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WATER Water restrictions still in place

Recent rains not enough to change conservation level

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

September's rainfall to date is nowhere near enough to make up for the long, dry summer that dropped water levels in St. Mary Lake to a record low.

Despite the long weekend's precipitation, for example, water levels in St. Mary Lake are reported to have dropped another seven millimetres.

"We're still declining and there's no rain in the forecast," said Meghan McKee, the North Salt Spring Waterworks District's water quality specialist.

St. Mary Lake water levels measured Tuesday morning show the lake is down to 40.148 metres above sea level. McKee said that's the lowest the lake has been in recorded history.

Earlier this summer NSSWD received permission from the provincial government to draw water levels below its 40-metre licence threshold as an emergency measure. Withdrawing the lake below that level, McKee added, will require biweekly professional monitoring to watch for any negative effects on lakeshore habitat.

"I want to emphasize that this is an emergency licence," she said.

St. Mary Lake traditionally reaches its lowest level at the end of September or early October. With no significant rain forecast for at least two weeks, McKee said, levels in St. Mary stand to drop further.

"We are definitely not out of the woods yet," she said. "Everyone thinks it's over, but it isn't."

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BEAR MARKET: Nicole Kelly of Two Sisters Teddy Bear Co. holds a bear made by Kelly Boyd at the long weekend Sunday version of the Saturday market. PARC added shorter Sunday markets in Centennial Park on three long weekend Sundays for the second year in a row.

GANGES Seawalk wish lists put on the table

Islands Trust to undertake valuation of shoreline lots

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

As dreams of a completed boardwalk in Ganges Harbour inch closer to reality, landowners along the proposed route are laying out their demands.

Four property owners along the potential boardwalk path have outlined a wish list of changes they'd like to see on their properties if the boardwalk is to go ahead. The conditions are listed in an Aug. 24 staff report presented at Thursday afternoon's Local Trust Committee meeting.

Owners of the 1,800-square-foot property next to the famed Cudmore gap at 145 Lower Ganges Rd. want to fill part of their shoreline, have the residential lot rezoned to permit commercial uses and increase the combined subdivision potential on two lots on Mount Belcher Heights from two to 11.

Further up the road at The Fishery property, held by a consortium of islanders under the name Gulf of Georgia Land and Timber, the plan is to rezone the shoreline zone to allow a commercial marina.

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SENIORS ISSUES

B.C. advocate meets with local seniors

Isobel Mackenzie holds Sept. 15 public meeting

B.C. Seniors Advocate Isobel Mackenzie will be on Salt Spring this Tuesday, Sept. 15 to hear from seniors and their family members.

Islanders are invited to meet Mackenzie and let her know what is working and what is not working for seniors on the island. The advocate will discuss her

role, seniors' concerns heard throughout British Columbia, home care issues, and access to seniors' services and housing. The audience is encouraged to participate and bring their questions and concerns for the discussion.

"The Salt Spring Health Advancement Coalition recently completed public consultations regarding the health priorities for Salt Spring. The consultations supported the two priorities

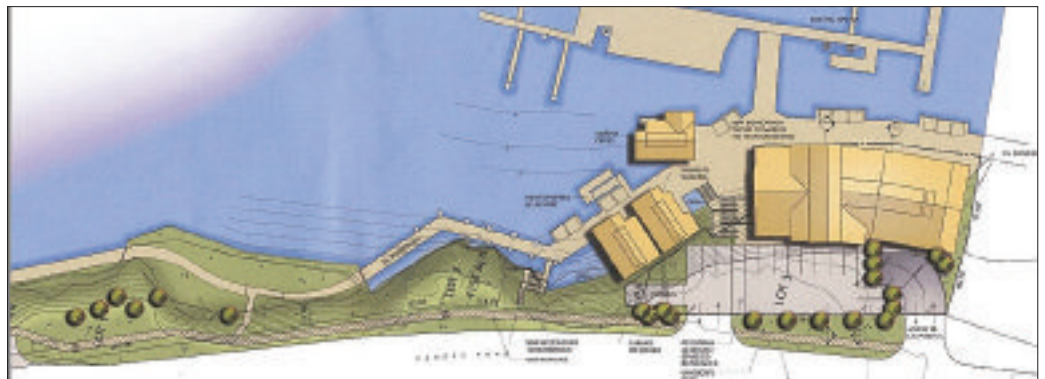
the coalition had identified: seniors health and mental health. Having Isobel Mackenzie here gives us an opportunity to talk to her about the various aspects of seniors health and well being," state event organizers from Greenwood's Eldercare Society and the Gulf Islands Seniors Residence Association.

The event takes place from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Lions Hall. Transportation is available. Contact Brandy at 250-537-5561 ext. 230 to arrange.



B.C. Seniors Advocate Isobel Mackenzie will be on Salt Spring on Tuesday.

Islands Trust reveals complex scenario



Approximate schematic of requested development privileges from Ganges Marina ownership.

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Next door at Ganges Marina, the largest of the four shoreline players, there's a call to increase the number of allowed commercial accommodation units from three to 14, raise the number of residential units from one to five, make space for four commercial units and offer boardwalk platforms and kiosk space for seasonal vendors. The complex would

include a three-storey building complete with underground parking.

Amidst these lofty goals to revitalize the harbour wishes of the Farmers' Institute, owners of a sliver of land at the end of Rainbow Road. The Farmers' Institute has expressed support for the boardwalk so long as the view to the sea from along Rainbow Road remains unobstructed and that commercial uses not be permitted on the board-

walk.

"It really is complicated because you've got so many properties and different interests," said David Marlor, director of local planning services for the Islands Trust

Islands Trust staff say negotiations with the landowners continue.

The situation has encouraged Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee to draft a request for proposals from qualified professionals who can assess

the properties' current values against their post-boardwalk value. The assessment will include tangible costs like construction as well as so-called intangibles, which refer to the completed boardwalk's value to the community.

"The valuation process is critical," said Peter Luckham, chair of Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee.

An update is anticipated to be ready in time for the next LTC meeting on Oct. 1.

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Ban on until St. Mary Lake recharged

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than average winter, McKee added, could mean even greater problems for next summer.

Ratepayers within the NSSWD continue to be under Water Conservation Level 4 restrictions. The comprehensive watering ban prohibits all outdoor sprinkling and limits watering of gardens, trees and shrubs to hand-held

methods only and between 6 and 10 a.m. or 6 and 10 p.m. All other watering, including vehicle washing, is banned, according to NSSWD Bylaw 268. McKee said restrictions will stay in place until lake levels are fully recharged.

Water conservation efforts undertaken by the district's residents in August resulted in a 30 per cent reduction in water consumption compared to the same period last year.

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MIDDLE EAST

Island man finds calling in Kurdish autonomy struggle

Gulf Islander delves into Middle Eastern conflict

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Armed with a humanitarian's compassion and a revolutionary's zeal, a young Salt Spring man finds himself at the heart of an emancipatory movement that stands to redraw politics in the Middle East.

Cody Bergerud arrived in Turkey in January, inspired by stories of the region's Kurdish people and their struggle for freedom. The 26-year-old Gulf Islands Secondary School graduate ventured to the country's south-east, where he worked in refugee camps, honed his language skills and made connections with like-minded people involved in the Kurdish cause. He eventually got a visa to travel into northern Iraq, then followed a smuggling route to reach Syria, where he settled in Til Temir, a city worlds away from his childhood home on Beaver Point Road.

