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FERRIES

Salt Spring forms own alliance

Group opposes ferry service cuts and fare increases

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring community representatives, including local and provincial elected officials, have joined together to convince the province and BC Ferries to change their policies before irreparable harm is done to coastal communities.

During a Jan.15 meeting to discuss the situation, participants unanimously concluded “that the pattern of BC Ferries service cutbacks and fare increases over the last decade has had a strong negative impact on the local economy.”

“The prospect of more increases and cutbacks in 2014 and in future years has created uncertainty and difficulties for local businesses and residents,” a statement from the newly formed Salt Spring Island Ferry Action Alliance reads.

The group offers a united front from elected officials for the area including MLA Gary Holman, Islands Trust representatives George Grams and Peter Grove, and CRD director Wayne McIntyre.

Holman described the serious work cut out for the alliance in an email to the Driftwood.

“This supposedly business-friendly Liberal government has done no analysis of the economic impacts of their service cuts and fare increases on coastal communities. Nor have they considered all of the possible options to ensure a sustainable, affordable service, such as burgeoning administrative costs,” he wrote.

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PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

INTENSE: The GISS Scorpions' Eric Weatherby battles for the ball with a Maple Ridge Christian School Hornets player, with Scorpion Ryan Gray behind him, in the final game of the Nairn Howe Memorial Basketball Tournament on Saturday. See story on page 20.

TRANSPORTATION

Input wanted on plans for Ganges Hill

Jan. 28 open house to examine options

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Capital Regional District wants to hear from Salt Spring Island residents about their wishes for walking and cycling capacity on Ganges Hill.

An open house will be hosted by CRD Regional Parks at the Salt Spring Public Library from 3 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 28. The session will include the results of a feasibility study on the possibility of developing cycling and pedestrian trails along Fulford-Ganges Road between Seaview Avenue and Beddis Road. It will also give islanders the opportunity to make suggestions for other options not covered in the report.

“The Capital Regional District supports the pedestrian and cycling infrastructure on Salt Spring Island and all the community benefits it brings,” said Wayne McIntyre, Salt Spring’s Electoral Area Director.

“The feasibility study and community feedback on the options outlined, as well as any new ideas, will help in our planning, including determining the next steps to consider for pedestrian and cycling improvements on this section of road.”

Though commissioned by the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission, funding for the study came through CRD Regional Parks with the idea of connecting the island to a regional system that includes the Galloping Goose and Lochside trails on Vancouver Island. The CRD Regional Parks Strategic Plan identifies a connecting route through the Fulford and Vesuvius ferry terminals.

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NOISE BYLAW

No détente in sight for gun club neighbour standoff

CRD to pursue 'objective' noise standard

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Capital Regional District director may want nothing more than to bridge the gulf between gun club members and neighbours who claim to be "distressed by gunfire," but crafting a solution means navigating a gauntlet of human perception, bylaw semantics and irate islanders.

"Somehow we need to break the roadblock," director Wayne McIntyre said during a meeting of the CRD's Electoral Area Services Committee in Victoria last week.

McIntyre asked that representatives from both sides meet with him and CRD officials to establish objective criteria to measure noise and facilitate enforcement.

"I think, before [the CRD] makes the jump to determine what disturbing noise is, we should be meeting with residents, because I don't think anything we do is going to make much of a difference," McIntyre said.

Residents from about 16 households on Churchill and Long Harbour roads mounted a campaign to limit noise from the gun club's Long Harbour Road facility in 2011. More than 70 complaints about noise from the gun club were submitted to the CRD between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31 of last year alone. The complaints were submitted by members of six households near the gun club property.

"On a daily basis, the neighbours are subjected to 100-decibel noise intrusions of gunfire, a sound equivalent to a jack hammer," said Brian Milne, who addressed EAS commissioners at the Jan. 15 meeting on behalf of residents.

"The club must assume responsibility for its activities and invest funds to mitigate its noise nuisance and lead contamination if it wishes to maintain the privilege of firing guns in a residential area."

Milne, who owns a property adjacent to the gun club, has initiated legal action to force the gun club to end all shooting.

Speaking on behalf of the club's 200 members, Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club president John Foley

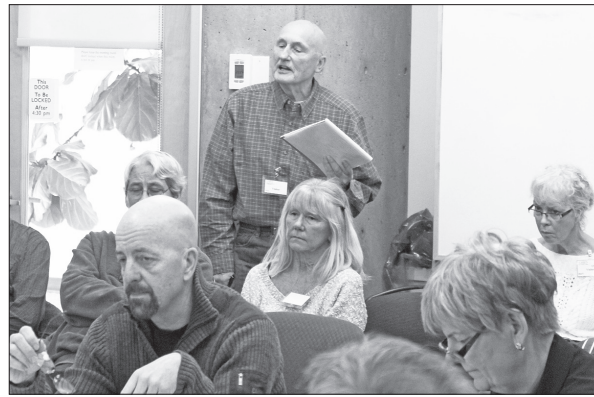


PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Brian Milne, a Long Harbour Road property owner, stands up to address the Electoral Area Services Committee of the CRD about its noise bylaw at a Jan. 15 meeting, as other neighbours and Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club members listen.

told the Jan. 15 meeting that members have tried hard to accommodate neighbours' requests. In spite of land-use zoning that permits the club to operate an outdoor range between 9 a.m. and sunset, Foley said, the club has implemented measures to curtail noise. These include restricting shooting hours and the installation of sound muffling devices.

"I don't think [the neighbours] are appeasable," Foley said.

"The people that live there have a

long history of complaining. They've complained about music from restaurants and the pub, they've complained about people partying on their boats in the marinas, they've complained about air traffic, they stopped the Hastings House from building a dock, they've even complained about the truck traffic on Ganges Hill," he added.

Foley suggested that neighbours will only be satisfied once the gun club is permanently silenced. He

fears too many restrictions on the gun club's operations will create even greater problems for other parts of the island.

"People will find other places to shoot," Foley said. "People will be out in the forest areas shooting wherever and, I think, the last thing we need is a lot of people shooting in areas that are unregulated and unlicensed."

The three-member Electoral Area Services Committee, which comprises CRD directors from Salt Spring, the southern Gulf Islands and Juan de Fuca, voted to consider noise measurement criteria established in Australia. This is hoped to assist bylaw enforcement staff measure and enforce regulations. The new measures could eventually be incorporated into a draft noise bylaw to establish maximum noise levels for the gun club.

"Once we develop a revised bylaw policy including enforcement guidelines, then hopefully we have something that's realistic to enforce and everything else we can ignore," McIntyre said.

CRD staff have not released a project timeline.

"I agree it's gone on a long time," said Mike Hicks, EAS committee chair. "I think that if you can find something reasonable — it's not going to be acceptable but reasonable — they'll enjoy having some finality to it."

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Alliance presses for meeting with premier

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"Instead, they have resorted to cutting service levels for already struggling communities, picking on seniors and slot machines. These actions are unfair and irresponsible. But they will have a much bigger impact on the B.C. economy as a whole, and ultimately, government revenues, than the supposed savings, which amount to roughly one per cent of BC Ferries' annual budget."

Joining the elected representatives are Chris Abbott, president of the BC Ferry & Marine Workers' Union; John Cade, a director of the Salt Spring Chamber

of Commerce and chair of its Ferry Task Force; Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce president Li Read; Salt Spring Community Economic Development Commission chair John Tylee and member Darryl Martin; Scott Simmons of the Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee; and Tom Toynbee and Kevin Bell from the island's business community.

Grove registered his thanks to McIntyre for initiating the project and to Tylee for organizing and chairing the committee.

"There is a great deal at stake," he said. "Every pressure must be brought to bear on the provincial government to radically change the current approach to ferry service

which is having a devastating effect on coastal communities."

"There is a great deal at stake."

PETER GROVE
Salt Spring trustee & SSI Ferry Action Alliance member

"I welcome the initiative by our community to form an alliance of community interests to lobby the Liberal government for a change in policy," Grams added. "Coastal transport is an essential service that our community depends on and without a change in policy which installs fiscal fairness we are likely to suffer further decline damag-

ing to the fabric of our community and the character of our island."

The alliance has contacted the offices of B.C. Premier Christy Clark and Transportation Minister Todd Stone with an urgent request to meet as soon as possible. Its members hope to realize three immediate goals: to delay the 2014 service reductions and fare increases until their impact can be properly assessed, to lobby for a third-party assessment of the potential for savings in BC Ferries' operations and capital financing, and to work toward a permanent solution to the problem of how to fund and provide ferry services sustainably.

"The current pattern of intermittent and unre-

dictable service cutbacks and fare increases has gone on for too long, with no end in sight," the Salt Spring Island Ferry Action Alliance says in its statement.

"Salt Spring needs a balanced, long-term solution that respects provincial taxpayers, ferry service providers and ferry dependent communities. We need the premier to direct a process that leads to that solution."

To contact the alliance, send an email to ssiferryalliance@gmail.com. The Islands Trust Council is also advocating for coastal residents on ferry transportation. A letter from chair Sheila Malcolmson to Minister Stone dated Dec. 13, 2013 can be viewed on the Islands Trust website.

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TRANSPORTATION

Disabled drivers grapple with parking difficulties

New hotline provides outlet for complaints

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Like so many issues on Salt Spring, parking regulations are mired in overlapping jurisdictions and lack of enforcement by any body.

The situation becomes even more pronounced when dealing with infractions such as the illegal use of a parking stall designated for disabled drivers. According to the Social Planning & Research Council of B.C., which issues disabled parking permits in the province, 161 drivers on Salt Spring hold these permits. Competition for limited parking space may soon make their trips to town next to impossible.

"We do have a lot of anecdotal stories [of non-disabled people parking in disabled spots]," said Karen Williams, manager of SPARC's new accessibility initiative. "I would say it's more a problem in more densely populated areas, and also in places with small parking lots where everyone has problems finding a parking spot in general."

While many disabled spots in Ganges may remain open on a rainy January weekday, the opposite is likely true on a sunny Saturday during the summer, when visitors and locals alike can get dangerously creative.

"If you're someone who doesn't have a permit, sometimes it seems

like it's the only spot available," Williams observed.

The temptation to take one of those spots can mean more than just inconvenience for a disabled driver: Someone who can't park safely will face no alternative but to go home.

According to Division 38 of the Motor Vehicle Act, it is an offence to stop or park in a designated accessible parking zone without displaying a valid parking permit. RCMP officer Sgt. George Jenkins said theoretically this means local police could issue violation tickets. However, as is the case for all parking infractions, enforcement is essentially impossible given there is no municipal body or other organization to process the fines for such a ticket.

The Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission has been exploring the possibilities for parking oversight for some time. With confirmation from the Capital Regional District that the commission's mandate does include parking matters, the group has put a line for a parking authority feasibility study in its 2014 budget.

SSITC chair Donald McLennan reports that so far, no one has complained to the commission about misuse of disabled parking stalls. However, general enforcement is definitely a future goal.

"What I hope is that in the new year a working group will be set up and the transportation commission will take this on," McLennan said.

Referring to research into the

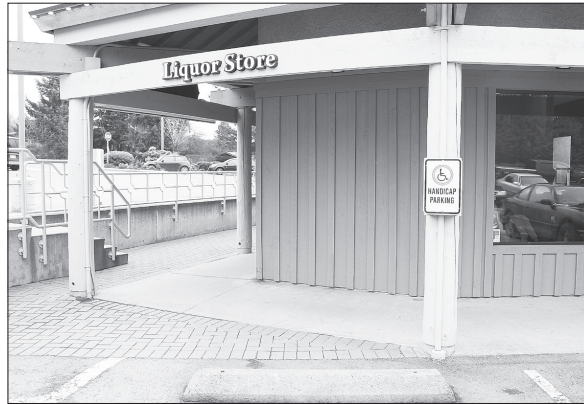


PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Finding space for the 161 drivers on Salt Spring with disabled parking permits will become more difficult once summer traffic returns.

matter SSITC completed in 2011, he added: "It was clear to me then, and it's clear to me now, that parking is absolutely an issue."

