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SNAP: A Telus pole on North End Road broke on impact during a single-vehicle accident on the afternoon of Jan. 30.

CAR CRASH

Collision shuts North End Road

Utility pole snapped by car

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A dramatic single-vehicle crash closed a portion of North End Road for more than three hours on Thursday evening.

Crews from RCMP, Salt Spring Fire Rescue, BC Ambulance, BC Hydro, Telus, Mainroad and BCAA assisted the patient, towed the car and cleared the road of debris after a south-bound red car slammed into a lakeside utility pole just south of Fairway Drive at about 4:30 p.m.

The impact snapped the pole in two, leaving the car pinned as crews scrambled to keep traffic away from the downed utility wires and pole. Traffic on North End Road was detoured via Stark, Robinson and Walker Hook roads until approximately 7:45 p.m.

The male driver of the vehicle was taken to hospital by BC Ambulance personnel as a precaution.

Salt Spring RCMP said the winding lakeside road was wet when the incident occurred and the

driver was reportedly unfamiliar with the route.

"Fortunately, the lone occupant walked away from the crash without apparent injuries — largely due to modern vehicle safety features such as airbags, engineered crumple zones and seat belts," said SSIFFR Lt. Mitchell Sherrin.

"Kudos to the skilled workers from BC Hydro who went above and beyond to cut up and remove the broken utility pole which was hung up across the road so that the community could use the road promptly. It was a tricky job."

RCMP

Police search for camp vandals

Vision of island as a 'peaceful place' shattered

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring RCMP officers continue to search for whoever is responsible for a brazen Wednesday afternoon attack on a homeless man's campsite on the outskirts of Ganges.

"We are looking for an older red pick-up and we're closing in," said Sgt. George Jenkins on Monday.

The camp's owner said as many as four perpetrators spray-bombed his tent, slashed his tarp, ripped open his tent and scattered his belongings on Wednesday afternoon. A swastika was also prominently etched on his tarp.

"I thought this was a peaceful place," said Norm Noganosh.

Noganosh said he's grateful for the support he's received from staff at Salt Spring Community Services since the Jan. 29 incident and hopes police will resolve the matter promptly.

"There's a lot of people who want to defend me and I'm afraid these poor bastards will get hurt," he added. "I just want to be at peace."

Noganosh has been squatting at an unoccupied wooded location on the fringes of the downtown core for seven months. He said this is the first negative experience he has had at the site.

Another man told the Driftwood in passing last week that his tent had been set on fire, but he did not follow up by returning to provide further details.

In other RCMP news, police were called to assist Coast Guard resources

RCMP continued on 11

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CRIME

Islander recalls life with an 'eco-terrorist'

Activist spent two summers on Salt Spring

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A director of Salt Spring's Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre recalls Rebecca Rubin as a wide-eyed animal lover with a big heart, someone always willing to lend a hand.

"She just rolled up her shirt sleeves and just got to work," said Jackie Ballerone in an interview soon after an Oregon judge sentenced Rubin to five years in jail on Jan. 27. "She was a perfectly normal person and a good intern. I don't

have any bad things to say."

What Ballerone couldn't have imagined was that Rubin would be placed on the FBI wanted list soon after her two terms at the wildlife centre in 2002 and 2003. Rubin's charges date from incidents that occurred while she belonged to an "eco-terrorist" organization based in the United States between 1996 and 2001.

After seven years on the run, the Vancouver resident surrendered to the FBI in 2012. She pleaded guilty to charges laid as part of what authorities dubbed "the largest eco-terrorism case in United States his-



REBECCA RUBIN

tory." The case has grabbed headlines across Canada and in the U.S.

Rubin, who was known as Little Missy by other members of "The Family," participated in at least five incidents in Oregon, California and Colorado.

"I accept full responsibility for my mistakes," reads part of a letter Rubin submitted during her trial in Portland, Ore. "Although I have changed significantly in the years since I committed these offences, in my 20s I was willful, driven and stubborn to a fault.

"The years I had spent leafletting, trail building, working in animal sanctuaries, peacefully protesting, blockading, hunger striking, canvassing and letter writing, all seemed to have accomplished nothing."

Ballerone heard of Rubin's past when contacted nearly a decade after the fugitive's sojourn on Salt Spring by a writer from Marie

Claire magazine. "You could have knocked me over with a feather," she said. "I had no idea."

Ballerone said Rubin was a strict vegan and "attractive in a bohemian way." She lived on the property in one of the cabins set up for volunteers. Like most interns, Rubin didn't socialize with the older IWNCC staff members outside of working hours.

Rubin would have spent much of her intern time preparing diets for animals, cleaning enclosures and learning basic veterinary skills.

"We don't do any activism at all; we are an animal hospital," Ballerone added.

ISLANDS TRUST

Quesnel gains one more reprieve

TUP application passed along

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An outpouring of community support for the owner of a contentious metal recycling business encouraged members of Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee to keep the file alive for at least another six weeks.

"If you remove this service from the island, what will replace it?" said Al Jackson, a south-end resident who echoed comments of nearly 20 speakers during the town hall session of Thursday's LTC meeting at the Lions Hall. "We don't have a source on the island for removing these old cars and junk. I can't imagine what we're going to do without it."

Trustees eventually voted to forward the temporary use permit application submitted by business owner John Quesnel to the provincial government's Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Capital Regional District and the Trust's Advisory Planning Commission for further comment.

"I believe we would benefit from the advice of these agencies before we decide," said George Grams, one of three Salt Spring LTC members.

Islands Trust staff said it will take up to six weeks before a response is received from referral agencies. At that time, trustees will need to revisit the decision about the controversial Salt Spring Metal Recycling facility at 440 Rainbow Rd.

"Let's get down to the brass tacks of this and deal with it in a way that works for the community."

JOHN QUESNEL
SSI Metal Recycling

Supporters who believe the Trust should do everything in its power to support the recycling business addressed trustees for nearly 30 minutes on Thursday. Only one person voiced opposition.

Trustee Peter Grove sympathized with neighbours, many of whom have fought for nearly a decade to stop noise and traffic associated with the illegal land use.

"People have the right to expect that their zoning will be respected," Grove said.

"I'm having huge difficulty with this. My instinct is to say, 'John you've just got to go somewhere else,' because I think we're just dragging this out and dragging it out by putting up different conditions."

Grove said a "clean bill of health" from referral agencies won't guarantee TUP approval.

"I urge you to try very hard to find an alternative place, because I honestly don't think this is going to work where you are," he said.

Approval of the TUP would allow Quesnel to continue operating for up to three years. Terms of the TUP would limit the compaction of cars and other metal items to twice a year. Items would be stored on site until the designated compaction days. Zoning regulations currently prohibit Quesnel from conducting his business in the rural residential neighbourhood.

Quesnel has repeatedly asked the Islands Trust to identify locations where his business could operate legally or offer guidelines under which his business could stay open.

"If you give me a set of rules and say, 'Follow this,' I can live with that," Quesnel told trustees. "Let's get down to the brass tacks of this and deal with it in a way that works for the community."

A spokesperson for Quesnel said the compaction technique proposed within the TUP's conditions offers a significant noise reduction over Quesnel's previous method of crushing vehicles with an excavator.

"Compaction is considered the industry best practice as it eliminates the use of heavy equipment to crush end-of-life vehicles," reads part of Quesnel's application.

Further measures, such as improved fencing and berming, may be used to address any further noise concerns raised by neighbours, according to the application.

The TUP is the result of an 11th-hour court order signed between Quesnel and legal representatives for the Islands Trust in September 2013.

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PARC

Fern Creek trail in line for some much-needed TLC

Crews await end of rainy season

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Staff at the Parks and Recreation Commission reassure islanders that they do not plan to close the popular Fern Creek Trail on the island's south end.

In recent weeks, portions of the rainforest trail have begun to resemble a jungle gym due to a lack of trail maintenance and unadressed storm damage. The lack of care has fuelled rumours that PARC plans to close the trail for good.

"The trail needs maintenance and it's too popular to neglect," wrote Dennis Lucarelli in a letter to the Driftwood and to PARC. "It would be a shame to lose this invaluable community asset."

The Fern Creek Trail, which is accessed off Isabella Point Road, is Lucarelli's premier island destina-

tion when he hosts visitors from off island. The one-kilometre return circuit through lush coastal vegetation offers an ideal place for outdoor-minded people of all ages.

"The canopy of enormous trees — fir, spruce, hemlock, maple and others, plus the prolific undergrowth of fern, connect me to an imagined past of huge and long-gone forests," Lucarelli said.

The once leisurely hike has become a challenging obstacle course around fallen alders and firs, up slippery slopes and through muddy sections.

Kirk Harris, the person in charge of trails and maintenance for PARC, said he and his staff are aware of the situation.

"What we've decided to do is do nothing at this exact time until the rainy season is over in early March," he said.

Once conditions begin to dry out, Harris will bring

in a specialized trail crew from the CRD's Regional Parks office in Victoria. The team will assess the trail and implement a long-term remediation plan.

"Rather than going in there now and not having a plan, we want to go in there and make the right decisions," he said. "We're not closing the pathway and we certainly want to maintain it."

Harris said the path's narrow right of way between adjacent private properties, along with the terrain's unique geological properties, give the trail some additional challenges when it comes to trail maintenance. The watershed's sandy soil, he said, makes the area especially prone to erosion and fallen trees.

Harris is confident the specialized response to the trail's chronic maintenance challenges will fix its hazards for years to come.

"That's what they do every day," he said.



PHOTOS BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Natsuko Inaba climbs over fallen trees on the Fern Creek Trail, which is overdue for maintenance. PARC will undertake work in the spring after a long-term plan is created.

HEALTH CARE

Greenwoods seeks approval for sprinkler installation

Eldercare facility constructed before fire-protection requirement

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The tragic Jan. 23 fire that claimed 32 lives at a seniors' home in L'Isle-Verte, Que. has been a wake-up call for facilities across the country, including Greenwoods Eldercare on Salt Spring.

Greenwoods is one of only seven of the 84 residential care facilities in the Island Health (for-

merly VIHA) region that doesn't have a sprinkler system in place. The residence was constructed in 1979 before the B.C. Building Code required it.

"What happened in Québec is a horrible tragedy, but if we can get more facilities upgraded it will not have been in vain," said Greenwoods manager Andrew Brown, who has submitted a sprinkler system proposal to Island Health.

"So we're definitely moving in the right direction."

Brown said Greenwoods does have sprinklers in the office and boardroom areas, but the ideal would be to match the conditions in the Braehaven assisted living build-

ing, which was built in 2006. Some of the components of that structure include negative air systems in corridors, fire refuge areas and a safety elevator program that sends the elevator to the first floor and keeps it there with the door open in case of fire.

"I'm extremely optimistic we're going to be supported in this, but I can't say for sure."

ANDREW BROWN
Greenwoods manager

"We have the most modern alarm panel," Brown said. "It's extremely modern and high tech, so it's beautifully designed and situated. We're bringing Greenwoods up to that standard."

Brown said that getting sprinklers installed is just "one part of a multi-branch safety plan that we're working on." A number of safety measures are already in place to ensure residents' safety in case of fire, including an emergency plan that is reviewed by the local fire chief each year. The most recent plan has just been endorsed and will be implemented this month, as well as an inspection by the fire department.

Greenwoods also brings in a private fire safety consultant to check over all its systems to make sure things are working properly and to make recommendations. The last visit of this sort was in December.

Brown said Island Health has not yet received its annual budget from the province, but he's hopeful the project will be approved, despite its \$408,000 estimate.

"I'm extremely optimistic we're going to be supported in this, but I can't say for sure," he said.

"Island Health has been supportive of all our efforts to improve safety, so I'm really optimistic."

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TRANSPORTATION

Public digests Ganges Hill improvement possibilities

Input deadline is Feb. 20

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Cyclists and pedestrians who attended an open house on the possibilities for developing trails on Ganges Hill appeared united in their opinion on the safest route.

The Jan. 28 open house, which was hosted by CRD Regional Parks with support from the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission, presented three options as laid out by consultants J.E. Anderson and Associates. A rough canvassing of the room suggested that if money were

no object, the people using such trails felt Option 1's plan of bike lanes on both sides of the road and a sidewalk on the west (uphill) side was the best one available.

"I think this is a good first step," said Vaughn Fulford, a Salt Spring resident who has often cycled and walked the route. Although he would ideally prefer an off-road trail linking Ganges to Fulford, he said for now, "Separating walking from cycling would be the safest option and it allows for more future traffic."

Option 1 is estimated to cost \$2.35 million, while Option 2 is set at \$2.65 million for bike lanes on both sides

and a sidewalk on the east side, with more road construction and retaining walls required. A third option that would leave out cycling lanes but widen the gravel shoulder on the uphill side by installing a storm drain and covering the existing ditch is estimated at \$700,000.

As a runner, Pat Shewchuk agreed Option 1 would be her preference.

"It just seems that having it separated would be more safe," she said. "Mostly I'm just really enthusiastic that pathways are being created. Really it's a question of build it and they will come—look at all the use of the new path on Lower Ganges."

Three cyclists who met by chance at the presentation boards also said that Option 1 was their preference if the funds allowed, although Option 3 was deemed possible if the shared path was paved in asphalt rather than left as gravel.

"You want to look down the road 20 years. You want to go Option 1, because the traffic is only going to get worse," said Lucia Gabber.