Several hundred foreigners from Canada, the United States and Western Europe have travelled the same route. Many are volunteer fighters inspired to take up arms against ISIS by joining guerrilla militias like the peshmerga in northern Iraq or Syria's Lions of Rojava. They sign up through social media groups, buy a plane ticket to the Middle East, receive military training and equipment, and get dispatched to the frontline.

Bergerud's motivation was far from that of the gung-ho foreign fighters ready to thwart ISIS's goal to create an Islamic State in the region. In an interview published in an August issue of Maclean's magazine,

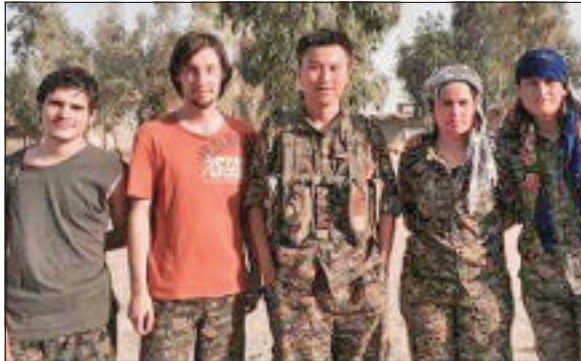


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Cody Bergerud, second from left, with Kurdish fighters after the liberation of Til Temir earlier this year.

Bergerud admits he'd never fired a gun before he arrived in Syria.

"I do carry a weapon now, and I know how to use it, but I haven't had to use it yet," he said in the interview.

Bergerud began to sympathize with the Kurdish cause as a student of political philosophy at the University of Victoria. His trip to northern Syria focussed on community building rather than conflict. He wants to support the fight for Kurdish independence by laying the foundation for democratic confederalism, a unique political proposal supported by many Kurdish people.

"My interest had nothing to do with ISIS," Bergerud said in an interview after his recent return to Salt Spring. "I wasn't thinking of a military involvement, I went there to do research."

In much of northern Syria, fighters from the Kurdish People's Defence Units, or YPG, coexist with troops

fighting for Syria's Assad regime. The stateless Kurds and government loyalists share a tenuous bond in a shared struggle against ISIS militants, whose atrocities have garnered global media attention and inspired a U.S.-led coalition's aerial bombing campaign.

Til Temir has been a flashpoint of the conflict between the Kurds, Syrian government loyalists and ISIS fighters that's catalyzed a northward flow of countless refugees into Turkey and Western Europe.

YPG fighters benefit greatly from coordinated airstrikes undertaken by western nations like Canada that are fighting in the region, but their association to the Kurdistan Worker's Party (PKK) in Turkey, an organization listed as a terrorist group by Turkey, the United States and Canada, means the cooperation stops there.

Despite his intention to conduct research, Bergerud undertook basic

military training when he arrived in Syria. He said it just comes with the territory. When fighting erupted to reclaim Til Temir from ISIS, Bergerud was deployed to a field hospital near the front. Beneath a backdrop of exploding mortar shells falling 100-metres from the clinic, Bergerud and 12 other staff members faced a torrent of patients with gunshot wounds and shrapnel injuries. As ISIS forces began to retreat, YPG soldiers advanced through terrain rife with land mines. The fighting had stopped, yet casualties continued to arrive at the clinic.

As the frontline drew further away, Bergerud returned to his research, which includes working alongside Kurds to develop administrative infrastructure and economic programs. He worked to build a library, helped farmers diversify their crops and sought to strengthen restorative justice programs.

Anyone who believes Salt Spring's local government structure offers a complex labyrinth of land-use planning, public services and advocacy should consider, if only for a moment, what's being proposed for northern Syria. Rather than a formal nation state, Kurdish supporters of democratic confederalism strive to create a governance system based on locally run self-administrative cooperatives. With roots firmly planted in socialism, Marxism, anarchism, human rights, feminism and environmentalism, some westerners have called the system "too progressive for the American mainstream to take seriously."

However controversial the "isms," proponents of the Kurdish movement's communal philosophy like

imprisoned political leader Abdullah Ocalan and western initiates like Bergerud feel the system is the region's only hope, an answer to decades of unresolved conflict and fruitless negotiations in the Middle East.

The Kurds and their supporters are working to corral public opinion as the West allies itself ever closer to the notorious YPG fighters, considered by many observers the most effective fighting force in Syria against ISIS. Now that he's back in Canada, Bergerud is eyeing the university lecture circuit and stops in communities where anyone cares to listen and learn about his experience in the region. He hopes to sort the complex baggage that accompanies any discussion about Middle Eastern geopolitics.

"The main thing I want to get out of the talk beyond just informing people is to motivate people to support this model, even though it's only about 20 per cent of the way there and there are so many critics for how it's being done; because if it does succeed it could be a good model for peace in the rest of the Middle East," he said.

Though Bergerud said he will someday return to Syria, he acknowledges a big part of the battle is for people's understanding. He wants North Americans to understand what's at stake in a land where so many other options have failed.

"Turkey, Syria, Iraq and Iran will be affected by this Kurdish question," he said. "This could be a good solution."

Dispatches and updates on Bergerud's efforts to spread awareness about the Kurds' plight are available at medium.com/@fangaforn.

ISLANDS TRUST

LTC grants first reading for proposed abattoir rezoning

Consultation on tap

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Agricultural Alliance celebrated another step toward establishing

a permanent home for the island's abattoir Thursday afternoon as Local Trust Committee members gave first reading to a rezoning application for the site at 1449 Fulford-Ganges Rd.

Islands Trust staff will

forward the application to public agencies and neighbours for further comment and schedule a community information meeting and public hearing.

The Agricultural Alliance operates the abattoir

on the mid-island property under a temporary use permit. Rezoning the industrial site is needed to establish permanent use of the facility.

The Islands Trust's Advisory Planning and Agri-

cultural Advisory Planning commissions offered unanimous support to the application earlier this year.

Speaking on behalf of the Agricultural Alliance at last week's meeting, former president Anne Macey told

trustees Salt Spring's traditionally low volume of livestock, adherence to stringent provincial operating guidelines and intermittent use mitigates any potentially adverse fallout on the neighbourhood.

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WILDLIFE

Dead beavers prompt investigation

Government vet interested in cases

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A B.C. government wildlife veterinarian is calling for more information about any dead beavers found on Salt Spring after two were discovered in the Cusheon Lake watershed last month.

The request does not mean there is anything extraordinary about the deaths, and is merely a precaution in case disease is a factor, Dr. Helen Schwantje explained.

"Any time we have unusual mortalities among wildlife we need to investigate," she said. "There are bacterial diseases that beavers can carry that can pass to humans. So it's not

hysteria time, it's due diligence time."

Wayne Hewitt, founder and an ongoing member of the Cusheon Lake Stewardship Committee, said he and his wife Doreen discovered a large beaver carcass near the public beach access several weeks ago. The beaver was too decayed and stinking to get close to, so they were unable to establish a possible cause of death.

The Hewitts then learned that a juvenile beaver had also been found dead in the Cusheon Creek area. They reported the matter to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations' Fish and Wildlife Branch, and on Schwantje's recommendation, to the local health authority.

Hewitt said a bacterial disease called tularemia is the

primary concern, and with a known lodge that has been established for decades at Cusheon Lake, the state of any other beavers that might be inside is worrying.

"We were kind of concerned if they've all died off and we just don't know it," he said.

According to the BC Centre for Disease Control, tularemia is a potentially serious illness but is reported rarely in B.C. There were only four reports in the 10 years from 1999 through 2008. Transmission can take place through a tick or deerfly bite, exposure to the tissues of a mammalian host (rabbits, squirrels and sometimes beavers) or exposure to potentially contaminated water.