One difficulty with enforcement is that very few designated spots in Ganges are located on Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure right-of-ways. Even if a parking authority is established, it will have no jurisdiction over the biggest parking lots, which are owned by Mouat's, Pharmasave and Country Grocer. It's up to the property owners to enforce parking.

Although local property owners have been generous with their alloca-

tions, BC Building Code guidelines don't require much space for disabled drivers. Private lots such as shopping centres need to include just one disabled stall per 50 (although individual municipal bylaws can improve that figure, as is the case in North Vancouver).

On Salt Spring, the official community plan dictates that "Parking spaces for the disabled should be plentiful, prominently marked and carefully located for maximum convenience and proximity to accessible building entrances and weather protection features" in new commercial developments. The actual number

of parking spaces is not in any way specified.

Williams points out that the attitude toward disability is very different in nearby Washington state, which has stringent guidelines based on the Americans with Disabilities Act. Parking lots there must include one disabled-designated spot per 25 stalls, and the fine for parking illegally in a disabled zone is \$450. Most municipal fines in B.C., she said, top out between \$50 and \$100.

Education may be more effective than punishment, however. Williams said SPARC BC has been collaborating with business owners to improve the situation for disabled drivers. The organization's partnership with Safeway, for example, resulted in the grocery chain creating an ad for its in-store radio system reminding shoppers of the importance of accessibility, and increased staff enforcement in its lots.

SPARC's new Accessibility and Enforcement Line may be the only option for some time for people with disabilities to report the illegal use of the stalls they need to access. Williams said the reports will help SPARC initiate conversations with private property owners and work to find solutions. The SPARC reporting line can be reached at 604-718-7734.

Post your comment to this story online at
www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com

NEWS BRIEFS

FOR THE RECORD

We're hoping to be second time lucky with this correction: The name of one of two boys in a story about BMX biking and a bottle drive fundraiser in the Jan. 8 Driftwood is Nick Koby.

Mayne lighthouse protected

The Active Pass Lighthouse on Mayne Island has been designated under the Canadian Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act, making it one of the few in the province to receive federal protection.

Leona Aglukkaq, Canada's Environment Minister and Minister responsible for Parks Canada, announced that Active Pass and Estevan Point Lighthouses would join the list of heritage locations on Jan. 13.

A press release explains the HPLA, which was adopted in 2008, allows for the protection of federally-owned lighthouses on Canada's coastal and inland

waters that have significant heritage value.

"Administered by Parks Canada, the HPLA helps ensure Canada's maritime history is protected for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations."

Canadians have nominated hundreds of lighthouses to be considered for designation under the act. Saturna Island's East Point

Lighthouse and Fisgard Lighthouse on Vancouver Island were the first two B.C. locations to receive heritage status, as announced in May 2013.

Pipeline event on Monday

Misty MacDuffee and Ross Dixon of the Raincoast Conservation Foundation will be on Salt Spring this

week to provide information on the Kinder Morgan pipeline proposal and how-to tips for people who wish to voice their concerns.

Their free informative presentation takes place on Monday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Lions Hall. It's presented by the Raincoast Conservation Foundation and the Gulf Islands Alliance.

For more information, see <http://www.raincoast.org>.

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CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

Firefighters urge carbon-monoxide safety

Salt Spring death prompts reminder

Local firefighters are encouraging islanders to use safe-heating practices following a Salt Spring fatality linked to carbon-monoxide (CO) poisoning.

The B.C. Coroner's Office has determined that Karma Phinjo Sherpa, 52, died from CO exposure on Dec. 19, while heating his unventilated Mount Tuam cabin with a pot of coals.

"Carbon monoxide (CO) is the leading cause of fatal poisonings

in North America. High concentrations can cause death in just a few minutes," said Salt Spring Fire Rescue Lt. Mitchell Sherrin.

In addition to the recent death on Salt Spring, a Langford family was endangered two weeks ago due to a CO leak from a woodstove, Sherrin noted.

The colourless, odorless and tasteless gas is produced by incomplete combustion from any and all fuel-burning appliances, including wood, propane, gasoline and furnace oil, he said.

Early warning signs of CO exposure include headache,

nausea, dizziness and confusion. Higher concentrations can rapidly advance beyond flu-like symptoms to vision impairment, unconsciousness and death.

Islanders are particularly at risk during winter storms and power outages when they may seek alternative heating and cooking sources, Sherrin noted.

To prevent CO poisoning, do not operate fuel-powered machinery (generators), cooking devices (BBQs) or heating appliances (such as patio heaters) indoors. Exposure to CO can be controlled by properly maintain-

ing potential sources such as furnaces and internal-combustion engines. People should always provide and maintain sufficient exhaust ventilation for fuel-burning appliances, Sherrin said.

As a secondary line of defence, anyone with an attached garage or fuel-burning appliance in their home should install and test CO detectors, as required by the B.C. Fire Code, he said.

For more information about CO safety, call the Ganges fire hall at 250-537-2531 or check the SSIFR website (www.saltspringfire.com).

FIRE DISTRICT

Fire board acts on citizen task force

April AGM and election dates set

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Fire Protection District trustees have streamlined their meeting structure, while continuing to make room for public input by passing a number of resolutions on Monday night.

Following up on creating a new time and location for the business meeting, which is being held at the Salt Spring library's program room starting this month, chair Bruce Patterson announced that the town hall session would be moved to before the business meeting instead of after its adjournment.

The change was made so that matters coming from the public could be added to the agenda if necessary, with unanimous consent from the board. It will remain in effect until the board's annual general meeting in April.

"The theory is, the possibility that some things could be decided upon or dealt with immediately, versus drawing it out for another month before it's dealt with, so maybe we can move some of these issues along quicker, and our meetings just might run a little smoother," Patterson said.

The board also passed a resolution to stop reading correspondence aloud but to provide paper copies to audience members, as well as attaching letters to the minutes. The practice until now has been to read letters and some emails during business meetings, but Patterson noted this is not set out in the meeting bylaw.

"It's very difficult, I think, for the public, when you read out a letter, for everybody to digest what's been said in the letter," trustee Mary Gillies said during discussion.

"And then, you know, to respond to the letter and those sorts of things, again it can become quite complicated."

"I think if they are public and if people have written them in a public way, then I think we should just photocopy them and everybody can just read along, so that would prevent issues of people not hearing what's happening or getting something confused," she added.

"It's very difficult, I think, for the public, when you read out a letter, for everybody to digest

what's been said in the letter."

MARY GILLIES
Salt Spring Fire Protection District trustee

"I think we should print the letters and have them available. I don't think we should read them in the public meeting," said trustee Michael Schubart.

"Not that the information that's contained in them is at all not available to the public, but there's always the issue of who reads the letter and what, you know, potential editorializing goes on, when the letter is read. And I think if it's on the page and it's black and white, the letter is the letter. We receive the letter to correspondence, it's answered — also in black and white."

Schubart also spoke against making the change within the bylaw itself, noting that future boards could decide differently if they chose to by passing another resolution more easily than changing the bylaw again.

The potential problems of reading out correspondence were illustrated later on in the meeting during a delegation from Ross King, who read two letters he had written to the board shortly after its last meeting on Dec. 16, during which his earlier correspondence was

read aloud.

King took issue to the mannerisms he said Patterson adopted during the reading, which he said included eye-rolling, theatrical pauses and playing for audience laughs. King also attacked Patterson for mispronouncing and perhaps misunderstanding the meaning of the word "fiduciary" and demanded his immediate resignation as chair.

Speaking to King's delegation, trustee Mary Gillies responded that she would trust Patterson both with her life and with her money.

She added, "Anybody who has known Bruce and grown up with him knows he has a speech impediment and that word, which he understands the meaning of and we all take very seriously, is very difficult to say ... I support Bruce completely."

The board, led by Richard Hannah, passed a resolution of unanimous support for Patterson as chair. King immediately withdrew his comment about the word fiduciary after Gillies' explanation.

Also at Monday's meeting, the board voted to establish an advisory citizen's group "to help research and prioritize community concerns around the building of a new fire hall," and to provide input on how to run monthly meetings. The group was established by recommendation of the board's new Public Input Advisory Committee.

Trustees voted to advertise for volunteers to the new group. Candidates will be asked to confirm they have no financial interest or other conflict of interest regarding the new fire hall or disposition of the old hall, and should have expertise in areas such as public policy, marketing, town planning or fire service operation, among other relevant fields.

Other fire district business included setting the annual general meeting date for April 28, 2014. Elections for two trustee positions are planned to take place on April 26 with an advance poll on April 23.



Islands Trust

ISLANDS TRUST GALIANO ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee will hold a community information meeting and a public hearing within a Local Trust Committee Business Meeting on the proposed Bylaw No. 241 cited as "Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999, Amendment No. 1, 2013"

for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw at **12:30 p.m. Monday, February 3, 2014, at the South Community Hall, 141 Sturdies Bay Road, Galiano Island.**

At the public hearing all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw.

Proposed Bylaw No. 241 — cited as "Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999, Amendment No. 1, 2013"

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 241, is to amend the Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999. The proposed amendments are to address the issue of sawmilling on residential lots. The intent being that residential sawmilling operations are temporary in nature and for sole use of the owner for use on their lot and not for commercial use or home occupation. The amendments establish a new definition of temporary sawmilling on residential lots. The definition establishes temporary sawmill management, location and hours.

A copy of the proposed bylaw and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, **commencing January 20, 2014 and up to and including January 31, 2014.**

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2) (e) of the Local Government Act, additional copies of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Galiano Island, B.C., commencing January 20, 2014 and can also be viewed online at the following URL: www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/galiano/bylaws

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

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Kris Nichols, Planner, at (250)405-5170 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

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ENVIRONMENT

Dead herring find prompts questions

Hundreds of fish wash ashore on north end

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The sudden death of hundreds of herring near Southey Point left islanders, scientists and fisheries experts stymied for much of the weekend.

On Thursday morning, Sonja Collombin and her family awoke to the sound of seagulls, eagles and sea lions feasting on the small fish about 100 metres offshore. Though she initially presumed the commotion resulted from a herring spawn, Collombin was shocked when she discovered hundreds of fish had begun to wash up along the shoreline of her waterfront property by early afternoon.

"I've never seen any dead herring and I've lived here for almost 15 years," Collombin said during a tour of the site late last week.

A dramatic herring spawn in Vesuvius Bay last year heralded the start of spring, but the rare sight did not result in any dead fish washing up on shore. Likewise the milt-saturated water commonly associated with herring spawns was not apparent near Southey Point. The dead fish were also limited to a stretch of shoreline in front of Collombin's Dogwood Lane home.

The Driftwood's inquiry about the incident led staff at the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to initiate an investigation late last week. On Tuesday morning, DFO spokesperson Dan Bate said fisheries experts suspect the fish were released by a passing fishing vessel that had

exceeded its capacity.

"We took a look around and determined this was a very limited issue," he said. "It's likely not widespread."

Bate said it isn't uncommon for fishers taking part in the annual food-and-bait herring fishery to release part of their catch when they exceed a vessel's capacity. Bate did not know how many fish were released by the vessel.

Similar herring die-offs have been observed in other areas, including Nanaimo and the west coast of Vancouver Island during the past several years. The deaths have resulted in widespread online speculation about what caused the incidents.

Collombin was surprised but relieved when she learned how the fish reached her beach.

Soon after getting home from school on Thursday, she said, her sons quickly picked up and froze as many of the fish as possible to use as bait in the summer.

Bate said the fish are "likely fine," as long as they do not exhibit "signs of discoloration or other issues."

Collombin and her family were startled for a second time when they discovered all the dead fish had vanished by the time they returned home from a weekend away on Sunday evening.

"If I hadn't seen it there would be no evidence that it would have happened," she said on Tuesday morning. "Whatever it was, they did a great cleaning job."

Anyone who witnesses similar incidents in the region is asked to contact DFO's observe, record and report hotline at 1-800-465-4336.



