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A BIG HIT: Sebastian Niedziela hits the ball in Saturday's Junior Tennis Fair at Portlock Park. Thirty-two young people participated in the day of free clinics and demonstrations with visiting coaches organized by the Salt Spring Tennis Association.

REC FACILITIES

Portlock eyes Project Play funding

Prize money would help cracked tennis courts

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Tennis lovers on Salt Spring have their fingers, toes and rackets crossed in the lead up to a decision that could provide at least \$25,000 worth of upgrades to Portlock Park's aging courts.

Judges will narrow entries in the countrywide Kraft Project Play contest to four finalists when they cast their votes in a televised announcement on Sunday, July 26 at 7:15 p.m. on TSN.

Erica Ross, president of the Salt Spring Island Tennis Association, nominated Portlock Park since she realized the island has nothing to lose and so much to gain.

"I figured let's give it a try," she said. "I've been playing tennis here for 20 years, and the courts at Portlock Park have been problematic for 20 years."

Ross said winning the \$25,000 by qualifying for the final four would pave the way for much-needed repairs to surfaces and the foundation of the four tennis courts. Winning the \$250,000 grand prize would be a dream come true, she said.

Just being in the competition, Ross said, provides tremendous exposure to the island's enthusiastic youth and adult tennis programs.

"There's more and more interest, but the courts are pretty sad," she added. "Tennis is undergoing a real resurgence."

While plans to upgrade the courts have been mulled for years, funding from the Capital Regional District's Parks and Recreation Commission, which oversees the property, has been unavailable.

TENNIS COURTS continued on 4

WATER

Adapt to drier climate: forum

Conservation event draws impressive numbers

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

There were plenty of dusty, unwashed cars in the parking lot outside Meaden Hall on Sunday afternoon, where nearly 125 people participated in an event to promote water conservation and learn more about what's shaping up to become the region's driest year in history.

Be it through fewer car washes, shorter and less frequent showers or repurposing leftover dishwater in the veggie patch, attendees left

the three-hour Water Conservation Forum spearheaded by the Salt Spring Water Council inspired to let no drop be wasted as dry weather is predicted to continue through July and August.

"We are facing a very serious situation on our island, and that is what we are here to talk about today," said John Borst, the event's emcee and SSWC president. "We need to work together and look beyond the normal boundaries of who to deal with."

Sunday's event brought widespread participation from speakers representing the province, regional governments, local water districts, the fire department, well owners, hardware suppliers and academic bodies.

All spoke to the importance of grappling with longer, drier summers, while expressing optimism about Sunday's strong public turnout.

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Deadlines for the Gulf Islands Driftwood Wednesday Aug. 5 edition will be as follows:

- Display Advertising deadline: **Thursday, July 30, 12 noon**
- Classified Display Deadline: **Friday, Aug. 31, 4pm**
- Classified Word Deadline: **Tuesday, Aug. 4, 9am**



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FIRE DISTRICT

Committee members named

Conflict of interest matters raised at fire board

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of the public were appointed to the Salt Spring Fire Protection District's new standing committees at the board's business meeting Monday night.

Joining the board members previously elected to the committees are: Michael Craig, Andrew Hildebrand, Julia Lucich and Ken Marr on the Finance and Audit Committee; Ron Chamney, Brian Cunningham, Reg Jefferd, Per Svendsen and Mervin Walde on Facilities and Physical Plant; Ron McCulloch, Deborah McGovern, Scott Simmons and Darlene Steele on Human Resources and Legal; Andrew Hildebrand, Reg Jefferd, Mark Lucich, Shelley Nitikman and Ben Sutton on Strategic Planning and Policy Development; and Ron Chamney, Maxine Leichter and Ron McCulloch on Marketing and Communications.

Not accepted were at least five district employees, including paid-on-call firefighters, who had been warned in advance not to submit applications.

Speaking during the town hall portion of Monday's meeting, Salt Spring Firefighters Association president Eric Taylor said he felt discriminated against as he had applied as a taxpayer and a landowner. He wondered why others' signatures on the committees' conflict of interest agreements would be given more credibility than his.

Trustee Norbert Schlenker, acting as chair for the meeting, referred to the provincial government practice that does not allow employees to serve on committees.

"Even as a paid-on-call you receive money [from the district], so it can be seen as a conflict of interest," he said, adding at a later point that employees may not agree with the decision "but a decision has been made."

Schlenker's experience with conflict of interest matters came up later in the evening during a report from trustee Derek Hill, who chairs the HR and Legal committee. Hill described how he and Schlenker had been tasked to review the district's legal counsel, recommending a change from Victoria-based firm McConnan Bion O'Connor & Peterson to Cox Taylor, also of Victoria, because of their quick response time and knowledge of improvement districts and local government.

Schlenker noted he had previously worked with the firm as the lead petitioner in the conflict of interest case a group of islanders brought against former Islands Trust officials Christine Torgimson and George Ehring. Hill was also a petitioner in the suit.

mittee working on the bylaw will draft the new section before bringing it back to the public for input.

A proposal to hire local contractor Jim McClean to repair the Ganges fire hall roof was referred back to the Facilities and Physical Plant Committee when it was determined that a request for proposals had not been issued and the quote had not gone through the committee to become an official recommendation. As well, Fire Chief Tom Bremner had not been advised of the roof repair quote and could not immediately say whether the funds were available in the operating budget.

Fire boat offer

Salt Spring Fire Chief Tom Bremner raised the idea of acquiring a fire boat in partnership with other departments in the area.

He described a project initiated by fire districts that are administered by the Capital Regional District on Galiano, Mayne, Saturna and Pender islands.

"I believe it's something that has to be addressed as a fire chief and a leader of community and emergency response," Bremner said.

He noted the district's Letters Patent extend the boundaries to some smaller islands off Salt Spring, and while the owners pay taxes, fire protection service is not actually available. Response to marine incidents would also be improved, he said.

Trustee Michael Schubart said it would not make sense to add a service "ad hoc" while the entire service level policy is under review, and suggested adding the fire boat concept to that process.

Schlenker agreed the idea was a "tough sell," particularly since Salt Spring probably has two thirds of the entire Gulf Islands population and would therefore be on the hook for at least two thirds of the related taxes.

He also said it seemed as if Salt Spring was coming "late to the party" with the process already well underway on the other islands.

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NORBERT SCHLENKER
Salt Spring Fire Improvement District Trustee

Trustees voted to make the change, and also approved Hill's recommendation to retain Allan Winters from Vancouver-based Harris & Company as the district's legal counsel for upcoming contract negotiations. Hill said Winters had experience in several municipal contract negotiations with the International Firefighters Association in the Lower Mainland area.

In other fire board news, trustees heard residents' concerns about elevated fire risk due to beach fires and high-risk activities such as chainsaw and machine work in the current dry spell, with 10 letters received in total on the two topics during the past month. The board agreed to add a section on high-risk activity to the new open burning regulations bylaw. The select com-

ISLANDS TRUST

Trust aims for strategic plan

Public input needed to set term's priorities

Islands Trust Council is seeking the public's help to set its planning priorities for the 2014-18 term, with a formal strategic plan to be adopted at its next quarterly meeting in September.

Submissions are being sought for development prior to the public meeting, which is being held from Sept. 15 to 17 on Bowen Island. Peter Luckham, Islands Trust Council chair, said the strategic plan will

be important for guiding decisions and allocating resources within the four-year term.

"We want to focus our efforts on areas that matter the most to islanders and continue to meet our legislated mandate," Luckham said, adding 11 proposed objectives have been drafted. "We want to know if the priorities for islanders in the Trust Area are reflected in those objectives and if there is anything we have missed that should be included."

According to a press release, "The objectives are grounded in the principle of effective, efficient and col-

laborative governance and in the three primary goals in the Islands Trust Policy Statement: ecosystem preservation and protection, stewardship of island resources, and sustaining island character and healthy communities."

Islanders can have their say by completing a survey online, by email to strategicplan@islandstrust.bc.ca, fax, mail or by addressing Trust Council in person. Details are available at www.islandstrust.bc.ca/strategicplan.

All written input received by Aug. 10 will be considered by committees in August and by Trust Council before it finalizes the document.

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ST. MARY LAKE

Multi-agency watershed report envisions healthy lake

SSIWPA welcomes public feedback on plan until Aug. 14

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A new report on the water quality of Salt Spring's largest drinking water source rules out dredging, bio-manipulation and a sewer system, but falls short of setting out a clear course to cure St. Mary Lake.

That's because there's likely no single solution to curb the frequency and severity of potentially toxic algal blooms that can develop in the lake at any time of year, according to Shannon Cowan, coordinator of the Salt Spring Island Watershed Preservation Authority.

"The successful and feasible watershed stewardship solutions for St. Mary are likely to be linked to managing land runoff and water conservation by property owners and residents," Cowan said.

Cowan posted the draft version of the St. Mary Lake Integrated Watershed Management Plan on SSIWPA's website earlier this week. She kicked off the document's official public launch Tuesday at the first in a series of public consultation sessions.

"The first session [Tuesday] morning at Fernwood Road Cafe had more than a dozen conversations and display board viewings," she said.

Public consultation sessions are scheduled across the island until

Aug. 11. SSIWPA will accept public comments on the draft report until Aug. 14. The report can be downloaded at ssiwatersheds.com or viewed at the Salt Spring Public Library.

"Feedback will be presented at a SSIWPA meeting in late August and incorporated into the final management plan, set for publication in September," Cowan said.

The document represents the culmination of a multi-agency effort to identify how to improve the lake's water quality and promote watershed health. Issues and concerns were outlined by SSIWPA and its associate committees in cooperation with opinions collected during an open house in November 2014.

"Watersheds are dynamic in nature. As such, management plans to safeguard them should be adaptive."

ST. MARY LAKE INTEGRATED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

Recommendations were refined through a formalized procedure dubbed the Structured Decision Making Planning Process — undertaken by consultants at Compass Resource Management — to evalu-



A sign posted at St. Mary Lake in May of 2012 warns people about toxic algae. Persistent algal blooms were a factor in creating the Salt Spring Island Water Protection Authority, which spearheaded work on the St. Mary Lake Integrated Watershed Management Plan. A draft plan was released this week.

ate which recommendations are most cost effective and feasible.

The report says phosphorus fluctuation in the lake appears to be stable throughout the year, meaning there is no annual increase in the level of the nutrient commonly linked to algal growth.

The management plan recommends an "adaptive approach" that can be refined as researchers amass more information about the complex chemical and biological processes underway in the lake.

Recommendations specifically rule out construction of a sewer system that connects shoreline properties based on new research that contradicts long-held assumptions about the levels of phosphorus that seep into the lake from nearby septic fields. Likewise, the report states high costs and unpredictable consequences rule out the proposal to dredge lakebed sediment, which has been identified as the largest source of phosphorus in the lake.

The current level of recreational

activity in and around the lake contributes relatively little phosphorus. Further measures to stress water conservation, the report adds, are essential.

The report recommends monitoring of stormwater runoff into the lake to identify so-called hot spots where phosphorus levels exceed the average, ongoing water quality and sediment testing to learn more about how phosphorus reacts in the lake, hosting water stewardship workshops and promotion of further public education about the importance of healthy water supply.

The report also suggests installing more signs around the lake and publication of brochures to highlight water quality information. SSIWPA will work with the Salt Spring Island Agricultural Alliance to limit phosphorus from farms through education campaigns and workshops.