Leslie Colly said she preferred having dedicated bike lanes, especially going down Ganges Hill. Stephanie Artz added that bike lanes allow more opportunity for regular cyclists to go at "commuter speed" rather than

a sight-seeing pace, which might encourage more people to commute.

While any option would be better than what people are currently dealing with, the plans to develop Ganges Hill are still in the theoretical phase. CRD Regional Parks has expressed interest in adding Salt Spring to its trail network, but funding partnerships would have to be determined first.

Public feedback to assist the CRD in making plans for Ganges Hill can be registered until Feb. 20. A response form is located on the Salt Spring Island Biking and Walking Trail webpage at www.crd.bc.ca.

LIQUOR ACT

Business owners, Legion pleased by liquor law changes

Province supports all recommendations for change

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The B.C. government announced Friday that it is supporting all 73 of Parliamentary Secretary John Yap's recommendations to update the province's liquor policy, with changes to how alcohol can be served, purchased and consumed to start rolling out by the summer.

"British Columbians are going to see some significant changes ahead, such as new dining options for B.C. families that include allowing kids into those pubs and legions that choose to

be family-friendly," promises the website for the review process.

Additional changes include permitting happy hours, ending the double-fenced barrier separating beer gardens from festival areas and letting products be sold at farmers' markets and secondary tasting rooms.

Moby's Pub owner Dale Schweighardt said changes were definitely in order.

"We're lagging behind other provinces and countries. When people travel here they always feel restricted by our liquor policy. That affects tourism and people's ability to have a great time and go home tell everybody about it," he said.

Schweighardt observed that the actual implementation of the new policies still has to be

worked out, so it's not clear yet exactly how the changes will take shape. But he expects that Moby's will probably take advantage of the ability to serve children food.

"There's a daily demand for kids dining with their families. That's something we'd consider a positive thing for the travelling public—but there's also something to be said for an adult-only environment."

Moby's will therefore consider opening a family area within the permitted timeframe. Schweighardt added he was more interested in the new provision for happy hours, noting "there's no reason not to have specials during set hours."

Allowing children to attend family events is something the Royal Canadian Legion has cam-

paigned for. Local Legion president Jay Small said that currently, children are only allowed in the club on Remembrance Day, so increasing the number of family events is appreciated. Like Schweighardt, Small said it's too soon to know exactly how operations will be affected.

"We don't really know what the changes will be. Some of them will be legislated and some of them will just be a memo from the Liquor Board about the changes," he said.

Changes to B.C.'s liquor policy could bring good news to other local businesses. Salt Spring Vineyards was one of the province's wine producers submitting to the review asking for wine sales and tastings at local markets, which was included in the recommendations.

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TRANSIT

Fernwood brings ridership upswing

Transit review coming

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's transit partners announced another exciting boost to bus ridership last week that appears to be the direct result of recent route additions.

A joint release by the Capital Regional District, the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission and BC Transit shows an improvement rate of 105 per cent on the Fernwood route for the last four months of

2013, coinciding with the addition of two trips per day plus new Walker's Hook service.

"It's more than doubled every month [of the reporting period], and it's growing still," said local transit system operator Ineke de Jong. "It was so unbelievable that I went around asking the drivers."

Overall ridership has also improved, which de Jong said reflects service expansions in June and September 2013.

"We're also getting more people into Fulford, and we're getting 30 per cent more people on the Salt Spring Connector, so it's snow-

balling to other routes as well," de Jong said.

Transit partners are looking forward to a BC Transit service review set for 2014. Staff are currently collecting data on the Salt Spring system and will most likely hold an open house in late March, as well as a stakeholders' workshop by invitation.

De Jong also hopes the review will address the need to replace aging buses and size limitations posed by the Fulford terminal. A new hybrid gas-diesel bus with a shorter turning radius and more room for standing passengers is needed, she said.

RADIO REGULATION

CRTC grills station owner

New CFSI general manager named as hearing reveals confused operations in 2013

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

CFSI radio station owner Suhkdev Dhillon was in Surrey on Friday to explain why he failed to comply with Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission broadcasting regulations.

CRTC commissioners sought answers on why the station had failed to provide logger tapes and other materials when requested and then appeared to further dodge requests sent by email, letter and phone for an eight-month period. While the issue started in May 2013, questioning by the chair suggested Dhillon failed to properly respond until the hearing itself.

"Mr. Dhillon, at the end of the day — I'm going to give you one last sort of opportunity to explain to the commission why we shouldn't issue a mandatory order and/or revoke your licence completely, given the behaviour that we have been witness to since you acquired the station," hearing chair Tom Pentefountas said near the end of the testimony.

The CRTC states that starting on May 7, 2013, the commission made several attempts to obtain files from the station in order to analyze them in preparation for its licence renewal. Sometime during May Dhillon discovered the computer used for recording the files had broken, but recording did not start up again until July 4, when a new computer and software were installed.

systems that make this process as easy as possible."

Ten interventions were submitted to the hearing by past and current CFSI staff and volunteers. One by Rob Pingle directly addresses the issue of noncompliance, with a statement that contradicts Dhillon's claim.

"My previous experience in volunteer radio stations has shown how important communication between management and the volunteers is," Pingle wrote. "At no time during the ownership of Mr. Dhillon has a meeting been held or an email sent out regarding the need to correctly format music lists and program logs ... As a volunteer programmer it is difficult for me to understand why communication would not have been made to ensure compliance with sections 8(1) and 9(3). These are straightforward regulations that through training and the use of appropriate forms any volunteer could have been brought up to speed."

Pingle said he had been offered a paid position at the station in November 2013, which he had turned down in December. He also stopped volunteering at the same time.

Although Gordon was ascribed much of the blame during Dhillon's testimony, he did not file an intervention. He explained in an email that he feared doing so would hurt his career in radio.

However, Gordon denies Dhillon's allegations that he damaged equipment or was in any way incompetent, citing lack of funds as the real reason he was let go.

"I did my best to comply with both SOCAN and CRTC regulations," Gordon said. "I completed and submitted the play list Excel file that Dhillon mentions. I had three audits during my last year at CFSI, and other than being stuck with a stressed-out old computer that died on the job, I am three for three. Furthermore, I did those audits while doing everything else around the station at the same time. Suhkdev Dhillon knew about the broken computer long before he did anything about it."

A full transcript of the hearing can be found on the CRTC website. The decision on whether to revoke CFSI's licence or make other restitution will be announced 90 days from the hearing date.

In other CFSI news, Dan Ralph Miller is the new general manager of the station as of Feb. 1.

An on-air personality at CFSI when the station first went live in 2009, Miller was also known to CKST 1040-AM listeners in Vancouver during the early 1990s. After more than a decade in internet media, Miller says his return to radio was destined.

"This is an exciting time, not just for the history of radio on Salt Spring Island, but also for the media business as a whole," he said. "And the island community is very dear to my heart. Supporting the community is our broadcast mandate. I'm very enthusiastic about the future."

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DAVE GORDON

Former station manager, CFSI

During questioning the chair asked why Dhillon had ignored CRTC requests for information, including a phone call from staff in July and two letters sent by courier in September and November. Dhillon divided the blame between faulty technology, a wrong address and intentional disruption by volunteers and his former general manager Dave Gordon.

"I know a community-based volunteer-supported radio station is a difficult scenario to orchestrate in most settings because of my 20 years of experience in this field," Dhillon said in his opening statement. "... To motivate volunteers without a sense of or some form of compensation is a challenge. Filling in logs, completing paperwork, meeting quotas appear to some to get in the way of performing their art. We have implemented

OPINION



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EDITORIAL

Road to somewhere

There comes a time when the joke has run its course.

For decades, Salt Spring's boardwalk to nowhere has symbolized the island's obstinate rejection of authority and antipathy to convention. Over the years it's even been incorporated into song and theatre. But what once stood as a quaint symbol of the island's celebrated disfunction has become a decaying eyesore more suited to a faded third world resort town.

Sadly, that's probably unfair since many resort towns in the developing world have perfectly respectable boardwalks.

How many visitors to the island have been left abandoned at the boardwalk's abrupt terminus near Rotary Park? How many of these visitors will forever remember that harrowing roadside path along Lower Ganges Road? How many islanders have avoided hanging out downtown because

they're unmoved by the parking lots of Ganges? Communities across Vancouver Island have demonstrated the benefits boardwalks can have on the vibrancy and health of coastal communities and residents. Anyone

THE ISSUE:

Ganges boardwalk

WE SAY:

Time to move forward

who's spent time milling about the BC Ferries terminal in Crofton, for example, may have experienced how a basic boardwalk can transform an otherwise uninspiring locale.

The effort to turn the boardwalk to nowhere into a legitimate attraction has long been thwarted by an impasse between private land-owners and local government. It was great to hear last week's announcement by Local Trust Committee trustees and the island's CRD director that headway is finally being made on a boardwalk plan.

Discussions have been taking place for months and negotiations about what's needed to seal the deal are still in the early stages, but at least everyone is finally headed in the same direction.

The LTC's decision to revive conceptual drawings of a proposed boardwalk will hopefully enliven the discussion about how the community can honour the aesthetic of Ganges' working harbour while preserving the area's valuable natural legacy.

It's the best news we've heard so far in 2014, and hope it's a sign of even better things to come.



VIEWPOINT by JO-ANN FERRIMAN

So much rancour, so little progress

It didn't take long into the new year to begin the usual round of Driftwood letters, which I once referred to as ping pong matches, but that now appear to have reached new heights in their carping, putdowns and outright elitism.

Topping the list, once again, is the fire hall issue. But not on something of grave importance, but on a point of procedure. Only on Salt Spring will "whether or not a letter be read out loud" gain such media attention.

I have an idea. Why not let the person who wrote the letter read it aloud? There's passion in oration. If a consensus can't be reached on a point of procedure, how can decisions about the really important issues ever get reached amicably? So much rancour. So little progress.

Following close behind is the governance study, which will never be accepted by some, no matter what. Those who were eligible to answer the questionnaire had ample opportunity to vent their likes or dislikes in free fashion via open-ended questions. Their comments appeared verbatim. Considering the complexity of the variables to be considered, I doubt if any design would ever have been "scientific enough" to satisfy the nay sayers. If somebody had really wanted to skew results, the best way to do it would have been to utilize only closed-ended questions such as multiple choice and/or rating scales — along with clever wordsmithing, of course.

Although the governance study highlights "the volunteerism evident in the participation seen on many governmental committees," it was suggested at the fire hall meeting

after the referendum that there were numerous experts in the community who might be called upon to aid in the process. Were any of them contacted?

I'm all for volunteerism for the common good. But is that purpose always in the forefront? Altruism is a demanding taskmaster. Even a B.C. Court of Appeal ruling issued a clarification regarding which master was being served regarding a now infamous island case.

What's most discouraging is that the status quo could be instrumental in discouraging and/or driving away some of the brightest and the best on the island. Complicated and contentious issues that keep running into brick walls have a way of wearing people down and discouraging participation. Even some projects that have been completed were surrounded by contentious debates.

With all that in mind I have a suggestion. In the interim, how about using the governance study, as it currently stands, as an optional subject in political science at the high school? Let the students debate the options. Let them wade through the descriptions, suggestions, observations and results. It could prove fascinating and insightful.

Some of them might just be turned on by the idea; even contemplating local politics after having broadened their views on the subject.

And we may even learn something from them.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident.

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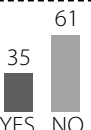
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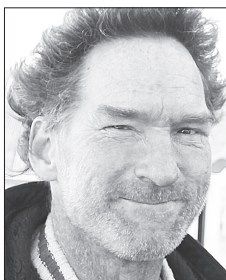
SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: Will you tune in to the 2014 Winter Olympics?



PETE SPENCER

Yes, it's about national pride.



SIMON THISTLE

I might, but not the whole thing.



ELISABETH VON GALEN

I will because it's really interesting.



BOB YUEN

I'd like to follow Canada's results, but we just had a baby and are so busy.



BRIGITTE GONZALEZ

It interests me because the Canadians always win.

Letters to the editor

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Established club attacked

Regarding the neighbours who are against the Salt Spring Road and Gun Club and the noise — or is it just the noise, not what they represent?

I cannot believe how gracious and accommodating the club has been. Really, there is only one side at fault here and they need to fix the problem they have created for themselves. They have purchased property and moved into a neighbourhood they do not like. Gun club members, even though not at fault, have tried to minimize their disturbing noises affiliated with all gun clubs.

These complaining neighbours have moved to this area knowing full well the surrounding conditions. These properties have been purchased at a lower value than

if the club did not exist there and their taxes will have been lower accordingly.

How dare they bring nothing to the table in their suspect negotiations? They are trying to change the rights of the gun club members with nothing less than bullying tactics.

If they want change then they should at least suggest a monetary amount per property towards a solution. If all affected neighbours put up, say, \$30,000 each — as I am sure their property values would increase that amount — then the club may be able to find a solution. With sale of the club property and a dozen or two neighbours putting up the amount of their property value increase, they could possibly relocate the club.

Of course this will mean that the rest of the island may have work together for a possible rezoning. We have tried that before with PARC appli-

cations and have hit the brick wall in agreement.

The Agricultural Land Commission has to look at what its decisions are doing to this community. We need playing fields for our children to develop on, we need a light industrial area and yes, we need a recycling area and yes, the gun club. I am not talking about the fertile valley, I mean the rock and clay areas of the non-productive so-called ALR lands. I was raised on a farm and know that a lot of land on this island is not "farm land."