PHOTOS BY SEAN MCINTYRE

A north end family was surprised to discover hundreds of dead herring along the shoreline of their Dogwood Lane property near Southey Point late last week.



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Hill plans detail options

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The April 2013 feasibility study by J.E. Anderson & Associates considers the engineering implications and costs of three options for one of the most dangerous and well-used sections of this route. They include building bike lanes on each side of Fulford-Ganges Road, with a sidewalk on either the west or east side, as well as the simpler option of widening the gravel shoulder on the west side of the road.

SSITC chair Donald McLennan observed that the first two scenarios could be quite expensive (around \$2.5 million each) and challenging to construct due to the steep terrain.

"It's going to come down to what the community can afford — what the community wants and what it is prepared to

pay for," he said, adding that could be something not covered in the existing study.

"If the community comes forward as a result of the open house and says, 'We like what you've done so far but we'd like you to look at this too,' there's room for that in the budget," McLennan said.

The feasibility study takes into account the Salt Spring Official Community Plan, the Ganges Village Pathway Network and the CRD's Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan: Salt Spring Island Edition.

The recent publication of the latter document has opened the district's eligibility to several provincial and federal grants for the first time, McIntyre said, which could potentially aid a future Ganges Hill project.

The J.E. Anderson report can be viewed in advance of the open house at in the "current projects" section of the CRD website at www.crd.bc.ca.

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EDITORIAL

Debate rings loud

Wanting to enjoy the peace of one's property is natural.

But when somebody buys a place near a shooting range, it's hard not to wonder what they were thinking. Neighbours who live near the Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club have sought to restore the quiet of their neighbourhood for the past four years or so. Resulting local government discussions and court judgements have established that the rod and club's historical presence on the site — which predates the island's zoning bylaws — essentially means there's never been any peace or quiet to restore.

Gun club members have voluntarily limited the extent of their shooting during daylight hours and installed specialized sound buffering equipment to reduce noise levels from the club's indoor facility. Upgrade costs and ongoing legal fees are said to have strained the club's finances and jeopardized its future.

THE ISSUE:

Gun club noise

WE SAY:

Objective criteria needed

In spite of an independent sound report that found noise levels from the gun club property were significantly lower than traffic along Upper Ganges Road or aircraft passing overhead, many neighbours are steadfast in their opposition to the club.

The rising number of unresolved complaints highlights the Capital Regional District's inability to manage and resolve the matter. This failure has only served to frustrate people on all sides of the fight.

Part of the problem — which was addressed at last week's meeting of the CRD's Electoral Areas Services Committee in Victoria — is how to determine when a noise becomes a disturbance.

We all know that one person's music is often another's racket. Using objective guidelines to measure and enforce noise regulations, on the other hand, has never been a clear-cut matter. The accuracy of equipment, operator error, timing of the measurements and the location where readings are taken are routinely used to discredit evidence used in enforcement hearings.

Until now, CRD staff are looking to Australian authorities for an objective enforcement system that has, so far, withstood the critics. By taking into account devices, measurement points, background noise and even the weather, CRD staff hope adopting this new methodology will finally determine how disturbing noise from the Rod and Gun Club really might be.



VIEWPOINT by Dan Jason

Happiness: a matter of opinion

I went to hear the happiness expert, John Helliwell, at ArtSpring on Jan. 11. Earlier that day I had the pleasure of meeting and talking with John and his wife, Millie, for over an hour when they came to talk gardening and buy seeds from me.

I also enjoyed breakfast with them the next morning. It was a real treat listening to an engaging, provocative, funny and obviously happy person.

John co-edited the first UN World Happiness Report. The report has become an annual production that has been downloaded millions of times. It focuses on happiness rather than the per capita GDP as the measure of well-being and identifies six key factors that affect happiness. One of these is per capita GDP; the others are life expectancy, freedom to make life choices, generosity, having someone to count on and freedom from corruption.

I told John that I felt that the report omits the most obvious factor relating to happiness: access to good food and water. To my mind, this factor precedes all others in fostering happiness. Governments addressing people's happiness should start by ensuring that every citizen has access to nutritious food and clean water. All the other factors affecting happiness are dubious, if we cannot eat well.

It's quite difficult to be happy when you're starving. "A hungry man is an angry man," sings Bob Marley.

On the other side of the coin, many people these days who think they are eating well are actually starving for proper nourishment. This is thanks to the dominance of industrial agriculture and a system that is based on poisons and creates products that merely masquerade as foods.

It is time to state the truth clearly: Despite its claims to the contrary, industrial agriculture creates scarcity, disease and unhappiness by destroying the intimate biological relations of the earth and poisoning us all. We've had a half-century of chemical agriculture and two decades of genetically modified food. The evidence is starkly there, except in mainstream media, that our current manner of putting food on our table has severely limited our happiness potential to the point where we could all soon be dead instead of happy.

What we put in our mouths daily comes from what we do to the earth daily. Figuring out how to feed ourselves without destroying ourselves has got to be the number one precursor to happiness.

The answers are beckoning to us, although the likelihood of governments acting on them is very slim. For starters, if governments stopped serving and subsidizing the poison-monger corporations whose only agenda is power and profits, these corporations would fail. If smaller-scale ecological agriculture were encouraged and rewarded, communities could once again celebrate the inherent happiness and joy of living.

I don't think the above is about to happen much no matter how many reports say that the happiness of people is important. But I do feel a wave coming on, a wave of people and communities, ardently and fearlessly learning to not buy into a system that is so self-destructive by learning to eat and grow healthy food while loving the web of life that makes it all possible.

It will be happy people who create a happy world.

The writer has been farming on Salt Spring without herbicides, pesticides or chemical fertilizers for over 30 years.

All the other factors affecting happiness are dubious, if we cannot eat well.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:
Do you have a winter garden?
 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 noise bylaws be based on objective measurements?
 16 NO 47 YES

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "It's always been my philosophy: If everybody did a little bit it would all get done."

MERON MOROZ, SOLID

SALT SPRING SAYS

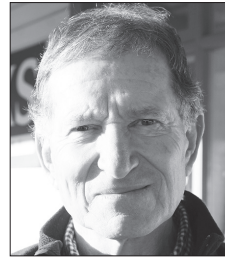
We asked: Which "unsung heroes" would you like to recognize on Salt Spring?



KELLY WATERS
Elly Silverman and Ella Mae Simmonds. They're both active at making the community a better place, and I love swimming with them as Seals.



STEPHEN WRIGHT
Dave Phillips does a hell of a lot for people — anyone who needs a little help.



DAVID FEITELBERG
Gordon English. He's been on the hospital board, got Meadowbrook launched, and has been on every committee you can think of.



NATHAN CARDINAL
Chuck Hamilton, the search manager at Salt Spring Search and Rescue. He's made a substantial impact on people's lives and he's not the kind of guy to claim credit for himself.



ELIZABETH BUCHANAN
Bridget Sipos, for constantly working in the background to support the arts, including countless volunteer hours at ArtSpring.

Letters to the editor

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

Biased surveys abound

Thank you to those who have written to the Driftwood pointing out that the governance study "survey" of public opinion was not conducted in a scientific manner and therefore is not an accurate reflection of community opinion.

Equally alarming is that Salt Spring Islands Trust staff have also conducted unscientific "surveys" and then referenced them in staff reports as justification for the passing of bylaws, such as allowing rental of in-house suites in a large segment of the island. This biased "survey" did not inform participants of all of the possible negative consequences of the proposal and participants were not selected at random.

It is common for politicians and private interest groups to use biased "surveys" to bolster their positions. But it is dis-

turbing that professional planners, paid from our tax dollars, are conducting and referencing unscientific, biased "surveys" of public opinion.

MAXINE LEICHTER,
SALT SPRING

Nobody asked me either!

I always enjoy reading Shilo Zylbergold's wry observations and witty remarks on life in general and our island in particular in his Nobody Asked Me But column. But when it comes to his take on winter gardening (Jan. 15 column), I must protest.

He is correct that very little growth happens during the dark winter months, but the point is that the growth has occurred before winter comes, and the mature veggies just sit there obligingly waiting for us to come and pick them all winter long.

Yes, sometimes the ground

is frozen on the surface, but foresight overcomes this little problem (try mulching, and checking the five-day weather forecast, and getting out there before the temporary freeze hits).

I get a kick out of having fresh-picked organic carrots and kale all winter, especially when I see the price of the meager bunches on the supermarket shelf.

Keep the columns coming, Shilo, but lay off the winter gardeners. Resurrect those seed catalogues, and we'll see you at Seedy Saturday on Feb. 8.

JACKIE SOMERS
PAST PRESIDENT,
SSI GARDEN CLUB

Living refrigerator

I was in the act of eating an unutterably sweet, crunchy carrot pulled from my garden (and idly wondering why no one had written an ode to

such quotidian delights) when a friend called to ask if I had seen Shilo's column ("Winter gardening: A Canadian machismo trip").

Ah Shilo, you put your unerring finger on the very problem with my winter gardening book: it isn't actually about gardening in the winter! I should have called it Winter Eating on the Coast. Right now my garden is a living refrigerator filled with sweet and crisp carrots, beets and celeriac, creamy leeks, nutty Brussels sprouts, crunchy red and green cabbages, indomitable kale and the variety of hardy leafy greens that make salads burst with flavour and vitamins.

In another month the first broccoli heads will be sprouting, and oh! the thought of the incomparable cauliflower soon to follow . . . and really no work is required since the gardening effort that made this possible took place back

last summer in the growing season. Yes, you do need to get out the gumboots every now and then for a harvest expedition, but I think anyone with a winter garden would agree that is SO worth the effort. Happy eating, everyone!

LINDA GILKESON,
SALT SPRING

Uplifting films

In addition to Patricia Lockie's wonderful article last week about the value of documentary films for social change ("Change happens, one film at a time"), I would like to add one comment before the exciting upcoming festival on Feb. 28 to March 2.

Another intrinsic value of the films is that despite what might look like only serious material, the documentary films have proven to be entertaining and uplifting. Some people don't attend because they have bad memories from documentaries from their

grade school days. Anyone generally interested in movies will find themselves entertained by the creative process of directing and producing to get them to the screen.

As to their "depressing" nature, which some people use as a stereotype — what could be more depressing than the action, blood and gore feature films shown here and in other theatres? The outcomes of most of the documentary films shown here are uplifting and end with a positive hope. Some do not even deal with social change but are about music, dance or sporting events.

Please attend one or more of the films of your choice. More importantly, bring your kids to ones that will suit them.

DAN DICKMEYER,
ROLAND ROAD

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Public has interest in community docks too

BY GREG MIDDLETON

It is a new year, and time for new beginnings, especially for the much beleaguered Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island.

The Harbour Authority, which has been in turmoil for much of the past year and the board in chaos for longer, finally has a new harbour manager and I think all wish him the best of luck in what is a challenging job.

This year, according to the federal government's department of Small Craft Harbours, which actually owns all the Harbour Authority facilities, and Corporations Canada, which oversees federal non-profit societies, the Harbour Authority must obtain a Certificate of Continuance to comply with the new Not-for-profit Corporations Act, and do it by Oct. 17, 2014.

If this certificate is not obtained, the HASSI will become inactive, dissolved and become subject to tax penalties, as I read the Corporation's Canada Transition Guide — available online.

And to do this, it must put new Letters Patent and Bylaws before the members of the harbour association and get a two-thirds majority of at least half the members of the association.

One thing the new documents must outline

is the number of directors and the make-up of the board and who can be members of the association.

Who cares?

Well, the public docks in Ganges, Fulford, Vesuvius, etc. are the way many get on and off the island, including the off-island students, anybody who flies in and out of Ganges, the many who have water-only access properties or come to Ganges to shop from the other islands. Oh yeah, and all those tourists who support the downtown businesses and the Saturday market, as well as the locals who own boats here.

And the few commercial fishermen who live and keep their boats here. While the commercial fishermen only pay a third or less a month moorage than anyone else, their presence does mean Small Craft Harbours, the owners of the facilities, will pay for some improvements and additions to the docks.