"Watersheds are dynamic in nature. As such, management plans to safeguard them should be adaptive," reads a section of the report. "Adaptive management produces actions that are responsive to changes in ecological systems and that are in step with changes in scientific and cultural knowledge, as well as economic realities. It relies on regular, rigorous evaluation of actions taken, within the context of the specific system."

More information about the 2015 St. Mary Lake Integrated Management Plan is available at ssiwatersheds.ca.

NEWS BRIEFS

Ganges sewer vote now on

Ganges sewer area residents and property owners have two more opportunities to vote in the Capital Regional District borrowing referendum.

The second advance voting opportunity runs today (Wednesday, July 22) with the regular

voting day on Saturday, July 25. Polls are in the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. both days.

The referendum question asks for permission to borrow \$3.9 million to fund the renewal and upgrade of the 30-year-old sewer system that serves 417 parcels of land in Ganges village and surrounding areas. Many of the components of the wastewater

treatment plant and sewer collection are at or near the end of their life.

If the borrowing question is approved, the average residential user charge will rise by an estimated \$179 per year for 20 years, and much less if an applied-for federal government grant is received.

More information is available at www.crd.bc.ca/ganges-sewer.

Finalists named Sunday

TENNIS COURTS
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More than 700 nominees across Canada are in the running for the prize.

One finalist will be drawn from each of the competition's four nomination categories: tennis, basketball, soccer and play — the latter being an open category.

More information about the contest is available at kraftprojectplay.com.

"PARC hasn't had the money," she said. "This is a big-ticket item."

Kraft Project Play is modelled on the annual Kraft Hockeyville competition, won earlier this year by the Panorama recreation facility in North Saanich.



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JUNIOR HORTICULTURE

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Remember the Fall Fair theme is "Poultry In Motion"

Have fun, and see you at the Fair!



COMMUNITY LIVING

Choices to close at month's end

Funding shortfall leads to tough decision

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Choices clothing store in Ganges will be closed following funding cuts announced by Community Living British Columbia last week.

Leah Woods' company Choices Too Ltd. has operated the McPhillips Avenue store for 22 years. The business features retail space and houses day programs for adults with special needs in the back of the shop. Some of those programs give participants an opportunity to earn a modest income and acquire skills by working at the store.

The combination of retail space and community service didn't

sit well with Community Living BC, a Crown agency that supports adults with developmental disabilities. Woods learned Friday that the organization would no longer cover the rent for Choices' retail space, an amount that represents roughly \$2,000 of the organization's \$18,000 in monthly funding.

Community Living BC's announcement coincides with Woods' retirement as Choices' owner and program coordinator at the end of the month. She had been in the final stages of selling the company to her employee Yolande Leger, when the news arrived. What was hoped to be a smooth transition has morphed into stressful last-minute contract negotiations in a bid to keep programs alive.

Unable to meet its end-of-month rent

payment, Woods said she had no other choice but to close the shop. She and Leger spent much of the weekend preparing the store for liquidation. Everything must be gone by July 31.

"It will leave 12 special needs adults out of work," Woods said. "Some are employable elsewhere, others are not."

Though the retail space will close, Leger said Choices will still offer its clients community integration programs at the site. How those programs and the space will look, she added, is still being considered.

"Day programming will continue, but it will be more difficult," she said. "We are going to have to become very creative."

Leger has talked with representatives from the provincial govern-

ment to find opportunities for the special needs adults who will be out of work at month's end, but finding a good fit hasn't been easy.

A Community Living BC spokesperson said he is optimistic a new contract to enable continuation of day programming is forthcoming.

"We are pleased that individuals currently receiving day program support will continue to do so," said Randy Schmidt, Community Living BC's director of communications.

He said Community Living has decided to amend and renew its contract with Choices based on an understanding that the new owner will not continue to run the small retail business. As a result, the entire space will be allocated to day-program activities.

TECHNOLOGY

New virus trashes islander's data

Ransomware reaches new lows

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Computer tech Jean Eastman likens the CryptoWall 3.0 virus to intruders who change the locks on your home and refuse to hand over the keys before they receive \$500.

Fail to send the money right away and the ransom jumps to \$1,000.

The virus may represent new depths in the nefarious world of online security breaches, but it all boils down to classic extortion, according to Eastman.

In more than 20 years, Eastman has never failed to retrieve lost or corrupted data for any of her clients, until now.

"I've been teching for a long time, and we've seen many different bugs," she said. "We were able to conquer them and get the data back, but this bug is a variation; they're using huge encryption. It's very scary."

Earlier this summer, Salt Spring writer Pamela McColl discovered she couldn't access a nearly completed manuscript when she booted up her computer. She tried to open other programs on her computer and had the same result.

A message flashed across the screen, telling her the computer's data had been transformed into gobbledygook but that her data would be restored if she immediately sent \$500 to the people who'd hijacked her computer.

A friend suggested she pay the money, but McColl wasn't pre-

pared to cave. Besides, paying the ransom to an untraceable online account offered no guarantee the hackers would live up to their end of the deal.

"I wasn't going to pay these extortionists," McColl said.

Internet security researchers issued a global warning about CryptoWall 3.0 in January after they detected "new and improved" versions of the program.

"CryptoWall 3.0 is a sophisticated ransomware program that encrypts the victims' files with a strong cryptographic algorithm," wrote Lucian Constantin, an information security expert, in an article for pcworld.com. "Users are asked to pay the equivalent of \$500 in Bitcoin virtual currency in order to receive the decryption key that allows them to recover their files."

"I wasn't going to pay these extortionists."

PAMELA MCCOLL
CryptoWall 3.0
computer virus victim

Refusing to bow to the ransom demand, McColl showed her computer to Eastman, who spent hours trying to decipher the code. Eastman was stumped, as were the online and real life colleagues she consulted. She concluded there are no commercially available tools able to disinfect files encrypted by the virus or prevent infection.

Though experts aren't exactly

sure how the virus gets into a computer, many suspect the latest version is distributed through pop-up downloads that appear as browser or other software updates. Computer users should ensure they are familiar with the source of all downloads to minimize the risk of infection. People should also be wary of any suspicious emails and think twice before opening incoming attachments from questionable senders.

Eastman recommends computer users back up data on an external storage device. It's crucial, she added, that people disconnect the storage device from their computer to prevent the virus' spread.

"Our data is important on any level," Eastman said. "To lose it is catastrophic; it's kind of like having a fire in your house."

"If it's important, back it up in more than one place."

When in doubt, she added, call an expert for help.

McColl spent \$300 to get her computer back to a useable state, without any of the word documents, photographs and other material that had been stored on her computer's hard drive.

"I lost everything," she said. "All the files were corrupted; everything was corrupted."

McColl fortunately retrieved an earlier version of her manuscript by looking through her email inbox. She now makes sure to back up material regularly and in multiple locations.

The Salt Spring RCMP opened a file on the matter after McColl reported the extortion attempt to the local detachment.



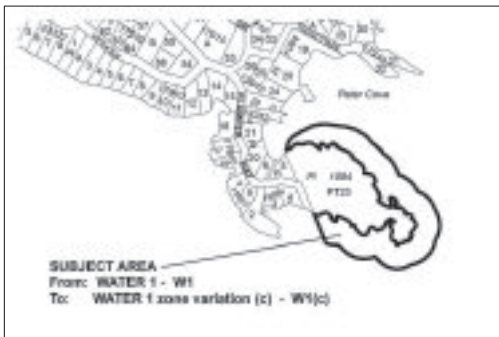
ISLANDS TRUST NORTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee will hold a Community Information Meeting and a Public Hearing within a Local Trust Committee Business Meeting on **Proposed Bylaw No. 198** - cited as "North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw 103, 1996, Amendment No. 04, 2014" for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw at **9:45 am on July 30, 2015, at the Pender Island Community Hall (Upstairs), 4418 Bedwell Harbour Road, North Pender Island, BC.**

In general terms, the purpose of Bylaw No. 198, is to amend the Land Use Bylaw to permit an 83.6m² (899.9 ft²) existing dock. The dimensions of the float are 18.3m x 4.6m (60ft x 15ft). The dock structure is located in the Water 1 (W1) zone abutting an upland property zoned Rural Residential (RR).

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

Proposed Bylaw No. 198 - cited as "North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw 103, 1996, Amendment No. 4, 2014"



A copy of the proposed bylaw and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, **commencing July 15, 2015 and up to and including July 29, 2015.**

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2) (e) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at various Notice Boards on North Pender Island, B.C., commencing **July 15, 2015.** The proposed bylaw can also be viewed online at the following URL: www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/north-pender/bylaws.

Written submissions may be delivered to:

1. The office of the Islands Trust by mail at #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, by Fax (250) 405-5155, prior to **4:30 p.m., July 29, 2015.**
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Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

All comments and submissions received to date, prior to and at the June 18, 2015, Public Hearing, will remain part of the public record and will be taken into consideration by the Local Trust Committee. It is not necessary to resubmit comments a second time.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Justine Starke, Island Planner, at (250) 405-5189 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

NO REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE NORTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Sharon Lloyd-deRosario
Deputy Secretary

PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION

Electric cars and bikes ready to zip around the island

Multi-pronged EV show at several venues

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Jim Standen is one Salt Spring Islander who is extra juiced up about the weekend ahead.

Standen and the Electric Vehicle Group of Transition Salt Spring are holding an EV car and bike show that received a terrific response from invited companies.

“The Transition Salt Spring Electric Vehicle Group is so pleased to provide this celebration of our accomplishments, like getting more island EVs and chargers over the past year. Our members will be volunteering at all of the events to ensure a safe and fun time is had by all.”

The schedule is as follows:
• Friday, July 24 from 5 to 8 p.m. — Meet and greet with EV



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

Transition Salt Spring EV Group member Jim Standen leans on his Nissan Leaf while taking a brief break from organizing the July 24-25 EV Show.

show vendors and local vehicle owners at Moby’s Pub. Moby’s will have the island’s first public Tesla vehicle charging station.
• Saturday, July 25 from 9:30

to 11 a.m. — Q&A about Nissan Leaf vehicles and maintenance at Central Hall.

• Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. — Tesla, Mitsubishi, Kia and Nissan Leaf vehicles displayed and test-drive opportunities at Country Grocer parking lot.

• Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. — Display and test driving of Smart EVs and Nissan Leafs at Island Savings Credit Union parking lot.

• Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. — Tour of Gulf Islands Secondary School solar photovoltaic system, one of the largest in B.C.

• Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. — EV Bike Show at Kanaka Road across from Mid-Island Co-op.

David Elderton is organizing the bicycle show component. He said electric bikes from six different manufacturers will be on site, with several available for test drives. People can also check out eZee kits, which give

electric capability to a regular bicycle.

“There’s almost a hot-rodder culture around the kits. Instead of tinkering with their cars they tinker with their bikes,” said Elderton.

Salt Spring-based Industry Drones reps will also be on hand to display and demonstrate drones.

A Transition Salt Spring fundraising barbecue runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday in the Country Grocer parking lot.

With the Eco Living and Home Tour set long ago for Sunday, July 26, it seemed like the ideal weekend to add an electric vehicle component, said Standen.

For more info about Sunday’s home tour, see the story inside the July 22 Gulf Islands Real Estate magazine, or visit the tour’s page on the transition-saltspring.ning.com website.

Thirst for change demonstrated

WATER FORUM

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“The climate has changed and continues to change,” said Linda Gilkeson, a writer, speaker and consultant who once headed B.C.’s State of Environment Reporting Unit. “All of our society will be impacted by this . . . These changes are here, and they affect everything we do.”