Why don't those in the wrong step up or man up and try to be a part of this community? This community is disjointed enough without people attacking a long established Salt Spring club. If not for your own peace of mind, do it for the community that you have come here to join.

BRIAN LITTLE,
SALT SPRING

NEB process is unfair

I had been encouraging the Trust to apply to be an intervenor in the NEB hearing process regarding the proposal to build a new Kinder Morgan pipeline to ship even more tar sands dilbit out of Canada.

So I really appreciate the Driftwood coverage of the Raincoast Conservation Foundation presentation, which was co-sponsored by the Gulf Islands Alliance, in your Jan. 29 issue. And your "Pipeline intervention" editorial joins the chorus encouraging the Trust to speak up for islanders and our environment.

Having learned more about how very expensive it would be for any group to become an official "intervenor," I am no longer convinced that the Trust should spend those resources, especially since

the NEB is extremely likely to approve the application, regardless of the objections raised by citizens and their representatives.

The NEB is supposed to promote safety and security, environmental protection and efficient energy infrastructure in the public interest, but it recently approved the Enbridge proposal even though 96 per cent of written submissions and 1,157 out of 1,159 presenters expressed their opposition to the NEB panel for the proposed Enbridge pipeline.

Instead, the Trust might more effectively represent its constituency by speaking out about the unfairness of this process. Although the NEB takes into account economic benefits up and downstream from the pipeline project, it will not look at the environmental consequences of extracting the bitumen and eventually

burning it as fuel. It refuses to take into account concerns about the climate impacts of the pipeline, even though the climate/energy issue is surely the most important challenge humanity faces now.

The process pits cash-strapped local governments and NGOs against well-funded energy corporations. NEB regulations are better than nothing, but the overall process is unfair.

Remember how Harper and Joe Oliver railed, in 2011, against the "highjacking of our regulatory system" by "environmental and other radical groups"? I agree with Joyce Nelson: "That's already being done by puppet-masters much more powerful than any environmental group could ever hope to be."

JAN SLAKOV,
SALT SPRING

MORE LETTERS continued on 10

Island-wide trail system needs public vision

BY CHARLES KAHN

Have you ever walked on paths in Britain or in other parts of Europe? Have you noticed that you can almost always get where you want to go on established paths, and without having to walk on roads?

Many British communities are similar to Salt Spring. The houses are clustered together with a great deal of open land around and between the clusters that will never be developed. The roads are narrow and twisty, and it's difficult for drivers to see pedestrians or cyclists around the next corner. And of course there are no sidewalks. There's a real incentive to make it easy for people to get around off-road, and — as an added bonus — to reduce vehicle traffic.

The difference between these British communities and Salt Spring is that there are public trails connecting them and almost everywhere else you'd want to go. There are even pathways through farms and larger properties such as private estates. Where livestock is an issue, there are stiles or gates to get over or through protective fences, and walkers carefully close all gates behind them.

These pathways have been around for centuries and people are glad to have them and to use them. While the trails cross private lands, they bother no one. They very

rarely come close enough to houses to affect people's privacy, and landowners accept and generally welcome them. There are no liability issues, and the trails are maintained by local associations similar to our parks and recreation department (PARC) or the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club. You see little garbage along the paths, and most walkers keep their dogs on leash. Trail users are careful not to jeopardize the privilege of being able to use the paths.

Well, you might say, "That's all well and good, but on Salt Spring who's going to build these trails? That sounds like a giant project." And it would be if the trails didn't already exist. But many trails do already exist! Islanders have been using them informally for years with or without landowner permission. But they are generally considered private and are unknown except to some locals.

The Trail and Nature Club, Island Pathways (the island's cycling boosters) and PARC's Trails Advisory Committee have been working for years to establish off-road paths that lead from one end of the island to the other. A few local trails like PARC's Baker-Harrison Trail have been established with the consent of landowners. Some, like the Channel Ridge trail network, have been mandated by the Islands Trust and by development permits

that have only been granted when landowners have agreed to allow the trails. Still others, like the Ganges pathways, have been built with donations and grants, the cooperation of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and the hard work of dedicated volunteers.

The number of public paths we've been able to establish over the years is pitifully small, especially considering that so many of these pathways already exist. Why do landowners say no to formal recognition of the trails on their lands when people are already using them and they have nothing to gain from denying free public access to them? The Occupiers' Liability Act protects landowners from liability issues. As well, legal arrangements such as statutory rights of way or even linear-trail land donations transfer liability for trail use to public bodies. In fact, there is no liability to landowners who allow people to walk on their land without any compensation.

Many landowners with trails on their lands have been contacted by agencies such as PARC, but have been resistant to agreeing to public access to their land, except perhaps for one-time use. Shouldn't it be possible to come to some kind of agreement to make these trail connections legal and public? The

result would be of great benefit to everyone on the island, not least for the landowners, often developers, since — as shown statistically — properties that border hiking trails are more valuable — and more saleable. The Bruce Trail in Ontario is a case in point; homeowners along the trail have welcomed it and the people who use it and their property values are higher because of it.

How can we make the dream of an island-wide trail system a reality? On the one hand, our government agencies (the Islands Trust and the CRD through PARC) can be more proactive about contacting landowners and concluding the necessary agreements to provide public access to trails and land that connects existing trails. As well, landowners and developers can be public-spirited and initiate the process themselves.

As for the rest of us, we can encourage both landowners and agencies like PARC and the Islands Trust to make our island-wide trail system happen. We have to get beyond our private-property phobias and realize that public trails are beneficial to all of us.

The writer is author of [Hiking the Gulf Islands](#), and a long-time advocate for a Salt Spring trail network.

MONEY MATTERS

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PERSONAL FINANCES

Confidence growing as Canadians take stock, says poll

Meeting with financial advisors helps people understand issues and gain confidence

A new CIBC poll conducted by Harris/Decima shows that 76 per cent of Canadians feel confident they will reach their financial goals as they start 2014, part of a four-year trend of increasing confidence in their financial future.

Although confidence in reaching goals is increasing, Canadians' feelings about their current financial situation have not changed. Seventy per cent say they feel positive about their finances today, a number that has not increased measurably compared to the same poll in 2011.

Key findings of this year's poll include:

The percentage of Canadians who say they feel confident about meeting their financial goals has grown steadily over

four years — from 71 per cent in 2011 to 76 per cent in 2014.

The percentage of Canadians who say they feel positive about their current financial situation remained the same as last year, and has not changed materially since 2011 findings (69 per cent in 2011, 64 per cent in 2012, and 70 per cent in both 2013 and 2014).

Canadians aged 65 or older were among the age groups most confident about meeting their financial goals (81 per cent), and the most positive about their current financial situation (79 per cent).

Regionally, residents of Alberta were among the nation's most confident when it comes to their financial goals (84 per cent), and the most positive about their financial situation going into 2014 (82 per cent).

"It is encouraging that Canadians are more confident about reaching their financial goals in 2014," said Christina Kramer, executive vice president, retail distribution and chan-

nel strategy, CIBC. "The next step is to turn that confidence into action by putting plans in place at the start of the year that will help you achieve what matters to you."

"Now is the time to put a plan in place that will help you feel more positive about your finances 12 months from now, through some measurable progress in 2014."

CHRISTINA KRAMER
CIBC

While confidence in the future is climbing, Canadians feel much the same about their current financial situation as they did three years ago — suggesting that while Canadians

want to take positive steps in managing their money, some may be having some difficulty getting results.

One example is paying down debt, which has consistently been noted in CIBC research as a priority by Canadians, yet it remains a key financial concern in 2014.

"The fact that debt reduction has been top of mind for many Canadians for a number of years in a row suggests that some Canadians are not making as much progress against their debt reduction goals as they would like," Kramer added. "Now is the time to put a plan in place that will help you feel more positive about your finances 12 months from now through some measurable progress in 2014."

Talking about money builds confidence

The poll results also suggest a simple starting point for improving your view of your finances: talk about it with

someone who can help.

Canadians who met with an advisor in the past year were more likely to feel confident about achieving their financial goals (82 per cent), compared to those who had not met with an advisor (71 per cent).

Those who met with advisors were also more likely to feel positive about their financial situation today (78 per cent) versus those who had not (64 per cent).

However, only 47 per cent of Canadians said they've met with an advisor sometime in the last year.

"Meeting with a financial advisor will help you gain a better understanding of your current financial situation, which can lead to a more positive outlook," Kramer comments. "It is a small investment in terms of time, but it is an important first step in developing a realistic plan to help achieve your personal financial goals."

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LONG-TERM PLANNING

Advice for the over-50 crowd

Some tips for protecting that nest egg in later earning years

Reducing risk as retirement draws near is a sound financial strategy that can safeguard men and women over 50 from the fluctuations of the market.

But there are additional steps people can take after they turn 50 to ensure their golden years are as enjoyable and financially sound as possible.

• **Prioritize saving for retirement.** Despite knowing that retirement is right around the corner, many people over 50 still have not prioritized saving for retirement. It's understandable that other obligations, be it paying kids' college/university tuition or offering financial assistance to aging parents, may seem more immediate, but men and women over 50 should recognize that their time to save for retirement is rapidly dwindling.

Just because you are retired does not mean your bills will magically disappear. In fact, some of those bills are just as likely to increase.

So now is the time to make retirement a priority if you have not already done so. It might be nice to finance a child's post-secondary education, but that should not be done at the expense of your retirement nest egg. Kids have a lifetime ahead of them to repay education loans, while adults over 50 do not have that much time to save for retirement.

• **Start making decisions.** Do you intend to stay in your current home or downsize to a smaller home? Will you stay in your current area or move elsewhere? These decisions require a careful

examination of your finances, and many will hinge on how well you have managed your money in the past and how well you manage it in the years ahead.

• **Pay down debt.** Men and women over 50 who are still carrying debt should eliminate consumer debt first, as such debt tends to be accompanied by higher interest rates than mortgages and student loan debt. Paying down debt can help reduce stress, improve your quality of life and free up money for living and recreational expenses once you retire.

• **Examine your insurance policies.** Your approach to insurance should change as you get closer to retirement. For example, you want to maximize your liability insurance on homeowners and auto insurance policies. This ensures the money you have set aside for retirement won't be going to a third party should you be at-fault in an auto accident or if someone suffers an injury at your home. Experts recommend liability insurance be substantial for men and women over 50, with some suggesting it be as high as twice your net worth.

If it wasn't already, securing long-term disability insurance should be a priority once you have turned 50. A sudden accident or illness at 55 that prevents you from working could prove devastating to your financial future if you do not have disability insurance. Some employers offer long-term disability, though many people are left to secure policies on their own.

Regardless of how you get your disability insurance, make sure you have it and that it provides adequate coverage should you succumb to an illness or injury and be unable to work.



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TAX REFUNDS

Government urges use of direct deposit for tax refunds

The federal government is once again offering Canadians faster and greener tax refunds this year through its paperless direct deposit program.

Direct deposit, which allows Canadians to have their tax refunds and other federal pay-

ments deposited into their bank accounts, makes a lot of sense environmentally; after all, it will save more than 32,000 trees a year, lowers printing and production costs, and reduces greenhouse gases caused by the transportation

of cheques across Canada.

The cost to produce a cheque is approximately 83 cents while a direct deposit payment costs about 11 cents. One thing to note, however, is that cheques will only be issued under exceptional

circumstances, for example when Canadians do not have access to a financial institution because they live in a remote location.

Ottawa issues more than 300 million payments annually for everything from tax

refunds to old age security; more than 80 per cent of recipients have already signed up for direct deposit. The federal government is phasing out federal government cheques by April 2016. The initiative is expected to save the Canadian

government approximately \$17.4 million per year starting in 2014.

More information about how to enrol for direct deposit at www.directdeposit.gc.ca.

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TFSA: much more than just a savings account

Canadians not making the most of great investment vehicle

BY KIM INGLIS
CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE

Recent data indicate that Canadians are saving more. Statistics Canada reports that the Household Savings Rate is currently 5.4 per cent, a 0.4 per cent increase from the previous year. Likewise, a recent BMO Bank of Montreal study found that 48 per cent of Canadians are now investing in Tax-Free Savings Accounts (TFSAs), a 23 per cent increase from 2012.

It's good that Canadians are saving, but unfortunately too few are making the most of it. Part of the problem is that many remain puzzled by the various investment vehicles available, and much of the confusion lays in TFSAs.

The BMO study found that only 11 per cent of Canadians can identify eligible TFSA investments. And, only 19 per cent understand the annual contribution limit; which might explain why one in 10 TFSA holders has over-contributed since inception. Investors should spend a bit of time learning the rules so they can take full advantage of this very useful investment vehicle.

TFSAs are available to Canadian residents 18 years of age or older. They can save up to \$5,500 per year in cash and investments, and unused contribution room can be carried forward indefinitely. Withdrawals can be made anytime in any amount, without being taxed, and can be fully re-contributed the following calendar year. It's important to remember that re-contributions in the same calendar year count against contribution room and could cause over-contributing, which the Canada Revenue Agency penalizes.

TFSAs can hold investments such as mutual funds, stocks, bonds and GICs. However many investors don't realize this, perhaps confused by the words "Savings Account" and

instead use their TFSAs to hold cash. BMO says cash is the most common component held in TFSAs, at 57 per cent. Mutual funds weigh in at 25 per cent, followed by Guaranteed Investment Certificates at 23 per cent, stocks at 14 per cent, and Exchange-Traded Funds at five per cent.