Small Craft Harbours as the landlord fixes the roof, while the Harbour Authority as tenant pays the monthly bills.

Most of the money to run the complex of docks around the island comes from transient summer boats, who pay as much as a foot a day as the commercial fisherman pay a month.

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Much of the rest comes from the non-commercial fishing users such as the airlines, coast guard and water taxis and the monthly moorage boats.

For years the Harbour Authority has been dominated by a few commercial fishermen with a vested interest in being able to keep their boats here with five of the eight seats on the board.

For a long time that was fine. They volunteered some time and got a sweet deal. But lately the wheels seem to have come off that wagon. Some dock politics cost us a popular dock manager. The running of the dock without a manager was, in violation of the board's own policy, usurped by a small clique.

Now, however, the board has the opportunity to clean up its act and become more representative and accountable.

The first thing to do is to clean up the chaotic membership situation in which no one really knows who is or is not a member. A simple \$1 a year fee added to moorage would include all the boat owners. Non-boat owners but harbour users could fill in an application and pay the \$1 fee — marine and tourist-related businesses the same.

With paid membership, vetted yearly, a quarterly newsletter could keep the membership informed, something the board admits has not been happening in recent years.

In today's day and age, a website with the required documents, policy manual and a membership list and updates from the board about issues and changes is pretty much mandatory.

The docks are not and should not be allowed to continue to be the personal plaything of a few who leave the majority in the dark.

If the board does not take this seriously, they risk having the members refuse to ratify the changes to the governing documents or if they try to push through something on the sly without getting its house in order, they risk complaints to Corporations Canada and a challenge to their authority and existence.

And in those new bylaws, let's see what was suggested at the last annual general meeting — a board that has something more like equal representation like two board members each for commercial, non-commercial and recreational boat owners and local businesses.

The writer is a retired journalist, long-time boater and a harbour association member.

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ALL TORN UP: An excavator gets down to business in repairing the 1400 block of North Beach Road on Monday, after a seaside part of the road washed away in a rainstorm on the Jan. 10-11 weekend. Work continued Tuesday.

In praise of skeptics

If it were 1799, I would have to challenge Andy Skuce to a duel at dawn.

However, thank God, I do not have a sword and it is 2014, because given the contentiousness of Salt Springers, I'd be sharpening that sword often.

So with regard to his accusation that I misconstrued the New York Times reportage on the 17-year "pause" in global warming, I would like to draw his attention to the fact that the Times reporter used the words "plateau" and "lull" to describe the slowdown in global warming, and the dictionary definitions of those two words are clear.

Further, there has been exhaustive reporting from every aspect of the media prism on this pause, from the UK Met Office, to the Economist, Der Spiegel, Nature, the Daily Mail and etc. ad infinitum. The data site Wood For Trees is now showing a plateau/pause/lull of 18 years, quite as long as the recorded warming. And no one has actually found the warmth hiding in the deep ocean, it is merely a theory at present.

To any dispassionate follower of the climate change issue, the debate is not closed, new data appears every single day, and discussions are fierce, contentious and on-going. As they should be. So contest my ideas, I'm fine with that, but to say that my work is shoddy or dishonest etc. is an attack on my character, and therefore out-of-bounds and unhelpful.

Skeptics are not people who lack moral fibre, or are greedy, rapacious, stupid and uneducated. Quite the contrary, the skeptics I know are some of the finest people I've met, with first-class minds, who care deeply about the future. As do I.

ELIZABETH NICKSON,
SALT SPRING

Censorship

In asserting his zeal for open government, trustee Peter Grove is disingenuous (Viewpoint, Jan. 15).

For it is he who, on Aug. 26, 2013, shortly after 1 p.m., sired Salt Spring Local Trust Committee Bylaw 473, the "censorship bylaw." I know, for I witnessed that genesis.

TOM VARZELIOTIS,
BOOTH CANAL

End of fossil-fuel era

There's a great cartoon showing a scientist listing positive things that go hand in hand with real climate action: energy independence, preserved rainforests, green jobs, clean water and air, healthy children, etc., but someone in the audience calls out, "What if it's a big hoax and we create a better world for nothing?"

The problems linked to spewing out massive amounts of greenhouse gases are so severe that drastic action is called for. We need to mobilize for a low carbon economy as if this were a "world war." George Monbiot makes a convincing argument for carbon rationing. Those of us who use more than our share of fossil fuels would pay those who are using less for the privilege . . . and this would help reduce the distressing levels of inequality in the world.

Thanks to Dorothy Cutting for sharing a copy of The Energy of Nations by Jeremy Leggett, which shows that our failure to wean ourselves off our addiction to fossil fuels is leading us into an economically disastrous "carbon bubble."

Obviously, the fossil fuel era must come to an end one day, so why not do it now, before we have changed the composition of our atmosphere to the point that the earth will become unlivable for huge numbers of people and other creatures?

JAN SLAKOV,
SALT SPRING

Happiness obsession

In Canada, until three years ago, the federal government used the mandatory long-form census to collect data on levels of education, income, employment to name a few areas of interest. Such data formed the basis for government programs that now risk becoming less pertinent for lack of solid information.

On the other hand, measuring happiness has become a flourishing industry.

Economists ask people around the world if they feel happy. They are funded by governments and agencies such as the United Nations and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, a staunch defender of neoliberal orthodoxy. The internet is abuzz with such studies and recently, the Salt Spring Forum presented one of the editors of The World Happiness Report. The purpose of such activity is supposedly to help develop public policies.

Is happiness becoming an obsession and, if so, why? Is it a new fad in lieu of political will to right wrongs?

A sense of happiness is entirely subjective. Income disparities, unemployment, pollution, hunger, diseases, degrees of corruption can be measured objectively and can be addressed by politicians who are not afraid of taking strong stands against such abuses.

In that context, it is no surprise that the business elite and the corporate media rally behind jovial Justin Trudeau with his feel-good approach to politics.

It is no surprise either that the same media keep portraying NDP leader Thomas Mulcair as "angry," insinuating that being passionate is somewhat reprehensible.

Anger with the status quo in the 1950s motivated NDP Pre-

mier of Saskatchewan Tommy Douglas, brought about Medicare, which later was extended to the whole of Canada.

That's what makes me happy.

HÉLÈNE NARAYANA,
BEAVER POINT ROAD
SALT SPRING

IODE books appreciated

As most of us are aware, we are fortunate in the Gulf Islands to have so many people and organizations who work for the greater good of the community.

Recently had cause to reflect on this when I heard from a school teacher-librarian that they had received a cheque from the IODE to purchase books for the library and that it would be the last year the IODE would be doing this.

What is the IODE, you might ask?

IODE stands for Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire. The group has been active in Canada since 1901. In the '70s they changed their name to the acronym, IODE. It is a charitable organization with chapters all across the country.

Their goal is to enhance the quality of life of individuals through education support, community service and citizenship programs. For us, in the Gulf Islands, amongst other things it meant that our school children could look forward to a fresh infusion of new books each year, donated from our local group.

On behalf of our students and teachers I would like to take this opportunity to thank the ladies of the IODE for their considerable efforts over the years to support literacy in our community.

It means a lot to us, particularly in these days of dwindling library budgets.

Thank you.
DEBORAH NOSTDAL,
PRESIDENT, GULF ISLANDS
TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Bus sign vigilance

Shock met returning islanders who headed for the Tuesday, Jan. 16 reinstated 9 a.m. bus run from Bridgeport Canada Line terminal to the morning ferry to the Gulf Islands (leaving from Tsawwassen).

Would-be passengers were met by a large, newly printed sign stating that all 9 a.m. bus runs to the ferry terminal were cancelled. Many passengers turned away. Yet, a phone call to customer service informed the sign reader that the 9 a.m. was operating.

Apparently, the person in charge of scheduling for the Coast Mountain Bus Company was away and someone else in temporary charge did not know about the protests of Gulf Islanders, nor the reversing of the bus cut [initially announced in December].

TransLink staff, when informed of the cancellation notice, were shocked, and more knowledgeable Coast Mountain employees took over and erected a sign at the Bridgeport Station that same evening that stated "All 9 a.m. bus trips to Tsawwassen will be in operation . . ."

TransLink is the planning operator for all transit services. Coast Mountain is the operating bus company that carries out TransLink's wishes.

On this issue at least, Gulf Islanders can rest easy for a short time while government mulls April cuts. For now, the 9 a.m. bus run to Long Harbour ferry continues.

Good thing islanders are vigilant.
ALLEN S. CUNNINGHAM,
SALT SPRING

Pipeline event on Monday

Are you concerned about Kinder Morgan's plan to twin its Trans Mountain pipeline?

The expansion proposal would quadruple the number of tankers transporting diluted bitumen (tar sands oil) through the Gulf Islands and the Salish Sea. (That is about 890,000 barrels per day shipped out of Burrard Inlet!)

Misty MacDuffee and Ross Dixon of the Raincoast Conservation Foundation will be here on Salt Spring to provide information on the Kinder Morgan pipeline proposal and how-to tips for people who wish to voice their concerns.

Raincoast's mandate is: Investigate. Inform. Inspire. It uses peer-reviewed science and grassroots activism to protect wilderness along B.C.'s coast. Don't miss their free informative presentation on Monday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Lions Hall.

It's presented by Raincoast and the Gulf Islands Alliance. Discuss the risk to your local economy and wildlife, learn how to make your opinion known through the official comment process and have your say!

KATE MCWILLIAMS,
SALT SPRING

Support hospital staff

We are so fortunate to have such a unique hospital here on the island. The nurses are well trained in palliative care and are encouraged to use their intelligence and compassion in making decisions

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that can drastically affect a person's quality of life or death, as the case may be.

Through all our struggles as we decide what role the hospital plays within our community, I hope we can support the role that these fine men and women play in the lives and deaths of our loved ones.

SUSAN GRACE,
BEDDIS ROAD

More than a meal

We have all heard the expression "it takes a village to raise a child." I want to expand that thought into how it takes a whole community to help keep a senior well, independent, contented, cared for and safe in their own homes.

Meals on Wheels has been part of this loving caring community supporting seniors for over 40 years. However, it is so much more than a meal.

We all know about cutbacks, so when the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 92 donates to us from their Poppy Fund each year we are grateful.

A heartfelt thank you also goes out to the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary for answering our appeal for financial assistance in times of need.

Now add into this mix an extra ingredient, love, as the Greenwoods kitchen community prepares the nutritious hot meals and the wonderful volunteer drivers deliver day in day out all do it with love and compassion. Thank you. The concerned

phone calls and follow up when a volunteer MOW driver doesn't see a client for a couple of weeks; thank you for caring.

There is the joy we all share in a birthday of a MOW client celebrating their advancing years in their own homes. The sadness we all feel when the final days arrive. The extra touches that come via the hand-made placemats made by the Stitch Dimension Quilters Guild — again that extra ingredient, love, thank you.

At a time when not all seniors have family to share with, Dawn Shaak gives hand-made Christmas boxes of treats made with care and again, love, thank you.

Cookie treats throughout the year that are given to clients, made with love by Lee; birthday and special celebration cards created by the Brownies, Girl Guides, Scouts, Pathfinders and elementary school children, bringing much visible pleasure to old tired faces. Thank you.

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A beautiful red rose to our friend Dr. Arran Lamont who through gloom of night and rough of road helped Calvin find a better place. Dave and Elva Kelington, Musgrave Road

Multitudes of Christmas roses from the elves at Santa's workshop to the Salt Spring community for their generosity in all the donated toys, gift certificates, items donated to fulfill specific requests and of course cash donations. We were able to make Christmas a special time for many Salt Spring families.