Gilkeson pointed to statistics that show precipitation levels on Salt Spring are 85 per cent below normal for April through July. She said temperatures and precipitation have begun to exhibit wider variations and more extreme weather events are growing more commonplace.

“Weird weather is the new normal,” she said. “We’re not even on the map of normal. I think it’s time to really take this seriously.”

Agencies on the island and across the province have already begun to take serious steps to avert the worsening crisis.

The North Salt Spring Waterworks District has imposed a moratorium on new connections served by its water supply at St. Mary Lake, well owners are being encouraged to monitor flow rates and water levels, and all residents are asked to implement conservation into their daily routines.

“If this is the new normal, we need to fundamentally rethink the way

we use water,” said Rosie Simms, water law and policy researcher at the University of Victoria’s POLIS group.

Michael Nickels, owner of Salt Spring’s Seven Ravens Farm, has devoted nearly 30 years to restoring water to some of the world’s most arid landscapes. He said the need to rethink how we use water should be an incentive to implement basic and inexpensive short-term changes.

“I like to limit showers to five minutes because, let’s face it, anything more than that is recreation.”

DEBORAH WALKER
CRD outreach and residential water conservation programs coordinator

Nickels has used swales, ditches dug alongside slopes, and ponds to increase the ground’s water retention and reduce runoff into the ocean. His results overseas have produced springs in areas that receive fewer than 125 millimetres (five inches) of annual rainfall and restored grasslands and forests in areas devastated by desertification.

“If we want to increase

the capacity of our wells, we need to increase the retention of our wells,” Nickels told the crowd. “It can be done, and this is what we have to deal with in the future.”

Peter Clarke, a plumbing specialist at Windsor Plywood in Ganges, provides the pumps and parts for residents and business owners to install rainwater catchment systems. He said the uptake on water conservation technology during the past decade has been phenomenal.

“(Selling a water catchment tank) was an oddity, now it’s train loads of them,” he said.

Deborah Walker, outreach and residential water conservation programs coordinator at the Capital Regional District, suggested everyone needs to spread the conservation message. Her efforts helped the CRD reduce water consumption by 23 per cent. That people were able to adapt when prompted reassures her that broader changes can be incorporated without undue inconvenience or discomfort.

“I like to limit showers to five minutes because, let’s face it, anything more than that is recreation,” she said.

Even the fire department has, for many years, conserved water by using monitoring equipment, fire retardants and reusing water at the department’s Burgoyne Valley training ground, accord-

ing to Salt Spring Fire Chief Tom Bremner.

“In my opinion this is the biggest infrastructure, financial, communication and education issue we have to deal with on this island. If we do not do this we are going to lose big time right away, there is no doubt about it,” he said.

Sharon Bywater has been slowly augmenting her water conservation output since she volunteered to serve on the Highland and Fernwood Water Service Commission about 10 years ago. What began with a 210-litre (55-gallon) rain barrel has morphed into an 8,000-litre (800-gallon) DIY water catchment system that can supply her bountiful vegetable patch year round.

“We all need to create some of our own water supply,” Bywater said. “We need to stop trying to make our landscape something that it isn’t. We need to let go of the English country garden because this isn’t England.”

In the spirit of fun and adventure that has defined her water conservation journey, Bywater suggested islanders consider awarding a prize to the owner of the dustiest car in September. The eager response from the audience — and the proliferation of dusty windshields — suggests many islanders have already chosen to accept Bywater’s challenge.

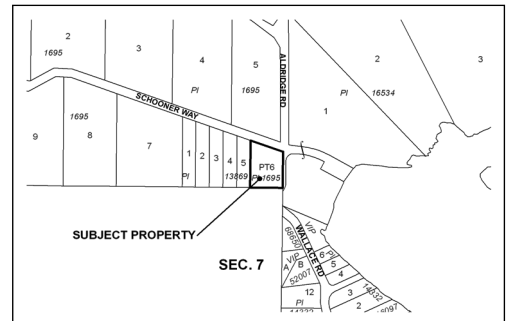


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NORTH PENDER ISLAND
LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
NP-TUP-2015.2**

NOTICE is hereby given that the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee will be considering a resolution allowing for the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit pursuant to Section 921 of the *Local Government Act*. The proposed permit would apply to a portion of that part of Lot 6, Section 7, Pender Island, Cowichan District, Plan 1695, lying of the East of a boundary parallel to and perpendicularly distant 260 feet from the easterly boundary of said lot.

The purpose of this temporary use permit would be to permit an additional use, the “transfer, storage, and shipping of discarded goods and materials” on a portion of the property. The establishment of these uses would be subject to a number of conditions specified in the permit. The permit would be issued for up to three years and the owner may apply to the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee to have it renewed once for up to an additional three years.

The general location of the subject property is shown in the following sketch:



A copy of the proposed permit may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., V8R 1H8, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays, commencing, **July 17, 2015** and up to and including **July 29, 2015**.

Enquiries or comments should be directed to Planner Justine Starke at (250) 405-5189, for Toll Free Access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867; or by fax (250) 405-5155; or by email to: information@islandstrust.bc.ca, before 4:30 p.m., July 29, 2015. The North Pender Island Local Trust Committee may consider a resolution allowing for the issuance of the permit during the regular business meeting starting at 9:45 a.m., Thursday, July 30, 2015, at the Pender Island Community Hall on North Pender Island.

All applications are available for review by the public. Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Sharon Lloyd-deRosario
Deputy Secretary

OPINION



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EDITORIAL

SSIWPA roadshow

We're barely halfway through 2015 and St. Mary Lake looks to have clinched the title of Salt Spring's news-maker of the year.

As if ongoing talk about water conservation, development moratoriums and shoreline expropriation wasn't enough to launch the lake into the lead, Tuesday's release of the draft St. Mary Lake Integrated Watershed Management Plan has undoubtedly sealed the deal.

Thanks to the start of a concert tour-inspired public engagement roadshow slated to visit halls, cafes and other popular community spaces across the island during the next three weeks, it stands to reason that much of this upcoming discussion will reach new levels. If the public response at recent events in Fernwood and the Tuesday market is any indication, SSIWPA

THE ISSUE:
St. Mary Lake watershed plan

WE SAY:
Info accessible

coordinator Shannon Cowan can anticipate a busy time ahead. That's great news because community involvement is a key to further success.

The latest report is right to acknowledge accomplishments made since the original St. Mary Lake Management Plan was released in 2009. Despite public awareness about the link between phosphorus and water quality prompted by that report, however, it's widely agreed many recommendations stayed on the shelf due to the lack of coordination between government agencies, residents and island organizations.

Having tested the waters again, authors of this year's St. Mary Lake Integrated Management Plan are considerably more optimistic.

Integration of multiple government agencies and community groups into the process has created a formidable bureaucratic barrier, with the academic jargon and governmental procedures to back it up. Learning the intricacies of the structured decision-making process or reading through reams of reports may not suit everyone as a great way to spend a leisurely summer afternoon, but organizers hope showing up for one of the many upcoming local sessions to learn about and consider some of the options being proposed — along with others that are off the table — to preserve the water quality in St. Mary Lake will prove to be a far more alluring prospect.

Open house dates and the draft integrated management plan are available at ssiwatersheds.ca.



VIEWPOINT by Ron Hawkins

Using fear to keep people in line

This concerns North Salt Spring Waterworks District's current sustainable water management strategy for dealing with water realities.

These realities are defined in the reports of consulting engineers Kerr Wood Leidal Associates Ltd., Vancouver, who have completed two detailed update studies for the district: i) St. Mary lake Watershed: Water Availability and Demand, Climate Change and Assessment, and ii) Maxwell Lake, Rippon Creek and Larmour Creek Watersheds: Water Availability, Climate Change and Assessment.

These are available on the NSSWD website. The district has produced its response to them titled Sustainable Water Management Strategy (June 2015), unquestionably timely, proactive and responsible. This too is on their website.

These reports provide the most current science-based information on the hydrology of the watersheds. The district's strategy is in direct response to these findings in its current and evolving management practices. For this they deserve highest praise!

The situation we face is not limited to Salt Spring, not just to southern Vancouver Island, not just to the Province of B.C. as it struggles with bringing into regulation its 100-year-old legislation in a new Water Sustainability Act reflecting the current and future realities anticipated. It is a global challenge, exacerbated by conditions in countries with far less water and greater demand than Canada's. As Louise Frechette, former U.N. Secretary General stated on June 19, 2015 at a Salt Spring Forum event: "In my opinion, water will become one of the critical issues of the United Nations in coming years and decades."

NASA has defined three prerequisites for the existence of life as we know it: water, energy and organic matter.

Randy Cunningham, a member of the Capital Regional District's Community Economic Development Commission and owner of Salt Spring Cottage Resort on St. Mary Lake, charges that "the water district has used this summer's drought and low water levels to further a campaign to raise the level of a weir near the lake's outflow."

This would no doubt impact his water frontage. "They're using fear at every step of the way to keep people in line," he told his fellow commissioners. "I just think it's another one of their tactics."

Islands trustee Peter Grove applauds the fabulous job the district does, "but this moratorium is having a devastating effect on our island in terms of grinding to a halt all kinds of interesting developments." Grove goes on to comment, "If you look at the NSSWD formula, they assume the worst."

Querying Peter, my friend, on this latter point, he explained there is no "formula" per se, it's all in the consultant's reports.

So my request to Cunningham, Grove, CEDC and Islands Trust is: criticize the reports, which is say analyze and ask questions, very specific questions. Do not make blanket allegations like stirring up fear tactics every step of the way. Make suggestions, helpful and constructive ones, if you have any, which might include a dialogue with the district and reporting of same to the Driftwood. Fear-mongering is precisely what one indulges in otherwise — so cheap, so easy, so unhelpful.

The writer has long been interested in water conservation issues.

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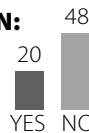
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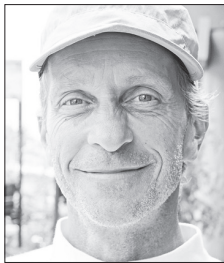
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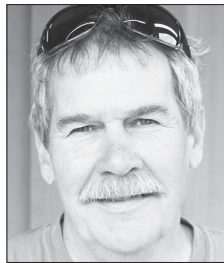
SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What do you think of the new federal child tax credit being distributed this week?



BRETT GADKE

I think it's good but it's suspicious about the timing and the amount. I don't know what the motivation behind it is.



LARRY MELIOUS

If it's more money for people with kids, I like it.



PAM JACKSON

I think it's good — it's hard enough for families. And I think it's great when they hand things out just before an election. I just wish I could benefit.



MELINDA ZERON MULLINS

I guess it's good but at the same time you have to pay taxes on it. I guess it's going to benefit the people who need it most.



MELISSA CUTSHALL

It's a mixed blessing, I think. It's nice to have a little extra cash in your pocket, but at the end of the day, it's not cash in your pocket.

Letters to the editor

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

Better to pay now, not later

Last week's "In praise of pessimism and analysis" guest column by Frants Attopr is right on the mark of where humanity and the Earth are going.

The future does not have to be bleak, however, if we have the will to change our philosophy. There is an old Arab saying attributed to Allah: "Take what you want in life and pay for it."

We know what we need to do, we just need to pay for it. Kurt Vonnegut put it another way: "We could have saved the world but we were too cheap."

In order to change

course, we need to pay more for our energy, for our food, for our water and for our taxes. Of course we all want a "free lunch," but there is no free lunch. We can pay now or we can pay later, but if we pay later it will cost more (just like buying a car).