The cash earns tax-free interest, but the tax advantage is minimal in a low-rate environment. TFSAs are best used for investments offering better growth potential. With income and capital gains accumulating tax-free, they are suitable for investments that otherwise generate greater total tax payable if held in a non-registered portfolio.

For instance, an investor who contributed \$5,500 to a TFSA last year, with the full amount invested in an exchange-traded fund tracking the U.S., would be up by about 25 per cent. The tax-free profit would be \$1,375. Compare this to the investor who left the contribution in cash generating 1.50 per cent and earning only \$82.50.

Although 25 per cent profit is an exceptional year, the tax-free advantage holds true even at lower return levels. Consider an investor who puts \$5,000 into a TFSA at the beginning of every year for the next 20 years, invested in a product generating a six per cent gain per year. After 20 years, the TFSA would be worth \$194,964. In comparison, if the investment was made in a non-registered account and taxed at a marginal rate of 32%, the balance would be \$156,258. The \$38,706 difference speaks for itself.

Since 2013 the TFSA contribution limits are \$5,500 per year, up from \$5,000 per year from 2009 through 2012. An investor who has never contributed to a TFSA, and has been eligible to do so since 2009, can invest up to \$31,000 this year.

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COMPONENTS HELD BY TFSAS

Source: 2014 BMO study



here's my card

Rainbow Road plan deserves attention

BY JENNY MCCLEAN

INDEPTH

I attended the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission meeting on Jan. 21 and I learned that the priority for new work in 2015 will be Rainbow Road.

There will be a referendum put to Salt Spring taxpayers in November of 2014 to cover the costs of this work coinciding with the local election for new or renewed trustees and the CRD director position. From the meeting I learned that there will need to be an extra \$250,000 per year for four years added to the budget for the work on Rainbow Road, not including property acquisitions. This is separate from the money approved by taxpayers through the alternative approval process for the bus last fall. In fact, as the bus is running really well, the transportation commission is turning its attention to other projects, Rainbow Road being the main one.

The Rainbow Road plan is quite drastic and I hope that more people take an interest as it is important to notice changes that will affect our home for decades to come. The SSITC meetings are public and on the third Tuesday of each month at the Portlock Park portable at 4 p.m.

As far as I understand, the plan that has been settled on for Rainbow Road will include hopes to acquire land at Rainbow and Lower Ganges for turning lanes, then to use the north side of the road only and add a four-metre-wide multi-use path, built with either asphalt or gravel. This would require considerable concessions from the school properties and also the parking would be changed in front of Windsor Plywood.

The four-metre change would continue on to the driveway of the pool. I assume that after that is built, the loop that is pictured in the kiosk at the pool driveway will be continued. The land has already been surveyed on the west side of Atkins Road and certain land there is considered Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure property.

According to one study, the James Report, students coming from Ganjan. 21 and I learned that the priority for new work in 2015 will be Rainbow Road. Also, no attention has been paid to the dangerous situation at SIMS during the morning rush where preschoolers, elementary school children, middle-schoolers and buses and cars are all in the same place and there are no safety provisions. The lack of attention to Park Drive and Kanaka Road negates the idea that the reason to prioritize Rainbow Road has to do with drastic safety concerns. How can it be when it is much more dangerous for much younger school children on Park and Kanaka than on Rainbow? Many comments have been made about "cleaning up" Rainbow Road. Is this the real reason?

Some of the most successful paths on Salt Spring have been given by private donors. For example, the Swanson Pond property owners provided the path that connects Park Drive and Kanaka Road. The path that is used to connect the back of Country Grocer to Valhalla was a land donation by my mom and aunt in memory of my grandparents, Jim and Olive Stevens. The trails that are used within Meadowbrook are from a donation from Nancy Keith-Murray.

It all supports the walking cause, and it shows that there are many ways to improve walking in Ganges, and some of the rules that happen when the government is involved, such as the need to have a path wide enough for two wheelchairs to pass, are not necessary when it can be done privately.

In any case, hopefully my letter can spark some discussion and the people affected will know a bit more about some plans that the SSITC hopes will be financed by the Salt Spring people.

The writer is a native Salt Springer concerned about transportation issues.

NEB letters important too

Thank you for your last editorial, bringing out the need to object to the proposed Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion, in spite of the phony review process that the Harper government has put in place.

I also agree with your view that the Islands Trust should defend our communities by intervening at the National Energy Board hearings.

As well, though, we as citizens and tourism operators and fishers and boaters and people who care about the health of the Salish Sea should apply to submit a "letter of comment" to the NEB. This does not involve an appearance before the NEB but it can give us an opportunity to explain how we will be negatively affected by Kinder Morgan's reckless and unsafe corridor for tar sands oil to the sea.

We have to apply to the NEB to be given permission to submit such a letter, and clearly we are supposed to be put off by this. Let's not be bullied or silenced in this way. Let's step up and speak out, with facts and with passion, as Salt Springers are so good at doing.

The online application is a bit tricky (that's deliberate of course), but several leading NGOs have offered to help, including West Coast Environmental Law, the Georgia Strait Alliance, the Sierra Club of B.C. and a new local group on Salt Spring called Save the Salish Sea (contact Jan Slakov, 250-537-5251).

Our MLA, Gary Holman, has also said that his office will be glad to provide information or assistance (1-250-655-5711).

The deadline to apply is Feb. 12 by 11 a.m. Let's get going!

JUDI STEVENSON,
SALT SPRING

SSWIPA questions

After reading George Grams' Jan. 29 article "Effective watershed protection needs tax requisition support," I have three points to make:

1) It would appear that our trustees feel entitled to tell us what their preference is in terms of what they'd like to hear from us in response to the proposals they put out. Grams' statement to the effect that "Our clear preference is that residents write us supporting the action of the LTC" is disconcerting to say the least, although tempered by his afterthought that "it's also important for us to know if you oppose it."

2) To help islanders make up their minds, it would have been helpful if Grams' article had spelled out exactly how the proposed \$110,000 requisition being requested for the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority (SSIWPA) would be spent. In a separate article in the same issue of the paper ("Trust launches budget feedback period"), we get slightly more of an inkling: "The requisition will provide \$110,000 to fund a coordinator position and administrative expenses for the SSI Watershed Protection Authority." Details are supposed to be found in the proposed Islands Trust budget on the Trust website, but a search reveals no breakdown of the proposed \$110,000 requisition.

The only additional information I was able to find is a narrative description of what would be done with the funds: "The money will be used to fund coordination of SSIWPA, including organizing and supporting its work, ensuring community consultation, and supporting a broad range of projects. These include involving the public in watershed restoration and decisions on fresh water infrastructure. Coordination will also involve managing the various agencies in carrying out watershed stewardship/remediation strategies, applying for funding from other sources and making presentations to the community, environmental groups and government agencies."

Lack of breakdown of that proposed amount is perplexing, and leaves one wondering: what part of that sum will go to compensating the coordinator, and what part to other expenses? As taxpayers, we need to have that information in order to decide if we do or do not wish to approve that requisition.

Since the SSIWPA has made much of its commitment to restoring health to our watersheds and lake ecosystems, the community needs to hear about the criteria applied or to be applied in selecting candidate(s) for the coordinator position. We need assurance that the candidate(s)' qualifications are pertinent to the specialized field of ecosystem health. A background in biology, limnology, ecotoxicology, or even ecology as such wouldn't make the cut. Only a clear understanding of the difference between these fields and the field of ecosystem health will ensure that a coordinator with the appropriate expertise is chosen, and that our taxpayer money is wisely spent.

We have had enough waste of taxpayer money through ill-conceived attempts to "fix" St. Mary Lake, as has been the case with the costly aerators fiasco.

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GANGES BOARDWALK

Course set for 'boardwalk to nowhere'

Conceptual drawings hoped to revive discussion

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Local Trust Committee members took a giant leap on Thursday towards the long-anticipated completion of the Ganges boardwalk.

"I'm absolutely delighted that we're starting to move ahead on this," said trustee Peter Grove.

Though construction on the beleaguered "boardwalk to nowhere" is not about to begin any time soon, LTC members did agree to pay up to \$3,000 for conceptual drawings of the boardwalk idea.

Grove said illustrations of the Ganges boardwalk project will help people understand what the project involves.

"My goal is to get something done to get the conversation started," he said during

Thursday morning's LTC meeting.

"We have all the merchants on the boardwalk on side. Each and every one of them is eager and keen that the boardwalk should be pursued in some form or another. I just think it would be enormously helpful to the conversation to have those conceptual drawings and a rough idea of where we're going."

"We have all the merchants on the boardwalk on side."

PETER GROVE
Trustee, SSI Local Trust Committee

Trust staff acknowledged a "great deal of interest" among members of the village's business community. Completion of the boardwalk could occur "in exchange for certain [land-use] agreements that would involve the LTC," staff added.

The drawings will include a survey of how the project affects local and off-island agencies.

Work on a waterfront boardwalk in Ganges has stagnated for decades due to the lack of agreement between local government agencies and some property owners along the proposed route.

The Salt Spring LTC identified creation of a Ganges Area Plan as a top priority in 2013.

The call for a conceptual boardwalk plan coincides with the LTC's decision to spend up to \$5,000 on a "village project charter" that will establish a "vision for the future of Ganges village and harbour."

Staff have also been asked to report back with information about ways to create a "public web presence for Ganges village," envisioned as a website where people can access background details about current village policies.

CANADIAN POLITICS

Olivia Chow talks about a life in politics

Forum hosts Feb. 9 conversation



OLIVIA CHOW

details her move from Hong Kong to Canada, from artist to politician, and from wife to widow of the late Jack Layton. As Chow told Macleans magazine, My Journey is about "immigration, adversity, public service and love."

First elected to public office at the age of 28, Chow has served multiple terms on the Toronto School Board and Toronto City Council. She has been elected as a Member of Parliament three times for the Toronto riding of Trinity-Spadina.

"Chow and Layton etched themselves in the minds and hearts of Canadians," states a Salt Spring Forum press release. "The couple shared a powerful commitment to

social change and an irreplaceable passion for life. Since Layton's death in 2011, Chow has continued with her important work, and it is widely anticipated that she will run for the position of Mayor of Toronto in October 2014."

Event tickets are available at ArtSpring by calling 250-537-2102, visiting www.tickets.artspring.ca or from Salt Spring Books. Salt Spring Books has copies of Chow's book in stock and will sell them at the event.

RCMP have good lead on perpetrators



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Norm Noganosh at the site of his destroyed camp just outside of Ganges.

RCMP

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dispatched on Saturday night after a flare was reported off Houston Passage off the island's northernmost point.

George Clogg, who lives on Sun Eagle Drive with a view over Trincomali Channel, contacted the Driftwood on Monday morning to report being woken up by the sound of high-powered boats and bright lights at approximately 10:30 p.m.

An extensive search that included a hovercraft dispatched from Richmond's Sea Island Coast Guard base discovered an unattended shoreline bonfire but no sign of whoever launched the flare.

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ON STAGE

Live Radio Theatre brings vintage thrills

Two shows set for Valentine's weekend

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An authentic and entertaining recreation of vintage radio programming is in store for audiences next weekend with a new production of Live Radio Theatre by Jan Rabson.

There are just two nights to catch the latest installment of Rabson's ongoing labour of love, with performances set for Feb. 14 and 15. The production returns to the ArtSpring stage after sold-out shows with rave reviews in 2008, but with all-new content including commercial spots, announcements, sketches and dramas — all culled from historic content.

The comedian and voice actor spends much of his time creating the audio personas for Pixar film characters when not leading a free improvisation workshop on the island, but he keeps returning to the rich material of vintage radio. But the amount of research involved to recreate an authentic period piece means productions can only be put on sporadically.

"These are all reenactments of radio dramas that were done in the '40s and '50s," Rabson said, explaining the current program has taken him a year to put together. "It's the minutia — it's so much minutia."

While the program includes a dramatic play and a dark thriller, the overall tone is light-hearted and the second half is entirely devoted to comedy. Rabson's wife Cindy will make her on-stage review, appearing alongside her husband in *The Bickersons*.

"It's been 10 years I've been wanting to do this," Rabson said, noting the sketch has some hilarious lines.

Making it a whole-family affair, the Rabsons' sons Adler and Hayden will also appear on stage as a sound artist and an actor, respectively.

In addition to actors reading their parts on stage, the audience will see jingle singers directed by Karen Arney, the announcers, and even the sound-effects artists led by Bob Twaites.

Those who have attended one of Rabson's live radio events in the past can expect even more visual impact this time around, with period costuming coordinated by Sue Walker.



From left, Jan Rabson, Clay Johnston and David French rehearse for Live Radio Theatre shows on Feb. 14-15.

"We're making it much more of an extravaganza," Rabson said. "Hopefully that will make it stimulating."

"The jingles are so wonderful. I would love to do a show of just jingles."

JAN RABSON
Live Radio Theatre

Rabson and local actors such as Twaites, Richard Moses and Adina Hildebrandt will be joined by professional voice actor Art Blake, on loan from Vancouver. The show will also feature the deep-toned talents of Clay Johnston, who returns to Live Radio Theatre after making his theatrical debut during Rabson's first radio production a decade ago, and newcomer Dave French.