On behalf of the Salt Spring Island United Church, a huge bunch of Christmas roses to all who contributed to the success of the 13th Community Christmas Dinner. Over two days and the two hours of the meal, volunteers set up, sliced, diced, sang to and served approximately 220 islanders a wonderful feast. We are also blessed that year

after year our local business families step back up to the plate and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92 donates the use of Meaden Hall. This is especially appreciated in our current challenging economic times. Christmas can also be a lonely time for many, so a huge thank you to our island community for coming together and creating the opportunity for warm memories of friendship and sharing. Blessings to all.

A huge bouquet of Guiding roses to all those who purchased their Christmas tree from the Girl Guides. Cherry red roses to Windsor Plywood for giving us the space and handling weekday sales, and to Ted and Donna Akerman for providing the trees. And pink, orange, blue and green roses to our Guiding families for being there. The proceeds will benefit all our girls and their programs.

Gulf Islands Secondary School's Acting 11/12 class would like to give a lotus flower of loving kindness to Country Grocer and Paul Large for the generous support towards Journey to the West. We'd also like to thank the community, specifically the parents of our class, for supporting live theatre and our production.

Well-pruned wild roses to those members of our community that quietly go about maintaining hiking, biking and horse-riding trails on our island, usually without any recognition. Thank you!

Dozens of sweet-smelling roses to the nicest nurses who helped me get on my feet again. Thanks to Maureen, Karen, Michele, Susan and both Sharons for their TLC and cheerful encouragement. Loes H.

Stockings full of roses to all those who helped support Christmas stockings for In From the Cold emergency shelter. Special thanks to Country Grocer, Viva Chorale, Island Savings, Greenwoods, Salt Spring Centre School, Jordan, Moe and Rosanne.

I want to send an armload of peach roses to go along with the cheese to the incredible nurses who helped my mom Grace leave this world with love and peace. I felt so supported by your care of both her and I. Thank you so much. Susan Grace

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CONCERTS

Musicians turn to intimate style for January concert

SS Chamber Players perform Baroque masterpieces

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The period may be known for its exaggerated stylings, but the music performed will have all the intimacy of a conversation between friends when the Salt Spring Chamber Players "Go Baroque" at All Saints this Saturday, Jan. 25.

The switch to chamber music's smaller-scale production seems to make sense for core players Jim and Laurie Stubbs, whose last concert was December's ecstatic community participation event, the Messiah sing-along. With the high energy of the holiday season now past, sitting down to a more introspective performance feels perfect for January's long haul out of darkness.

"Chamber music is a conversation and a dialogue that's really intimate, so whereas chamber music is personal, the Messiah is monumental and the emotions are more broadly based, they're not nuanced like a private conversation," explained Jim Stubbs. As conductor and director of

the Salt Spring Chamber Orchestra and Choir, for much of the year Stubbs is orchestrating the efforts of a large number of performers. With the Salt Spring Chamber Players, he collaborates with a group of just four other musicians, and concentrates on his own "voice" as trumpet player.

"For me, it's very comfortable and reassuring," he said.

Bassoonist Laurie Stubbs observed that most professional concert musicians never get to play chamber music because there's no way to make a living without large-scale union representation.

"Now we have the freedom to do that, and it is really every musician's dream, I think, to be a chamber player," she said.

"This concert connects for me who I am as a specific musician. I feel connected to my musical roots . . . it's very gratifying."

"You don't feel complete if you don't do both, as an instrumentalist," Jim added. "It's part of repertoire and as musicians we have to perform or our identity is lost."

For this concert the Stubbs will be joined by two concert masters for Bach on the Rock, Kate Rhodes



Salt Spring Chamber Players soprano Nancy Washeim and trumpet player Jim Stubbs get ready to "Go Baroque" at this Saturday's concert at All Saints By-the-Sea.

on violin and Don Kissinger on violin and viola. Soprano Nancy Washeim, a regular soloist with BOTR, will also join the players.

The concert will include pieces by three of the most influential composers of the Baroque period: Germany's J.S. Bach and Telemann, and their Czech friend Jan Dismas Zelenka. Bach's Cantata

51 and its Alleluia frame the evening's program. Bach is also the source of the concert's main highlight with his Wedding Cantata.

Jim explained that this piece contains one of classical music's most fascinating mysteries as the original manuscript has never been found (a student's copy is used for direction) and no

one knows whose wedding it was written for.

"That information vanished with the manuscript," Jim said.

"We don't know if the way we play is exactly what he wrote, but it's so popular and so beautiful. And it's killer for the soprano and the trumpet."

Telemann comes into

the picture with his equally beautiful Canonic Duo for Two Violins. The players will also take on a less conventional contemporary of the two great Germans.

"Telemann and Bach composed things that people more or less expected, but Zelenka was a maverick — and they had a lot of respect for him because he did outrageous things," Laurie said.

For example, he composed a work that treats the bass instrument (and specifically the bassoon) as a virtuoso, giving it a rare moment in the spotlight.

"He had a big influence on Bach," Jim Stubbs said. "His contrapuntal writing and imagination freed up Bach. He didn't feel he had to stick to the rules as much as he had been."

Also on the program are two pieces by Handel that are structured as a dialogue between trumpet and soprano: Let the Bright Seraphim and his ode to Queen Anne, Eternal Source of Light Divine. The latter earned the composer a lifelong pension, but the players say both pieces are known for "very free writing."

Salt Spring Chamber Players Go Baroque will start at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are being sold at the door.

FILM

The magical music of Muscle Shoals

Documentary explores rich musical history

BY PATRICIA LOCKIE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

On the south bank of the Tennessee River in Alabama sits a small town called Muscle Shoals. The town gets its name, though not the spelling, from a natural feature of the river known for the plentiful mussels once harvested there.

Since the early 1960s, the other thing that has been grown and harvested with huge success is the music that eventually became known as the Muscle Shoals sound.

What is it that makes the music recorded in this out-of-the-way place so magical and so enduring? What's the relationship between Muscle Shoals the place and the vast quantity of hit recordings it inspired? Watch the hugely entertaining documentary called Muscle Shoals, the next in the Best of the Fest film series, to find out.

The documentary shows how this backwater area became a Mecca for artists like Aretha Franklin, Percy Sledge, Otis Redding, The Rolling Stones, Wilson Pickett and many, many others. Performers were drawn to FAME Studios, founded by an extraordinary, visionary record producer Rick Hall. Overcoming an early life of crushing poverty followed by a series of tragic family losses, Hall turned into a workaholic producer whose ear rarely failed him. He created an environment



where black and white performers versed in different musical styles treated one another as equals at a time when racial strife was a bloody reality just down the road.

Even before the civil rights movement really

took shape, the colour of a performer's skin was of no account inside the studio. What mattered was the music. Hall's house band, The Swampers, left FAME in 1969 to start their own recording studio, called Muscle Shoals Sound Studios. These two studios went on to produce hit records that shaped the history of popular music.

Muscle Shoals is about a place filled with magic, legend and folklore. Greg Allman, Clarence Carter, Mick Jagger, Etta James, Alicia Keys, Bono and others bear witness to the magnetism and mystery they experienced in Muscle Shoals and explain why the sound created there remains influential today.

It's a film that has a deep musical and human interest appeal with exceptional documentary photography. It should have no problem stacking up against peers like Standing in the Shadows of Motown and 20 Feet From Stardom, another recent Best of the Fest presentation.

Muscle Shoals screens at ArtSpring on Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available from the ArtSpring Ticket Centre.

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FESTIVALS

Galiano Island Books hosts annual literary festival

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most celebrated authors.

Sponsored by Galiano Island Books, the fifth annual Galiano Literary Festival returns to the island from Feb. 21 to 23. Once again, participants will have the opportunity to meet an exciting line-up of writers and fellow

book lovers at the Galiano Oceanfront Inn.

The festival schedule includes readings and talks by authors of fiction, non-fiction and poetry, plus a full slate of workshops and panels.

The line-up this year includes: Joelle Anthony,

Chris Arnett, George Bowering, Marilyn Bowering, Thea Bowering, Raffi Cavoukian, Aaron Chapman, Michael Christie, Brad Cran, Amber Dawn, Dina Del Bucchia, Catherine Greenwood, Jack Hodgins, Grant Lawrence, Eve Lazarus, Kathryn Para,

Linda L. Richards, Bev Sellars, Audrey Thomas, Michael Wuitchik and David Zieroth.

The festival gets underway with a gala red-carpet welcome reception on the evening of Friday, Feb. 21. Mother Tongue Publishing will sponsor and present

the inaugural Galiano Literary Festival Publisher's Prize that evening.

Event tickets can be purchased at Galiano Island Books, by calling 250-539-3340 or online at www.galianoliteraryfestival.com where the full festival program is available.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Raddysh helps celebrate family literacy

Music, books and treats at library

Children and parents are invited to celebrate the joys of reading this Saturday with a free Family Literacy Day celebration concert given by local children's entertainer Jim Raddysh.

All families are welcome to enjoy the music, free kids' books and refreshments at the Salt Spring Library from 1 to 2 p.m. on Jan. 25.

The event coincides with a national initiative held each January to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in literacy-related activities as a family.

The event is co-sponsored by Salt Spring Literacy and the Salt Spring Public Library.

A press release points out that while Raddysh is well-known on the island as the pool director, he is equally well-regarded for his musicianship.



FILE PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Jim Raddysh in performance at Fulford Day 2012. Raddysh welcomes families to a free Jan. 25 concert at the library.

"The lyrics and tunes were motivating not only for the children but also the par-

ents," said Dorothy Ehrman, organizer of a similar event in Mackenzie, B.C. "His abil-

ity to capture the children's attention throughout the performance was mesmerizing; from the magical tricks and secrets he shared to the creation of Mackenzie songs that added the personal touch to everyone at the concert. He shared energetic songs, some familiar and some new that included and encouraged all children to join in."

Information from the organizers states that literacy impacts every area of people's lives, including health, employment, economic status and life chances.

"Taking time to read every day is crucial to a child's development. Studies show that parents and caregivers who participate in their families' learning positively affect the language and literacy development of their children; even 15 minutes a day can improve family and children's literacy skills dramatically."

EXHIBITIONS

20/20 Vision deadline draws nearer

ArtSpring's juried show opens doors to creativity

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring artists have just over a week to put the finishing touches on their submissions to 20/20 Vision, an exciting exhibition that's the first of its kind for host organization ArtSpring.

With the deadline looming at the end of this month, painters, sculptors and photographers will have to decide on the best way to capture the show's "Connect/Disconnect" theme while fitting into dimension guidelines of 20 inches by 20 inches (by another 20, if sculptural).

ArtSpring's executive director George Sipos is anticipating some interesting results.

"As with writing, when you're given a format to work within, such as a haiku or

a sonnet, you're given the challenge of creating something within a fairly arbitrary number of lines, number of syllables, rhyme schemes, etc. — none of which mean anything in themselves, but which impose a discipline that can be useful for focusing the mind as it seeks to give shape to thought. It can be the same with visual art when you're given set dimensions," Sipos said.

As well, he said, "The 20 by 20 size gives you something worth looking at, but it's not going to cost too much to produce in terms of canvas and paint. And you can also get a lot of work into the exhibition given the amount of space."

Sipos said choosing a size that's not normally used by artists will encourage people to create new works just for the show, instead of submitting something that's been kicking around in their studio, while the theme should provide further inspiration.

"The words connect/dis-

connect are meant to be semi-abstract, semi-concrete concepts, and hopefully it will encourage people to interpret them in a variety of ways," said Sipos.

"The idea was this would give some sort of stimulus to a lot of artists working in different types of media, like a piece of sand in the oyster of their creativity."

While ArtSpring has been home to the visual arts since Robert and Birgit Bateman cut the opening ribbon in April 1999, this will be the first time the arts centre has curated a juried show with prizes.

Exhibition pieces will be selected on the basis of artistic excellence and adherence to the guidelines, by a jury that includes a Salt Spring gallery owner, a top gallery curator from elsewhere in B.C. and an island resident who is neither gallery owner nor artist but is active in the local arts community.

Sipos said having the jury, who will also select their

choice to receive a \$1,000 prize, adds an element that artists appreciate.