We seem to be saying, "We don't want to pay now, we would rather let our grandchildren pay."

Politicians keep saying we need lower taxes and higher growth. Nature cannot stand the policy of lower taxes and higher growth . . . especially population growth.

ROBERT BATEMAN,
SALT SPRING

Ray of hope

Hurrah and thank you to John Macpherson for his July 15 Viewpoint ("Using facts essential for all parties").

His common sense and factual reasoning come as a ray of hope in what has steadily become an ego-driven fragmented society, where individual group decisions appear to fly in the face of the Trust's mandate to preserve and protect the natural environment.

A centralized governance would hopefully prevent what appears to be a willful decimation of the natural habitat of various species, particularly in the parks, where

signage and gravel are replacing the frogs and fish habitat at an alarming rate, as well as along the roadsides. Assumably, a centralized government would have the power to uphold both the provincial and federal conservation laws which are currently, and ironically, being blindly ignored.

JAQUALINE ROUSSIN,
RAINBOW ROAD

More pool time, please

We have many meeting rooms on Salt Spring.

Some are small, some quite large and even with all the meetings held each year there seems to be enough meeting rooms to

meet the need.

We have only one public swimming pool. It is closed each Saturday. Why not use all the extra money to open the pool on Saturday instead of another room?

PAT O'NEILL,
HOWELL LANE

Grannies urge collaboration

Ross King raged against our Raging Grannies performing at the Saturday Market in his July 15 "Wealth doesn't fall from trees" letter.

The Grannies present political commentary in musical rhyme about Canada's unjust economic system and wear

costumes depicting the era of the suffragettes that followed that of the Famous Five. The Famous Five were Emilie Murphy, Louise McKinney, Nellie McClung, Henriette Muir Edwards and Irene Parby, who initiated voting for women in Canada.

The Raging Grannies have "custom-made knowledge for the new world disorder," which focuses on collaborative economic principles rather than competitive ones, and we are almost out of time to make that switch!

KIT LEWIS,
SALT SPRING

MORE LETTERS continued on 8

Let's not sweep water struggles under the rug

BY LUISA MAFFI AND DAVID RAPPORT

While Driftwood articles often offer insights as to the challenges we face as islanders and thoughtful suggestions as to potential solutions, occasionally they also reveal some disconcerting attitudes.

The suggestion that islanders should keep mum about the water situation on Salt Spring, lest we scare business away ("Water moratorium pinch felt," July 15 Driftwood), is profoundly misguided and definitely not the way to go to keep the island's economy alive. Rather, in the long term it would likely have just the opposite effect. It is our lack of willingness to own up to the issues and address the root causes that poses the greatest threat to the future of the island.

Knowing what islanders have known for years now about the steadily worsening condition of our lakes, streams and groundwater; knowing what we know these days about the severe drought that has been affecting the island, the province and the entire West Coast of the continent all the way through California; and knowing what most of us know, or should know, about the global water crisis as the climate keeps warming while our wasteful use of water continues unabated, to suggest a pact of silence is unconscionable.

To be sure, the necessity of imposing a

moratorium on new water connections is hardly good news for the island's development prospects. However, is our business community suggesting that, in order not to lose revenue, we should go "hush-hush" about what is perhaps the gravest challenge the island has ever faced?

Even more perplexing is to find similar concerns echoed in the words of one of our elected trustees, reported in the same article as saying that "this moratorium is having a devastating effect on our island in terms of grinding to a halt all kinds of interesting developments." What "developments," we wonder, could be more "interesting" at this time than concerted efforts to come to grips with an emergency that might well — if ignored and swept under the rug — deal a real and definitive "death blow" not just to business but to all of life on the island?

We have not exactly counted ourselves as members of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District fan club. On the contrary, we have often voiced serious doubts about the scientific soundness of several of the district's management choices. The St. Mary Lake aerators fiasco comes foremost to mind, and the recent proposal to raise the level of the

GUEST COLUMN

lake's weir to the further cost to the health of the vital near-shore lake habitat strikes us as another contender for a costly and ultimately ineffective and destructive course of action.

Then, too, a just-released consultant study concluding that shoreline septic systems do not contribute significant phosphorus inputs into the lake, based on a sample of only three lakeside properties ("Lake report sinks sewer plan" in the same Driftwood issue), appears to ignore some of the fundamentals about how the phosphorus got into the lake sediments in the first place.

Notwithstanding these reservations about NSSWD's decision-making, we see the moratorium as nothing other than a necessary and inevitable stop-gap measure to halt the bleeding of the island's water supply — and a wake-up call for all of us to come out of denial and start confronting this troublesome reality head-on, even if it means reining in our voracious appetite for water (both surface and ground) in a time of rapid and accelerating global warming. Among other things, that involves managing the demand to accommodate the supply, rather than managing the supply to accommodate the demand.

Here, as everywhere else in the world

in this brave new epoch of the Anthropocene, we humans have created significant problems for ourselves by neglecting planetary realities. And as we created the problems, we have an opportunity to use our collective wisdom to dig ourselves out of this mess. But doing so will require a profound change in the way we think and act. If all of us, including the business community, value life itself above all else, then there is a major role for business to chart a new and viable course. At this juncture, business — on Salt Spring and everywhere else — must become a vital part of the solution instead of continuing to be a significant part of the problem by ignoring the issue.

While the NSSWD has expressed the hope that in the future things may "return to normal," there is little chance of that, given the climate change momentum. Now is the time to pool our collective energy to devise a sustainable way forward. There's no more room for sticking one's head in the sand. The time to take action is now. It's no longer the economy versus the environment. They either flourish or fail together.

The writers are Salt-Spring-based scientists who work internationally on the health of eco-cultural systems.

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Error and policies cause ferry stress

The following was sent to BC Ferries' customer relations department and filed with the Driftwood for publication.

BY PATRI JANYK

We have lived on Salt Spring Island for almost 33 years and during that time have seen a variety of changes to the ferry services, many of which have made our travels on the ferries more expensive, more time consuming and more inconvenient. Our recent ferry experience on Friday, July 3 simply highlights several of the problems many islanders have elaborated upon either directly to you or in our local Driftwood paper.

1) When ferry schedules change (June, September) travellers unable to access the internet are completely reliant on ferry personnel to accurately check and confirm ferry sailings and departures. Accurate validation of ferry sailing times is especially important to those travelling from considerable distances to the ferries. Therefore, when ferry personnel make reservations for travellers unable to access ferry schedules it is imperative they be familiar with the Gulf Islands and Long Harbour sailings. Too often they are not.

2) If I remember correctly, many decades ago there was "priority boarding" for livestock on BC Ferries. Travelling with livestock is challenging at any time and often involves safety risks that those living on the island must accept if they have business off island.

However, without assured boarding, travellers with livestock (notoriously unreliable and unpredictable) must wait in noisy, hot, congested terminals longer than is safe when unexpected delays occur.

Unexpected delays and unexpected events at the terminals have resulted in livestock deaths at some terminals. BC Ferries needs to remedy this safety concern by reinstating the priority boarding of all livestock travelling on its vessels.

3) There have been many complaints about the problem of "throughfare" travellers making connections to Fulford Harbour through Swartz Bay from Tsawwassen. Many Salt Spring Islanders are aware of the race off the ferry docked at Swartz Bay, speeding down the highway, "break necking" across the overpass and then resuming the race back down the highway in the opposite direction to re-enter the Swartz Bay terminal in the hopes of making the Fulford ferry connection. Many throughfare travellers have watched the Swartz-Fulford ferry pull away without them as they waited at the toll both with fellow throughfare travellers.

Try doing that race in and out of the Swartz Bay ferry terminal with a full horse trailer or stock trailer! Try doing that race with a horse pawing in the back of the trailer with increased anxiety, needing to get out.

This horse on this day has travelled from Northern B.C. and has been in the trailer for 13 hours. And think how despairing it can be to realize that a missed Fulford Harbour ferry means another two to three hours for the animal to wait in the hot sun in the hot trailer in the noise and confusion of another busy ferry terminal (the second ferry wait in a very long day).

4) Now consider the direct ferry from Tsawwassen to Long Harbour — the perfect solution. We opted for this route for our horse because we were not willing to risk

the "throughfare" connections for all the reasons listed above.

Unfortunately, while reserving from northern B.C. we did not have the new ferry schedule and no internet access so we relied upon ferry information personnel to tell us which Long Harbour sailing was a direct one on Friday evening. Consequently the helpful reservation person reserved the Long Harbour ferry at the wrong time. When we arrived to board our direct ferry to Long Harbour we were informed it had already sailed without us and our reservation was for a later ferry. You might imagine our exasperation and anger. A mistake had been made. Add another three to four hours of waiting in the trailer for our horse.

Mistakes are made, we all make them. However, when the taped message comes on at the beginning of the sailing enthusiastically exclaiming "Welcome aboard BC Ferries" and completes the sailing with "Thank you for sailing with BC Ferries and we look forward to sailing with you again," you can imagine how preposterous that announcement sounds to those of us who use BC Ferries as a vital and necessary part of our transportation system. We have no choice. If we could choose I suspect many fellow travellers would not choose BC Ferries. Would you?

And, by the way, we paid over \$300 for this experience and I got to sit with my horse downstairs with the trucks and cars in the stifling heat because by this time I was afraid my horse's pawing might turn into an escape attempt... and who would blame him?

The writer is a Kitchen Road resident.

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Fire trustees should tread carefully

I live in a forest on this beautiful island and you probably do too. I am terrified of wildfires and you should be too.

Meteorologists predict a big El Nino year, which means that southern California, Arizona and the southern United States will see huge rainfall, even flooding, this winter. For southern British Columbia, Washington and Oregon, it means extreme drought. (See www.elnino.noaa.gov.) With the probability of another year of drought looming on the horizon, firefighters are my best friends.

I grew up in southern California, home of drought, wildfires and earthquakes, but my family has lived on and visited Salt Spring for 44 years. While I love and admire my Canadian friends and neighbours, I am not sure that people here fully appreciate the extent of this severe drought. You are new to drought because rain has always been so predictable.

I am aware of the controversy surrounding our fire department, but I urge the fire trustees to go slowly and carefully examine what needs to be done in the future.

Chief Tom Bremner is an honourable man who came to Salt Spring determined to build the best fire department he could. He should be honoured for his extraordinary achievements. Our home insurance rates dropped because of his leadership and our fire department has never been

better. The extensive training the firefighters undertake is impressive and each of them has my admiration for completing the rigorous course. It saddens me that some people vilify our brave men and women in uniform who put their lives on the line to extinguish fires for us.

Yes, I understand that fire department costs have gone up and that some members of the current fire board are concerned about those costs. Expenses should be examined, but please do not act rashly. For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction and in my opinion some trustees have swung too far in the opposite direction.

The reaction is understandable because the fire department grew quickly but the current population residing on our fair island justifies that growth. There are some 10,000 full-time residents with about 20,000 people in residence during the summertime. Surely that is a large enough population to support a fine fire department.

But here's the bottom line: we currently need and will continue to need a fire department in absolutely tip-top shape as our island experiences the worst drought in memory. Please tread carefully, fire trustees, as you examine the future of our fire department. If you get it wrong, the consequences are catastrophic.

Those of you reading this letter who are concerned about fire danger, please express your opinions to the fire trustees. **LINDA BONAR, SALT SPRING**

A commentary on the common tater

Quiz time, kiddies. Name me the superstar that lives underground, has orbited the earth in a space capsule, adorned the hair of Marie Antoinette and made Bob Dylan cry.