Johnston said he only hesitated a short time after Rabson asked him to return for another round.

"It was outstanding and I loved it," he said of the earlier production. "I loved the people I was working with and the audience participation was fantastic."

As for French, he said, "It's my first time doing anything since high school drama class and I'm excited to be on the ArtSpring stage."

His comedic chops have been polished in the meantime at Rabson's improv workshop.

Both announcers clearly relish their tasks, extolling the medically proven benefits of certain cigarette brands and surprising facts about body odour that are most likely lost knowledge for today's listeners. All the commercial spots are bound to elicit laughs. The sung pieces are meanwhile in a category all of their own.

"The jingles are so wonderful. I would love to do a show just of jingles," Rabson said.

Tickets to the show are available at the ArtSpring box office and online at tickets.artspring.ca. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. each night.

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Local entertainers Wesley Hardisty and Billie Woods will be playing throughout the day.

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Stuffed family members can burn off some energy with The Great Playground Challenge, sponsored by the Salt Spring HOP website. The ultimate playtime adventure asks participants to visit all seven island playgrounds, find the answers to scavenger hunt questions and then enter to win a special prize pack of gifts from local businesses. The list of playgrounds and questions can be found at www.saltspring-hop.com. Deadline for entries is Wednesday, Feb. 12.

BEST OF THE FEST

Gabrielle: No ordinary love story

Captivating film from Québec director final screening before Salt Spring festival

BY PATRICIA LOCKIE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Love and sexuality among the developmentally disabled has the potential to become directorial quicksand as a story line for a feature film.

There's so many ways of striking a discordant note and alienating the very people you want as cheerleaders.

Québec director Louise Archambault is fearless and confident in her latest film, Gabrielle, a heart-tugging story of first love and desire between two young people who stand outside the mainstream because of their disabilities.

Gabrielle is the last screening in the Salt Spring Film Festival Society's Best of the Fest series before the film festival on Feb. 28 to March 2.

Gabrielle is a 22-year-old with an infectious, broad smile and a deep love of music. Born with Williams Syndrome, a neurodevelopmental disorder,

Gabrielle lives in a centre for others like herself. She is played with verve and great charm by Gabrielle Marion-Rivard who, like her screen persona, has Williams Syndrome.

Gabrielle sings in a choir and has a special friendship with fellow singer Martin, whose mother wants to keep them apart, believing that special-needs people aren't equipped to handle relationships.

Musical scenes are a highlight of this film, expressing the transformational and healing power of music.

Gabrielle tenaciously clings to the dream of an independent life such as the one her sister Sophie enjoys, fiercely pursuing her right to love and be loved, only to come up against her limitations.

Everyone, from the cou-

ple's social workers to their respective families, weighs in on their fitness for a sexual relationship. On one side is Sophie, an advocate for Gabrielle, and on the other is Martin's mother Claire, who asks point blank if Gabrielle has been sterilized.

The love story unfolds as an important concert looms. Legendary Québécois crooner Robert Charlebois, making a special appearance in the film, is to be the guest performer singing with the choir. Musical scenes are a highlight of this film, expressing the transformational and healing power of music.

Martin, singing Charlebois' Ordinaire, a song about yearning to be heard and understood, is one of the film's most touching moments — a metaphorical statement that asks us to see the humanity behind the disability.

Gabrielle is a captivating film that asks tough questions about our attitudes towards the disabled and our definition of "normal."

Gabrielle screens at ArtSpring on Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

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LIVE THEATRE

Inner drama captured in Driving Miss Daisy play

Arts Club production visits Salt Spring

BY GEORGE SIPOS
ARTSPRING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Regardless of the play, theatre is always an act of courage: How to convince an audience that what they see on stage matters, not just as entertainment, but as an exploration of intense moments of human experience.

You'd think the courage to attempt this is especially necessary for new and experimental theatre, for works that seek to transport audiences to previously unknown territories of form or content or style.

But often the greatest courage needed is in revisiting stories that are already familiar to audiences. How do you present on stage something like Driving Miss Daisy, a show that almost everyone has seen in the memorable Oscar-winning movie with Jessica Tandy and Morgan Freeman, and manage to make it fresh and meaningful?

This is the challenge faced by Vancouver's Arts Club Theatre in the production it is currently touring through B.C., which will be presented by ArtSpring on Feb. 10 and 11.

The story of course concerns a proper and somewhat ornery Southern matron who is obliged by virtue of her age to engage the services of a black chauffeur. Over the course of several decades in the 1950s and '60s they gradually overcome the differences that initially separate them — differences of race, gender, wealth and sensibility — to form a deep and enduring friendship.

The film was made 25 years ago. Watch it now and you can't help but be struck by a

certain saccharine evasion of the real issues. Despite the fine acting by both Tandy and Freeman, the direction generally shies away from the deeper dynamics of race, the connections between the individual and his/her historical context, or the tensions and attractions of human intimacy.

Beautifully made as it is, the film encourages us to keep our distance from the two characters, to approve of them at arms length, so to speak. Ironically for a visual medium, it tells the story more than showing it, at least at the deeper levels of the characters' inner lives.

This may be a drawback of film as a medium generally, at least in contrast to live theatre, which works, if it works at all, by going straight to the inner mechanisms of human experience. The actors, after all, are real human beings in front of us on the stage. They play roles, to be sure, but live acting taps reservoirs of real human conflict, feeling and emotional truth.

So if we wonder what the point is of doing a stage production of Driving Miss Daisy after the long success of the movie, the answer is that we have the chance to see how live actors can restore the inner drama of the story, which the camera misses by virtue of being, well, a camera.

The Arts Club Theatre has a long tradition of strong and thoughtful productions, and its current tour of Driving Miss Daisy will offer a good evening's theatre at the least, and promises a more incisive and gripping reading of the familiar story than the famous film.

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GROUND SEARCH & RESCUE

Salt Spring Island GSAR celebrates 25 years of service

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Judy Burch can still recall her first search and rescue callout.

She remembers lining up shoulder to shoulder with fellow searchers who'd gathered in a suburban Victoria school-

yard to look for any clues to help find four-year-old Michael Dunahee.

To this day, no trace of the boy has been discovered.

That search represented an emotional start to a volunteer career that has supplied more than two decades of lasting



PHOTOS BY ALAN BIBBY

Much has changed for Salt Spring Ground Search and Rescue during the past 25 years. Better equipment and regular training now supplement volunteers' passion to make a difference and help out the community.

friendships, community engagement, joyful reunions and emotional recoveries.

Much has changed since those early days when about six members gathered once a month at the Salt Spring Legion to cover basic search and rescue techniques and scenarios. Today's volunteers receive more training, are better equipped and no longer need to sell hot dogs to raise funds, but the spirit that marked those inaugural years can still be glimpsed during the group's weekly meetings in its home near the top of Ganges Hill.

"The only equipment was some old highway traffic vests we'd scrounged from Highways," said Chuck Hamilton, a search manager who founded the Salt Spring Ground Search and Rescue (GSAR) organization 25 years ago. "Everyone was looting and pillaging. We just laid hands on anything we could find."

Before search and rescue, firefighters would be called in to look for missing persons. Though well-intentioned, these volunteers often lacked the specific skills needed to conduct an effective search. There was also the chance that a search could be interrupted if a fire broke out somewhere on the island.

"That would be a big conflict," Hamilton said.

With assistance and guidance from

the province, RCMP and Search and Rescue BC, Hamilton began to offer would-be volunteers a two-weekend search and rescue course to provide the basics.

That course has since expanded into a months-long training program that gives members-in-training a provincially recognized education in search techniques, equipment requirements and back-country survival skills.

The degree of variables in every callout has encouraged search and rescue groups across the province to invest in considerable training and gear upgrades. These days, those monthly meetings have been replaced with weekly sessions to cover first aid, search logistics, navigation and other specific skills. People who want to take things up a notch can choose to put in extra hours with the group's rope team or tracking unit. Members are encouraged to participate in off-island training opportunities to hone specific areas of interest.

"Things have changed dramatically over the past five years," said Per Svendsen, who is celebrating his 10th year with the group. "I remember we didn't have jackets, and everybody just showed up in whatever they showed up in. Any time we had to do anything it was inside the cab or on the hood of a truck."

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Pictured at top, Sarah Penhale, James Wood and Shasta Coffey take part in a 2013 helicopter exercise. Below, basic first aid certification is provided to all volunteers.

SAR continued from 14

Thanks to the support of local groups like the Salt Spring Foundation, Royal Canadian Legion, Lions Club, Rotary, and government support from the Capital Regional District and the Province of British Columbia, Salt Spring's GSAR team has evolved into a highly trained and well-equipped group of nearly 30 dedicated volunteers. The unit still has that original trailer, but now relies on a pair of refurbished vehicles to manage searches and transport equipment.

Though volunteers still frequently travel off-island to assist in mutual aid searches, the majority of calls occur right here on the island. Unlike areas on Vancouver Island or the mainland, where many communities are surrounded by boundless tracts of wilderness areas, avalanche prone slopes and dangerous rivers, Salt Spring may appear like a much tamer environment.

Appearances are deceiving. The island's high proportion of elderly residents, many individuals with mental health issues and off-island visitors who are unfamiliar with local geography keep

GSAR volunteers busy in a wide range of roles.

"You never know who you've got, you never know initially where you're going or what you're up against, or what the search is going to be like," Hamilton said. "You never know what you're getting into and I like that part; you're always challenged and pushing it."

More information about the group is available at www.saltspringsar.org or at the Salt Spring Search and Rescue Facebook site. Members of the public who are thinking about joining the group can attend a weekly meeting, held on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m.

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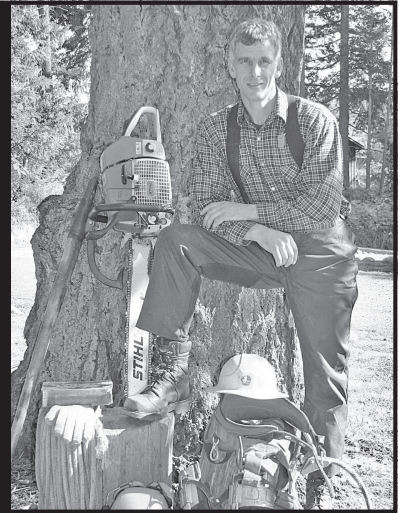


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CELEBRATION TIME: Salt Spring Trefoil Guild members, from left, Gail Temmel, Margaret Spencer, Doreen Davidson, Kerry Lee, Anne Marshall, Frauke Prystawik, Betty Thompson and Peggy Cliffe get together for the opening of a month-long display of books, badges, uniforms and current and historical items from the Girl Guides of Canada movement in the library program room. The Trefoil Guild is the adult wing of Guiding.

FILM FESTIVAL

Inspirational biographies at film festival

Mini reviews of three shows at fest

BY MAGGIE ZIEGLER
 SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The approaching documentary film festival offers a smorgasbord of art, culture, politics, food security, personal transformation and much more. Amongst this year's offerings are three outstanding retrospective film biographies: the committed life of civil rights activist Anne Braden, the transformation of theatre by New Yorker Joe Papp, and that constant thorn to the American establishment, Gore Vidal.

Braden, Papp and Vidal come to life on the screen as inspiring and creative individuals who acted on their passions and beliefs.

This is a man who once quipped, "Style is knowing who you are, what you want to say and not giving a damn."

Anne Braden: Southern Patriot (1924-2006) is a first-person documentary about the life of a woman born into a comfortable and segregated life who found that patriotism meant addressing the injustices of the day. A civil rights activist, Braden was hailed as a white southerner who was "eloquent and prophetic" by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in his 1963 Letter from Birmingham Jail.

Anne Braden was a grassroots organizer, committed journalist, civil rights leader, movement strategist, social

chronicler, public intellectual, teacher and mentor to three generations of social justice activists. One moving story told here is about Braden and her husband attempting to desegregate their neighbourhood by buying a house for an African American couple. The Bradens were indicted for sedition but there were no consequences to those who torched the house.

Anne Braden's "unique southern voice" is one that never faltered, and one that transcends boundaries of time and place and encourages all of us to live a life of engaged commitment.

Joe Papp in Five Acts is described in the film's publicity release as "the story of New York's indomitable, street-wise champion of the arts who introduced interracial casting to the American stage, brought us free Shakespeare in the Park, Hair, and A Chorus Line, and nurtured many of our greatest playwrights, directors and actors."

This well-produced film has great archival clips, dynamic interviews and, in impeccable theatrical form, five compelling acts. Meryl Streep, whose theatrical career was launched by Papp in the 1970s, is interviewed. She calls the documentary "a wonderful account of the birth of public theatre and the zeal and scrappy verve of Joe Papp, a testament to the power of one man, with no money, to make a populist miracle."

Finally, Gore Vidal: the United States of Amnesia is a retrospective of a man never shy about expressing his opinions and wielding his pen to say what he felt needed saying. This is a man who once quipped, "Style is knowing who you are, what you want to say and not giving a damn."

Vidal died a year ago. Nicholas Wrathall's fascinating ramble through Vidal's life is entertaining and thought

provoking. Through interviews, film clips of feisty television debates, historical material and commentary by those close to him, we encounter Vidal: novelist, screenwriter, cultural critic, talking head, politician and essayist. He has also been called America's last great public intellectual, a man much sought after for television debates with conservative foes. Vidal's aristocratic pedigree made him a Washington insider, with a unique perspective on U.S. political machinations.

