at Lancer Building office. 7:30 p.m.



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ACTIVITIES

Fall & Fire Prevention Workshop.
Interactive workshop geared for seniors, as part of Fire Prevention Week activities. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 10 a.m.



Dying With Dignity Meeting.

Topic of the meeting is: Is Your Representative up to the Job? Salt Spring Library Program Room. 1:30 to 3 p.m.

The History of Shiya'hw't (Ganges).

Coastal First Nations expert Chris Arnett presents an overview of 3,000 years of human presence at Ganges and Grace Islet at the Salt Spring Historical Society's monthly gathering. Central Community Hall. 2 p.m.

SongJam.

See last Wednesday.

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EXHIBITIONS

- New works by fabric artist **Susan Paynter** are showing at **kiZmit Galeria and Cafe** through October, with an opening event on Saturday, Oct. 4, 1 to 3 p.m. Info about gallery opening times: 250-653-4638

- An exhibition of the late **Jack Avison's** watercolours is on display through October in the **Salt Spring library program room**, with a celebration set for Friday, Oct. 3 from 4 to 7 p.m. Portfolios of unframed watercolours and drawings will also be on display and available for purchase each Friday during October from 1 to 3 p.m., with proceeds going to a GISS graduate scholarship fund.
- Across the Board** show and sale of paintings by **Judy Nurse** is in the **ArtSpring lobby** for the month of October.
- Sensuous Sea** is an exhibition of paintings and drawings by **Chris Hunter** and wood turnings by **Gordon Nash** at **Salt Spring Gallery** until Oct. 9. The gallery is located at 135 McPhillips Ave. and open Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Michael Levy** shows new photographic works: **Mists of Time and The Excursionists** at **Fernwood Road Cafe** until Oct. 18. New works by **Gabrielle Jensen** are now on exhibit at **Gulf Island Picture Framing** in Grace Point Square.
- Roger Donnelly** has paintings hanging at **Penny's Pantry**.
- Sam Lightman** shows photos at **Island Savings**.

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ALL HAIL THE APPLE: From left, Matteo Poerschke enjoys fresh-pressed juice from the Purdy-Inglin farm, while Ted Dodds takes a bite himself while running the press during Sunday's Salt Spring Apple Festival. Above, visitors take in Whims Farm delights.

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FIRE SAFETY

Fire Prevention Week events unfold

Open house, library workshops, Maliview Drive smoke alarm visits

Local firefighters are hosting a bucket full of safety-oriented events for Fire Prevention Week, which runs from Oct. 6 to 11.

As in past years, firefighters will be visiting elementary schools throughout the week, prepping students for fire drills and sharing fire-safety messages. But this year Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue is planning on making more of a splash.

For the highlight of the event, SSIFR will host a family-friendly open house at the Ganges Fire Hall from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11.

"People really seem to enjoy watching firefighters cut up a car, so we are planning on holding a vehicle-rescue demonstration this year. I hope everyone can pop by to check it out," said SSIFR Lt. Mitchell Sherrin

The vehicle-rescue demo starts at noon, he noted.

During the open house, islanders can also tour the fire hall and fire trucks, discuss fire-safety topics with firefighters and learn how to use a fire extinguisher.

"We have an excellent simulator for teaching people how to use fire extinguishers. People should come out and give it a try," Sherrin said.

In addition to the open house, SSIFR will hold safety workshops at the Salt Spring Public Library.

"We are also hosting workshops at various preschools and seniors centres. We are happy to come and make a fire-and-life-safety presentation if anyone would like us to come for a visit," said Sherrin.

Seniors are invited to attend an interactive workshop on fall-and-fire prevention at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 8 in the program room at the public library.



PHOTO COURTESY SS FIRE RESCUE

Salt Spring Fire Rescue personnel, from left, firefighter Cody Hunsberger, Capt. Brian Hartley and Lt. Dom Gaudet work to extract "driver" Emma Kyle during last year's vehicle rescue demo during the Fire Prevention Week open house. This year's demo is on Oct. 11 at noon, with the open house running from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Families can also learn safety tips about installing and using car seats right after StoryTime (with visiting firefighter readers) in the public library children's area at 11:15 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 10.

"Working smoke alarms save lives; test yours every month" is the theme for Fire Prevention Week this year. Consequently, local firefighters are encouraging islanders to check that their smoke alarms are working. And members of SSIFR will even visit islanders on Maliview Drive to see if anyone needs assistance to check their smoke alarms on Friday, Oct. 10.

"We have previously visited the Brinkworthy neighbourhood with

great success in past years. Maliview Drive also has houses close together so we can go door-to-door."

But firefighters will visit any home on the island if islanders call with a request for assistance to check their smoke alarm, he noted.

Since 2011, SSIFR has been running a special program, in partnership with the Salt Spring Rotary Club, to check or provide battery-powered smoke alarms free of charge for seniors and people with fixed incomes or physical disabilities.

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GOOD FRIENDS:
Celebrating 11 years since the Meadowbrook Seniors Residence opened on Atkins Road are, from left, Gladys Page, Lou Rumsey and Joan Myers. The two-story complex welcomed its first residents in September 2003 after many years of work by the Gulf Islands Seniors Residence Association to make it possible. The idea for a supportive-living building first surfaced in the spring of 1997 and was championed by Mary Toynbee, among others.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Pickings plentiful as autumn begins

Players make room for harvest bounty

BY JILL EVANS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Grapes, apples, cukes and zukes — it was the Fall Fair aftermath and fair game at bridge where the pickings were plentiful on Sept. 15.