Time's up. It's the potato. It grows underground and became the first vegetable to be grown extra-terrestrially. (Space Shuttle Challenger, 1995).

To bewitch her suitors, Marie Antoinette liked to wear potato blossoms behind her ears. And Bob Dylan, a prolific urban gardener (who knew?) broke down in tears when his New York balcony potato plants succumbed to blight.

The point is: the humble potato is a heavy hitter.

It's called the Irish Potato, but that's a misnomer. South Americans were cultivating, harvesting and chomping down on an early variety of Solanum Tuberosum for millennia before any potatoes made their way to Ireland. Europeans never laid eyes on a spud until the 1500s when Spanish marauders



Arthur Black

WIT & WHIMSY

loading their galleons with Incan plunder accidentally tossed a few potatoes in with the gold.

The potato was not an immediate hit.

Europeans reacted with paranoid suspicion worthy of a Fox News commentator. They denounced the foreign tuber as temptation from the devil. Religious leaders declared that potatoes were (gasp) aphrodisiacs — and caused leprosy. As late as the 18th century, English farmers linked potatoes to the spread of Catholicism. Some English politicians even ran on a platform of "No Potatoes, No Popery!"

How could the potato be

anything but unholy — it wasn't mentioned in the Bible!

But then a few ignorant sinners boiled some up and ate them and European civilization morphed into a whole new reality.

No exaggeration. Before potatoes came to Europe, mass famines occurred with dreadful regularity. In France there were 40 famines between 1500 and 1800 — that's more than one every 10 years. England had 17 famines in the century preceding 1723.

Potatoes changed all that. They were inexpensive, nutritious and any idiot could grow them — even in crappy soil. It's estimated that the arrival and cultivation of potatoes effectively doubled Europe's food supply in terms of calories.

By the end of the 18th century, routine famine had all but disappeared in "potato country," which stretched from the British Isles to the Ural mountains of Russia.

Imagine what this meant.

People don't write books, paint masterpieces, build cathedrals or dig canals when they're facing famine — or recovering from the last one. For the first time in history, Europeans had a dependable annual food supply. European culture flourished just as surely as the potato plants that fed the populace.

What a wonderful, life-giving nugget the simple potato is — and utterly undeserving of its reputation of being a fattening food. Potatoes are an amazingly rich source of nourishment. One potato delivers 40 per cent of your daily Vitamin C requirement — and more potassium than bananas, spinach or broccoli.

And potatoes are NOT fattening — it's the added butter, oil and sour cream that puts on the pounds. Boiled potatoes good; French fries, not so much.

Or as Francophobic Fox News likes to refer to them: Freedom Fries.

As the French say, "Plus ça change...."

Shelter signage

Perhaps Salt Spring Island will never need to be concerned with gridlock the way the Lower Mainland is. However, the congestion has worsened dramatically over my lifetime and if we would consider the solutions, we could be ahead of the pack.

In the Lower Mainland, in spite of press about gridlock, 50 per cent of trips are taken without an automobile already. Many cities need to do such things and mass transit is a serious thing. Even though we are much smaller, Salt Spring could learn from larger centres and create a better experience for transit riders.

For example, a group called the International Bus Benchmarking Group visits cities and assesses their transit systems. While in

Vancouver for their annual meeting they criticized the lack of signage in Vancouver.

This caused me to reflect on Salt Spring. Do we have schedule information with the new bus shelter that has just been installed? **JENNY MCCLEAN,** ATKINS ROAD

Cambodian schools

With a great deal of sadness I read the June 24 letter from Ross King regarding the end of his project for supporting Cambodian education.

Over the last few years I visited Cambodia many times and learned it is every parent's wish for their children to receive an education. However, schools, especially in the poor rural areas, are few and far between, with high schools extremely rare.

Fundraising and support from my partner and good friends has resulted in four small schools and three high schools over time, but so much more is needed.

The government will provide the land and teaching staff if a school is funded. Although paid a meagre salary, all the teachers are very dedicated.

If anyone who felt the loss of Ross King's project would care to contact me to discuss helping these children, I am more than happy to talk with them. I can be reached at 250-537-8978 or mollicolson@icloud.com.

The world is becoming more global and connected very quickly, and I feel education for all children is an urgent necessity.

MOLLIE COLSON, SALT SPRING

RANTS and Roses

I would like to send a large bunch of roses to the two ladies who rescued our deaf and elderly border collie, Jasper, when he got lost and spent a miserable night out at Yeo Point. They kindly led him back to safety and made sure I was contacted and able to come and pick him up. Thanks too are due to the home owner who gave Jasper a drink and a treat while waiting for me. Jasper is well and enjoying the comforts of home.

A huge bunch of red roses to Salt Spring Recycling Depot staff, nurse Amy, Karen, Tracy and Andrew for coming to my rescue after I accidentally whacked my head with a wine bottle! Gillian

A big bouquet to each of the six generous visiting tennis pros, as well as the group of local volunteers, who made the free morning Junior Tennis Fair at Portlock Park July 18 such a smashing success! Grateful thanks and more roses to our sponsor Thrifty Foods, for the much-appreciated cool drinks and snacks provided to the 32 hot participants.

A drought-ending shower of petals to everyone involved in creating and presenting Peter on the Brink at ArtSpring from July 8 to 11. What an absolute gift of talent and energy in the Just for Fun group's show. More please!

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Trust Council is considering 11 objectives for this term. We want to know what matters most to you. Did we miss something important to you?

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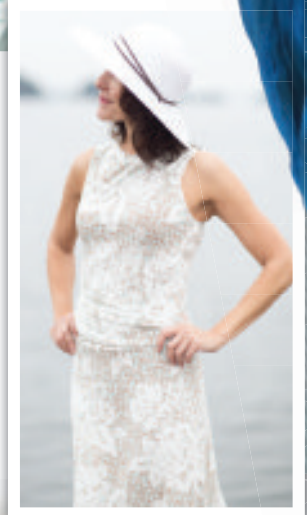
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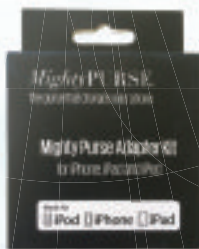
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MUSICAL THEATRE

Fairytale themes with a twist spin Into the Woods show

Opening night
July 31

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Following up on last fall's smash hit staging of *Rent*, exitStageLeft collaborators Jekka Mack and Christina Penhale, along with a huge island-based cast and crew, are back at the boards preparing another spectacular show

with *Into the Woods*.

Opening at ArtSpring on Friday, July 31 and continuing on to Saturday, Aug. 8, the show promises to be a truly magical event that immerses viewers in childlike wonder before reminding them real life continues beyond the "happily ever after."

Mack and Penhale pulled off a considerable feat by mounting *Rent* as their first production, cre-



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Rehearsal scene for *Into the Woods*, which will run at ArtSpring for seven evenings.

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ating a mesmerizing and moving portrait of AIDS-ridden artists in New York. *Into the Woods* takes place in a very different universe, but despite its witches, giants and wolves, it has a similar underlying message about the strength of community.

"I think we wanted to do a show that contrasted *Rent*. *Into the Woods* has some touching moments, but it's very family friendly," Penhale said.

"And it's just really fun," said Mack. "There's all these fairy tales and Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine have woven them seamlessly together."

Mack had performed *Into the Woods* during her college years as a theatre arts student, and had felt it was too complicated to ever attempt at the community theatre level.

"But after *Rent*, we were like, 'Let's try it!'" she laughed.

"We both wanted a project that challenged us and also expanded what we could do as a theatre company," Penhale said, adding that co-directors Sue Newman and Rachel Jacob-

son have been essential problem solvers.

Lapine's cleverly constructed plot and Sondheim's equally clever lyrics and catchy but unusual compositions set a high bar for any group. Their award-winning production had its first staging in San Francisco in 1986 before moving on to Broadway glory in New York.

"Sondheim's score is a puzzle-master's trove of overlapping motifs, internal rhymes, wordplay and psychological nuance," as Michael Schulman wrote in a piece for the *New Yorker* called *Why 'Into the Woods' Matters*. Not only does *Into the Woods* stand the test of time — as evidenced by a highly successful 2014 movie adaptation starring Meryl Streep — it presciently brought together ideas that would become two of the early 21st century's hottest trends in popular culture: musical theatre and the modern retelling of classic folk tales.

Theatre-goers will recognize familiar heroines such as Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel and

Cinderella (Mack), plus Jack of beanstalk fame and a charming prince or two. In this story they're all part of one community, so their stories intersect with two original characters Lapine created, a baker and his wife (Penhale) who are childless and embark on a quest to undo a family curse. By the time the curtain goes up for intermission, everyone appears to have achieved their wishes, with the exception of the "bad" characters like the witch (played by Newman with a terrific blend of malice and blunt speech) and Cinderella's stepsisters.

In fact, a special family show taking place on Wednesday, Aug. 5 ends right here, with the happily ever afters still intact and bedtime achievable not too far beyond the normal hour. But for those who attend on other nights, the curtain will rise on a more complex situation, as humans invariably want something more after their prime wish has been fulfilled.

The term "out of the woods" as a metaphor for being past

danger has its roots in Roman times and was first recorded in English in 1792, according to the American Heritage Dictionary of Idioms, and Sondheim and Lapine deliciously explore all the deep and dark ideas "the woods" have traditionally symbolized. Not everyone that survived Act I makes it through Act II, as the characters are forced back into the woods to solve a new crisis.

"We expect fairytales to be simple in their messages," said Newman, "but you end up with lots of questions. There's all these layers and lyrics of what's going on with everybody, and they're all just trying to get through and live life."

In this part of the story, Prince Charming is a philanderer, Rapunzel has postpartum depression and hysteria and Little Red Riding Hood is apt to pull a knife.

Along with Mack and Penhale, cast members from *Rent* like Jonathan Boudin (Cinderella's prince), Margo Milton (Little Red), Chris Perrins (Jack) and Ross Hughes (the baker) round out the key parts, while veterans of the stage like Newman, Lynda Jensen and Mary Lowrie anchor strong female roles.

Some delightfully fresh faces are also in the mix, such as Lindsay Krucko and Brendan Elwell as Rapunzel and her beau, and youth actor Kahlila Ball, who will play the Little Red role during the special family show.

Strong musicianship is a critical component of any musical, and makes the fairytale world of *Into the Woods* come to life. The accomplished live band tackles Sondheim's complex score under the capable hands of music director Dawn Hage, while the cast has sharpened their singing prowess with vocal director Joi Freed-Garrod.

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MUSIC & MUNCH

Captivating trio returns to All Saints' stage

Fantastic music at next
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Music Makers members are pleased to welcome the return of Trio Light Fantastic at Music and Munch at All Saints' church on Wednesday, July 29.

Always great, always welcomed by a good crowd and always invited back, Trio Light Fantastic is a Salt Spring ensemble producing authentic South American and other folk and dance music.

Who is Trio Light Fantastic? Well, there's Carolyn Hatch, who's been fiddling around since she was six years old, has a master's degree in violin performance, has taught in places far and wide, and arrived on Salt Spring Island in 2003 to set up the Fiddlers Hatchery.

Then there's Vladimir Konik, master of a closetful of reed instruments plus bar room piano and, most important for the trio, possessing a lifelong ineradicable love for the accordion, which he plays with sensitivity and imagination, now and again exercising his smooth clarinet.