These are three documentaries about three very different people,

each leaning passionately into what mattered most to them in life, encouraging us to do the same. Anne Braden re-inspired my commitment to social justice, Joe Papp enlightened me with a fascinating historical story I knew nothing about and Gore Vidal took me to the library to find one of his historical novels.

Admission to the Salt Spring Film Festival, which runs at GISS from Feb. 28 to March 2, is with either a weekend or day pass. Weekend passes are now on sale at the Artspring ticket centre. All passes can be bought at the door.

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Wed. Feb 5

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
The Road to Mecca - Preview Performance. An Active P.A.S.S. production of the play by Athol Fugard, starring Lynda Jensen, Marit Christensen and Scott Hylands. Directed by Scott Hylands. Mahon Hall. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
How Hospice Can Help: Part of the Hayward's Funeral Home Series. Fourth in a series of free info sessions. Call 250-537-1022 to book space. Hayward's Funeral Home. Noon to 1 p.m.
Texas Holdem Poker. The Local. Sign up 6:30 p.m.
Improvisational Comedy Workshop. Everyone (age 15 & over), from beginner to advanced, is invited to a free weekly improvisational comedy workshop with Jan Rabson. GISS, Room 208. 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Thurs. Feb 6

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

Fri. Feb 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Daryl Chonka. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.
Soul Shakedown. The Local. 6 to 9 p.m. With free appetizers at 5 p.m.
Les Voix Humaines. One of Canada's best known early music ensembles performs with renowned English soloist of baroque music, Charles Daniels. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
Beer/DC. AC/DC tribute band. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Pickleball. Paddles and ball provided. Fulford Hall. 6 to 8 p.m.
Film Night - Seedy Weekend Kickoff. Two great short films: The Seeds of Freedom and Over Grow the System. Followed by a discussion led by Tony Beck of the GE-FREE BC Campaign. Farmers' Institute upstairs. 7 to 9 p.m.
The Road to Mecca. See Thursday listing. Mahon Hall. 7:30 p.m.

Sat. Feb 8

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Singer-songwriter Billie Woods. Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
The Road to Mecca. See Thursday listing. Mahon Hall. 7:30 p.m.
Hop in the Juice Joint. Co-op Preschool fundraiser with The Fabulous Flakes and Uncle Jim's Big Blues Band. Plus silent auction, costume contest, door prizes, basket raffle, great food and drinks. Meaden Hall. 8 p.m. Advance tix at Persnickety for Kids, Salt Spring Books and Co-op parents.

ACTIVITIES
Seedy Saturday. Seed exchange and sales from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Farmers' Institute. Plus workshops: 10 a.m., Paul Linton - Fruit Tree Pruning (outside); 10:20 a.m., Chris Muscat - Nurturing Healthy Soil Ecosystems; 11:15 a.m., Michael Nickels - Permaculture in Kenya; 12 p.m., Erin Harper - Seed Saving in India; 1 p.m., Dan Jason & Rupert Adams - Salt Spring's New Seed Library; 2 p.m., Information and updates on SSI Farmland Trust projects; Burgoyne Valley Community Farm & Community Gardens, and the Beddis Road Produce Distribution Centre.

Sat. Feb 8

ACTIVITIES
Dance Our Way Home. Fiesta: A free-style dance journey for women with Latin American music. Info: vanya@danceourwayhome.com. Core Inn, 3rd Floor. 1 to 3 p.m.
Men's Soccer. Westcastle hosts Powell River Villa. Portlock Park. 2:30 p.m.

Sun. Feb 9

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
The Road to Mecca. See Thursday listing, except the start time is 2 p.m.
Yuji Nakajima. Harbour House Hotel. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Pickleball. Equipment provided. Fulford Hall. 9 to 11 a.m.
Seedy Sunday Workshops. Integrating Seed Production into Market Gardens: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Organic Lunch by Marcus & Lila of Hips and Haws Catering: 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
Seed Security - The Big Picture! 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Farmers' Institute. Pre-register at sseedyaturday@gmail.com.
Maple Syrup Day. See maple trees being tapped, enjoy just-boiled maple syrup and take a tour of the Harbour House Organic Farm. With music by Billie Woods and Wesley Hardisty. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Women's Soccer. Salt Spring United hosts the Sooke Jagers. GISS Field. 12:30 p.m.
Rollerblading. For young and old. Fulford Hall. 2 to 4 p.m.

Sun. Feb 9

ACTIVITIES
Salt Spring Forum Presents Olivia Chow. NDP MP and long-time politician is Salt Spring Forum guest. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
Remember Who You Are. Self-awareness and meditation group led by Mark Brackley every Sunday. Side Door Studio. 7:45 to 9:30 p.m.

Mon. Feb 10

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Driving Miss Daisy. ArtSpring presents Arts Club Theatre production of the beloved Pulitzer Prize-winning play. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

Tues. Feb 11

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
SS Folk Club: Blackie & the Rodeo Kings. Stephen Fearing, Colin Linden and Tom Wilson. Fulford Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m. for season's ticket holders; 6:15 for everyone else. Music at 7 p.m.
Driving Miss Daisy. See Monday listing. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Pickleball. Equipment provided. Fulford Hall. 10 a.m. to noon.
Probus Club. With guest speaker Patrick Brown, writer for Island Tides. Meaden Hall. 10 a.m. to noon.
Salt Spring Island Emergency Advisory Commission Meeting. School Board office. 12 noon.

Tues. Feb 11

ACTIVITIES
Salt Spring Vipassana Meditation. Weekly meditation and teachings with Heather Martin. The Gatehouse. 7 p.m.
Practical Homeopathy at Home. Five-Tuesday course taught at the Green Raven Centre begins tonight. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Info/preregistration: Jamie, 250-537-0602, info@jamiacapranos.com.

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

Wed. Feb 12

ACTIVITIES
Byron Family History. Darrel Byron and other family members give a presentation at the SS Historical Society's monthly gathering. Central Hall. 2 p.m.
How Spiritual Leaders Can Assist You. Fifth in a series of free info sessions presented by Hayward's Funeral Service. With Chaplain Louise Mangan. Call 250-537-1022 to book space. Hayward's Funeral Home. Noon to 1 p.m.
Women Writing Memoir: Writing Our Lives. Six-week session led by Wendy Judith Cutler begins today. Salt Spring Public Library. 1 to 3:30 p.m. Info/register: 250-653-4286 or winnie@saltsping.com.
Workshops on the Rock. Information meeting about SS Arts Council's workshop brochure and website. Mahon Hall. Two sessions: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 5 to 6:30 p.m. Info: jemmanow@gmail.com

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- Advance notice of National Theatre Live: Coriolanus**, starring Tom Hiddleston. Thursday, Feb. 20 — 2 shows only: Thursday, Feb. 20 at 3 and 7 p.m. \$20 advance tickets are available at Salt Spring Books and The Fritz. When an old adversary threatens Rome, the city calls on her hero, Coriolanus. But he has enemies at home too. Famine threatens the city, the citizens' hunger swells to an appetite for change, and Coriolanus returns from the field to confront the march of realpolitik and the voice of an angry people.

EXHIBITIONS

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- 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**.
- Judy Nurse** has paintings at the **Country Grocer Cafe** through **February**.
- Doug Rhodes** has multi-media pieces showing at **Penny's Pantry**.
- Paintings of the North by **Judith Currelly** is now showing at **Duthie Gallery**. Winter hours are Friday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by appointment at 250-537-9606.
- SOLID at the Market Place** (in Gasoline Alley) shares African art by **Louise Adelle**.
- Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art** on McPhillips Avenue has opened after a short winter break.

HISTORY

Newspaper offers window into past

1939 Guardian issue turns up at book store

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The anonymous donation of an old newspaper to a local book store has given community members a fascinating insight into the eve of the Second World War, and an equally interesting mystery as to the paper's arrival.

Salt Spring Books owner Adina Hildebrandt discovered a Manchester Guardian dated Feb. 10, 1939 when she arrived to open the store on a Monday morning several weeks ago. The older paper had been carefully tucked under the bundle of current newspapers waiting at the back door, but who placed it there remains unknown.

"Still no one's come forward to say," Hildebrandt said. "It's like a piece of history that turned up for no reason."

This Monday will mark the 75th anniversary of the newspaper's publication. It's tempting to think the anonymous donor wanted to invite comparison between now and those past times, or to illuminate the haunting prescience of news stories involving the threat of fascism, the looming war and the refugees streaming out of eastern Europe.

"There's all sorts of articles that are so telling because of what we know about what happened in the war," Hildebrandt said.

To situate the newspaper's date in context, production of *The Wizard of Oz* was just wrapping up and filming had just started on *Gone With the Wind*. Columbia University researchers had just succeeded in splitting the atom for the first time. Hitler had given a speech to the Reichstag on Jan. 30, marking six years in power. For those looking back for clues as to when the Final Solution was first imagined, it was a speech that included a chilling warning of what would happen to European Jews before the end of the war.

It would be nearly seven months before the war actually started with Germany's invasion of Poland on Sept. 1, 1939, and the response by Britain and France two days later. But the stage was clearly set. The Feb.

10 Guardian is full of stories about what would happen in case of war — usually with the assumption that it would sooner or later.



Cover of Feb. 10, 1939 issue of The Manchester Guardian Weekly.

A news story reported that UK Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain told the House of Commons that British forces would be at France's disposal if that country were at threat. Similarly, the Guardian's correspondent in Ottawa reported that Canadian Prime Minister Mackenzie King restated Liberal policy that "if England is at war we are at war," and it would only be up to Parliament to decide on the extent of the participation.

Another story recorded Finsbury Borough Council's plan to create 15 huge underground bomb shelters capable of protecting the entire population of its metropolitan London area. According to militaryhistory.org, civil architect Ove Arup's designs were "bizarre and beautiful, resembling complex molecules, giant spirals, honeycombs, and enormous subterranean

multi-storey car-parks," but were never built.

While most of Britain was registering a credible threat from Germany, France was feeling immediate danger from Italy, whose forces were in Spain aiding the fascist side of the civil war. Capitulation was clearly close at hand; breaking news was the Republican resistance in Catalonia had collapsed and Spanish refugees, including civilians, troops and government officials, were fleeing into France.

The refugee problem — resulting from Germany's policy of expelling all Jewish people from its empire, and from other people escaping its harsh regime — was the focus of several stories. One of these centered on the establishment of Camp Kitchener on the Kent coast, which would provide temporary refuge to Jewish refugees, providing they had an emigration visa for some other country. Other stories noted that Holland had agreed to house 6,400 adult and 1,000 children refugees from Germany in camps, and that a Co-ordinating Committee for Refugees chaired by U.S. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt was exploring the idea of establishing a settlement in British Guiana.

The real danger for Hitler's "enemy" was also predicted within letters to the editor.

One letter urged a reading of Mein Kampf was overdue for Chamberlain to understand Hitler's plan for world domination. Another writer described a depressing Christmas visit to Germany and the need for a large-scale plan to help refugees, rather than relying on charitable organizations.

"The question of immediate emigration is urgent. Unless a miracle happens or international or national action is taken at once it is no exaggeration to say that about 1,000,000 of the finest people in Germany will shortly be exterminated," the unnamed author stated. The bitterness of hind-sight is, of course, how much that number was under-estimated.

Hildebrandt said having the 75-year-old paper at the store has opened up many conversations about those times. Salt Spring Books has shared the bounty by making colour photocopies available for readers.

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MAPLE SYRUP

Minvielle savours big leaf success

Victory sweetens otherwise sour harvest year

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
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After a devastating disqualification at last year's championship, Paul Minvielle hoped to tap better results at Saturday's 2014 Big Leaf Maple Syrup Festival in Duncan.

Having confirmed this year's samples were well above the contest's 60 per cent sugar threshold, Minvielle liked his chances in the medium and dark syrup categories. The results, however, were a gold and bronze medal in the dark category.

Though Minvielle has earned second and third-place medals and a people's choice award in previous years, this is the first time he's won a juried event other than at Salt Spring's Fall Fair.

"I was over the moon," he said. "The guy with second is from Ore-

gon, which shows that the competition is starting to come from far and wide."

The majority of the event's participants are from Vancouver Island, with a dollop of entrants from the Gulf Islands and Discovery Islands, near Campbell River.

Syrups are judged in three categories: light, medium and dark. Colour variations are a result of outside air temperature when trees are tapped. The warmer the weather, the darker the syrup. Regardless of their colour, all varieties generally have a similar sugar content.

Much like producing a fine wine, Minvielle said he feels that a winning syrup is tied to the particular conditions of any given season.

"Every year is different," he said. "You're going to get vintages that are just phenomenal."

For that reason, it might be useful to label each batch according to production year, but quantities of the West Coast's liquid gold are generally so limited that batches of any vintage

don't stick around very long.

The victory is welcome news to Minvielle, who's had to contend with an exceptionally poor year at the sugar shack. Relatively warm temperatures and few nights below the freezing mark translate into weak sap flows and drought-stricken spigots.

Whereas Minvielle can often harvest 20 litres of sap per day from trees on his Kitchen Road acreage at this time of year, the mild winter has left him with a total haul of only 30 litres during the past two weeks.

"It's been pretty bad. The supply is really low," he said. "I'm probably the only guy on Salt Spring who is cheering anytime the weather forecast calls for cold."