Schwantje did not name tularemia as a specific con-

cern. She explained that beaver populations have not been well studied in the coastal region so it's difficult to know what significance the two deaths have, if any. She had not been aware of a third beaver that was discovered in a Ganges creek in June with signs of emaciation and extreme listlessness. It was captured by Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre personnel and sent off-island for treatment.

If more dead beavers do turn up, Schwantje hopes the stewardship committee or other individuals will be able to recover the carcasses and then deliver them to Nanaimo for a necropsy. Carcasses should be frozen immediately. For more information contact 1-866-387-9771 or FishandWildlife@gov.bc.ca.

THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE by Michael O'Connor
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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20) You are beginning to build upon new foundations. This extends to a variety of aspects of your life this includes your love life. You may yet feel a little insecure about some of your choices of late. As well, deep changes continue to occur within. This may be a good time to exercise a 'beginners mind'. Be open to new possibilities and lifestyle rhythms and patterns.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21) Despite changes unfolding close to home, you are sensing the creative possibilities. On the home front, moves, renovations and other measures taken to increase beauty and comfort, continues. Relationship dynamics are featured and they too have and continue to cause you to make changes for the sake of a brighter future. Nothing is static; the game is on.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21) Your confidence levels continue to rise steadily. However, circumstances are pushing you to pay close attention to the details. This includes clearing out the old to make way for the new. There is also a playful and adventurous theme underway. It is inspiring you to explore, experience and experiment and this variety is literally brain food supporting heightened energy levels.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22) A busy cycle has begun. It is requiring that you attend to a variety of fronts. Positively, travel and adventure is featured and this particular window will be open for about a year. Also featured is a steadily emerging period of learning, training and/or apprenticeship of some sort. Fresh starts are brewing and are linked to your job/career and social status in general.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23) What do you have, want, need and not? You have entered a cycle that will push you to reconsider and decipher existing realities and the prospect of making needed changes. This cycle will endure for many months. Your health is a central focus and there is reason to say it is already improving. Expect many ideas and new perspectives to roll in over the coming weeks.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22) An expansive cycle has begun and is steadily building momentum. Some of the work must be done behind the scenes and/or even within, however. This 'inner work' implies getting clear mentally, emotionally and spiritually. This can include clearing confusion with a workable strategy, getting pumped about the exciting results and overcoming what may be described as a lack of faith.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22) Sometimes we must dig deeper to access reserves of faith, like now. Circumstances of late may have and continue to challenge your confidence. Fortunately, you are in a braver and more defiant mood than you might be otherwise. Making unforeseen investments are likely features. The plot will introduce a new learning process that has probably already begun.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21) Exploring a fuller measure of your individuality continues. This may require taking a few risks. Invention and engineering of some kind is featured. You may feel challenged to see clearly and with a vision of the future. It can take time to break through long-standing modes of perception. With patient resolve you can prevail, but it may take a few months.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21) Saturn re-entering your sign should produce some very tangible results. Literal changes in your outer environment can be expected. Shifts in your social status and/or linked to your work are likely. At best you feel freer than you have in a long time. Yet with freedom comes the need for discipline as well. They may simply amount to persistent follow through.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19) You have entered a very important cycle. In the longer term picture it implies some very real changes in your relationships. These include home, family, spouse and are linked to career and your public life as well. At best you will become more empathetic, understanding and nurturing and less expectant, impatient and demanding. Learn to let go and trust the flow more.

Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19) A steady stream of returns continues to flow your way. In fact, there is reason to say that this flow will increase over the coming weeks and even months. These returns will be negative to the extent that your thoughts and actions over the past 2-3 years have been negative too. Otherwise, acknowledge yourself for your faithful perseverance and be open to gratefully receive.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) Shifts, changes and expansion in your relationships are underway. Positively, you feel inspired and excited about the creative possibilities. Even so, you should expect to be busier and this cycle will require more discipline and effort than you have likely had to put out for perhaps even years. It is extra important that you get organized at least so get going.

HEALTH CARE

SSHAC releases report

Long-term community plan needed

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Gaps in Salt Spring's health-services provision must be addressed by a long-term plan involving multiple community groups, according to recent findings of the Salt Spring Health Advancement Coalition.

A new summary report just released by the group details the results of two community engagement events held in May. The sessions focussed on gathering ideas related to the most pressing matters in local health care as previously identified by SSHAC, which are seniors' health and mental health services.

SSHAC chair Barb Aust said there was a good turnout for the two public sessions, during which the coalition asked if there was community support for its work, among other questions.

"The response shows we do have the support to go forward, and there are lots of ideas to work on," Aust said. "We got tons and tons of feedback."

In addition to needing a long-term community health plan for the island, several themes emerged relating to both priority populations. The desire was voiced for integrating accessible primary care and medical services with other services such as a nurse practitioner, social workers, psychiatric nurses, massage therapy and holistic health practices like yoga. Participants also expressed the need for a community health centre or hub where multiple services are offered under one roof and could be accessed by those without a family physician.

Information services could also be located in such a centre.

Aust noted the need for a central source that details the island's many different services and providing agencies.

"We need something that shows what the continuum is and how to navigate it successfully. And we need an actual living person who can inform people about the continuum and help them navigate it," Aust said, noting an online resource isn't enough.

The information is important for patients living on Salt Spring as well as family members living elsewhere who are trying to coordinate appropriate care and transitions for loved ones, she said.

As shown in the public engagement results, community issues such as better transportation for seniors with mobility issues, affordable housing for health workers and accessible day programs at care facilities with professional support staff underpin the direct health-care needs.

"Everybody wants to stay at home as long as possible, but there has to be some break for the caregivers," Aust said. "There's a whole network of needs that has to be addressed when we look at the whole issue."

Aust said the coalition hopes to start tackling some of the smaller issues once a little more information is gathered. The group will be posting a long banner representing the health care continuum at a special event with B.C. Seniors Advocate Isobel Mackenzie taking place this Tuesday, Sept. 15 at Lions Hall from 1 to 3 p.m. Participants are invited to add their comments on the existing services, as well as the gaps and needs, to the poster.

More information on SSHAC's work, including the summary of recent findings, can be found on their website at sshealth.org.

ISLANDS TRUST

Trust moves to restrict watershed use

Proposal promises to stir questions in farming circles

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee took a big step toward limiting the scope and scale of agriculture in rural watershed zones on Thursday.

"What we are trying to do is protect drinking water," said LTC member Peter Grove.

LTC members voted unanimously to have Trust staff prepare amendments to Salt Spring's land use bylaw to prohibit intensive agriculture in rural watershed zones one and two, and include setbacks for agriculture of 30 metres for lakes and wetlands and 15

metres for all other waterbodies in the RW1 and RW2 zones.

There are 564 titles on Salt Spring within the zoning categories, although Trust staff said it's difficult to determine how much agriculture is practised on those properties.

"The way it's being presented is going to create a backlash."

ANNE MACEY,
Past-president,
Agricultural Alliance

According to figures from the BC Assessment Authority, approximately 27 rural watershed properties are classified as

farms for tax purposes. Seventeen properties with Agricultural Land Reserve status within the rural watershed zones will not be affected by the proposed changes.

The watershed zones surround St. Mary, Maxwell, Blackburn, Cusheon, Stowel and Weston lakes. Although Salt Spring's Riparian Areas Regulations provide similar protections in sensitive shoreline areas, properties with farm status are exempt.

According to the island's land use bylaw, intensive agriculture involves anything greater than 4,550 kilograms of chickens or cows, equivalent to approximately 2,000 chickens or 14 cows.