Bringing up the bottom is the dry-humoured Ian Van Wyck, who has been the Toronto-trained "go-to" bassist on the island for the last 27 years.

The trio will fill All Saints' church with tunes from Brazil, Argentina and France as well as secret places in North America.

The free concert begins at 12:10 p.m., followed by an optional light lunch, which is provided by the Anglican Caterers immediately following the recital.

People must purchase lunch tickets before the music begins.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Elf fans invited to farm picnic



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Fairy door man Roger Brunt, right, meets gnome home builder Charlie Pickard in Nanaimo recently. Brunt and fellow Salt Spring Islander Dan Jason will host the Elves Annual Picnic and Treasure Hunt at Fitzroy Farm on Sunday.

Treasure hunt, music and more this Sunday

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Those in the know can connect with elves and fairies on Mount Erskine or at the Tree House Cafe year-round, but Fitzroy Farm will become a new hot spot this Sunday, July 26.

That's where the Elves' Annual Picnic and Treasure Hunt will be held beginning at 2 p.m.

Kids of all ages are invited to dress in their best elf or fairy costume and enjoy free treats and drinks, the music of Alan Moberg and a treasure hunt in the fairy door forest.

"We've created an enchanted woods, which will be a permanent fixture on Salt Spring," said

Roger Brunt, the author of the Erskine the Elf books, a wooden fairy door craftsman and the heart and hands behind Erskine's mailbox at the Tree House in Ganges.

He has personally answered more than 4,000 cards and notes left for Erskine in the fairy door at the cafe.

All Salt Spring children who wrote a letter to Erskine and provided their mailing address have received an invitation to the event.

"They are the people who made all of this possible," said Brunt, referring to the growth of the elf and fairy phenomenon on the island.

"They inspire me."

Brunt will also bring his cuddly friend Big Horse the rabbit, who acquired fame last year after being labelled "livestock" and thus expelled from Centennial Park by the Capital Regional District animal control officer.

Fitzroy Farm is located at 250 Toynbee Rd. and is also the home of Salt Spring Seeds.

If it rains on Sunday the festivities will move into a barn on the property.

The event is sponsored by Dan Jason and Brunt.

For more information, contact Brunt at rbrunt@saltspring.com.



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JAZZ GIANT: Former Salt Spring resident Norris Clement will perform with his wife Diane Bessell and islander Sue Newman at Salt Spring Vineyards on Saturday, July 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. "While living on Isabella Point, both jumped into community life, enjoying the arts and music scene as well as lending their wisdom in matters of social justice and their green thumb to their beautiful garden," says Newman. "Many wonderful gigs were played all over the island, with the likes of Ian Van Wyck, Peter Taschuk, Laurent Boucher, Derrick Milton, Jose Sanchez, Tom Martin, Jock Budelman, Monik Nordine, Dave Roland, myself and many others." Clement and Bessell now live in San Francisco.

EXHIBITIONS

Summer show for painters

Multiple artists and methods on view

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Painters Guild is gearing up for one of its largest events of the year with its annual summer show and sale taking over the ArtSpring gallery from July 25 to Aug. 6.

Approximately 30 guild members have entered over 150 works of art in the summer show, offering a wide range of subject matter, medium and perspective.

"It's all new work that has never been seen before on Salt Spring," said Nora Layard, one of the exhibition

organizers.

The Painters Guild holds weekly meetings throughout the year, with instruction offered at ArtSpring from the fall through the spring, and plein air sessions at various locales during the summer. Oil, acrylic and watercolour paintings are just the start for creative output, with members also pursuing explorations in printmaking, multimedia forms and collage works.

Unlike the spring show, the summer exhibition is not produced to reveal the results of specific workshops or instructional themes. But the members' ongoing self-education yields fascinating results, both from newcom-

ers and from old hands who may be trying out a new medium or might just be concentrating on perfecting a brush stroke.

"What I love about the guild is it's a tremendous place to learn and to be mentored by other artists," Layard said.

This year the summer show will include a special small works gallery, where buyers who are keeping a watchful eye on their pocket books can find paintings that are 10-by-10 inches or smaller.

The show opens at the ArtSpring gallery on Saturday, July 25 at 10 a.m., with an artists' reception taking place later that afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. It continues daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

BOOKS

Humour at library reading

Little Washer of Sorrows author

The Salt Spring Public Library is hosting a late-afternoon reading with award-winning author Katherine Fawcett on Thursday, July 23.

Fawcett, a Pemberton, B.C. resident, will take a break from the Fiddleworks camp running July 20-24 on the island to promote Little Washer of Sorrows.


Beginning at 5 p.m., Fawcett will read from her recently released collection of short stories that explores what happens when the expect-

ed and usual are replaced with elements of the rare and strange.

The author lets her speculative side run wild in Little Washer.

"Dragged into Fawcett's fantasy world, you begin to envision the three mythological sisters portrayed in her Sirens Sisters tale," states a Fernie Free Press review. "A modern twist on a Greek mythical tale, Fawcett's humorous piece didn't hold anything back."


Thursday's event in the library's program room is free, although donations are welcome.



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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Music & Munch. Harpist Josh Layne performs in a free recital at All Saints' By-the-Sea at 12:10 p.m. Optional lunch follows.
Richard Cross. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Advance Voting Day for Ganges Wastewater Referendum. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Computer Help Drop-in. Get free help with your phone, tablet or computer challenges every Wednesday at Salt Spring Literacy. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Poker Night at the Local. Hosted by Albert every Wednesday at The Local. Sign up by 6:30 p.m., start 7 p.m.
SongJam. A pub-style singalong to the soundtrack of our lives. Hit songs with lyrics handed out. Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Monthly Book Club At The Library. This month's pick is A Student of Weather by Elizabeth Hay. Salt Spring Public Library. 1 to 3 p.m.
Katherine Fawcett Book Launch. Visiting author reads from her new book The Little Washer of Sorrows, a collection of dark comedy, twisted fables and gritty realism. Salt Spring Public Library. 5 p.m.
St. Mary Lake Integrated Watershed Management Plan. Public consultation: Come learn and share your input at a public drop-in booth. Lions Hall. 6 to 8 p.m.

Fri. July 24
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Friday WineDown TGF at Salt Spring Vineyards. Live music with Mike Wall and Paul Mowbray. Salt Spring Vineyards. 4 to 6 p.m.
The Pinkertons. Live music at The Local pub. 5 to 8 p.m.
Fiddleworks Student Gala Concert & Dance. Free concert in the Centennial Park bandshell. 7 p.m.
Barefoot Thieves. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
ArtSpring Chamber Music Festival. The second of two concerts featuring young artists. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
NeRey & Warless. Roots and folk-rock bands at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Doug & Thugs. Live music at The Local pub. 5 to 8 p.m.
Marianne Grittani Trio. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
ArtSpring Chamber Music Festival. The first of two concerts featuring young artists. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
Open Mic with Ross & Dave. Every Thursday at Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Turning the Tide Paddle for the Salish Sea. With Bill Henderson, Gaia Soul Sistahs and more at Ruckle Park. Potluck dinner at 5 pm, program starts 6:15 p.m. Info: janslavok@shaw.ca /250-537-5251.
Electric Vehicle Show. Meet & greet at Moby's Pub with EV show vendors and EV owners of SSI. 5 to 8 p.m.

Sat. July 25
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Norris Clement, Diane Bessell and Sue Newman. Live jazz at Salt Spring Vineyards from 2 to 4 p.m.
The Barley Bros. Live music at The Local pub every Saturday afternoon. 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Synergy. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
ArtSpring Chamber Music Festival: Faculty Concert. Featuring festival artistic director David Visentin and his distinguished faculty: Hiroko Kagawa, Paula Kiffner, Catherine Ordroneau, Kai Gleusteen and Guillaume Tardiff. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
Angry Hippies. Live band at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Saturday Market. Famous market event with all items made, baked or grown by Salt Spring residents. Centennial Park. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Referendum for Ganges Wastewater Borrowing Question. Regular voting day at Salt Spring Library Program Room. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
United Church Boot Sale. Second annual sale of second-hand goods, plus treats and refreshments. United Church Meadow on Hereford Avenue. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Electric Vehicle Show. Q&A session about electric vehicles at Central Community Hall, 9:30 to 11 a.m.; fundraising BBQ at Country Grocer, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; electric vehicles on display at Country Grocer and Island Savings Credit Union from 1 to 4 p.m.; EV Bike Show & Industry Drones demos on Kanaka Road across from Mid Island Co-op from 1 to 4 p.m.; plus tours of one of the largest photovoltaic displays in B.C. at Gulf Islands Secondary School, 1 to 4 p.m.
Satsang & Meditation Retreat. With Greg Marian, a contemporary spiritual teacher who shares the direct path to spiritual awakening, self realization and freedom from suffering. Ram Spring Wellness Sanctuary. Noon to 6 p.m.
Salt Spring Painters Guild Artists' Reception. Opening reception for annual summer show, running to Aug. 6. ArtSpring Gallery. 2 to 4 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Sunday Afternoon Music in the Vines at SS Vineyards. Live music in the vineyard with Simone and Mike Lamers. 2 to 4 p.m.
Alan Moberg. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Salt Spring Eco-Living & Home Tour. Self-guided tour of Salt Spring's most innovative eco-homes and gardens. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Info: transitionalspring.ning.com
Automatic Writing and Opening To Channel Workshop. Taught by author and full trance channel Tina Louise Spalding. Harbour House Hotel. 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-registration required at blissistheanswer@gmail.com.
Salt Spring Vineyards' Vinter's Brunch. Special by-reservation-only event at Salt Spring Vineyards. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reserve at info@saltspringvineyards.com or 250-653-9463.
The Elves' Annual Picnic and Treasure Hunt. Treasure hunt, treats, music and more for kids of all ages at Fitzroy Farm at 250 Toynbee Rd. 2 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Open Stage with David Jacquest. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Mandolin Orange In Concert. SOLD OUT.

ACTIVITIES
St. Mary Lake Integrated Watershed Management Plan. Public consultation sessions at Barb's Bakery & Bistro, 8 a.m. to noon, and at Tuesday Farmers' Market, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.
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Mon. July 27
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
The Hoochie Coochie Men. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Co-op Preschool Summer Fun Camp. Special 5-day camp for 3- to 5-year-olds starts today. Salt Spring Cooperative Preschool. 9 a.m. to noon. Info/register: www.saltspringcoopreschool.com or 250-538-7027

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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Music & Munch. Topic is Mac Basics with Donn Tarris in two sessions at the Salt Spring Library Program Room, from noon to 1 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.
Computer Help Drop-in. See last Wednesday's listing.
Poker Night at the Local. See last Wednesday's listing.
SongJam. See last Wednesday's listing.

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Thur. July 23
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Doug & Thugs. Live music at The Local pub. 5 to 8 p.m.
Marianne Grittani Trio. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
ArtSpring Chamber Music Festival. The first of two concerts featuring young artists. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
Open Mic with Ross & Dave. Every Thursday at Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

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MINIONS

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July 29 to Aug. 4
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Minions — July 29-Aug. 4: The Minions' brightly coloured brand of gibberish-fuelled madness stretches to feature length in their self-titled Despicable Me spinoff, with hilarious results.