There were eight full tables — well, nine, actually, the ninth being replete with harvest from various veggie gardens and

BRIDGETRICKS

fruit trees for players to take home. The big winners North/South were Jeff Bell and Prem Margoese; the East/West prize went to Gisela Welsh and Doug Reid.

Second in the N/S field were Farmers' Institution George Laundry and Paul Retallack, with Liz and Oleh Mycyk coming third. E/W second place went

to Al Wilke and Nadene McCoy, and third were Jean Elder and Lynn Thorburn. No scarecrows showed up.

Fall began with the autumnal solstice on Sept. 22, a real fall in temperature and the squawk of Steller's jays. There were seven and a half tables and stellar performances by the winners, who collected several slams and games throughout the evening. North/South pinnacles were achieved by the Laundry-Retallack combo, switching places with the

Bell-Margoese pair, who were second in that group, while Ian Thomas and Zelly Taylor settled for the third spot.

East/West tops went to Gillian Mouat and Jennifer Quick, with a repeat second going to the Wilke-McCoy partnership and third place gained by Ted Baldwinson and Catherine Gardiner.

For info about these duplicate bridge games, please contact George Laundry at pastorale@shaw.ca or 250-653-9095.

HISTORY

Arnett speaks on First Nations past

Ganges Harbour history discussed at historical society meeting

Three thousand years of Ganges history, including the archaeology of Grace Islet, is the topic of the next Salt Spring Historical Society meeting.

Coastal First Nations expert Chris Arnett will

give the presentation on Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 2 p.m. at Central Hall.

Arnett is a Ph.D. candidate in the anthropology department at the University of British Columbia.

"He has become known as a knowledgeable student of many of the West Coast native traditions and has studied the First Nations history in this coastal region," explains a SSHS press release. "Chris will also outline

a project he is working on, with Island Pathways, to create a public information marker to pay tribute to the early settlement patterns at the end of Ganges Harbour."

The historical society will also kick off its annual Archives Legacy Fund campaign to preserve the history of Salt Spring Island. Charitable donations will be accepted at SSHS regular meetings until Christmas or at the

archives website (www.saltspringarchives.com) where a donation site is available for credit card donations.

Annual historical society memberships (\$15) are due at next week's meeting. Subscriptions to the History BC magazine are also available.

Everyone is welcome to SSHS events, which are free, although donations are gratefully accepted.

Tea and coffee will follow.

GARDENING

Annual garden club sale sprouts Saturday

Popular event at the Farmers' Institute

Salt Spring's Garden Club hosts its annual Fall Plant Sale on Saturday, Oct. 4 at the Farmers' Institute.

As usual, the Garden Club has sourced a broad range of plants from around the island. Members and friends have dug up and divided and potted up several hundred plants that will be offered at excellent prices to plant sale shoppers.

This sale is a major fundraiser for the club. Doors are open from 1 to 3 p.m.

Some of the plants on offer include hydrangeas, both lace-cap and mop head, candelabra primroses, a good

selection of deciduous trees, irises, bronze ornamental grasses, evergreen cranesbill geraniums and a wide variety of other perennials.

"Fall is the best time for planting trees, shrubs and perennials," says a club media release. "The plants have a chance to grow a good root system before the frost, and thus have a great head start for next spring. It's a great idea to get this last bit of gardening done early in October to ensure a glorious garden for next year."

In addition to the potted plants, a cornucopia table will be laden with the extra produce from garden club members' gardens, available at good prices.

Bamboo Ranch will also bring some plants to the sale.

SHRINERS RAFFLE

Doerksen picks the winning ticket

Islander claims \$10,000 prize

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Tim Doerksen can't recall exactly how many years he's bought a ticket for the annual BC and Yukon Shriners fundraising raffle in Centennial Park, but he never anticipated getting a call from someone prepared to give him a \$10,000 prize.

"I buy one ticket every year to support the Shriners, as long as I've lived on the island," he said. "I had no expectations to win this, that's not why I buy a ticket."

Doerksen, who works at Salt Spring Auto Parts, was so astonished when he received the news earlier this month that he double checked the phone number to make sure it wasn't all part of some cruel practical joke.

It wasn't. "He's one of the big winners for all of B.C.," said Don Cunningham, a long-time Shriener who sold the winning ticket at the Saturday Market. "It's the first time any of our winners has been from Salt Spring, so it really is quite an occasion."

The winning ticket was among 60,000 sold in the province since May. Ticket sales cover hospital treatments and travel expenses for children who need to access any of the organization's 23 sponsored hospitals across North America for burn, orthopedic or spinal cord injury treatment.

Winners are eligible for a grand prize



PHOTO BY MARY LYNNE HEATHERINGTON

Gulf Islands Shrine Club members meet with Salt Springer Tim Doerksen to give him his \$10,000 cheque from a province-wide raffle. From left are Laszlo Bedocs, Ron Holcroft, Doerksen, Don Cunningham and Ken Long.

Ford Mustang, second place cash prize of \$20,000, \$10,000 third-place prize and a fourth-place draw for \$5,000.

"It's a very good deal for a \$5 ticket," said Laszlo Bedocs. "People who know the Shriners know we are well respected and care

for the children."

Tickets for the 2015 Shriners draw will be available in May.

Once he pays for some dental work, Doerksen said, he's guaranteed to save some of his winnings for yet another ticket.