"We need to really look at this seriously if we want to protect our water," said Wayne Hewitt, a Cusheon Lake area resident,

who brought the matter to the LTC's attention.

Staff intend to "begin a dialogue" about the proposed changes with advocacy groups like the Agricultural Alliance, the Farmers' Institute and Island Natural Growers.

Speaking during Thursday's town hall period, the past-president of Salt Spring's Agricultural Alliance suggested many in the island's agricultural community may view proposed changes with skepticism.

"The way it's being presented is going to create a backlash," Anne Macey told trustees. "A lot of people are going to get upset about it."

Macey suggested trustees strive to work on a solution that is "outcome based" rather than pursuing broad-based prohibitions.

EDUCATION

B.C.'s new curriculum hits SD64

Lisa Halstead explains

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The B.C. Ministry of Education announced on Sept. 1 that it will start phasing in its long anticipated "new curriculum" this fall.

The three-year transition process will start with an optional take-up this school year for teachers of Kindergarten through Grade 9 before it is fully implemented in all schools in fall of 2016. The entire K-12 curriculum will be phased in by the 2017-18 school year.

According to a ministry press release, "The new curriculum fits in with the key goals of B.C.'s Skills for Jobs Blueprint to re-engineer education to ensure young people have the skills they need to qualify for in-demand careers and is part of the larger transformation efforts outlined in B.C.'s Education Plan."

We asked the Gulf Islands School District's superintendent Lisa Halstead what this announcement means for local students and educators, with her answers supplied in the Q&A below.

Q: What is the new curriculum and how will it be integrated?

A: Many attributes of the updated curriculum, in my opinion, aren't new. There continues to be a strong focus on the development of foundational skills including reading, writing, oral language and mathematical literacy. However, what is refreshing is the emphasis on personalizing learning for each and every student and the recognition that learning takes place on a continuum. The transformed curriculum uses a different lens, although the teacher's role is



LISA HALSTEAD

still central to student learning. There is a greater focus on what comes next in the learning journey for each student.

We have already had success with this approach in School District 64. For example, place-based ecological learning opportunities are flourishing throughout the district. Whether it is partnerships with conservancies, the district's SEEC and MYSEEC programs, or Kids for Creeks and other initiatives, we see our teachers increasingly connecting with community to engage our students in real world interdisciplinary learning experiences.

Q: What won't be part of the curriculum?

A: One of the greatest differences between the recently introduced curriculum and its predecessor is the focus on competencies rather than content. The content is now structured around big ideas rather than a vast quantity of prescribed learning outcomes that were previously mandated to be taught at each grade level. In the past, there has been an emphasis on the teacher "covering the curriculum."

As educators we are keen to facilitate the student-centred process of allowing our students to "discover the curriculum" and assist them in taking greater responsibility for their own learning. Resultantly, there is a greater emphasis on core competencies in the transformed curriculum. Competencies are sets of intellectual, personal and social/emotional proficiencies that allow students to become

immersed in deeper life-long learning with heightened curiosity, passion, persistence and engagement.

Q. What supports are there for teachers to integrate the new model?

A. At this time, we are focussing on what support will look like for every school and program in the district. We recognize that adults, as well as our students, learn on a continuum and that the time and support needed during the transition will differ from site to site and from person to person.

We will be working collaboratively in the district to ensure that students remain at the heart of everything we do. Our school principals and curriculum coordinators are working closely with district administration to support our teachers during this transition.

We anticipate further announcements at the provincial level as to what additional supports might look like; however, we are fortunate that in the Gulf Islands we have a solid team of educators who are eager to work together in support of learning for all of our students.

Additionally, the district looks forward to engaging with students, parents and the community about transforming curriculum and assessment in British Columbia. There will be many opportunities during this transition period to participate in discussions about personalizing learning and deeper ways to communicate each student's individual learning journey. I suggest that anyone looking to delve more deeply into the topic check out British Columbia's Education Plan that can be found at www.bcedplan.ca/ as well as the curriculum documents at www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca/.

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EDITORIAL

Back to school

In 2003, Lynne Truss published the surprise bestselling grammar invective *Eats, Shoots & Leaves*, whose title summed up the huge significance one comma can make when it comes to gun-toting pandas.

Truss treated the grammar-incompetent to blistering and hilarious verbal attacks, reserving particular venom for the it's/its error.

Like Truss, Gulf Islands English teacher Stephen Berry has gone to unusual lengths to return grammar to a central role, but he's chosen an even more difficult path than writing a popular book about an arcane subject. He's elected to fight the odds by teaching grammar to every Grade 9 student in the district.

It's a move that anyone who values written communication can applaud, but in B.C.'s education system today it seems like a startlingly innovative solution. We can only hope the school district will polish its sound reputation in that realm by giving Berry's program its full and ongoing support.

School trustees and administrators have another controversial matter to attend to this fall with the continuance of SWOVA's Respectful Relationships program up for debate. This is alarming, since R+R's learning objectives are just as important for creating healthy social foundations as grammar is for using language effectively. The core competencies for social and community health cited in B.C.'s new curriculum might have been lifted directly from SWOVA's manual.

GISS and the entire district have become known for their tolerance of diversity, and many would say it's no accident the island's culture has changed radically in the past 20 years. Through award-winning programming that's been recognized by the United Nations, SWOVA has given young people the tools to identify and transform the negative cultural norms that lead to violence and abuse.

Some students and parents have criticized the way R+R is delivered in the past couple of years, especially when it comes to reaching boys. Changes can and should be considered, but that should not require axing the entire program.

It's a shame that many people writing English today don't know the difference between a plural and a possessive. It would be just as shameful to look back one day to find island youth had lost their social literacy.



VIEWPOINT by George Grams

SSIWPA critique is ill-informed

As chair of the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority (SSIWPA), it falls to me to reply to David Rapport's letter in the Driftwood last week.

Although I thank him for his recognition that the "vision" that gave birth to SSIWPA is worthy of congratulations, that vision was not mine. It was that of former Islands Trust planning manager Leah Hartley, and was given life as a result of the Islands Trust chief administrative officer's idea to empower the authority by means of seeking delegated powers from Trust Council. I did no more than recognize that the solution recommended by staff was the correct one and, with my fellow trustees, took the necessary political action to enable it.

With regard to David Rapport's accusation that the committee is unaware that the difficulties with St. Mary Lake are a result of climate change and human impacts, SSIWPA's approach to its responsibilities is to undertake analysis and seek solutions on the basis of data rather than dogma. The data available on the specific impacts of climate change on St. Mary Lake are flimsy and do not permit the authority to invest such certainty as does David Rapport. If David Rapport has data that support his absolute degree of surety, he has only to submit his information to the technical working group (TWG), with his recommendation as to how it should inform and revise the management plan, for it to be considered. That is, after all, one of the purposes of the public consultation process.

David Rapport's comments about human influence degrading the lake run counter to the observations of long-term steady status of mesotrophy in summer judged by fossil study in sediments. In addition, field tests designed and implemented to measure the impact of septic systems around the lake concluded that they have

a negligible negative effect. Had David Rapport attended any of the SSIWPA meetings, or attended the public briefing that Don Hodgins provided to the community on his sewage field studies, he might be more fully informed of those factors. Notwithstanding, I again invite him to submit data that he might have that contradict the conclusions drawn by the TWG on these issues.

With regard to David Rapport's proposal that SSIWPA should commission an off-island group of eco-specialists to undertake a review of the TWG's work, the cost of doing so is likely to be considerable and, in the collective opinion of the steering committee, is not merited. It is neither right nor reasonable to overburden islanders with the cost of funding further peer reviews when the added value that would arise from that cost is uncertain.