EXHIBITIONS
Salt Spring Painters Guild's Summer Show & Sale opens at ArtSpring on Saturday, July 25, running daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Aug. 6. An opening reception takes place from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 25.
Hoax, an exhibit by painter **Mary Lottridge**, runs on the ArtCraft Showcase stage at **Mahon Hall** daily through July 29.
Ken Ketchum shows Evolving Life Forms, an exhibit of 3-D sculptural paintings, at **Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art** through July 23.
When Art Rocked, an exhibit of psychedelic poster art, runs at **Steffich Fine Art** in Grace Point Square.
Duthie Gallery presents **Brent Comber: Elementals** — wall pieces, solid forms and a major new installation. Open Thursday through Monday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Also at Duthie Gallery, the Summer Lights illuminated sculpture garden is open nightly from dusk to midnight through mid-September.

- It's You and Me, drawings and words by **Stefanie and Frieda Denz**, and My Melodrama, photography by Manon Fraser, runs daily from 1 to 6 p.m. at **The Point Gallery** through July.
- Activate — an exhibit of new work by jeweller **Jan Smith** and painter **Michela Sorrentino** — shows at **Pod Contemporary Gallery** daily until July 31.
- Artwork by sisters **Danica and Sierra Lundy** shows at **Kizmit Galeria and Cafe** through July. Open Thursdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **The Mardi Mob** holds its annual portrait show in the Salt Spring Library Program Room this month.
- She Said . . . new work by **Anna Gustafson** is on display at **MacDonald Realty** in Ganges.
- **Landart@ArtCraft** — three outdoor installations around **Mahon Hall** — can be seen around Mahon Hall in Ganges with an online component at www.ssiwayfindingproject.com.
- **ArtCraft** — the 48th-annual SS Arts Council show and sale — runs daily at **Mahon Hall** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Sue Bayley** shows Creatures with Character, an exhibit of acrylic paintings, in the lobby and restaurant at the **Harbour House Hotel**.
- **Judy H. McPhee** has a photo exhibition at **Cafe Talia** until Aug. 5.
- **Pegasus Gallery** presents historic **Sampson-Matthews** prints and gallery owner Ian Sigvaldason's related book called Art for War and Peace.
- **Elehna de Sousa's** photography exhibit called West Coast Birds is on at Country Grocer Café through the month of July.

Salt Spring Eco-Living & Home Tour

Sunday, July 26th

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FUNDRAISER

Salt Spring riders join south island hospice cycling trek

Cycle of Life hits the road this weekend

Two well-known Salt Springers, Karen and Brian Hartley, will be taking on a new challenge on July 25 and 26.

They will join eight other members of the Country Grocer Sprinters team, who will be among a total of 60 cyclists riding in this weekend's Cycle of Life. The ride is to raise funds and awareness for island hospices, including Salt Spring Hospice.

This is the Hartleys' first fundraising ride since they began cycling 15 years ago. It



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Salt Spring's Karen and Brian Hartley are participating in the Cycle of Life event this weekend.

will take them on a 200-kilometre route over two days, going round trip from Victoria to Salt Spring Island and back to Victoria.

To participate, they have each had to raise a minimum of \$500 in pledges. They have both exceeded that number and are looking for more pledges to inspire their ride. Pledges can be made online by clicking their link on the saltspringhospice.org website or by going to cycleoffitour.ca to support any other rider.

Organizers are hoping to reach \$85,000 in donations by the end of the weekend.

A large team of Cycle of

Life volunteers, including almost a dozen Salt Springers, will help make the event go smoothly. Many of them are hospice volunteers. The cyclists will overnight on the Farmers' Institute grounds.

The Cycle of Life takes the cyclists along the Galloping Goose Regional Trail, through West Saanich, along the Cowichan Valley's rural coastline, over the scenic country roads of Salt Spring Island and back to Victoria along the Saanich Peninsula.

The Hartleys and most of the 58 other riders can be cheered as they disembark Saturday at 2:35 p.m. from the Crofton ferry. On Saturday afternoon they will ride

along Sunset Drive, North End, North Beach and Walkers Hook roads. On Sunday morning they'll head off from the Farmers' Institute at 9:30 and will converge at Fulford for the 11:50 a.m. ferry.

"We are very grateful to the event organizers and the generous riders for making a difference to local hospice service," said Salt Spring Hospice executive director Christy Linder. "Please pledge your support and cheer them on."

Since 1984 Salt Spring Hospice has been offering a range of services for individuals and families dealing with end-of-life.

NATURE

Community Bat Program wants island info

Conservancy works to support vulnerable mammals

BY PETER OMMUNDSEN
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The Salt Spring Island Community Bat Program, part of a province-wide initiative to monitor bat populations, is seeking assistance from Salt Spring residents.

If you have bats that sleep or rest on your property, such as in an attic, barn, garage, shed, bat house or tree, or if you know other locations of bat roosts, please contact the Salt Spring Island Conservancy (250-538-0318, info@saltspringconservancy.ca).

Salt Spring is home to at least eight kinds of bats, but many bats are at risk from a fungal disease, White Nose Syndrome, that has killed millions of eastern bats and which is spreading west. Three Salt Spring bat species are considered rare or threatened, including little brown myotis, Townsend's big-eared bat and Keen's long-eared myotis.

The bat program is conducting bat surveys, sampling DNA from bat droppings, collecting dead bats and sponsoring an annual bat count. Bat Watch volunteers adopt a bat colony to count the emergence of the bats at dusk one or more days in summer. The bat program also provides building plans for bat houses, has installed bat boxes in key locations, and provides advice, literature and referrals for bat-friendly exclusions from buildings. The program is funded by the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation, the Government of Canada's National Conservation Plan and supported by the BC Conservancy Foundation.

Bats are the only mammals that fly, and thus can prey upon flying



PHOTO BY JULIET CRAIG

Townsend's big-eared bats.

insects, including crop pests, and are a valuable component of the environment. A single bat can consume hundreds of insects per night. Bats navigate using echoes from their high-pitched calls, and bat species on Salt Spring are identified using electronic bat detectors that record ultrasonic frequencies.

Bats are active at night, but during daylight they rest in buildings and in trees. The size, location and geometry of these day roosts must be adequate to protect bats from extreme temperatures and dehydration, for they are tiny animals, many weighing less than a loonie. Bat roosts may contain dozens or hundreds of bats that huddle together for mutual warming. Female maternity colonies give birth in early summer and nurse the young for several weeks or longer. Clues to the presence of a large bat colony may be the sound of high-pitched chattering plus the presence of droppings.

In autumn, Salt Spring bats migrate south or seek cool win-

ter hibernation sites such as caves where they can lower their body temperature so as to not require food. Some bats, such as the California myotis, are active in suitable weather year-round.

Bat conservation involves protecting habitat suitable for bat roosts and avoiding disturbance of known bat colonies. Valuable bat habitat includes large diameter old trees, especially dead trees (snags), barns, sheds, outbuildings and bat boxes. Bats also commonly roost in the soffits or attics of houses. Many bats have a low reproductive rate (one young per year) and colonies may struggle to compensate for human-caused mortality.

Bat conservation also depends

upon protection of wetlands — lakes, ponds, marshes and streams. These habitats are productive of insect prey and they are attractive to bats for ease of navigation in the dark. Other threats to bats include insecticides entering the food chain and predation by free-roaming cats.

If a building must be sealed to exclude bats, the best time is in the fall when the bats have left for the winter. A bat house can be erected nearby for their return in the spring if there is a location for it on the property that receives abundant sunlight.

For further information about bats and other species at risk, visit the Salt Spring Island Conservancy's website at www.saltspringconservancy.ca.



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Harold and Michelle Wallace of HW Wallace Cremation and Burial Service in Duncan would like to thank Patrick Beattie for his assistance during the handover period of Hayward's Funeral Service. Patrick will be staying on board with Hayward's as a Funeral Director. Hayward's Funeral Service will continue to be a family owned and operated business and no changes will be made to staff or any prepaid funds or accounts.

Harold, Michelle and Patrick look forward to continued service on Salt Spring Island as the local, family-owned funeral service.



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UNITED CHURCH

'Mother of all yard sales' in meadow on Saturday



Last year's Boot Sale proved popular for the Salt Spring Island United Church.

Boot Sale returns for second year

BY PAT BARCLAY
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

On Saturday, July 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Salt Spring United Church will hold its second annual Boot Sale in the church's meadow on Hereford Avenue.

Never heard of a boot sale? It seems the idea began in Canada in the '70s as a "truck fair." Then, as now, people gathered in central spaces with goods for sale, displayed on their vehicles and tables nearby. At the time, a visiting English cleric liked the idea so much that he took it home with him, adapted it as a charity fundraiser, renamed it to suit smaller vehicles, and boot sales have

flourished in the U.K. and Australia ever since. Salt Spring's own boot sale offers something for everyone. Imagine an almost life-sized stuffed tiger, and a painting of Henry VIII at court that was once a movie prop! Last year featured authentic Canadiana furniture and donations for the sale are still coming in.

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Many islanders are downsizing these days, so look for service-

able items no longer required, good books still worth a read and collectibles for which there's no house room in smaller spaces.

And if you're just starting out on Salt Spring Island, this is a chance to save on freight rates and ferry fares at the "mother of all yard sales."

Look also for the food tent, where the church's excellent cooks will serve up snacks and beverages at "two for a toonie," such as coffee or lemonade and a cookie or square.

There'll also be gluten-free items, homemade elderflower water and places to sit while taking a break or deciding what to offer for a tempting item before somebody else snaps it up.



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MAIL TIME: Emilie Bevan tries out the post horn — traditionally used to signal the arrival of the postman or mail coach — up for bid at the Treasure Fair last weekend, one of many original items available in the ArtSpring fundraiser.

COMPUTERS

Tech Café reboots at library

Mac Basics the focus of first session

Salt Spring's library is launching a new installment of the Tech Café, a free series of programs that offer instruction, information and advice on a wide range of technology-based topics.

This month's Tech Café, called Mac Basics, will be conducted in two sessions on Wednesday, July 29. Led by tech instructor and pioneer Donn Tarris, who has been helping Mac users on Salt Spring for 13 years, Mac Basics provides an introduction to all things Mac-related.

Topics include setting up a new user account; explanation of Apple's ID system; Apple Mail; web browsers on Macs; data backup; and responses to submitted topic requests.

The first July 29 Mac Basics session runs

from noon to 1 p.m. and the second from 7 to 9 p.m. Both sessions are ideal for new users of Mac computers or those who wish to understand more about the basics.

The one-hour afternoon session will focus on demonstrations by Tarris. Those wishing to attend should register ahead of time at the library and note any particular areas they hope will be covered. Tarris will tailor his presentation accordingly.

The two-hour evening session will repeat demonstrations given in the afternoon and then move to questions and answers. Participants are again asked to register ahead of time and are welcome to attend both sessions or only one.

For more information or to register for one or both sessions, email info@saltspringlibrary.com or phone 250-537-4666.

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The cost of repairs can only be determined after a diagnosis has been completed. If you notice a change in your vehicle's feel, noise or smell, a test drive and in-shop inspection should be performed before a small, easily repaired problem turns into a major repair.

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Kirsten Ilse Foster
May 19, 1916 – July 11, 2015

Mom passed away peacefully at Hospice House in Vernon, BC after having fallen and broken her hip 5 weeks earlier.

Recently, Ilse celebrated her 99th birthday with her children on the dock at Secret Cove where she enjoyed a beer and strawberry shortcake decorated with tiny Danish flags. In the distance was Thormanby Island where the family has spent many happy summers.

Born in Copenhagen, Ilse immigrated to Canada when she was thirteen. She attended Point Grey High School and then UBC where she played basketball for the UBC Thunderbirds!