TRAIL RUNNING

Runners relish romp through Ruckle



PHOTO BY PETER ORO

Participants in the first Ruckle Romp get set for an exciting race, organized by the Salt Spring Trail Running group.

Winner calls event among the best

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Shoreline views, pastoral landscapes, towering Douglas fir forests and a curious owl set the stage for a dazzling trail running event through Ruckle Park on Saturday morning.

Nearly 30 people set off from the group campground for a 12-kilometre run along some of the island's finest trails and most gruelling terrain.

"The course is one of the

best trail runs I've ever done in my life," said competitor Paul Hayes. "There was so much variety; it had absolutely everything."

"I can't wait for the next one."

Hayes took an early lead and never looked back, crossing the finish line in 59:39. The Victoria resident was a mere six seconds ahead of second-place finisher Dave Campbell and eight seconds faster than Darren Thomas, also from Victoria.

Karl Otto, who finished fourth with a time of 1:02:03, was the fastest Salt Spring-based runner. Andrew Haigh,

coming in at 1:03:01, rounded out the top five.

Holland Gidney was the fastest female racer; she finished the course in 1:04:40.

The Ruckle Romp is the second event coordinated by Salt Spring Trail Running, a group created earlier this year to spread an appreciation of running and showcase Salt Spring's extensive trail network.

Speaking after the race, coordinator Gus Oliveira said he had hoped for a larger turnout but is happy the event was so well received by participants of all ages.

Chloe Haigh and Wyatt McMaster tied for first place in the kids' 1.5-kilometre race, finishing the course in 8:31.

Hayes said he plans to spread the word about Salt Spring's trail running potential, adding the island's attitude and scenery contribute to an ideal race setting.

"The thing I like is the nice community feel," he said. "It feels comfortable and everyone is accepted right off the bat."

For more details, visit saltspringtrailrunning.org or check them out on Facebook.

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WEDNESDAY

SALT SPRING GENEALOGY GROUP meets on the last Wednesday of each month, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Mormon church.

STITCH DIMENSION QUILT GUILD meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Baptist Church, around the back.

every WEDNESDAY

BOOMERFIT — a co-ed class designed for Boomer-folks. All aspects of fitness are covered with lots of variety in workouts, led by a certified personal trainer. Fulford Hall, 9 to 10 a.m. Contact: trisha.synergym@gmail.com, 250-653-4656

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP for people caring for individuals with Alzheimers and others. Every Wednesday at Salt Spring Seniors (379 Lower Ganges Rd.) at 11 a.m. Info: Margaret Monro, 250-537-5004.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE group meets at Salt Spring Seniors. 12:45 p.m.

HOT HATHA YOGA at the Nest hot yoga. 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and Moksha-inspired Level 1 hot yoga from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Info: theshotyoga@gmail.com

KARMA KLAS with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio (120 Hereford Ave.) 7 to 8:30 p.m. (Beginning Oct. 8)

MEDITATION GROUP suitable for beginners meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Everyone welcome. Info: Deb Stevenson, 250-930-5333

MEDITATION MEETINGS and teachings with the Salt Spring Vipassana Society. The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. Teachings offered by donation with Insight Meditation teacher Heather Martin. 7 to 8:30 p.m.

MEN'S BRIDGE at Salt Spring Seniors at 7 p.m.

PICKLEBALL at Portlock Park. Equipment provided. 10 a.m. to noon. Info: Hafiz, 250-653-9579; hafizbhijmi@shaw.ca.

PILATES CLASS with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd. 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Pilates is a body conditioning system that builds flexibility and long, lean muscles, strength and endurance. Info/register: anna@bonesforever.com

SENIORS CHAIR YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

SSI ROTARY CLUB meets each Wednesday for a deliciously prepared lunch with community focused speakers and presentations at the Harbour House Hotel from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Info: club president Carol Dodd at 250-538-0079.

TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (With beginners' classes from 6:30 to 8 p.m.) Info: David, 250-537-1871.

YIN YOGA & SOUND BATH with Ashleigh & Coco at Still Point. 5 to 6:30 p.m.

YOGA LEVEL 1 with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio (120 Hereford Ave.) 9 to 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. (Beginning Oct. 8)

YOGA with Dorothy Price. At The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. 9 to 10:30 a.m. AND 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.

ZEN MEDITATION at 210 Cedar Lane at 7 p.m. Call 250-653-2411 for details. Newcomers always welcome.

THURSDAY

BOOK CLUB meets once a month on the second Thursday at Salt Spring Seniors in the lounge at 1:30 p.m.

BRIDGE runs at Salt Spring Seniors on the first and third Thursdays at 12:45 p.m.

LIBRARY BOOK CLUB open to all meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at the library. 1 to 3 p.m.

TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION — Group meditations for all who have learned TM. Last Thursday of each month 7:30 p.m. Call 778-353-3014 for address and more information. Free introductory lectures by appointment.

every THURSDAY

AL-ANON meets at the portable behind Lady Minto Hospital from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

BADMINTON for ages 12 and up at the GISS gym. Drop-ins welcome. Must have own racquet and non-marking gym shoes. 8 to 10 p.m. Info: Gail Temmel, 250-653-4613.

BELLYFIT class with Trina Aspinall at Ganges Yoga Studio (120 Hereford Ave.) 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Begins Oct. 9.

CHAKRA TONING with Deborah Stevenson at Still Point Yoga Studio. 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

EVERYBODY MOVE — a morning aerobics fitness class with Catherine Bennett at Ganges Yoga Studio (120 Hereford Ave.) from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Begins Oct. 9.