"I've heard many times from artists that having reliable people make these decisions provides useful feedback on their work," he said, likening the experience to his own as a poet submitting a piece to a literary journal.

"If it's accepted, you have the feeling that someone actually read it and considered it worthy of publication," he said.

Exhibited works will also be eligible for a \$1,000 people's choice award.

Submissions of digital images are being accepted until Feb. 1. ArtSpring will inform artists of the jury's decision at the end of February. The show will be held at the ArtSpring gallery from March 17 to 29 as a kick-off to 15th-anniversary celebrations in April.

For more information, see the call for submissions at artspring.ca/2020vision.



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Application to Participate in National Energy Board Public Hearing for Trans Mountain Pipeline ULC Trans Mountain Expansion Project

The National Energy Board (NEB) has received an application from Trans Mountain Pipeline ULC for approval to construct and operate the Trans Mountain Expansion Project (Project).

Description of The Project

The Project would expand the existing Trans Mountain pipeline system located between Edmonton, AB and Burnaby, BC. It would include approximately 987 km of new pipeline, new and modified facilities, such as pump stations and tanks, and the reactivation of 193 km of existing pipeline. There would also be an expansion of the Westridge Marine Terminal.

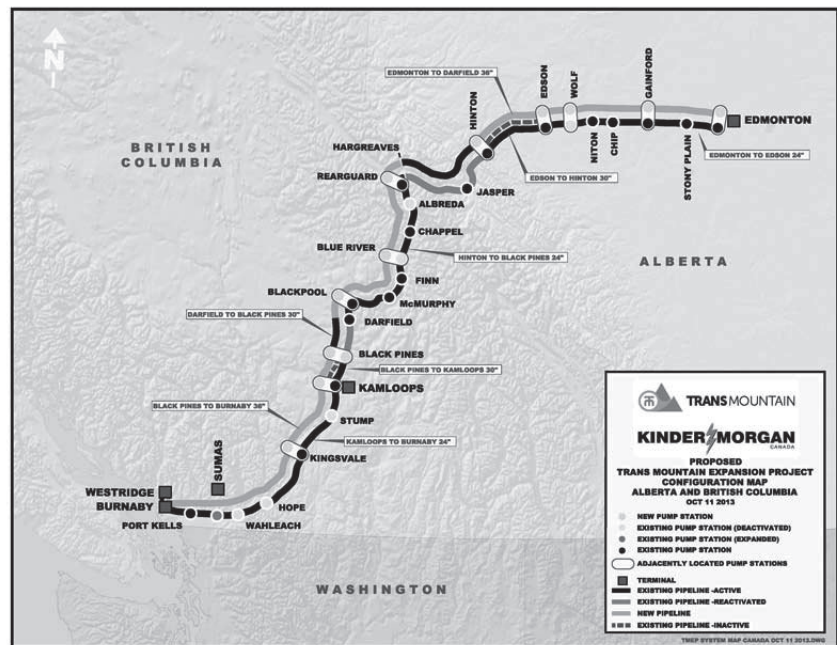
New pipeline segments would be added between Edmonton to Hinton, AB, Hargreaves, BC to Darfield, BC and Black Pines, BC to Burnaby, BC. Reactivation of existing pipeline segments would occur between Hinton, AB to Hargreaves, BC and Darfield to Black Pines, BC.

The application can be found on the NEB website.

Participation in NEB Hearing

The NEB will determine if the application is complete and if so, it will hold a public hearing.

Those who wish to participate in the NEB hearing must apply to participate. Applicants must clearly describe their interest in relation to the List of Issues for the hearing, which is on the NEB website and included in the application to participate. Those who are directly affected by the proposed project will be allowed to participate in the hearing and those with relevant information or expertise may be allowed to participate.



The application to participate is on the NEB's website at:

www.neb-one.gc.ca
select Major Applications and Projects then
Trans Mountain Pipeline ULC - Trans Mountain Expansion

Applications to participate in the NEB Hearing are due on or before noon on 12 February 2014. Individuals and groups applying to participate must provide enough information for the NEB to decide whether participant status should be granted.

Trans Mountain ULC has until 19 February 2014 to provide the NEB with comments on Applications to Participate and must provide a copy of its comments to those applicants to whom the comments apply. Applicants who received comments from Trans Mountain ULC about their Application to Participate have until 4 March 2014 to send the Board your response to Trans Mountain's comments.

Comments and Responses should be sent to the Secretary of the Board: www.neb-one.gc.ca, select Regulatory Documents then Submit Documents.

CONTACTS

Information on NEB hearing processes and participant funding is available at www.neb-one.gc.ca > Major Applications and Projects > Trans Mountain Pipeline ULC - Trans Mountain Expansion.

If you require additional information, the NEB has appointed Ms. Reny Chakkalal as a Process Advisor to provide assistance.

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VOLUNTEERISM

SOLID volunteers busy making African lives better

Moroz and McIntyre use team approach

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring has a wealth of nonprofit organizations and people who devote the bulk of their free time to helping others, but who don't often make it into the public eye.

Working at projects that might seem small but have incredible impact on improving all sorts of conditions, their daily drops in the bucket combine to create an ocean of achievement.

Who are these unassuming miracle workers? The new Salt Spring Superstars series will introduce readers to these people in their midst — and if you already know them, you might find yourself surprised to learn about all the activities they do.

Confirmation that mother-and-daughter team Shirley McIntyre and Meron Moroz should be featured as the column's first heroes came with their reluctance to be "sung" at all — at least not without their team of fellow SOLID volunteers sharing the credit.

"We don't get to be unsung heroes unless you guys are standing behind us, because that's the way it works," Moroz said during the photo, taken at a volunteer tea held at McIntyre's home on Jan. 12.

The Salt Spring Organization for Life Improvement and Development has around 20 volunteers, with eight core members committed to furthering its projects for people in sub-Saharan Africa. Moroz, who currently sits on the board and co-founded the SOLID Exchange retail outlet, first got involved as the organization's bookkeeper. SOLID was preparing for a community conference and Moroz was renting a tiny office upstairs in the Creekside building above Apple Photo in 2003.

It was partly to do with timing: Moroz's children were at an age that they didn't really need her around all the time and her days running cubs' and scouts' troops were behind her.

"It was just somewhere else to channel energy and I really appreciated what they were doing and how they were doing it," Moroz explained. "Then I had my first trip to Africa — and that was it."

That first trip was to Lesotho, where she accompanied a shipping container full of goods collected by a donor in Revelstoke in 2007. She returned with another container loaded up on Salt Spring after determining first-hand what people actu-

ally wanted or needed. Her next stop was to Swaziland; like Lesotho, it's one of the places SOLID has built an elementary school.

"There was that involvement and connection when you finally meet somebody — there's a whole other level of connection," she said of those trips.

Community involvement is nothing new for Moroz, who grew up with her family's medical mission-

ary work. Her father was Salt Spring's one-time surgeon, Dr. John McIntyre. He and his wife Shirley had planned a trip to the Gaza strip and did work distributing medicine in the villages of India when Moroz was a young child.

With this type of family history, it's not surprising McIntyre responded so favourably when her daughter "voluntold" her to help out at the SOLID Exchange, the marketplace Moroz co-founded using a 10,000-villages fair trade model.

The volunteer-run storefront has traditionally brought in \$500 per month to devote to SOLID projects. This figure has doubled since operations moved to Gasoline Alley. As well, Moroz sees the store as a community resource, which any nonprofit group can use to market any retail aspect of its fundraising, such as Ometepe Coffee and the now defunct Seeds for Malawi.

"We're just eight women, but we make miracles happen."

SHIRLEY MCINTYRE
SOLID volunteer

Since getting involved with the exchange, McIntyre has herself made the trip to Africa, travelling to Kenya with SOLID board member Lynda Turner to distribute goats purchased through an alternative gift program.

"People said, 'Are you going to let your 85-year-old mother go to Africa by herself?' and Meron said, 'Yeah, she's a big girl,'" McIntyre recalled. Having seen something of Africa from a previous cruise and safari trip, she was not shocked by what she found. She had also experienced poverty and poor living conditions in India.

"So I knew what I was going into... it wasn't a big culture shock for me," McIntyre said.

Some of the many useful items SOLID brings to Africa include supplies for girls and young women such



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

From left, SOLID members Lynda Turner, Maureen McKay, Shirley McIntyre, Meron Moroz, Ruth Hopping, Louise Adele and Jane McIntosh at a recent volunteer appreciation tea held at McIntyre's home.

as school uniforms, feminine hygiene kits and birthing packages. These last items include everything a pregnant woman needs to be admitted to a hospital to give birth, such as sanitary pads, onesies, baby hats and diapers.

Similarly, having a uniform is essential for girls who go to school, and feminine hygiene kits stocked with re-usable pads and adjustable cotton underwear mean they don't have to miss a week of classes each month.

Following her visit, McIntyre helped improve the quality of those products by finding a more reliable (and cheaper) seamstress in Kenya. And as Moroz put it, her mother has made it her personal mission to supply every girl in the Kakamega region with sanitary pads. She's already sewn more than 300 of the flannel items, which SOLID supplies along with underwear and soap in a bucket with a lid.

McIntyre also knits items for the SOLID Exchange, getting help from a dedicated crew of women at Meadowbrook who have become known as the Knitwits. The partnership has developed through the production of Izzy dolls, which double as packing material and gifts.

"Mom knits the socks, she makes the pads, she goes to the store, she takes care of the Knitwits. I don't tell her to do anything any more," Moroz said.

McIntyre and Turner will be returning to Kenya with two other women on Feb. 25 to distribute the goods purchased through SOLID's current alternative gift programs. All expenses such as airfare, taxis and accommodations are taken care of by the volunteers themselves.

This year's gift packages allow islanders to give families in Africa a poultry operation start-up kit (five

hens, one rooster and chicken wire, plus poultry-raising education), or a solar-powered light for students preparing for exams to study at night. Along with the goat gift option, layettes and uniforms, they are available for purchase at the SOLID Exchange until the team leaves.

"One of the things with SOLID, we don't tell [the recipients] what they need. We make sure they tell us what they need," McIntyre said, although she added, "They're just so appreciative of anything you give them."

"Just a pencil, or a bar of soap," Moroz agreed.

McIntyre said the worst part of these trips for her is the officialdom, which often includes the need to make a speech. But she makes her way through them by recognizing the team, telling people, "We're just eight women, but we make miracles happen."

Moroz echoes that attitude. "It's always been my philosophy: If everybody did a little bit it would all get done," she said.

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Gulf Islands Board of Education.

Regular monthly meeting. Salt Spring Middle School. 1 p.m.

Burns Tea.

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

ACTIVITIES

Texas Holdem Poker.

The Local. Sign up 6:30 p.m. **Improvational Comedy Workshop.** Everyone (age 15 & over), from beginner to advanced, is invited to free weekly improvisational comedy workshop with Jan Rabson. GISS, Room 208. 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Thurs. Jan 23

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

GISS Dance.

See Wednesday listing. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

Open Mic Night.

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

ACTIVITIES

Dance Temple:

Kaleidoscope.

Shake off the grey, winter 'blahs'. Mahon Hall. 7:30 p.m.

Introduction to iPads.

Tech Cafe session led by Conrad Koke. SS Public Library. 12 noon.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Billie Woods.

Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m. **Soul Shakedown.** Live music, following free appys. The Local. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Pickleball.

All equipment provided. Fulford Hall. 6 to 8 p.m.

Sat. Jan 25

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Family Literacy Day Concert.

Music from Jim Raddysh, plus cookies, refreshments and kids' books — all free. SS Public Library. 1 to 2 p.m.

Antuan Nunez.

Cuban guitarist and composer. Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Salt Spring Chamber Players Goes Baroque.

Featuring Bach's Wedding Cantata, Handel's Let the Bright Seraphim and music by Zelenka and Vivaldi. All Saints By-the-Sea. 7:30 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Tommy Hooper and the Angry Hippies Reunion Show.

Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Bring Your Branches.

Drop-off for clean material only: branches for chipping. Golf club parking lot. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Annual Burns Night Dinner & Dance.