Minvielle will be at the sixth annual Maple Syrup Day at the Harbour House Hotel on Sunday, Feb. 9 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Syrup may be scarce this year, but he'll have plenty of information and pictures of the syrup-making process, right beside his two new championship ribbons.

It's disappointing when our water resources are compromised.



The good news is that we have a plan, a plan to ensure ongoing water wellness by coordinating the various agencies involved. In order to get their help, however, we first need yours. If each household contributes around \$15 in 2014/15, the initiative will be fully funded. We hope you'll agree that this essential first step towards healthy watersheds is worth it! Please share your thoughts on the Salt Spring Watershed Management Property Tax Requisition by e-mailing us, calling us, or sending us a message in a bottle prior to February 21st of this year.

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WEDNESDAY

STITCH DIMENSION QUILT GUILD meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the SSI Baptist Church (rear door). 7 to 9 p.m. New members welcome. Info: stitchdimension@gmail.com; or Janet Rothwell, 250-537-7606.

GENEALOGY GROUP meets on the last Wednesday of each month for discussion and sharing at the Mormon Church. 7 p.m. Info: claudia2@shaw.ca; 250-537-2588.

every WEDNESDAY

BOOMERFIT-FULFORD HALL with Trisha, cert. personal trainer, 9 to 10 a.m. Co-ed classes. Workouts include circuits, intervals, etc. for total-body fitness. Info: trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com, 250-653-4656.

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

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

COMMUNITY KITCHEN. Sign up for weekly sessions at Family Place. 1 to 3 p.m. Info: 250-537-9176; familyplace@ssics.ca.

DANCE CLASS with Anna Haltetrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd., 5 to 6:30 p.m. Multigenerational expressive dance class suitable for dancers of all levels. Info: Anna, 250-537-5681, anna@bonesforever.com

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

IMPROVISATIONAL COMEDY WORKSHOP for beginners to advanced students, aged 15 and up. A free, ongoing fun, informative and friendly workshop designed to teach you the art of improvisational comedy. GISS Room 208. 7 to 9 p.m. Info: workshop@janrabsan.com.

MEDITATION GROUP meets at Salt Spring Seniors at 10:30 a.m.

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

PILATES ALL LEVELS CLASS with Anna Haltetrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd., 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pilates is a body conditioning system that builds flexibility and long, lean muscles, strength and endurance. Info: Anna, 250-537-5681, anna@bonesforever.com.

PUMP PRIMERS co-ed heart health fitness class. All Saints By-the-Sea. 7:45 to 8:45 a.m.

SSI ROTARY CLUB meets each Wednesday for a deliciously prepared lunch with community focused speakers and presentations at the Harbour House Hotel from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. If interested, contact club president David Waddington at 250-537-0854 or via email: David@Waddington.ca.

SWING DANCE — East Coast Swing, Lindy Hop, Fox Trot. Activity Centre at Salt Spring Elementary School. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Info: Larry Nelson, Wendy Hartnett: 250-537-4118.

TAEKWONDO CLASSES in the studio space above Elements Home Design. 6 p.m. Info: Paul Mazzei, 250-931-8887, gyatso5@gmail.com.

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

YOGA LEVEL 1 with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio. 9 to 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

YOGA with Dorothy Price. At The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. 9 to 10:30 a.m. (the 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. class is cancelled until March 5).

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

ZUMBA TONING class with Lee Sigmund at Still Point Yoga Studio. 4 to 5 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

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

every THURSDAY

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

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

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

FIT FOR LIFE CLASSES with Betty-Lou Lake. All Saints lower hall. 8:45 to 10:15 a.m. Focus on balance, strength, flexibility. Target group is boomers and up. Info: blake@telus.net; 250-537-1638.

FLOWIN' YOGA with Robert Prince at Still Point. 5 to 6 p.m.

KUNDALINI YOGA with Shannon Cowan at The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. 9:30 to 11 a.m.

MEN'S YOGA with Ken Katz at Still Point. 9 to 10:30 a.m. Adam Clarkson substituting for Ken through Feb. 24.

NIA — Experience the joy of Nia! Daytime "Over 50s" classes with Arleen at Fulford Hall Annex from 10 to 11 a.m. Sponsored by SSI Seniors. Call Donna at 250-653-9985 for info re fees. Call Arleen at 250-653-9235 for Nia info.

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

SENIORS LUNCH runs at Salt Spring Seniors at 12 noon.

SEVEN SPIRITUAL LAWS Meditation Mantra Mudra with Deborah Stevenson at Still Point. 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

STAY & PLAY DROP-IN at Family Place for ages 0 to 6 and caregivers. Come for a bowl of soup. Toy library open. 12 noon to 3 p.m.

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

VIJANANA YOGA with Liz Young at The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. 6 to 7:30 p.m.

YOGA FOR WOMEN with Shannon Cowan at The Gatehouse. 9:30 to 11 a.m.

YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at SS Centre of Yoga from 4:30 to 6 p.m. (Note that the North End Fitness class from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m., with babysitting available, is cancelled until March 6).

YOGA - Noontime Flow with Dorothy Price at Gaia Yoga. 12:10 to 1:10 p.m.

every FRIDAY

BOOMERFIT-BEAVERTON HALL with Trisha, cert. personal trainer, 9 to 10 a.m. Co-ed classes, workouts include circuits, intervals, etc. for total-body fitness. Info: trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com, 250-653-4656.

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

CHURCH OF REGGAE yoga with Adam Clarkson at Still Point until Feb. 28. 7 to 8:30 p.m.

CONJURING CLUB meets at the Salt Spring Library, Room 106. 3:30 p.m.

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

EVERYBODY STRETCH — Everyday stretches for the everyday body to classical music with Catherine Bennett. Still Point Yoga Studio. 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT® CLASS with Anna Haltetrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd., 10 to 11 a.m. Move with less pain and stress by learning how to make any activity more effective and more enjoyable. Info: Anna, 250-537-5681; anna@bonesforever.com.

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

MIXED LEVELS YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio. 9 to 10:30 a.m.

PICKLEBALL at Fulford Hall. Equipment provided. 6 to 8 p.m. Info: Hafiz, 250-653-9579; hafizbhijmi@shaw.ca.

PUMP PRIMERS co-ed heart health fitness class. All Saints By-the-Sea. 7:45 to 8:45 a.m.

STAY & PLAY DROP-IN at Family Place for ages 0 to 6 and caregivers. Light lunch provided. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY for kids under the age of 10 and their families. 10:30 a.m.

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

every SATURDAY

DAD 'N' ME PANCAKE BREAKFAST. Drop-in at Family Place, 120 Park Drive, with free pancakes for dads and kids aged 0 to 6. 8:30 to 10 a.m.

TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints with Lok Hup Practice from 10:30 to 11 a.m.; open practice from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

YOGA - BEGINNERS' CLASS with Dorothy Price at Gaia Yoga. 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

ZUMBA DANCE FITNESS with Lee Sigmund at Still Point Yoga Studio. 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

every SUNDAY

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

KARMA KLASA yoga at Still Point Yoga Studio. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free (with donations gratefully accepted).

PICKLEBALL at Fulford Hall. Equipment provided. 9 to 11 a.m. Info: Hafiz, 250-653-9579; hafizbhijmi@shaw.ca.

QI GONG with Neith Arrow — Still Point Yoga Studio. 2 to 3:15 p.m.

ROLLERBLADING to music for all ages at Fulford Hall from 2 to 4 p.m. \$2 for kids; \$4 for adults. Rollerblades available to use at the hall.

MONDAY

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

SSI FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT trustees hold their business meetings on the third Monday of each month at the Salt Spring Public Library's program room. 7 p.m. Public welcome.

every MONDAY

BEGINNERS/LEVEL 1 YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

BOOMERFIT-FULFORD HALL with Trisha, Cert. Personal Trainer, 9 to 10 a.m. Co-ed classes, workouts include circuits, intervals, etc. for total-body fitness. Info: trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com, 250-653-4656.

CHESH GROUP meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

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

EVERYBODY STRETCH — Everyday stretches for the everyday body to classical music with Catherine Bennett. Still Point Yoga Studio. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

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

LEVEL 1/SENIORS YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio. 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

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

MOVEMENT INTELLIGENCE CLASS with Anna Haltetrecht at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Road, 2-3 p.m.. A comprehensive exercise program to improve posture and increase strength and agility, through dynamic movement and weight-bearing activity. Movements are done lying on the floor, sitting in a chair, standing and walking. Info: Anna Haltetrecht, 250-537-5681, anna@bonesforever.com

PUMP PRIMERS co-ed heart health fitness class. All Saints By-the-Sea. 7:45 to 8:45 a.m.

TAEKWONDO CLASSES in the studio space above Elements Home Design. 6 p.m. Info: Paul Mazzei, 250-931-8887, gyatso5@gmail.com.

TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (with Lok Hup practice from 6:30 to 7 p.m.) Info: David, 250-537-1871.

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

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

VIJANANA YOGA with Cathy Valentine at The Gatehouse, Stowel Lake Farm. 5 to 6:30 p.m.

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

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

ZUMBA DANCE FITNESS with Shannon Joyce at Still Point Yoga Studio. 8:45 to 9:45 a.m.

TUESDAY

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

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

every TUESDAY

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

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

EVERYBODY MOVE with Catherine Bennett at Still Point Yoga Studio from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

FIT FOR LIFE CLASSES with Betty-Lou Lake. All Saints lower hall. 8:45 to 10:15 a.m. Focus on balance, strength, flexibility. Target group is boomers and up. Info: blake@telus.net; 250-537-1638.

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

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

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

NIA — Experience the Joy of Nia! Daytime classes with Arleen at Still Point Yoga Studio from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Call Arleen at 250-653-9235 for more info.

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

ROLLER DERBY — Learn to roller skate with The Committed roller-derby group. Fulford Hall. 6 to 7 p.m. Info: Kaleigh, 250-653-9606.

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

SMARTSONATICS classes with Nelly Kosteljik at North End Fitness from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. SMARTSONATICS are gentle and effective with quick results. Once learned they can be done at home to reduce pain, stress and sore muscles. Info: 250-537-2056.

STAY & PLAY DROP-IN at Family Place for ages 0 to 6 and caregivers. Come for a bowl of soup. Toy library open. 12 noon to 3 p.m.

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

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

YOGA - Noontime Flow with Dorothy Price at Gaia Yoga. 12:10 to 1:10 p.m.

YOGA VINAYASA/FLOW with Celeste Mallett Jason at Still Point Yoga Studio. 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. (New time)

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

YOGA WITH GAY MEGLEY at The Gatehouse on Stowel Lake Farm. 5 to 6:45 p.m.

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Ethel Margaret Futers Fulton

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of E. Margaret Fulton on January 22, 2014 at the age of 91, on her beloved Salt Spring Island. A full life with exceptional accomplishments, Margaret Fulton exuded a rare zest for living and learning that had a profound impact on everyone who knew her. Dr. Fulton to her peers, Margaret to her friends, and Aunt Peg to her family will be missed, but remembered by all.

Margaret was born in Birtle, Manitoba on September 8th, 1922, as the seventh and youngest child of Ernest and Ethel Fulton. While raised on the farm and learning all of the same work habits exemplified by her older siblings, her passion was education. Margaret completed her Grade 12 at the Birtle Consolidated School in 1941, and graduated from Winnipeg Normal School in July, 1942. That Fall, she began a teaching career at Penrith, a one room rural school, and never looked back. The next two years she taught Grades 7 and 8 at Russell School and in 1945 she moved to Dauphin Collegiate to teach Grades 9 and 10.

During the war years her summers were spent back on the farm helping with all the farm work. By 1947 with the war over, her brothers had returned to take up farming and her parents retired to Birtle. Margaret was free to take a teaching position at the Fort William Vocational School in Ontario. Committed to lifelong learning, she completed a B.A. at the University of Manitoba, an M.A. at the University of British Columbia, and a Ph.D. at the University of Toronto.

She subsequently spent seven years teaching at Waterloo Lutheran University before accepting a position as Dean of Women at UBC in 1974. In 1978 Margaret became the President of Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax until 1986. From 1986 to 1996, she was an Adjunct Professor at UBC. She holds 15 honorary degrees, an Officer in the Order of Canada, and holds the Governor General's "Commemoration of Persons" Award.

Margaret was a well-known Canadian educator, administrator, social activist, feminist and volunteer. She has been recognized both nationally and internationally for her efforts in women's education and more recently for seniors' health serving as Chair of the Seniors' Advisory Committee to the Ministry of Health in BC. She was a Vice-Chair of the Women's World Summit Foundation, Geneva, an NGO committed to further education, health and equality for rural women.

Much in demand as a consultant on government and university committees and as a keynote speaker and conference panelist, Margaret challenged myths and misperceptions surrounding the education and role of women. She has been the subject of a full length documentary, *A Round Peg*, and of a full length book biography by Dr. James Doyle called, *Transformations: The Life of Margaret Fulton, Canadian Feminist, Educator and Social Activist* (ECW Press, 2006). As chronicled in Doyle's biography she was empowered by her ability for public speaking:

"For the first time I had the power of speech - I saw what could be done with words, for I had a vision of a new world as I talked."

Margaret retired to Salt Spring Island in 1996, but continued to be actively involved in a variety of organizations through the remaining years of her life.