FUSION YOGA with Cornelia Krikke at Gaiama Yoga. 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

MEN'S YOGA with Ken Katz at Still Point. 9 to 10:30 a.m.

MOKSHA-INSPIRED LEVEL 1 HOT YOGA at the Nest hot yoga. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Info: theshotyoga@gmail.com

NIA at Fulford Hall Annex. 10 to 11 a.m. More info: Arleen, 250-653-9235. Call Donna at 250-653-9985 for fee info.

RADIANT HEART YOGA — Meditative core strength and heart-opening yoga practice with Laurie Steffer at Cats Pajamas Studio. 8 a.m. Info: 250-537-5250

SS WOMEN'S AA closed meeting Thursday nights at OAP wing of Fulford Hall.

SENIORS LUNCH runs at Salt Spring Seniors at 12 noon beginning Oct. 9.

TAOIST TAI CHI for beginners at All Saints By-the-Sea, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Info: David, 250-537-1871.

YAMUNA BODY ROLLING with Bonnie at Ganges Yoga Studio (120 Hereford Ave.) 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Begins Oct. 9.

YANG YIN YOGA at the Nest hot yoga. 7 to 8:15 p.m. Info: theshotyoga@gmail.com

YIN YOGA with Robert Prince at Still Point Yoga Studio. 5 to 6:30 p.m. Note: no classes on Oct. 9 or 16.

YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at SS Centre of Yoga from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

YOGA FOR YOUTH with Adam at Ganges Yoga Studio (120 Hereford Ave.) 4 to 5 p.m. Begins Oct. 9.

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BOOMERFIT — a co-ed class designed for Boomer-folks. All aspects of fitness are covered with lots of variety in workouts, led by a certified personal trainer. Beaver Point Hall, 9 to 10 a.m. Contact: trisha.synergym@gmail.com, 250-653-4656

BRIDGE GROUP plays games at Salt Spring Seniors at 12:45 p.m.

BRIDGE AT THE LIBRARY. 5 to 7 p.m. Info: Jean Elder, 250-537-0897.

CHURCH OF REGGAE YOGA with Adam at Ganges Yoga Studio (120 Hereford Ave.) 7 to 8:30 p.m. Begins Oct. 10.

COFFEE TIME for seniors is at Salt Spring Seniors at 10 a.m.

ELEMENTARY BRIDGE LESSONS take place at Salt Spring Seniors. 10 a.m.

EVERYBODY STRETCH — Everyday stretches for the everyday body to classical music with Catherine Bennett. Ganges Yoga Studio (120 Hereford Ave.) 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Begins Oct. 10.

FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT® CLASS with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd., 10 to 11 a.m. Move with less pain and stress by learning how to make any activity more effective and more enjoyable. Info/register: anna@bonesforever.com.

GAMES NIGHTS. Join Bryan Dubien for board games, Magic the Gathering, and more. All ages welcome. SS Library Program Room. 6 to 9 p.m.

MAH JONGG players gather at Salt Spring Seniors at 12:15 p.m.

MEAT DRAW at the Legion. 5 p.m.

MIXED LEVELS YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio (120 Hereford Ave.) 9 to 10:30 a.m. Begins Oct. 10.

TANGO PRACTICA on the third floor of the Core Inn. 8 to 10 p.m. Info: Mana 250-653-0099.

VINYASA FLOW YOGA at Ganges Yoga Studio (120 Hereford Ave.) 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Begins Oct. 10.

every SATURDAY

DAD 'N' ME PANCAKE BREAKFAST at Family Place. For dads and kids aged 0 to 6. 8:30 to 10 a.m.

MEAT DRAW at the Legion. 5 p.m.

PICKLEBALL at Portlock Park. Equipment provided. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Info: Hafiz, 250-653-9579; hafizbhijmi@shaw.ca.

PILATES with Bonnie at Ganges Yoga Studio (120 Hereford Ave.) 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Begins Oct. 11.

SPECIALTY YOGA CLASS with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio (120 Hereford Ave.) 9 to 10:30 a.m. Begins Oct. 11.

TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

VINYASA Yoga at the Nest hot yoga. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Info: theshotyoga@gmail.com

WOMEN'S POWER FLOW YOGA with Nicola at Ganges Yoga Studio (120 Hereford Ave.) from 4 to 5 p.m. Begins Oct. 11.

YOGA - BEGINNERS' CLASS with Dorothy Price at Gaiama Yoga. 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

YOUTH DRAWING WORKSHOP for ages 6 to 12. SS Public Library. 2 to 3 p.m.

SUNDAY

DANCE CHURCH runs on the first and third Sunday of each month at Ganges Yoga Studio (120 Hereford Ave.) 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

REIKI/ENERGY SHARE GROUP is on the last Sunday of each month at Ganges Yoga Studio (120 Hereford Ave.) 6 to 9 p.m.

every SUNDAY

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

POKER at the Legion. 1 p.m.

TAI CHI CLASSES — Yang Style with Osman Phillips at Cedar Lane Studio. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info: 250-537-5667

MONDAY

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC on the last Monday of each month at SS Seniors. 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

SSI FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT trustees hold their business meetings on the third Monday of each month at the Ganges Fire Hall. 7 p.m. Public welcome.

every MONDAY

BEGINNERS/LEVEL 1 YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio (120 Hereford Ave.) 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

CHESS GROUP meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

DANCE CLASS with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd., 5 to 6:30 p.m. Expressive dance class suitable for dancers of all levels.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE meets every Monday at 6:45 p.m. at Salt Spring Seniors Services. Info: George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or pastorale@shaw.ca.