Finally, I would comment on David Rapport's imputation that the TWG and the SSIWPA coordinator are inadequately equipped academically to undertake the work they have shouldered. The TWG and coordinator collectively number nine and share five doctorates. They have a stellar array of particular and specialist knowledge in analytical chemistry, water resource engineering, biology, limnology, sewage, water pollution and soil sciences. Instead of impugning the qualifications and expertise of this very well-qualified group of academicians and scientists, the members of the TWG should be lauded for placing at the disposal of this community their formidable array of skills, and for investing so much of their own time, energy and resources free of any charge to island taxpayers.

The writer is a Salt Spring Local Trust Committee member, an Islands Trust Executive Committee member and chairs SSIWPA.

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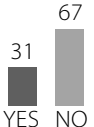
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ISLAND VOICES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "We are definitely not out of the woods yet. Everyone thinks it's over, but it isn't."

MEGHAN MCKEE, NSSWD WATER QUALITY SPECIALIST, ON DROUGHT

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: How can the global refugee crisis be alleviated?



SYLVIA BEECH
We can't fix the problems in Syria, but we in Canada should have a really generous program.



CHERRY JENSEN
I'd like to see more nations band together. I'd like to see "president" Harper definitely do more.



KIT LEWIS
I'd like to see the United Nations have more support internationally because they know how to solve these problems.



ROSIE LEPARD
I really think it's horrible, the cause needs to be addressed.



ROBIN O'QUINN
I think the situation is not for people to leave their homes. World governments should strive to stabilize the political systems in those regions.

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

Family gives thanks to RCMP and others

The following is an open letter to the residents of Salt Spring Island filed with the Driftwood for publication.

I am writing to commend the Salt Spring Island RCMP, firefighters, paramedics and hospital staff for their actions on the night of Aug. 28 surrounding an incident that occurred while the police were conducting an impaired driving check-point on Upper Ganges Road.

We see and hear events in the media where officials are criticized for abuse of force that all too often results in a tragic ending for the individual and heartbroken loss for his/her family. The events of that Friday night could easily have resulted in a similar outcome were it not for the calm professionalism of all those involved, particularly the RCMP officers present at the initial scene.

After watching a video of the incident it is clear to me that I (we) could very well be attending my nephew's funeral this week. Instead he is getting the psychiatric care that he requires in a local hospital.

My nephew is a good and normally gentle man who has suffered from a serious mental illness since his late teens. His condition is usually controlled by medication, however, over the days leading up to the events of Aug. 28, something went terribly wrong.

His mother, along with myself and the rest of the family, owe all involved a debt of gratitude for their part in preventing an ill human being from becoming another dreadful statistic.

Instead, my nephew has been given an opportunity to recover from his illness and work towards improving his future.

For that, we would

like to thank all involved from the bottom of our hearts.

ROD MISKEY, BARRIE, ONTARIO

Informed electorate is important

Thanks to Dorothy Cutting for mentioning our website in her "Where are the parties at?" letter published in the Sept. 2 Driftwood.

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JONAH BROOK, CO-FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, I CAN PARTY

Focus on research

Please, no more ecosystem health reports ("Ecosystem health expertise lacking on SSIWPA," Sept. 2 Driftwood).

In 2008 this community spent some \$10,000, against the advice of local biologists, on "ecosystem health" reports.

If further knowledge is required of St. Mary Lake limnology or other island ecosystems, it should be developed through rigorously focussed research projects.

PETER OMMUNDSEN, SALT SPRING

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AGING with GRACE: Playing the hand we're dealt

BY HELEN HINCHLIFF



HELEN HINCHLIFF

"I don't want to grow old..." He confided.

"Guess what!" I cut in, wrecklessly presenting myself once again as some sort of know-it-all. "We're all going to..."

"Unless we're unlucky," he said, recapturing his train of thought.

John and I were schmoozing over glasses of wine at an ArtSpring reception recently and he wanted to tell me that he and his wife had been entertaining some younger relatives they hadn't seen in a long time. "And they look about 10 years older than we do," he announced, building up to his punch line: "The main difference is we exercise and they don't."

All of which brings me, strange as it might seem, to some lessons I've been learning this summer while learning to play bridge, a sedentary exercise if there ever was one!

Anyway, my first lesson has been that we have to play the hand we're dealt. My tendency has always been to try to fix

things. To somehow make them better! But in bridge, unlike games that involve discarding while hoping for better cards, bridge requires us to accept the hand we've been dealt. To win we must bid and play wisely. We can't rail against the cards or pretend that either we (or our partner) have cards that aren't really there.

I haven't played bridge since I was a kid, making a fourth whenever my mother's parents came for a visit. My father claimed he didn't have time for silly card games. But I think the real reason he didn't play is that he couldn't control his emotions when he was powerless to turn a weak hand into a stellar one.

Over the years, friends have suggested I join them for an afternoon or evening of bridge.

"I don't play bridge," I'd reply. Why not? I hate to admit it, but I probably have more than a touch of my father's fear of not being in charge. But now that I'm learning to play the game, I'm starting to accept my

lack of control over what life dishes out. I just have to try my best with the cards I've been dealt.

You might be wondering what drew me into this new pastime. The reason becomes my second lesson. A friend called one afternoon begging me to play.

"Dorothy," I replied, "you know I don't play bridge."

Bridge is a partnership. You cannot play by yourself and Dorothy was so desperate for a partner that evening that I finally said, "If you're willing to accept someone who hasn't played in 60 years, I'll try."

She was willing, the others accepted me, and I enjoyed the evening. It wasn't long before I was learning another challenging lesson: to be successful in bridge, you and your partner are a team. His or her cards are every bit as important as yours are. As we bid, we have to listen to each other offering hints about what cards we each hold and we have to make use of each other's cards to win

a game or to try to keep our opponents from winning.

I've mostly led a life of self-reliance, hating to depend on anyone else for anything. But lately I'm coming to realize that whereas a degree of self-reliance is essential in life, it's better to feel the comfort and support of others, especially as we grow older and are less able to fend for ourselves, than to go it alone.

So what kind of hand have we been dealt in the game of life and how well are we playing it? We are an island population that is substantially older than average and some of the services we have relied on aren't in the cards anymore. But there's always a new hand to be dealt.

The Salt Spring Seniors Services Society (250-537-4604) is offering a range of new programs this autumn; Better at Home (250-537-4607; saltspringcommunityservices.ca/seniors-wellness/better-at-home/) and Hospice (250-537-2770; saltspringhospice.org) are sharing offices on Her-

ford Avenue right across the street from the new Salt Spring Wellness Centre (1-250-900-1125; ssiwelness.com); and, for one afternoon next week, Isobel Mackenzie, the new B.C. Seniors Advocate (1-877-952-3181; www.seniorsadvocatebc.ca), will be the star attraction at a town hall meeting to be held at the Lions Club, Tuesday, September 15 from 1 to 3 p.m.

She will describe the role of the Seniors Advocate and listen to you and your family talk about what is working — or not working — for seniors on Salt Spring Island. Whether it's home care, access to services, housing issues, or the increasing number of cases of caregiver burnout, we need to tell her what cards we've been dealt, ask her for support in how we play them, and to remember there's always hope for a better hand.

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DOUBLE SMILE: Willow Sky MacDonald is reflected in one of her framed photos on display in her exhibit at the Harbour House on through September.

Hospital roommate initiates fundraiser

BY SHEILA HOEN

I recently spent several days in Lady Minto Hospital and enjoyed the company of my roommate Jesse Schramm.