Throughout her life, family was always foremost in Margaret's life. She was a strong force in the lives of her 17 nephews and 7 nieces, and the growing legion of great-nieces, nephews and then great-great nieces and nephews. She showed genuine interest and great love for each new addition to the Fulton clan, and travelled far and wide keeping connections strong between all the generations. She was truly one of the vital threads connecting all of us.

Her wonderful sense of humor and distinctive laugh drew one and all to her side, and her tremendous spirit of adventure took us all along for the ride. Her great many friends, both old and new, are a wonderful reflection of the person Margaret was. Her Salt Spring friendships have been a great support in recent years. Margaret's 90th birthday celebration on Salt Spring in 2012 brought family and friends, old and new, together to form a wonderful memory for all of us.

Margaret is survived by her sister Eva Robinson, her large extended family, numerous friends, and an extensive educational legacy. She will be sorely missed. A special thanks to all the doctors, medical attendees and care givers that helped Margaret in the past few years.

A Celebration of Life for Margaret will be held at the Salt Spring United Church (111 Hereford Ave, Ganges) at 2:30PM on Saturday February 8th. Friends and family are invited to attend a reception following the Service at Harbour House Hotel. Interment will follow in May in Birtle, Manitoba. More details on this service will be posted to the website: <http://www.forevermissed.com/e-margaret-fulton/>

Margaret Fulton was a great supporter of many organizations and causes over her lifetime and would be pleased that donations are being made in her name to any of these ventures. We also know that Margaret saw her time as President of Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax as the opportunity to put into action many of her ideas and beliefs and as such contributions to the Mount would certainly meet her wishes: <https://forms.msvu.ca/donate/>



TIMOTHY MICHAEL McBRIDE

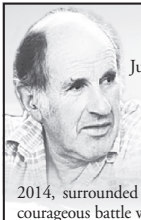
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Tim was born in Hanna, Alberta and attended school in Calgary. He moved to DeWinton in 1989 and remained there until retiring to Salt Spring in 2001. Tim used his early retirement to pursue his interests in classic cars, golf and heavy equipment. He was loved by all his family, especially his two daughters, Jenna and Michelle. The McBride family invites you to a CELEBRATION

OF LIFE, Feb. 15, 2014, 1-4pm, at 126 Little Mountain Road. Come join us as we remember Tim and raise a glass in tribute to the life he shared with us all.

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Walter Huser

June 5, 1928 - January 28, 2014

Walter Huser, born in Wettingen, Switzerland on June 5, 1928, passed away peacefully on January 28, 2014, surrounded by his loving family, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Walter is survived by Agnes, his wife of 57 years, his children and grandchildren Peter and Monika, Angela (Garrett), Sonya; Irene and Mark, Lauren (Johnny), Alyx; and Robert and Elaine, Kara and Christian; his twin sisters Maria and Martha and many nieces and nephews in Switzerland.

Walter immigrated to Canada in the spring of 1953 with his good friend, Beni, landing in Montreal. The two friends worked their way across Canada towards Vancouver. After being down to his last few dollars, Walter finally found a job in construction. His first contract took him to Tahsis BC, where he worked on the mill. As a devoted Catholic he volunteered his time to help build the local church. Walter quickly fell in love with the rugged west coast and moved to Ucluelet, where he raised his family, started his own construction business and made many lifelong friends.

Walter was an avid outdoors man and an excellent mountaineer. He conquered the famous Matterhorn four times, but also explored the west coast mountains with his good friend, Fred and, later on, with his own children. In 1972, Walter took his family back to Switzerland for five memorable years. The lure of the west coast called them back, one by one, and they eventually settled on Salt Spring Island in 1977. Walter then started his new construction business. Joined by his sons, his company built many fine homes on the island.

His retirement years were spent traveling all over North America with Agnes in their motor home, living a simple life in their cottage, enjoying and spending time with his six wonderful grandchildren, going for walks with his dogs, staking the perfect woodpile, tending to his flourishing garden which he took tremendous pride in, and providing the neighborhood with his famous salad greens.

He reminisced about the many highlights of his life up until the end: his trips to the Arctic Circle with his brother Richard, the frequent visits and calls from his nephew Markus (and Marianne), fishing trips with his boys, weekends away at Mark and Irene's family cabin at Cameron Lake and, most of all, the incredible love and support from his family and his long, happy marriage to Agnes.

Special thanks to Dr. Ron Reznick, the entire nursing staff at Lady Minto Hospital, the Home Care Nursing staff, Billy, Alan, Rita and to the many friends who came to visit offering their love and support. There will be no memorial at Walter's request. Those who knew him will remember Walter as a kind and gentle soul with big hands and an even bigger heart.

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DEATHS

Margaret Lynne Ryles
JUNE 13, 1963 - JAN. 27, 2014

With great sadness we announce the sudden unexpected passing of Lynne in her sleep. Predeceased by her father Arnold, mother Marilyn and brother Timothy. Left to mourn, stepmother Sylvia, two sisters, stepbrother Edward and family, stepsister Susan and family. Three nephews, Patrick, Logan, Errick, her very good friends Heidi and Mickey, Cindy and Mike. Lynne was so full of life, mischief and kindness to others. She was much loved and will be sorely missed.

A celebration of life will be held later in the spring.

Robin Gibbard

It is with the deepest sadness that we announce the passing of Robin, a most cherished son, husband, father, grandfather, uncle and best friend. When someone with such an amazing spirit walks the earth it feels almost impossible to say good-bye.

He was loving, generous, crazy, fun, and he had an amazing sparkle that shone so brightly. One of his favorite sayings was, "Leave them wanting more", and he definitely has done that. Robin never left things unsaid and for this we are eternally grateful. Our love for Robin will never fade.

There will be a celebration of Robin's life at Bader's Beach on February 15th, 2014 at 4:30 pm. Bring along a chair and a piece of wood to put on the fire and we will share stories of Robin and his hilarious antics as the sun goes down.

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REGULAR MEETING
2:00 pm Wednesday, February 12, 2014
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Notice of Annual General Meeting
Salt Spring Island Fulford Water Service Commission

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Time: 10:00 am
Place: Fulford Hall -OAP Meeting Room
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This Week's Horoscope

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Tip of the Week:

Mercury Retrograde is back for the 1st of its tri-annual tours to tease and taunt and tickle our fancies. Well not everyone will see it quite this way. Confusions, conundrums, tantrums and even tears are more common reactions. Yes, Mercury moving backward, from our experiential perspective, has a way of messing with all modes of communication. Disruptions to our technological devices are one of its favourite frolics. However, not all its antics produce frustrations and negative results. We can choose to tune-in and play along, to accept its slanted communication style and thereby receive the gifts it brings. It is when we are not aware of its contribution and the usual upsets that tend to accompany its tours that reaction are highest. This is one of the many advantages that Astrology has to offer. It increases our awareness and understanding of ourselves, others and the rhythm and flow of synchronistic events. Getting mad at the mythic winged messenger does not help much either, probably just the opposite. Mercury is the master of mind-bending riddles and rejoices in a play of words, concepts and perceptions. So, tune-in and pay attention to observe the pranks and antics of this playful if annoying archetype. Take it to the test and ask yourself if it is just 'all in your head'. Or is there something after all to this synchronicity stuff? The cycle begins on February 6 at 3 Pisces 18 and ends on February 28 at 18 Aquarius 10 in the Tropical Zodiac. It will then take another 3 weeks taking us all the way to spring to recover the ground lost while travelling back from where it began. This 'shadow period' is not nearly so strong but the ring of Mercury's bells will still linger and echo on. P.S. Now might be a good time to back-up your hard drive and the like.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Your sights are set on the future. The pace is quick now and you are determined to persist. Change brings opportunity and production, yet sometimes casualty as well. This may be especially true on relationships fronts and this cycle will continue all month. Aim to give equal attention according to priority to bring all you're your relationships to higher ground.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)

As busy as you are and getting a lot of attention, you may be equally engaged and active behind the scenes. You likely feel extra committed these days so are able to take it all in stride, despite the overtime. A swell, you may have to retrace some steps over the coming weeks. Weaving stimulating cultural activity into the mix should keep your spirits elevated.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

Your social agenda of late is probably very full. Expect this trend to continue. Fortunately, you are in a playful and provocative mood. Still, you have to endure some pointed lessons. At best these are making you stronger, as sobering as they may be. Otherwise they will prove disruptive. If so, you will benefit from definite goals producing stronger boundaries.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)

Managing a steady flow of changes continues. These are linked to finances, friendships and generally what you consider most important in life. Dealing with these has perhaps gained more attention that you want. Making efforts to step back and close the curtains from unwanted eyes and noses will feel good over the coming weeks.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23)

Opening yourself to new people and ideas is in the spotlight. Yet, some of these may not be so easy to embrace. However, learning new things and then expressing them, at least verbally and ideally in writing, could produce enlightening new realizations. It may take a week or two to formulate your thoughts clearly. Activate new ideas to integrate fresh perspectives.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)

Some cycles carry a heavier workload than others. The emphasis here is upon inner work. Your basic task includes nurturing a healthy self-regard. Your inner critic may be extra loud now. Making some needed improvements is a good idea, rather than succumb to frustration or depression. Balance constructive self-criticism with healthy doses of self-acknowledgement.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22)

This time of year often produces the blues. See this investment as a way of paying some dues. Generally this is an expansive time for you, even though it requires more concentration than usual. Taking the time and making extra effort to socialize is important as well. Aim to share your vitality and beauty for positive and pleasant returns.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)

How can you get a lot done without leaving home? This may sound idealistic, but if you could you would. At least once you get home you will want to stay there. That does not mean you will be idle. You are ambitious to get a lot done. This does not include catering to the whims of others. You have creative work to do and you mean business.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21)

Getting measurable returns for your efforts is on your mind. Beyond the usual routine, you are on a quest for answers. Keeping your confidence and enthusiasm levels high is part of the challenge. Knowing who you are and where you truly belong are lingering questions. This is a soul searching process. Here's a clue: you are a soul. Meditate upon what that means.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)

Getting clear on what is most important to you is a central theme now. This is prompting an experiential and experimental approach. You will poke and provoke to get new answers, insights and results, especially this week. Just be ready to receive some responses that challenge your comfort zone. This entire theme is a feature of a pioneering social expansion process.

Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19)

You are entering new territory. While you may feel a bit overwhelmed just now, your focus will sharpen over the coming weeks. Already your ambitions are spurred. Your convictions will be strong and clear provided that you feel there is meaning and purpose in your chosen path. If you feel confused and conflicted now, seek counsel.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

A busy time behind the scenes continues. The kind of work depends on you. Your imagination is racing; make sure to keep it on a healthy track. Sometimes dealing with illness offers its own lessons and wisdom. Either way, you seek seclusion for a while. Attaining knowledge is featured. The prospects of future goals, dreams and ambitions are prime motivations.

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Happy Anniversary to Island Pathways!

Thanks for more than 25 years of improving travel for non-motorized traffic through the creation of pathways, advocating for bicycle friendly policy, safety education and providing cycling resources relevant to Salt Spring Island.



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WE ARE 25! Island Pathways board members were among those celebrating the group's silver anniversary at ArtSpring on Sunday afternoon. From left: Margaretha Nordine, Val Short, Brenda Guiled, John Rowlandson, Jean Gelwicks, Heather Biver and Cathy Lenihan. Missing board members are Wendy Webb and Gayle Baker.

SOCCER

Old Boys players claw back for a tie

SS United and Westcastle riding hot streaks

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
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For the second consecutive week, Old Boys players fought their way back from an early deficit to even the score.

Salt Spring players returned to Lochside field for a Saturday evening match against the Gordon Head Gunners, who wasted no time jumping out to a two-goal lead.

"It seems we need a little push before we wake up and start to play with more aggression," said Graham Tweddle, a spokesperson for the Old Boys.

The Old Boys may have persevered through a figurative fog to even the score

before the game's midway point, but found themselves playing catch-up again in the second.

Salt Spring tied the game at four but couldn't quite finish off the stubbornly defensive Gordon Head side with a late-game winner.

"The game, similar to last week, ended too soon with the Old Boys pushing for the winning goal," Tweddle said.

Goal of the match was Doug Fraser's noteworthy first-half effort that saw him jig his way down field before calmly rounding the Gordon Head keeper.

Salt Spring will play the last of three consecutive away games on Sunday, Feb. 9 against the Isle Blues at Finlayson Field.

In Lower Island Women's Soccer Association play, Salt Spring United's

women's O30B team subdued the second-place Cowichan Cougars 4-3 on Sunday afternoon. Players overcame a frustrating first half spent mainly in their own end before mounting their comeback.

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GRAHAM TWEDDLE
Salt Spring Old Boys

Sue-Anne Donaldson and Lee Ann Norgard scored for United before the half. Donaldson got another two goals in the

second to earn a hat trick and seal the win.

Salt Spring United is riding a strong start to 2014, having won three games in a row. The team will try to keep its momentum rolling when it hosts the Sooke Juggers at the lower GISS field on Sunday, Feb. 9 at 12:30 p.m.

In other soccer news, Salt Spring's Westcastle FC emerged from a weekend double-header against Penelakut FC with four of six possible points.

Salt Spring steamrolled its hosts 5-2 on Saturday afternoon. The competition was much closer in Sunday's rematch at Portlock Park, where the teams tied 1-1.

Westcastle will be back in action at Portlock Park on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 2:30 p.m. to face off against Powell River Villa.

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