EVERYBODY STRETCH — Everyday stretches for the everyday body to classical music with Catherine Bennett. Ganges Yoga Studio (120 Hereford Ave.) 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT® CLASS with Alice Friedman at The Gatehouse, 190 Reynolds Rd., 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. Info: Alice Friedman, 250-653-4332, alice@saltspring.com.

KUNDALINI YOGA FOR BEGINNERS at North End Fitness. 1 to 2 p.m. Free for members. \$7 drop-in.

LEVEL 1 YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio (120 Hereford Ave.) 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

LIFE DRAWING every Monday at the Core Inn (third floor). 1 to 3 p.m. Info: Jose Campbell, 250-537-1121. Drop-ins welcome.

MOKSHA-INSPIRED FLOW HOT YOGA at the Nest hot yoga. 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and Level 1 from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Info: theshotyoga@gmail.com

MOVEMENT INTELLIGENCE CLASS with Anna Haltrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd. A mindful exercise program to improve posture and increase strength and agility, through dynamic movement and weight-bearing activity. 2 to 3 p.m. Info/register: anna@bonesforever.com

PICKLEBALL at Portlock Park. Equipment provided. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Info: Hafiz, 250-653-9579; hafizbhijmi@shaw.ca.

QI GONG with Ne'ith at Ganges Yoga Studio (120 Hereford Ave.) 7 to 8:30 p.m.

READERS' THEATRE meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

SCRABBLE AND CHESS CLUB meets at the library every Monday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. For more information about the club, contact John at ssscrabbleclub@gmail.com.

TAI CHI CLASSES — Chen Style with Osman Phillips at Cedar Lane Studio. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Info: 250-537-5667

TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Info: David, 250-537-1871.

TOASTMASTERS public speaking group meets Mondays at the Catholic Church, lower room, 135 Drake Rd. 7 p.m.

TODDLERTIME at the library for children under four and their families. 10:30 a.m.

THE CLINIC by OPT: Options for Sexual Health is open every Monday at the Core Inn 2nd floor. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 250-537-8786.

VIPASSANA MEDITATION with Nicola Bishop at Still Point Yoga Studio. 7 to 8:15 p.m.

YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 4:30 to 6 p.m.

YOGA FOR HIPS AND SHOULDERS with Celeste Mallett Jason at Ganges Yoga Studio (120 Hereford Ave.) 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

TUESDAY

PROBUS group for retired professionals/business people meets on the second Tuesday of each month at Meaden Hall at 10 a.m. with special guest speakers each time. Info: probus.ssi@gmail.com

SSI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Portlock Park portable. 4 to 6 p.m.

every TUESDAY

ART GROUP meets at Salt Spring Seniors at 1 p.m.

BELLYFIT class with Trina Aspinall at Ganges Yoga Studio (120 Hereford Ave.) 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

CHAIR YOGA FOR SOUTH-END SENIORS with Cate McEwen at Fulford Hall, 2 to 3 p.m. Info: Cate, 250-653-9148, cmcewen@saltspring.com

CHESS GROUP plays games at Salt Spring Seniors. 6:30 p.m.

EVERYBODY MOVE — a morning aerobics fitness class with Catherine Bennett at Ganges Yoga Studio (120 Hereford Ave.) from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

FUSION YOGA with Cornelia Krikke at Gaiama Yoga. 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

FUSION BELLIDANCE with Kaia at Ganges Yoga Studio (120 Hereford Ave.) 7 to 8:30 p.m.

KUNDALINI MOVING MEDITATION from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and **ECKHART TOLLE PRACTISING PRESENCE** from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Info: Amrita, 250-537-2799.

LOST CHORDS seniors choir practices at Salt Spring Seniors. 10:30 a.m.

MEN'S SOUND TEMPLE with Ananda at Still Point Yoga Studio. 7 to 8:30 p.m.

MOKSHA-INSPIRED FLOW HOT YOGA at the Nest hot yoga. 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Info: theshotyoga@gmail.com

NIA at Still Point Yoga Studio. 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Info: Arleen, 250-653-9235.

SS SEARCH & RESCUE - Learn ground survival, search and rescue techniques at the SAR Hall. 7 to 9 p.m. Or phone Chuck Hamilton, 250-537-6601.

SMARTSOMATIC classes with Nelly Kosteljik at North End Fitness from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Info: 250-537-2056.

SOUTH END SENIORS CHAIR YOGA with Cate McEwen at Fulford Hall, seniors annex. 2 to 3:15 p.m. Info: 250-653-9148; cmcewen@shaw.ca

TAI CHI CLASSES — Yang Style with Osman Phillips at Cedar Lane Studio. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Info: 250-537-5667

TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Info: David, 250-537-1871.

UBUNTU sacred chants with Barb Slater. Still Point Yoga Studio. 1 to 2:30 p.m.

VINYASA FLOW at the Nest hot yoga. 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Info: theshotyoga@gmail.com

YIN STYLE & RESTORATIVE YOGA with Dorothy Price at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 5 to 6 p.m.

YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE — Yin Style and Restorative. SS Centre of Yoga. 5 to 6 p.m.

YOGA FOR BACK CARE — With Cate McEwen at Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 9 to 10:30 a.m. Begins Oct. 7 and runs for 6 weeks.

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DEATHS DEATHS

Deborah Cunningham
July 27, 1968 - Sept. 13, 2014

Deborah was born on Salt Spring Island, and lived in Victoria.