Jesse is an amazing person. Her story is one of tragedy, strength and fortitude told in a firm voice with a peaceful and optimistic outlook, even an amusing twinkle.

At 19 she was involved in a car accident with her fiancé and another couple. Three of them escaped unscathed, but Jesse's spine was broken, rendering her a paraplegic for almost 45 years now. During that time she married, delivered a baby boy, brought him up — including home schooling — kept house and worked at a number of

jobs helping adults with developmental challenges. Her latest one has been at Choices in Ganges. She has lived on Salt Spring for more than 30 years.

The dark side of the story is that in the years since the accident Jesse has had 50 surgeries, mainly to attempt to heal skin damage. Her very thin skin has been constantly under pressure when she is in a sitting position or even when she is lying down. These continuing injuries culminated in her present six months' hospital stay in Lady Minto. She is very grateful to the hospital for their wonderful care and the acquisition of a special mattress which has helped her get rid of most of her damaged skin.

Jesse desperately wants to go home to her cat Tigger, go back to her job at Choices and return to being a functioning member of society and helping others as she has done in the past. The problem is that she needs a 36 X 80-inch Geomatrix G3 mattress of her own to protect her from further skin damage.

To get around, a used two-door automatic car to replace the car she has is also crucial. Richard Murakami has deemed Jesse's present car is "not worth fixing anymore, and dangerous."

Thanks to the efforts of Lady Minto's head nurse Jo Twaites, social worker Angela Huser and physical therapist Emma Hayne, Lady Minto staff and

others have raised over \$1,000, but \$3,850 more is needed. Jesse has the necessary hand control equipment which she as a paraplegic needs to drive a car. These can be installed in another car.

Would you help us with our efforts towards the goal of assisting Jesse to get back in her home and to regain her independence? Any help you can give will be so much appreciated! Please contact Angela Huser at Lady Minto Hospital (250-538-4800) or email her at angela.huser@vha.ca for information or to make a donation. Many many thanks!

The writer is a Salt Spring resident and artist.

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Grammar challenge

Three cheers for Stephen Berry! ("Grade 9 students about to go back to fundamentals," Sept. 2 Driftwood.)

Finally someone has come along who has the fortitude to swim against the tide. For too long we have had "professional educators" who are falling all over themselves trying to appear avant-garde, preaching change for the sake of change, disregarding the true value of systems already in place, catering to modern youth, who get across to each other such ideas as they have using a patois consisting of "awesome, OMG, LOL" and such other symbols as can be keyed up by using a thumb on a pad.

A former teacher recently wrote to me, "It reminds me of my Geography 12 students who were terrified at the prospect of writing the provincial exam without a calculator. This was for the most basic mathematical calculations."

I was dismayed a while ago when I was told by a candidate for a fairly advanced position in Ontario that one of the criteria the person must have was to be able to understand written language. They weren't kidding! Evidently in a number of jurisdictions writing has indeed been eliminated from being taught.

Einstein once said, "I fear the day that technology will surpass our human interaction. The world will have a generation of idiots."

By contrast, the English language is a superb instrument, capable of communicating the finest shades of meaning. It enables transmitting intricate and complex ideas without ambiguity, so necessary in the modern world. Ask any professional engineer and you will be told if you want to build a stable structure you had better start by having a solid foundation. This is what so many of our young people are being denied by eliminating the "reading, writing, and arithmetic" from the teaching curricula. We are sending them out into the world with blunt tools.

It is a heroic challenge you have taken on, Stephen. Hats off to you!

HAROLD PAGE,
SALT SPRING

Line was crossed

In your Aug. 19 issue, Valdy was motivated to speak out with his feelings on the content of an issue of the Driftwood.

I understand his view on a missed opportunity to emphasize a worthwhile event. This does not diminish the importance of reporting an event such as a bus crash with its huge personal impact. It just speaks to the editorial decision making of a community paper. We applaud the Driftwood's willingness to print that kind of criticism in its own publication.

The printing of the personal attack by Cliff Jones in the Aug. 26 issue is disturbing, however. Not many things cause our jaws to drop, but this response letter did.

Our Valdy is one of our childhood heroes. He is a self-made man who survived the industry he chose and supports his beloved

community. That man is approachable, clever, well seasoned and one of the best assets Salt Spring has. We always feel lucky to encounter him or his lovely wife in the community. It's usually at a venue at which they are volunteers. They always take time to talk and they never fail to promote a good cause. We can't suggest they leave, they are Salt Spring.

We have quite a few exceptional people here. They need to feel free to have an opinion that is protected, honoured for its spirit and its station. We wait to see them offer their thoughts on community issues like incorporation, abattoirs, ferries and don't want them silenced.

When rhetoric aimed at a newspaper results in a printed personal attack, we think an important line gets crossed.

STEVE AND CINDY WEST,
SALT SPRING

Red, red roses for all

Thank you to everyone who contributed to and enjoyed Valdy's 70th birthday celebration!

Very specially, thank you to the Fulford Hall committee, Harry B., Ranji B., Ron A., Helga and Michael, folk club set-up crew, Kim H., Mark, Ken, Arvid, Mary Ann, Abby, William, Jeremy, Pat Fraser, all the generous musicians (and Valdy for "going with the flow") and many others who pitched in to celebrate our guy. Hey! A community of shared laughter and tears matters. We missed you, Cliff Jones (and Rochelle).

XOXO
KATHLEEN HORSDAL,
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Time to celebrate Pride '15



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GLOSSI contingent in last year's Pride parade, including president Bill Turner, far left.

Festival events highlighted

BY BILL TURNER
PRESIDENT OF GLOSSI

Pride and Joy, the theme for Pride 2015, Salt Spring's multi-event celebration of all things queer and diverse, kicks off this Thursday, Sept. 10 and continues to Sunday. This will be a four-day extravaganza with a trans panel, a barbecue party, edgy entertainment, a people-powered parade, a celebratory dance, a Unitarian service and a community picnic.

As president of GLOSSI, I invite all Salt Springers to join us in this pride-filled and joyful celebration of equality, diversity and love.

We are especially pleased this year to honour as our parade marshal, Caffyn Jesse, who helped to found GLOSSI in the late 1990s, to represent the voices and needs of queer people on the island. It was a time when the gay marriage debates in Canada were often vitriolic and sane voices were needed, but Caffyn's vision has always gone beyond single issues.

"I believe queer people can use their understanding of oppression to challenge the ways oppression functions. We can claim a unique perspective on gender difference, and the culture of nature, race and family."

Her work can be seen on www.queermap.com and in her soon-to-be-published book *Orientation: Mapping Queer Meanings*.

Caffyn was on the GLOSSI board for 15 years and is often referred to as the grandmother of GLOSSI, having kept us going through the thick and thin of a society's life. She always encourages the LGBTQ+ community to work towards a culture in which queer difference is not only seen and celebrated but also radicalizes our world.

Caffyn also offers heal-

ing and compassionate perspectives on human sexuality and pleasure in her workshops and classes as a certified somatic sex educator. Her book called *Erotic Massage for Healing and Pleasure* was published in 2015. She is also a board member of the Heiwa Garden at Peace Park and in the more distant past was the Salt Spring coordinator for the Salish Sea Community Mapping Project.

As Marshall, Caffyn will be at the front of Pride's joyful people-powered parade as it winds its way through Ganges on Saturday. (See parade route map in this section and further details below.) Joining the LGBTQ+ community in the parade will be folks of all ages, many faiths and identities — a happy crowd of people celebrating LGBTQ+ folks from all the rainbow colours.