In 1940, she married Jim Butler. They rowed to Gambier Island for a camping honeymoon. Derek, their son, was still a little boy when Jim was killed during WW2. In 1949 Ilse married Jack Foster, and they had two daughters, Susan and Gillian. Ilse and Jack "pioneered" in West Vancouver until their retirement to Salspring in 1975. There Ilse rekindled her love of tennis and golf and played into her eighties. Through sheer determination and hard work, she created a beautiful garden around the house they built on Dogwood Lane.

Mom had a beautiful sense of style and furnished our home with simple, but beautiful things. A huge health food fan long before it was fashionable, us kids remember granola, wheatgerm, lecithin, brewers yeast and kale all being daily offerings. Our clothes were hand-me-downs and she taught us the "thrill of the hunt" at thrift stores. Predeceased by Jack in 1991, Ilse was blessed to have yet another beautiful partner in Percy Dewar, with whom she lived in the bush on a mountaintop for several years before they both returned to Salspring. No matter which mate, Mom was always solidly on their team, gamely rowing, fishing, sailing, hiking, golfing, playing bridge, building houses, milking goats etc.

Mom had several very happy years at Meadowbrook Assisted Living in Ganges, before moving to Vernon to live with her daughter Susan, and husband, Jim Chartrand. Her 5 years in Vernon were made happy by Susan and Jim and all their friends who then became Ilse's friends. At 98, Mom was up dancing at a Summer Solstice party; right to the end she never wanted to miss out on any fun. She was always fiercely independent and determined. In Vernon Mom very much enjoyed going to "Daybreak" and "Minds in Motion", two programs offered in Vernon.

Left behind to mourn (and marvel) are her children, Derek (Joan), Susan (Jim), Gillian (Rick), grandchildren Jennifer, Leanne, Tyler, Kaelen, Bronwyn, and Evan, and 5 great grandchildren. Also nieces and nephews including Janet Butler and Fiona Foster on Salspring.

Knowing the end was near, Ilse said with a smile "Well I won't make it to 100, but I think 99 is good enough!"
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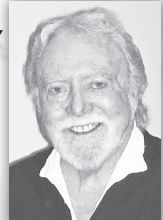
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DEATHS

COMING EVENTS

The Elves Picnic & Treasure Hunt

2:00 pm - Toynbee Road

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Marjorie (Midge) Louise Mollin
1942 - 2015

We are sad to report the recent and peaceful passing of our mother in the capable and kind hands of the doctors and nurses of Lady Minto Hospital at Ganges on Salt Spring Island.

Marjorie leaves behind daughters Debbie, Jeanette, son Leonard, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

She will be remembered for her great sense of humour and welcoming heart to all those who knew her, she will be sadly missed.

A small family gathering will be held in Victoria.

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This Week's **Noroscope**
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TIP OF THE WEEK:

The heat continues to rise and this is at least as true figuratively speaking as literally. The Sun in Leo is ever an exciting, if dramatic time of the year. Whether in the northern or the southern hemisphere this time marks a peak in the season. Yet, it is the bigger backdrop of planetary activity, on one hand, and accelerated social change, on the other, that is implied. The mysterious activity of Jade Helm in the U.S. and the recent bail out of Greece to prevent bankruptcy and keep the E.U. going are just two of many examples. The rate of change is so fast that it makes one wonder if time is speeding up. Unless the planet is spinning faster and orbiting the Sun faster and the Moon too, then time is not speeding up. That more things occur in a single moment let alone a single day and major social and political events as well is what makes it feel like time is accelerating. This is all in keeping with the dawning Age of Aquarius during which the themes of Leo are destined to play a very significant part. The rise of celebrities and stars to veritable demi-god status in the entertainment and sports industries and with salaries to match it, further illustrate this idea. The advent of the Super Moon Lunar Eclipse on September 27 (28th in Europe, Africa and Asia) and dramatic rumors linked to September 23rd or Autumn Equinox provide the own backdrop of intrigue and anxiety. All of this occurring in a Universal 8 year, which is also symbolically linked to the 8th Trump of the Major Arcana in the Tarot, the Strength card, which is also 'ruled' by Leo, makes for interesting times. Number 8 in Numerology symbolizes the peak in the cycle, the climax, the playoffs, exam time.... That this is also the Chinese Year of the Goat/Ram/Sheep lends its own spin to our already stimulated imaginations when equated with the basic structure of society. 2015 is also The International Year of Light. How much fun can you/we have?

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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20) The emphasis upon home and family continues. Amidst the lure of play and fun in the sun, you are feel the pressure to clean, clear and repair. This may well extend to your actual house but it may also include emotional blocks and unspoken feelings. A push for freedom and independence vies with tending to matters close to home, perhaps especially with your most significant other.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21) Nurturing new thoughts and perspectives is important now. These are linked to increasing your confidence levels. Making adjustments and improvements in your attitude and value system is implied. Deciphering who and what you feel committed to is important. The answers you seek, however, may not be so obvious. The answers are hidden below normal levels of consciousness, focus to access them.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21) A renewed focus upon home and security has begun. By now it is shifting into creative interests. Finding reason and opportunity to exercise your artistic side will bring rewards. You remain in a travel cycle so do not expect to stay anywhere too long. This is destined to shift in a few weeks however so enjoy it while it lasts. Tending to your health remains necessary and wise.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22) A burst of creative thoughts and energy are spurring you to action. You feel inspired to take a few risks and perhaps make some key investments. Some of these initiatives have been brewing in the back of your mind for some time. Now they are at the forefront. You remain happy to proceed slowly, but surely as well. Still, this move could prove to be a rather sharp turning point in public and professional life.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23) Despite some lingering inner work to confront persistent doubt demons, a promising momentum has begun. The urge is strong to express your creative inspirations in big and beautiful ways. This is a call to lay claim to hidden gifts, talents, powers and reserves. It takes courage to self-actualize and to overcome rejection. Begin by accepting yourself and enjoying the process as an end in itself.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22) Breaking through inner and outer resistance is a necessarily process on occasion. This is one of those times. Turning within to access your inner muse is featured. If you do not feel you have one, just call upon the angels and observe how quickly they respond. Besides, you may need some extra help to get a reliable momentum going. Start with a draft and refine the details later.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22) It is the season to enjoy quality time with friends new and old. You have likely been in the limelight for a while and now it is time to share it. A dynamic mood prevails, yet you may also feel a bit edgy and punchy. It is all good as long as no one gets scraped and bruised in any way. Of course, what goes around returns, eventually. If dues must be paid, focus on investment.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21) A time of philosophical reflection is yielding to a more pragmatic approach. In fact, the time has come to assert your authority. Yet, doing so diplomatically is extra important now. The time is right to expand your professional horizons by taking measured steps and calculated risks. Put a harness on your imagination as well to help guide you to new levels of success.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21) Although you remain in the final stages of a rather long and perhaps exhausting journey, sunlit rolling hills are yours to enjoy now. With the end in sight gleaming with golden light you feel determined to push on and through. Yet take a moment to appreciate how far you have come and the beauty available to you now so the woes of yesterday can be left behind.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19) Intimate interactions with friends and lovers are keeping you busy now. With the emotional meter rising and falling wildly, this passion could just as easily cause pain as pleasure. Returns for past efforts and deeds are rolling in, however, and these stand to be a boon in a time of need. Seeing the beauty in others and the talents and gifts they have will help smooth over any rough spots.

Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19) A fun and playful time continues. It is both the result of yet also the focus to realize a healthier overall lifestyle. Social interactions and perhaps even romantic interludes are featured in this plot. As you assume new levels of power and responsibility your horizons are widening steadily. Both your relationships and your professional status are experiencing the shift.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) A wave of creative inspirations that began last month has shifted into drive. It is all about focus, follow through and perseverance now. Yet, you may still be contending with feelings of weight, gravity and inertia. This is because you are in a stretch that can be described as an uphill climb. Be patient with this phase as will continue for a while yet. Acknowledge what progress you are making.

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SWIMMING

Stingrays club hosts annual swim meet

Indoor pool and open water components prove popular in region

BY LORETTA RITHALER
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Did curiosity get the best of you, wondering what was happening at Rainbow Road Pool last Saturday and Sunday?

You probably encountered lots of smiling faces and heard a lot of cheering from early morning till dinner time on both days.

Well, if you did not stop in and check it out for yourself, it was the Annual Salt Spring Island Stingrays Invitational Swim Meet. The heat was sweltering, but the swimmers, spectators and volunteers gave it their all for an opportunity to participate in another successful event.

The pool was "the place to be" if you were one of the 400 swimmers between the ages of five and 20 years. The teams included Courtenay Blue Devils, Campbell River Salmon Kings, Nanaimo White Rapids, Cowichan Valley Breakers (Duncan), Oak Bay Orcas, Sidney Piranhas, Juan de Fuca Royals, Gordon Head Gee Gees, Pender Island Otters, Richmond Kigoos Swim Club, Haney Neptunes, Powell River Aquatic Club, and of course the Salt Spring Stingrays.

Events began Friday afternoon at St. Mary Lake with the famous Salt Spring Island Open Water Event, where swimmers from Divisions 3 through 8 swam a plotted course of 1,000 metres on St. Mary Lake. The windy weather added some challenges and a slightly modified course for the swimmers, but the results were great and the wind settled down as the event continued.

Supporting family spectators and visitors (numbering about 1,500) love this event where they save time to squeeze in visits to their favourite downtown shops, restaurants and the Saturday market. The event is commonly known as a "region favourite" and it was fabulous to share all we have to offer with such enthusiastic guests.

Over 120 adults volunteer on site at all times throughout the weekend. They work as officials and timekeepers, enter data for members, keep track of races and results, handle food services, maintenance, set-up, silent auctions and equipment. Several volunteers were involved in preparing, escorting, shuttling and recording at the Open Water Event.

A very special thanks to the Shaver family for the most gen-



Salt Spring Stingrays swim team members at the 2015 invitational meet.

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erous use of their beach, which allows the one and only open water event in the region to continue.

Thanks to our many community partners, sponsors and family volunteers who made contributions in many facets of donations, time and effort to make this annual event a

resounding success. Thanks also to the Rainbow Road Pool staff for their support.

Congratulations to the coaches on a job well done for their support and encouragement to team members to meet or beat their goals and achieve success at many different levels.

Last, but certainly not least, huge congratulations to all swimmers, who supplied the effort, enthusiasm and endurance to put on a great display of athleticism.

Best wishes to all and we will see everyone at the upcoming regional and provincial swim meets in August.

GOLF

Junior golf programs sizzle

Camps sold out; Future Links lessons on tap

BY MARCIE HOGAN
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The Salt Spring Golf Club's juniors program director, David Honour, reports our junior golfers are turning out regularly between 4 and 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays for nine holes of golf.

Parents have been a great help, often "herding the little groups" out onto the course and assisting with the popular daily barbecue. All junior golfers are welcome to join in.

The Richard Vermeulen Scholarship for 2015 was awarded to junior member Nicholas Honour, who has since joined our pro shop staff.

Four separate weeks of the annual golf and tennis camp for youngsters was so popular it sold out within days. Watch for the little groups on the putting green and driving range in July and August. Keep this in mind for your children for next year.

Future Links national lessons program for six to 11 year olds, sponsored by CN Rail, will start when registrations warrant. This program teaches youngsters golf skills along with the core values of honesty, responsibility, perseverance and sportsmanship. Call the pro shop for more information at 250-537-2121.

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- 11:30 Angela Brown's Children's Performance Show
- 12:30 Planet Music
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- 3:45 Shari Ulrich
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