She leaves to mourn her son Douglas Cunningham, sisters Carol Martens (Steve) & Patricia Craig, father Ronald Cunningham, her grandmother Jean Netterfield of Vermillion, Alberta and many extended family members.

Deborah was predeceased by her twin brother Douglas, her mother Kathleen Cunningham and her aunt Linda Gillman. Deborah will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

There will be no service by request. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Kidney Foundation would be greatly appreciated.

Shirley Patricia Sager
(nee Scrivener)
Apr. 6, 1926 - Sept. 24, 2014

Beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Shirley passed away in her 88th year at Lady Minto Hospital on Salt Spring Island, September 24, 2014.

Daughter to Joseph Vincent Scrivener and Effie Somerville, and sister to Gay Wisdom, Joyce Daykin, and Jack Scrivener, Shirley was born April 6, 1926 in Victoria and raised in Vancouver. Shirley attended Kitsilano and Point Grey Schools, where she started the Phia Kai girls club and made life-long friends. After high school, Shirley attended the University of British Columbia and worked as a stewardess for Canadian Pacific Airlines, a job she loved—Shirley knew the name of every passenger before the plane landed! Shirley was an avid seamstress and made all her own clothes as a young woman. She had a beautiful alto voice and sang on the radio, at the Cave Night Club, and with the Thetis Club performers.

Shirley married Henry Sager on September 11, 1953, and the two had a great love affair for 61 years. Shirley and Hank started Sager's Maple Shop in Ambleside, West Vancouver, in 1953, and later opened shops in Dundarave, Vancouver, the Lower Mainland, and Alberta. Shirley was the mother of four children, a member of the West Vancouver United Church for over forty years, and a cherished friend to many. She was gracious and compassionate, and never had a harsh word to say about anyone. Shirley and Hank traveled the world and had many happy times in Hawaii, a place they loved and shared with their family. In their later years, Shirley and Hank lived on Salt Spring Island and in Victoria.

Shirley will be deeply missed by her family: her husband, Henry; her children, Gail Garrett (Charles), Greg Sager (Lynne), Mark Sager (Kathy), and Suzanne Zacharias (Don); her grandchildren Scott Coltart (Elizabeth), Stacey Carter (John), Jason Robertson, Erica Zacharias, Aubrey Zacharias, Amy Zacharias (Dan Gross), Hayden Sager, and Mikayla Sager; her great grandchildren Chelsea Carter and Jack Gross, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

In the words of her dear Henry, "Shirley was an angel on earth." A private family service was held on Salt Spring Island, Saturday Sept 27th, 2014.

DEATHS DEATHS

Ruby Louise Webster
(nee Adshead)
Oct. 13, 1931- Sept. 26, 2014

Ruby passed away peacefully surrounded by her family. She was pre-deceased by her parents Louisa and Henry Adshead and her sister Bernice Underwood.

Ruby was born in Nakusp B.C. and grew up in Needles. She worked in Vancouver and Terrace where she met and married Gardy (Gerard) Webster. Their five children were born during their sixteen years in Terrace.

Ruby and Gardy fell in love with the island during a visit in 1967. They purchased a farm and moved their family to Salt Spring later that year. They made Salt Spring their home for 47 of their almost 63 years together. Ruby readily embraced farm life. She canned, froze, pickled and preserved the bounty from her large garden and she even churned butter. Ruby was soon joined on the island by her parents, sister, brother and their families. She joined the bowling league and became a golf club member. Ruby loved the island and the wonderful friendships she made here.

Ruby will be lovingly remembered by her family and friends. She is survived by her husband Gardy, daughters Carolyn (Ray), Debbie (Bob), Pam (Allan), Cindy (Bob), son Scot (Elaine), 11 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. She also leaves her brother Ken (Sherrill) Adshead and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Our family would like to thank Dr. Crichton, the ambulance attendants and the nursing staff at Lady Minto Hospital for their thoughtful, gentle care of mom.


There will be no service by request.

DEATHS

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OUTERBRIDGE,
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July 7, 1929 – September 4, 2014

Saturday, Oct. 4th
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DEATHS

JEAN MCCULLOCH DOWREY



DOWREY, Jean McCulloch (Hill) passed away on September 27, 2014 at home in the comfort of her own bedroom and peacefully in her sleep. She will be missed and fondly remembered by her loving sons, Ritchie and Allan, brother Cliff, and her two grandchildren, Carolyn and Curtis, and her great grandchild Katelyn. Pictured here at her favourite swing in her hometown of West Vancouver, where she was home-cared for by Allan since 2012.

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COMING EVENTS

CHANGE of Location: Salt Spring Photography Club's regular monthly meetings will now be held in the Crofton Room at Harbour House Hotel - starting Oct 8th.

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Salt Spring Island Historical Society

REGULAR MEETING
2:00 pm Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at Central Hall
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A history of Shiyahwt/Ganges, Salt Spring Island
Chris Arnett presenter

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We hope that you will be able to attend. If not, you are welcome to submit written statements that will be read out and become part of the permanent record. Your written contributions must be submitted by October 17, 2014 to the SSI Administration Office at 145 Vesuvius Bay Road.

For information please contact the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area office at 250.537.4448.

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Notice of **FALL GENERAL MEETING** of the Salt Spring Island Golf & Country Club
Wednesday
October 29th 2014
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HEALTH CARE

Salt Spring joins worldwide breastfeeding challenge

Island Health hosts latch-on events

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring mamas will join others on Vancouver Island and across the world this Saturday, Oct. 4 for a massive public latch-on in support of breastfeeding.