Live music, dinner, dancing and fun with the Salt Spring Island Scottish Country Dance Club. Fulford Hall. 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. Advance tik: Rosalind, 250-537-9997.

Sun. Jan 26

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Sweet Water.

Favourite jazz standards. Harbour House Hotel. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Pickleball.

Hosted by Brian Finnemore & Hafiz Bhimji. Fulford Hall. 9 to 11 a.m.

Buddhist Nuns Visit.

With Ayya Santussika and Samedha Samaneri. Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. Meditation instructions and practice at 9 a.m. Community potluck at 11 a.m. and meditation and talk on history of Buddhist nuns at 12:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Shaking Hands with Death.

Film and discussion sponsored by Dying With Dignity. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 1:30 p.m.

Rollerblading.

For young and old. Fulford Hall. 2 to 4 p.m.

Women's Soccer.

SS United hosts Bays United Breakers. GISS lower field. 12:30 p.m.

Mon. Jan 27

ACTIVITIES

Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion & the Salish Sea.

Free talk with Misty & Ross from Raincoast & Gulf Islands Alliance. Lions Hall. 7 p.m.

Salt Spring Antique and Classic Car Club.

Open meeting to discuss becoming a society. ArtSpring. 7 p.m.

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ACTIVITIES

Pickleball.

Open to public. Equipment provided. Fulford Hall. 10 a.m. to noon.

Ganges Hill Open House.

Public consultation into potential for cycling and/or pedestrian improvements on Fulford-Ganges Road. Hosted by CRD Regional Parks. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 3 to 6:30 p.m.

Salt Spring Vipassana Meditation.

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

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ACTIVITIES

Muscle Shoals.

Best of the Fest documentary film about the famous Muscle Shoals music studio. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

Financial Planning: Part of Hayward's Funeral Home Series.

Third in a series of free info sessions. With guest speaker Markus Wenzel of Investors Group. Call to book space. Hayward's Funeral Home. Noon to 1 p.m.

Kick-start Your business: Back to Basics.

Business coach Donald Mackenzie discusses how to grow your business by going back to the beginning. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 5 to 7 p.m.

Texas Holdem Poker.

See last Wednesday's listing. **Improvational Comedy Workshop.** See last Wednesday's listing.

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• **Members of the Salt Spring Arts Council** exhibit works at the public library's Program Room through January. Artists include Patricia Brown, Christine Clark, Stefanie Denz, Barbra Edwards, Sean Goddard, Gillian McConnell, Amy Melious, Gillean Proctor, Gillian Smith, Michela Sorrentino, and Robert Steinbach. Opening hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday.

• **Zandra Stratford's** bold, textured abstracts are on the walls at the Harbour House through the month of January.

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

Salt Spring Antique & Classic Car Club

Open meeting to discuss the club becoming a not-for-profit society.
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LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Tech Café and tutoring return to Salt Spring library

Free sessions boost computer literacy

To kick off the new “e-year,” the Salt Spring library will offer two technology education programs starting at the end of January.

Conrad Koke will lead the next session of the popular Tech Café series at noon on Thursday, Jan. 23 with Introduction to iPads, perfect for people just starting out.

The following Friday (Jan. 31), from 11 a.m. to noon, Shaun Luttin leads an educational program

on Windows 8, giving new users a comprehensive introduction to the new operating system.

In addition to these special programs, both of which are free of charge, Luttin and Koke also offer regular one-on-one tech tutoring at the library. On Mondays, Koke helps new iPad and

e-reader users access books and other resources on their devices.

Luttin offers more varied tech tutoring services on Friday mornings, tackling everything from emailing to assisting with computer set-up.

To register for either type of tutoring, email info@saltspring-

library.com, call 250-537-4666 or stop by the library in person.

For more information on the Tech Café, tech tutoring and other events and services at the Salt Spring library, see the website at <http://saltspring.bclibrary.ca/>, or visit the library’s Facebook page.

AGRICULTURE

Islander digs into farming’s storied past



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

George Laundry with his “straight snake fence” at his Burgoyne Valley property.

Salt Spring agriculture shows new signs of life

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

As a kid in Salt Spring’s Burgoyne Valley, George Laundry was told shovelling manure was the best job a young man could get since there wasn’t likely a worse way to earn an income.

Sure enough, Laundry soon graduated from his apprenticeship among the south end’s mounds of manure to become a university-educated physicist and mathematician.

Over the course of his eclectic career, he taught aerodynamics to members of the Canadian ski team and hosted a science program for TV Ontario. As a youth, he even designed a straight snake fence, a prototype of which is displayed at the Canadian Museum of Fences in Claremont, Ont.

“It’s too silly for words,” Laundry conceded during a presentation to members of the island’s historical society.

Wherever Laundry’s career took him, life on the farm was never far from

his soul. That’s probably why, upon retirement, he returned to Salt Spring, stuck a shovel in the first pile of manure that caught his eye.

He now tends at least seven gardens on his Burgoyne Valley property and has become a fixture on the Farmers’ Institute’s board of directors.

“I am in the middle of a farming community that is exploding. Going forward, I see great hope.”

GEORGE LAUNDRY
Director, SSI Farmers’ Institute

During his talk, Laundry welcomed the United Nations’ International Year of Family Farming by providing a perspective on the past, present and future of Salt Spring agriculture.

Though many of the island’s early settlers eked out a living off the land, farming suffered a major blow during the Great Depression. Those woes persisted through the Second World War and worsened when the island’s creamery closed its doors in the 1950s.

The dwindling role of island agriculture is well illustrated by a time-lapse photo that shows the development of Ganges across much of the 20th century.

“You can just see the farmland evaporating,” Laundry told the crowd. “All over Salt Spring that’s happened and we don’t want that to happen any more. Farmland has been chipped away over the years and it can’t happen any more.”

It wasn’t until the 1970s, Laundry said, that a new generation of optimistic back-to-the-landers, combined with the province’s new Agricultural Land Reserve, fought the decades-long trend.

“It was slow but nonetheless positive,” he said.

Much of that spirit has persisted to this day in the face of unrelenting

ideological and economic obstacles, both on the island and beyond.

“There is a constant pressure on farmers,” he said.

“We don’t have any friends. Developers don’t like us because we have all the flat land and, in the end, I think environmentalists don’t like us because the World Health Organization listed [large-scale industrial] farming as the number one polluter on the planet a few years ago.”

In spite of all those lonely mornings, slim profit margins and daunting odds, Laundry is reassured to see how agriculture’s revival has crawled into the island’s broader consumer culture.

Back in 1995, for example, there were no market stands along the Fulford-Ganges Road in the Burgoyne Valley, Laundry recalled. Today, he can count at least 10 within a short walk from his driveway.

“There seems to be this need to shop locally,” he said. “Stores are proud to advertise that they buy locally and that is a good thing.”

Crowdfunding and community collaboration have given a new generation of farmers a chance to experiment, innovate and thrive.

Projects like the Shaw Family Community Garden, Salt Spring Abattoir and Rainbow Road allotment gardens have given people the chance to get their hands dirty again.

“I am in the middle of a farming community that is exploding,” he said.

“Going forward, I see great hope.”

The Salt Spring Historical Society hosts talks on various aspects of island history at Central Hall on the second Wednesday of each month, excluding December and the summer months.

More information about the group, along with extensive archival material from various aspects of the island’s past, is available at saltspringarchives.com/historical.

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HISTORY

Barker's Place created during development phase

Street found in Hundred Hills area

Some of my recent investigations into the origins of Salt Spring street names have taken me to the island's earliest pioneer roots; for the next batch however, I've been learning about the island's population expansion through the newer subdivisions and stratas.

Barker's Place, one of the island's shorter roads, is a single block ending in a cul de sac and just six addresses. Jutting off Castle Cross, with some of the properties backing onto Fulford-Ganges Road, the subdivision was registered in 1967 to H&P Holdings. The com-

pany was owned by Charles (Chuck) Horel and Rod Pringle. Barker Place was likely part of the bigger development project in the area known as the Hundred Hills.

My starting place for all investigations is the enormously helpful page devoted to street name history on the Salt Spring Archives website. Its entry for Barker's Place reads: "Possibly named after Jake Barker, an employee of the BC Telephone Company. Jake was a tulip grower of some note. The Barkers lived on the corner of Fulford-Ganges Road and Beddis Road."

To learn whether the possibility could be deemed an actual fact, I contacted Duncan Hepburn of the Salt Spring



D.W. Salty

STREETS OF SALT SPRING

Historical Society. It turns out Duncan's father had actually worked under Jake when he managed the island's telephone service during the 1960s, with its office in the Hereford Avenue cottage where House Piccolo can be found today.

Duncan remembered going to school with Jake's daughter Sally, and many years later they were re-

acquainted when both returned to the island after leaving to pursue post-secondary education and careers. The Driftwood pages of the early 1960s contain many reports Sally contributed as a student writer. Their paths crossed again some decades later as volunteers at the Salt Spring library (where Duncan sits on the board of directors.)

Unfortunately, Sally has since passed away. Duncan was hesitant to confirm that Barker's Place was indeed named after the telephone linesman, who he didn't recall having any connection to real estate development. However, a subsequent call to Chuck Horel's daughter Glyn-

nis probably allows us to put the matter to rest.

"A lot of the names chosen when my father was developing weren't for people connected to real estate, they were just named after people," she said. "I know my dad knew him well. It wouldn't surprise me if that were the case."

Some additional interesting information about Jake Barker is that he was partners with Mary Fellows, who ran the White Elephant Cafe in Ganges for many years. The name of the cafe is steeped in island history, taken as it was from the emblem of the H.M.S. Ganges. The cafe was first located in the old Garner home (modern Core Inn) and then on the harbour,

somewhere between where the tourist information centre and the fire hall are now located.

Fellows left Salt Spring in 1967, following her daughter Susan to Vancouver, where she was studying at Vancouver General Hospital. The cafe had been renamed the Ganges Crest. It was purchased by Mouat's in 1969 — part of the company's consolidation of holdings in downtown Ganges that included the Salt Spring Island Trading Company.

Thank you again to all my local informants! If anyone has information about Bayview Road or Beachside Drive, please contact me at dwalsalty@driftwoodmedia.com.

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CONSERVANCY

Stewards in Training turns 10



Jean Gelwicks displays her Robert Bateman original, painted in honour of her work with the Salt Spring Conservancy's Stewards in Training program.

Founders honoured for contribution

Stewards in Training, the innovative program by the Salt Spring Conservancy that brings school children into outdoor learning environments, has reached a milestone decade in operation.

A small ceremony was held Saturday to recognize some of the volunteers who helped create the program, and who have been with it for its entire 10 years. The conservancy honoured Jean Gelwicks, Deborah Miller and David Denning with special gifts for their contributions.

Gelwicks's achievement was recognized by wildlife artist Robert Bateman, who created a painting of the conservancy's symbolic animal, the hummingbird, and attached a personal message for her gift.

"Jean is one founding member that's gone above and beyond to support it and find funding and promote it," said Stewards in Training coordinator Kris Fullbrook.

Gelwicks has been instrumental in getting grants from provincial bodies and foundations necessary to maintain and grow stewardship classes for all Salt Spring school children from kindergarten through middle school.

ENVIRONMENT

Mock spill bits washing ashore

Online map illustrates possible fallout

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Nearly three months since pipeline opponents dropped hundreds of wallet-sized wooden cards into the Salish Sea, results have begun to surface in some surprising locations.

"We didn't expect them to move as quickly as they did," said Andrew Rosenberger, a biologist with Vancouver's Raincoast Conservation Foundation. "It shows the potential for things to move really quickly."

In October, organizers released the biodegradable cards near Vancouver and Victoria. Each card was inscribed with the words "This could be oil," a tracking number and contact information. As cards washed ashore in the days and weeks that followed, people reported their discoveries to project organizers.