Pride is a time when this island spreads its wings to fly free of constraint and shows up radiant and creative, as glamorous or as cool as your imagination fires you.

An exciting development this year is the creation of awards for the most innovative people-powered floats. As many islanders are aware, the only motorized vehicle allowed in the parade is an automobile for participants with mobility issues.

We like to dream that our annual Pride Parade will become famous for its crazy, outlandish non-motorized "floats," whether they be wildly decorated wheelbarrows, bicycles, people-powered carriages, motorless scooters, wagons or whatever turns your people-powered crank. We on the GLOSSI board can't wait to see this happen!

GLOSSI's Pride offerings will be exciting and fun, thought-provoking and introspective. The Transformation Trans Celebration panel and forum (see article



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Caffyn Jesse

in this section) takes place Thursday at 7 p.m. at the ArtSpring gallery.

The late afternoon Friday Loud and Proud Barbecue and welcoming party will be on the deck at the Legion.

A Friday Affair - Rekindled, at 8 p.m. on the ArtSpring stage — a huge favourite last year — will offer an outrageously fun evening of opera with a twist, burlesque, music, drag and poetry.

On Saturday at 1 p.m., watch or walk in our 8th annual people-powered Pride Parade, followed by a celebration in the Peace Park.

Attend the Decades of Diversity Pride Dance at Meaden Hall on Saturday night, hosted by Symone with DJ Street on music.

The always thoughtful and thought-provoking Unitarian Pride Service will be at the Seniors' Centre on Sunday morning.

The Pride Community Picnic, a friendly and low-key wind-down to the festivities, will take place at the group site at Ruckle Park on Sunday afternoon.

For all events and an amazing line-up of celebrities and local performers, go to saltspringpride.com or www.facebook.com/saltspringpride.

All tickets through the ArtSpring box office. See you at Pride!

SALT SPRING PRIDE

TRANS ISSUES

Gender shift explored

Teens share views and visions in advance of panel

BY ROWAN PERCY
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Three teenagers, three voices — visions for a radical shift on gender. This is what I heard when I talked with Rex Shaak, Taryn Muldoon and Ardeo Mann about Salt Spring's Pride celebrations, which runs this Thursday through Sunday.

The first Pride event is a transgender panel, called *Trans-formation. Trans Celebration*, on Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. at ArtSpring.

Gender questioning has burst into the public consciousness in recent times. Think celebrities who have come out trans: Chaz Bono, Caitlyn Jenner and Laverne Cox. Notice the stream of radio and TV interviews and documentaries with trans kids, parents and transitioning adults. Recall the world-wide count of transgender murders, memorialized on Transgender Day of Remembrance each November.

Shaak, Muldoon and Mann — who prefer descriptors such as queer, trans or non-binary — offer many perspectives on gender. While trans experience is as old as human nature, it's only now that trans people are taking their places in a North American-wide conversation (and beyond) about what it means to "have" or be given a gender.

Trans people are creating and using new language to express diverse experiences of gender. As Shaak explains, "Gender is slip-

pery. It's hard to say it's always one thing. The idea that gender is innate is an attitude that needs to change."

Some trans people simply want to transition to the gender they experience as their lifelong identity, while others experience being trans as a choice. Many trans people are exploring a spectrum of gender with as many genders as individuals. The refusal to see gender in only binary or biological terms opens up "channels of thought," says Shaak.

In addition to needing to get out of isolation and be part of a community of like-minded people, trans youth engage in intense discussions of masculinity and femininity.

"We live at a time when it's easier to come out as masculine than to be feminine in expression," says Muldoon. "It's really because of misogyny," and adds, "women are pushed into being feminine, but being femme can also be a reclamation and a radical step away from the privilege of masculinity, a refusal to play that out."

Ardeo agrees. "It's more difficult for transwomen. Transwomen who are murdered in the U.S. are predominantly African-American and there never seems to be any recourse on their behalf."

While trans murders in Canada appear to be few, these trans youth relate across national borders with their cohorts in other countries. Most countries around the world report trans murders, especially where there is trans activism.

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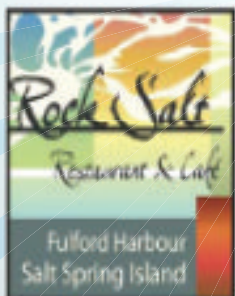
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Trans issues at the forefront



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Mann, who experiences themselves as “masculine of centre,” concurs with Shaak and Muldoon that “people who were designated female at birth and transition toward the masculine have more freedom than people who transition toward the feminine.”

Trans youth adopt different pronouns to express their experience. Some prefer to use he and she, others use they, and there are other alternatives, ze, co, SHe, for example.

Mann prefers the pronoun they to reflect their non-binary identity. Shaak prefers he. Trans people may not always try to sync their appearance with their chosen pronoun.

Non-binary people may appear either more masculine or feminine (masculine/feminine of centre is a common phrase) and still prefer to be addressed as they.

“I think we need to separate gender and pronouns,” explains Shaak. “People rely on appearances to know what pronoun to use, but that doesn’t work anymore. Appearances don’t necessarily relate to the pronoun that expresses how a person feels inside. It’s not possible to be exclusively one thing. Everyone is different and growing.”

Muldoon feels hemmed in by gender definitions and experiences concepts of male and female to be both blurry, fluctuating and yet also loaded with potentially destructive meanings. Muldoon is a spoken word poet who will be performing for Pride at A Friday Affair at ArtSpring on Sept. 11. They identify as queer, in reference to both gender and sexual orientation.

“I used to give power to the gender spectrum. Not because I believed in it, but because I had no other words to explain gender. But now I see it as a cosmos. Complex identities are like stars forming constellations. We can be anything in that cosmos. Male and female are just two stars in an infinity of definitions. In a cosmos, we can belong in whatever ways we need to.”

Because they recognize the inter-connectedness of different struggles, genderqueer and questioning people recognize oppression in many forms. Shaak calls this “intersectionality — being trans you have to talk about racism and colonialism, which is also connected to the environment and how we treat it.”

For Mann, “bringing in marginalized communities” is part of the responsibility of being trans.

Muldoon is passionate on behalf of all who struggle with trans oppression.

“Our GLOSSI community here is mostly middle class, but our parade and events are more inclusive and diverse than in some urban centres. The Pride movement began with marginalized people, who are often left behind. I think Pride is so important. I’m proud of Pride here and the queer community and the Salt Spring community. But until we have full equality, there’s so much that needs to be done and LGBTQ+ youth need to take on the responsibility of being queer.”

I ask these youth to comment on all this new language and labels.

Mann responds, “It’s nice to have a label that fits, to find a non-binary community and belong. But some people don’t want to be defined and that’s great. It’s important not to get bogged down by words, but they do help us to build community and feel more comfortable.”

Shaak says, “I want there to be fewer boxes, so having more labels for all the different ways of identifying is not necessarily helpful. The whole system is flawed. The problem isn’t that there are only two boxes. It’s that the boxes are there.”

I tell Mann that Shaak feels we need a radical shift in how we view gender. What do they think?

“It feels important to educate people and make it easier for trans youth. A trans friend paved the way for me. When I arrived at school the education had been started. I met another student who may come, so my being there helps the next person.”

How does Mann feel about being an educator for trans issues?

“It takes energy to sit down and educate people. I think it helps. It makes it easier when I think about other trans people and what they have to face.”

I ask how these youth see the GLOSSI group, which is largely an older segment of the queer population.

“GLOSSI is a hub and has a role in organizing,” says Mann. “I think the radical element of Pride has often been lost. Keeping these roots is important.”