Island Health is hosting events at nine locations throughout its authority area as part of the Quintessence Breastfeeding Challenge. This year's challenge will be the largest multi-site public breastfeeding event ever held on Vancouver Island, while mothers in over 170 sites internationally attempt to break down barriers to breastfeeding in public places.

"Part of the idea of the challenge is to remove the stigma of breastfeeding in public and just make it more breastfeeding-friendly in public areas," said Angela Huser, a social worker at

Lady Minto Hospital who is helping coordinate the local event.

The benefits of breastfeeding have been well-documented, and include both health aspects and strengthening of the mother-child bond.

"Part of the idea of the challenge is to remove the stigma of breastfeeding in public and just make it more breastfeeding friendly in public places."

ANGELA HUSER
Island Health

Most Salt Spring mothers are aware of these benefits, thanks in part to the local midwifery practice. But not everyone feels comfortable nursing their babies in front of others.

"Some people might feel awkward or disturbed [seeing it], but we should be seeing it as a natural process and supporting the mothers who are doing it," Huser said.

The Quintessence Breastfeeding Challenge was first put in place in 2001 by the Quintessence Foundation, a non-profit organization that focuses on breastfeeding awareness and support in British Columbia. The event has grown to include the United States and other countries. Over 4,000 babies latched on during the 2013 version.

Saturday's public breastfeeding challenge will be held at the Salt Spring Public Library and will feature a story time at 10:30 a.m., followed by a short discussion, and then the latch-on at 11 a.m. Food and door prizes will be available.

Island Health will host simultaneous challenge events in Parksville, Courtenay, Campbell River, Cloulet, Port Alberni, Duncan, Victoria and Nanaimo.

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

The Moon waxes to full this week and will culminate as a Lunar Eclipse. As explained last week, this eclipse is the second in a special series of 4 consecutive eclipses of the Moon which are prophetically referred to as "Blood Moons". Such titles are neither strictly the domain of astrology or astronomy, but of the sensationalized descriptions of imaginative people. But the title does seem quite fitting all the same. As it is, these are woven into a tale of intrigue and are considered to be significant and powerful portents of change on a mass, collective level. Of course, change is one of those perennial certainties that defy all other opinions and objections - a core feature of the game of life. Yet there certainly are peaks and valleys. As cycles go, these are usually distributed across a wide playing field called life such that while some people are experiencing valleys, others are undergoing peaks. It is for this reason that some question the validity of any form of prediction. Assuming that everyone could or should undergo the same experience is however rare,

at least, and generally speaking naïve. However, there are those rarer moments in time that host events that have a mass collective impact. The first Moon walk back in 1969 might be deemed one of those moments or when Comet Hale-Bopp crossed the skies back in 1997, for example, represent such moments. The launching of the internet as public domain back in 1993 represents another one of these collective peak moments. So, now we have the frame of reference of a tetrad of Lunar Eclipses. These may be regarded as and may in fact provide a frame of reference in time for pivotal world events. The international gathering of forces in the Iraq and Syria represent one example of such an event. There may be others yet and if some prophecies are accurate; there will be other more celestial spectacles to come. One thing is for sure, the current crisis in the Middle East has captured mass, global attention. That this tetrad of eclipses ends in September 2015 suggests that this show has just begun. Stay tuned!

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Creating and realizing harmony in your most important relationships remains a central theme. There is reason to say you feel excited, enthusiastic and fulfilled. All this amidst a significant process of change and transformation over the past couple of years finds you in new territory with new perspectives, perhaps even a changed body. Embrace the change and continue to cooperate on all fronts.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21) The process of weaving a healthier rhythm, attitude and approach into your lifestyle continues. A core goal is to increase your overall levels of confidence. Since everything we do we do to feel good and since it is linked to good health, well... fill in the blank. This is where the investment of giving to the situation implies making better lifestyle choices.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21) A creative cycle is underway. Inspirations to both embrace and express art and culture is on your radar. Your biggest challenge stands to be time management. Getting excited and taking on too much is a distinct possibility and will be an issue to overcome through to next summer. In the positive, this cycle presents a big opportunity to fulfill some creative dreams.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22) Creating beauty at home and with family is in the spotlight. It is inspiring you to engage with new designs and plans. Yet it also indicates that you have to put in more time, energy and effort than usual. This trend will continue over the coming weeks. But at least the focus is upon family so the returns stand to be immediate.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23) You are in a cycle that suggests you are covering a lot of ground. A mix of travel, errands, networking, meeting new people and altogether tending to a lot of details on a variety of fronts is likely. Fortunately you are in an energetic and adventurous mood. Imaginative input and some measure of research is also implied. Focus to activate successful relationships above all.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22) Establishing new foundations and momentums is the basic goal now. Renovations of some kind are implied. These may be linked to your home or office, but also perhaps to your style of approach or basic philosophy. It is important that you exercise faith in yourself and in the overall process as you enter new territory.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22) An expansive and pioneering cycle continues. It is inspiring you to try new things open to new ideas and meet new people. This is spurring your energy levels to levels you have not experienced for some time. It does require that you make investments or pay membership dues and so on. But that is the way the game is played so be willing to play.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21) Working behind the scenes is likely and ideal now. Whether you are taking care of loose ends and unfinished projects and/or drawing up plans for new ones, do duck out of the limelight for a while. Your ambitions remain strong and this does include public and professional expansion. But at least in the short term, do what you can to recharge your energy cells.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21) Following through on letting go of the old in preparation for bringing in the new continues. The key to this follow-through process is to trust it as an important feature of your destiny at this time. The good news is that it is almost over. But it will linger into next year even though the main thrust of it will end in December.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19) This is a go-ahead time in your professional life. It does include the likely prospect of acquiring new tools and skills. There are also indications that you have to access deeper reserves of faith and confidence to confront fears and persevere. It remains important as well that you recognize the talents, creative abilities and leadership of others then aim to collaborate.

Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19) An expansive cycle in terms of vision, perspective and philosophy continues. It may also simply be a time of increased social and cultural stimulation. But it is likely that people and circumstances will inspire you one way or another. You are also in a bit of a punchy mood and want to break through any inner or outer lines of resistance. See a bigger picture.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) Out with the old and in with the new is an important theme now. The key is to trust the flow of endings and to embrace the new as it steadily rolls in. Just like a turning wheel with a marker point, it illustrates how quickly the new cycle begins as the previous one ends - immediately. So persevere and be willing to get or give new training.

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

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SOCCER

United women beat Sooke and Old Boys rise and shine

FC also nabs a draw from Nanaimo

Sue-Anne Connolly connected with a pass from Sara Mottishaw early in the first half and Salt Spring United never looked back on the way to a 4-0 victory over visiting Sooke on the weekend.

The win boosts the team's record to a perfect 3-0 as players get ready to play Bays United FC in an away game on Sunday.

LeeAnn Norgard put the home team ahead by two goals just before the half thanks to an assist from Lorna Walde. Liz Wilson chipped one over the keeper and Norgard netted her second goal of the match to seal the victory.

"Joanne [O'Connor] was in net the first half; she did a stand-up job," Connolly said. "I was in net for the second half and my defence made it easy for me."

Salt Spring will try to keep

its winning streak alive as it embarks on a two-game road trip. The team's next home game is on Sunday, Oct. 26.

"Great game by the whole team," Connolly added. "This is a fantastic start to a great season. Thanks to Dick Davidson for coaching again this season."

Salt Spring FC faces tough test

Jeremy Morrison, Robert Heaton and Colin Mascall combined to even the score in Salt Spring FC's Saturday afternoon draw against Nanaimo FC.

Salt Spring came from behind three times to thwart any hope of a Nanaimo road win in Division 3A action.

"I thought we were the better team and carried more of the play, but you don't always win the games you should," said Jordon Morrison, the team's spokesperson.

The win gives Salt Spring a 1-0-1 record as it prepares to host the division-leading Saan-

ich Fusion FC Campus Honda team this weekend.

Salt Spring sits in fourth place in the Vancouver Island Soccer League's Division 3A, five points out of first with a game in hand.

Fans are encouraged to support the local squad on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 2:15 p.m. at Portlock Park.

Old Boys own the field

The Old Boys' Mike McCormick notched a hat trick as the Old Boys sent a wake-up call to the Gordon Head Nearly Dead on a sunny Sunday Salt Spring morning.

"Once the heat and lack of substitutes became a deciding factor, Old Boys turned in a fine goal-scoring frenzy, which left the visitors leaving the field literally 'nearly dead' but still valiant to the end looking for a consolation goal," wrote veteran Old Boys correspondent Fraser Hope.

It took 15 minutes before a goal from Dave Toynbee

unleashed the Old Boys' offence onto the pitch. Mark Aston scored once and Stefan Cermak netted two goals as the home team ran up an impressive 7-0 score.

Hope credited Gordon Head for persisting until the final whistle and not "parking the bus" in the defensive zone to repel the Salt Spring charge.

The locals dominated possession for approximately 70 per cent of the game. Salt Spring substituted six players compared to zero subs for an exhausted Gordon Head side.

With the race to win the Old Boys' coveted golden boot in full stride, competition among the team is off to a running start.

"So intense is the pressure for success that there have been claims heard for 'ghost assists' and assists whilst sitting on the bench," Hope said.

The Old Boys' next match is against the Gordon Head Gunners at the GISS field. Kickoff is on Sunday, Oct. 5 at 10:30 a.m.



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Old Boys player Andrew Haigh, right, pursues his Gordon Head opponent in soccer play on Sunday.

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SMALL BUSINESS WEEK 2014 - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS


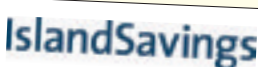

- **Monday, October 20th**
Small Business Workshops
5:30 to 9:00 pm
- **Tuesday, October 21st**
Small Business Trade Show & Social
5:00 to 8:00 pm
- **Wednesday, October 22nd**
Small Business Workshops
5:30 to 9:00 pm
- **Thursday, October 23rd**
Business Awards Dinner
6:00 to 9:00 pm

For tickets and information please contact **250.537.4223** or visit www.saltspringchamber.com

All Events at the Harbour House Hotel

Deadline for nominations is Friday, October 3, 2014

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Business / Individual being nominated: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone #: _____

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Award Category (select only one):

<input type="radio"/> Business of the Year (15+ employees)	<input type="radio"/> Agricultural/Farm Business of the Year
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Please tell us the reasons you believe your nominee should win a Salt Spring Island 2014 Business Excellence Award. Provide as many details on the nominee as possible. Note: they do not need to be Chamber members.

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Deadline for nominations is Friday, October 3rd, 2014. Completed nomination forms can be:

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- Scanned and emailed to chamber@saltspringchamber.com
- Fax to the Chamber at 250.537.4276

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