Rosenberger hopes results will shed new light on the potential consequences of an oil spill in the area. Raincoast staff and volunteers are especially concerned about risks of a spill from tanker traffic associated with Kinder Morgan's proposal to expand the

Trans Mountain pipeline, which ends in Burnaby.

Rosenberger estimates 30 per cent of the cards have been recovered. Most reports have come from areas near Vancouver, the San Juan Islands in Washington state and around Victoria. He has also received reports from as far away as Sooke, Bamfield, Ucluelet, Quadra Island and the northern tip of Vancouver Island. As the weather warms up and more people begin to hit the coast's trails and beaches, he suspects even more discoveries will start to roll in.

Although many cards washed up along Saturna, Pender and Mayne islands, none have been

reported on Salt Spring or the eastern coast of Vancouver Island.

Rosenberger concedes the wooden cards may not behave exactly like an oil spill, but he said the project has promoted further discussion about the prospect of more marine traffic in the Salish Sea.

"Nobody really knows whether [diluted bitumen] will sink or float," he said.

Raincoast will continue its research by conducting further drops. In the meantime, people can track the project's findings at salishseaspillmap.org. The project was completed in association with staff from the Georgia Strait Alliance.

HISTORY

Heritage Turkey Award bestowed

Archeology Branch's Grace Islet decision

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring has long been home to plenty of heritage turkeys, but an award from an American news website isn't meant to celebrate the usual gang.

Staff at Seattle's Crosscut.com have awarded the B.C. Archeological Branch a Heritage Turkey Award for approving plans for a vacation home on a First Nations burial site in Ganges Harbour.

The province extended a Heritage Alteration Permit in September that will allow an Alberta man to move ahead with plans for a vacation home on the site. The Archeology Branch made its decision in spite of strong opposition from First Nations groups.

Knute Berger, who published the annual list of awards winners on Jan. 7, included the Archeology Branch's handling of the Grace Islet file among the final cut of an "embarrassment of debacles, bad judgement and 'what-were-they-

thinking' moments" that occurred in 2013.

"Would we allow an Amazon millionaire to build his dream home on stilts over, say, Seattle's historic Lake View Cemetery on Capitol Hill? Sorry, shouldn't give anyone ideas," Berger writes. "Chief Earl Jack of the Penelakut Tribe said the idea of building on top of the grave site was 'a cynical and vulgar notion.' Yup."

"Would we allow an Amazon millionaire to build his dream home on stilts over, say, Seattle's historic Lake View Cemetery on Capitol Hill?"
KNUTE BERGER
Crosscut.com

Chris Arnett, a Ph.D. candidate in UBC's Department of Archeology and an outspoken critic of the Grace Islet project, said building public

awareness about situations like Grace Islet is essential to overcome a vast cultural divide.

"Among archaeologists and government — not to mention the public — there is a lot of intellectual naiveté regarding connections between the material culture (so-called archaeological sites) and the cultural identity of living people," Arnett wrote in an email when asked to comment on the award. "It is part of a fundamental ethnocentric understanding of people in British Columbia that reflects present-day social inequalities. ... You reap what you sow."

The Archeology Branch is listed among yahoos who repeatedly destroyed Seattle's historic Pioneer Square Pergola, the U.S. Senate for killing a plan to create the Manhattan Project National Park, the Washington Department of Transportation for replacing a historic Tacoma train station with a modern utilitarian depot, and the cities of Seattle, Portland and Vancouver, B.C. for ignoring their extensive heritage rail infrastructures. A complete list is available at crosscut.com/mossback.

PARKS

Galiano deal expands parkland

Bodega Ridge park to grow

A landmark deal between a private landowner, local government and BC Parks on Galiano Island will increase the size of Bodega Ridge Provincial Park by nearly 25 per cent.

About 65 hectares (160 acres) will be added to the provincial park when the land is formally transferred within the year. The agreement creates a band of protected land across the island's northern tip between Trincomali Channel and the Strait of Georgia.

The deal was made possible by land owner Richard Dewinetz, who applied to rezone his 90-hectare property from forest zoning to nature protection and rural residential zoning in 2011. The Galiano Local Trust Committee's decision to approve the application means 70 per cent of the property will be protected, while 24

hectares (59 acres) will eventually be subdivided into 12 lots, each of which is no smaller than two hectares (4.9 acres).

Funds from the sale of one of the lots will be transferred to the Galiano Island Housing Society to support community housing.

"We are extremely pleased to have been able to support this application, which has received widespread support throughout the community," said Louise Decario, a member of the Galiano I.T.C. "This rezoning and the resulting land transfer to BC Parks will advance an official community plan objective to preserve a forest land base on Galiano while, at the same time, permitting clustered residential use on a subdivided portion of the land."

The land transfer will follow the land owner's receipt of subdivision approval.

This Week's Horoscope

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Tip of the Week:

The cycle of Aquarius is underway (Jan 19 – Feb 18). The noticeable increasing hours of daylight is a sign of it. The cycle of the Earth around the Sun, or the apparent path of the Sun, both "true" from different points of view, reveals this very particular and rhythmic distribution of sunlight. This is true everywhere in the world, though less so near and at the equator and has always been and will always be. This intimate relationship between the Earth and Sun determines what season, month, day and time it is. The Moon lends an important contributing factor as well. The calendars and clocks used all over the world are based on these natural, fundamental measures. It determines the celebration of the precise moment of New Year every year. Of course, the division of the year by Time Zone designated by Greenwich and the International Date Line means that due to the rotation of our planet, there are 24 time zones based on the 24 hours of the day, the 360 degree circle divided into segments of 15 degrees of longitude each. Despite the fact that modern technology provides artificial light, the annular and seasonal distribution of light remains consistent. We are also psychologically and spiritually influenced by the rhythmic and cyclic flow of sunlight. Western Astrology works on the basis of this intimate and pervasive relationship our planet shares with its host star. The division of the year by 12 gives us the 12 'Signs'. As well as archetypes in themselves, these are illustrated and experienced as the seasonal flow, steadily changing yet rhythmic distribution of the sun's light, change in weather, organic cycle, animal migrations and more. The Sun in Aquarius means that we have entered the month of mid-winter here in the Northern Hemisphere. Beyond even our

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

'The times are a changin' and you are certainly taking a lead once again. At worst, this may be disruptive, both within you and close to home and thereby affecting familial relationships. There is a revolutionary momentum underway here that will peak in mid-February and carry on into March. Accept the changing status quo and be extra cooperative especially a home.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

You are fully in the limelight now. Yet, do you want all the attention you are getting? Making the most of it, seek favours and earned rewards and any other kind of recognition that you do want. Opportunities to improve, repair and heal performances, things and relationships, are also coming to the fore. Take a commanding lead for best results.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

Your sights are set on creating a brighter future. You know that to achieve this some things have got to change. It is likely that this process has already begun both within you and in certain outer circumstances as well. Connections with unique, innovative and progressive people are a source of inspiration. Aim to merge minds and visions into a new creative synthesis.

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22)

As this week gets underway you find yourself in a deep mood. The needs and concerns of others, perhaps the world in general, is weighing in. This is provoking changes within you and is affecting your home, family, associations and professional relationships too. The deeper meanings of security and power are under review.

Leo (Jul 22 – Aug 23)

Some nights are darker than others. Sometimes the dark implies experiences that are heavy and difficult to bear while at others it is peaceful and restorative. Either way, a new day is dawning. This is stimulating you to more fully appreciate your relationships with family, friends, and professional associations. Above all, focus on your own healthy self-regard and inner allegiance.

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22)

The Sun in Aquarius is activating an inventive streak. At least you will be inspired to do something different, to alter your habits and routines. Your ambitions are deeper than usual. Yet part of the answer includes variety and play. New information producing fresh perspectives and approaches should do the trick. Aim to be extra open-minded.

Libra (Sep 22 – Oct 22)

You are in a playful, sporting and provocative mood. You want to connect with others and they want to engage you too. Establishing a more efficient flow at home is featured. Blending beauty with function feels right. Taking calculated risks and making key investments to increase public and/or professional opportunities is your core goal.

Scorpio (Oct 22 – Nov 21)

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SOCCER

Hometown fans get thrills from weekend soccer games



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

A Westcastle FC player takes a tumble during Saturday's game against division-leading FC Sagres from Victoria. All three of Salt Spring's adult soccer teams played at home over the weekend.

Old Boys continue undefeated streak

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Island soccer fans savoured a smorgasbord of soccer delights on the weekend as all three of Salt Spring's teams were back on home soil.

The Old Boys continued a strong start to 2014 with a one-all draw against the Victoria Centaurs on Sunday morning.

"Someone once said: 'One goal is never enough.' He was right," said Graham Tweddle, a spokesperson for the team, in his post-game report.

A low shot into the corner of the Victoria Centaurs' goal by Stefan Cermak put the Old Boys up by one early in the match, though the visiting keeper shut the door on any further scoring opportunities.

"The Centaurs' keeper, at the age of 56, played

like a 20 year old," Tweddle wrote. "He was voted man of the match by everyone at the field."

The Old Boys couldn't hold back the Centaurs' pressure as sloppy play in Salt Spring's end set up the tying goal with time winding down.

The squad hopes to regain its scoring touch when players travel off island to play Gordon Head Nearly Dead at Lochside on Sunday, Jan. 26.

In other soccer news, Westcastle FC was back in action as regular season play in the Vancouver Island Soccer League resumed over the weekend. Westcastle FC's record dropped to 5-4-3 after Saturday afternoon's 2-0 loss to division-leading FC Sagres. The loss ends Westcastle's impressive three-game winning streak. Players will try to rebound when they hit the road against SFFC Active Earth Engineering (7-2-5) on Saturday, Jan. 25.

Salt Spring's O30B

women's team started the year with a 2-0 shutout against Vic Scottish at the Lower GISS field Sunday.

Cheryle Johnson got the Salt Spring United scoring started by sending a free kick downfield to Sue-Anne Donaldson, who was in the perfect spot to put the game's opening goal up and over the Victoria keeper.

United delivered a steady volley of shots throughout the second half thanks to strong performances by Liz Wilson, Anne May and Denise Devlin. Despite the many opportunities, Wilson was the lone player to sneak a shot into the net.

Salt Spring's defence silenced much of the Vic Scottish offence as keeper Kym Bellavance stifled multiple breakaway opportunities.

Salt Spring United (4-4-3) is scheduled to host Bays United Breakers (1-9) at GISS' lower high school field on Sunday, Jan. 26 at 12:30 p.m.

GISS BASKETBALL

GISS wins third straight Howe title



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

GISS senior boys basketball player Luke Hylands gets set to make the shot during Saturday's Nairn Howe Memorial Basketball Tournament final. The home team won the game 76-63.

Senior boys slam Maple Ridge in final

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Gulf Islands Secondary School's senior boys basketball team clinched its third consecutive Nairn Howe tournament title by defeating Maple Ridge Christian School 76-63 in Saturday afternoon's final.

Eric Weatherby scored 31 points as the hosts cruised to victory in the championship match. Weatherby and teammates Billy George and Harry Lee received player-of-the-game honours during the three-day tournament.

GISS' senior girls team finished fifth overall with a victory over Woodlands secondary in consolation round play. Kwilkum secondary defeated Campbell River's Carihi Secondary School to win the senior girls' title.

Becki Steel, Sofia Pickstone and Hannah James received player-of-the-game honours for the senior girls Scorpions.

George and an off-island female player also won top spot in Friday night's popular three-point competition.

"This year's GISS recipients of the Nairn Howe Outstanding Player Award went to Becki Steel and Billy George," said Bob Howe, husband of the late Nairn Howe. "Billy received the award for the second time, having been recognized last year."

The 2014 Nairn Howe Memorial Basketball Tournament features six senior girls and six senior boys teams from Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland. This is the ninth year the tournament has been held at GISS.

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Based on their performance over the weekend and in regular season play, the senior boys look to be in fine shape for next month's Vancouver Island regional playoffs.

"The tournament runs so smoothly year after year, thanks in no small measure to Tony Mason and Donal Duncan," Howe added.

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