Shaak comments on the Thursday panel, Trans-formation Trans Celebration, in which he will be presenting. “I think the panel is



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Ardeo Mann



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Taryn Muldoon

really great. Fantastic. Trans people are being included. Our issues need to be at the forefront.”

The trans panel on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. at the ArtSpring Gallery will enquire into experiences of being transgender. (Tickets are at ArtSpring.)

Featuring Liam Captain Snowdon as moderator, and panelists Ivan Coyote, a beloved Canadian icon of story-telling, performer Karen New, Chelsea Wendt and Rex Shaak, this forum will offer a vibrant spread of different perspectives on trans experience, followed by an open forum for discussion.

“When I was coming out I wasn’t asking if I was male,” says Shaak. “I was asking, Who am I? I like what Wes Jackson said: ‘If your life’s work can be accomplished within your lifetime, you’re not thinking big enough.’”

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LGBTQ+ community celebrated year-round on Salt Spring

Dream realized for couple

BY ANNA WÄRJE
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

It was a gray and mucky day this past December when my wife and I arrived on Salt Spring Island, in a minivan packed full to the brim with essential belongings, and with our dog and two parrots in tow. It was the fulfillment of a dream spawned more than a year before, of leaving Vancouver (we know now to call it “The Mainland”) and becoming islanders.

Orion and I knew before we ever even visited Salt Spring that we wanted to live here. We had long since reached our breaking point in regards to city living, so a couple of years ago we decided to investigate the possibility of moving to a small(er) town. Our major caveat: it had to be somewhere gay-friendly.

I come from a wonderful little town in northern interior British Columbia called 100 Mile House. And while I know my family there would have loved us to “come home” to the Cariboo Chilcotin region to settle down, we just couldn’t see moving to a place where we didn’t feel safe holding hands in the grocery store.

So Orion, a researcher by trade, decided to look into which small towns in Canada had the highest and most thriving gay and lesbian populations. Surprise, surprise — a little gem not too far from Vancouver popped up very high on the list: Salt Spring Island. From that moment on, we started dreaming Salt Spring dreams. But we figured we ought at least to visit the place and make sure it was all we imagined.

The first time we visited Salt Spring was two summers ago, in June 2013. The first thing that

struck us (apart from the luscious vineyards, the delicious lakes, the tasty local cheeses, etc.) was just how safe and welcomed we felt walking down the street. People smiled at us and stopped to chat, asked us where we were from and how long we were visiting, and gave us tips for sights and experiences to check out while we were in town. Our B&B hostess, Caffyn Kelley, not only made us feel right at home in our guest suite but actually invited us into her own home for dinner, introducing us to some of her friends and showing us newspaper clippings about her partner Mearnie’s many amazing adventures.

And wherever we went, people kept asking us one recurrent question: “Are you coming to Pride?” As it stood, we had no plans to come to Pride — indeed, we didn’t even know Salt Spring had a Pride celebration. But we did come back for Pride that year, and we came back the next year.

This year, as a board member of GLOSSI, I have had the privilege to help organize Salt Spring Pride. And let me tell you, Salt Spring has a lot to be proud of. This small community boasts a truly fantastic Pride celebration every September — a weekend filled with rainbows, music, dancing, cabaret, story and song. Unlike the grand-scale Vancouver Pride parade, where every other float seems to represent not queer community organizations or groups but rather corporate entities, Salt Spring Pride is community-driven and people-powered.

As my wife and I can attest, the celebration of Salt Spring’s LGBTQ+ community members is not restricted to one weekend in September.

Rather, we are welcomed and celebrated all year round. Since moving here in December, Orion and I have been welcomed again and again into people’s homes for brunches, dinners, birthday parties, coffee dates and conversation. Our LGBTQ+ friends and allies have made us feel not only accepted but appreciated — like they are truly glad we came.

LGBTQ+ folks are an integral part of this island, and we are so blessed to live among friends and neighbours who will join us this

Pride weekend to raise a flag in the name of equality, community and island pride and joy!

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Maggie O'Scalleigh, co-chair of Salt Spring Pride 2015, holds a Pride & Joy theme button for this week's celebrations. The theme was the vision of Brent Tynan, the Pride 2015 chair who passed away in August.

In honour of Brent Tynan and reflections of gratitude

BY MAGGIE O'SCALLEIGH
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Unlike other animals, we creatures on two legs have, if our environment lovingly fosters our most basic needs, the gift of self-actualization. This refers to the ability I have to experience and express my true self, wholly, with creativity and without shame.

The right to live as one sees fit, without harm to others or self, is something I hope for everyone. That is also the pivotal reason why Pride celebrations exist.

When I reminisce about decades of celebrating my LGBTQ+ friends and community members through Pride events, I become viscerally aware of multiple waves of varied emotions washing over me — deeply personal, inevitable, and to be cherished. These waves are a measure of a life lived, not to be hidden from or chastised.

Such emotions can be terribly painful, yet they teach us what we are made of. They can move us to change course, and sometimes encourage us to push through the tough stuff to the other side, to something better and more fulfilling, to wholeness.

We all need to belong, and also to grow our empathy for others, even when we have differing life experiences.

Salt Spring Pride weekend is a time when I embrace the rainbow of emotions that my life experiences bring to the surface. It is a time to strive to be open to the experiences and expressions of others.

Here are a few examples of what and whom I try to honour during this time:

- For the loving community I am welcome in and share with . . . Deep Gratitude.

- For the homophobic and transphobic battles that have been and are still being fought daily by members of the LGBTQ+ community near and far . . . Deep Sorrow.

- For the incredible creativity I see expressed in this community through music, visual art, writing, dance, drag, fashion, burlesque and more . . . Deep Joy.

- For the friends I have lost to HIV and AIDS, many of whom were so very young and were ill before the inception of holistic medical treatments and medications . . . Deep Grief.

- For members of the LGBTQ+ communities that are finally able to step forward and be who they have always been, in a more open and life-affirming way . . . Deep Love.

There is no doubt that this coming weekend is for celebrating. It can also be a good time to stretch our minds and embrace the awareness that we all share the same emotions and have the same basic needs that must be protected.

We all need to belong, and also to grow our empathy for others, even when we have differing life experiences. We can help ourselves and many others with the smallest of good deeds. How do we begin? How can each of us best serve our families, our communities and the communities beyond our borders?

On this weekend of pride and joy, and on behalf of our GLOSSI board and pride committee members, I wish to honour Brent Tynan, a wonderful man who epitomized creativity, empathy and community-building. Brent has left us too soon, and while we struggle with our grief at his recent passing, our hearts beam in the knowledge that he lived wholly, creatively and without shame.

Brent was treasurer of GLOSSI and the chair of Pride 2015. He made a positive difference in the lives of many and did so anonymously as often as he could. This year's Salt Spring Pride theme, "Pride and Joy," was Brent's vision as our chair before he succumbed to a final illness.

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Boundary-pushing bouffon clown returns to stage

Red Bastard's acclaim keeps growing

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An interactive theatre experience that is terrifying and delightful in equal measure will be back on the ArtSpring stage this Saturday, Sept. 12 after first thrilling local audiences five years ago.

Improv coach, actor and clowning aficionado Bob Twaites was responsible for bringing Eric Davis and his Red Bastard show to the island in 2010, leading to the subsequent presentation of



Eric Davis as The Red Bastard.

several world-class Fringe Fest acts as well as Twaites' lasting goal of developing a full-scale clowning festival on Salt Spring.

Davis has also been busy in the intervening years, taking Red Bastard to festival stages around the world to great success and earning

five-star reviews and awards in every city he visits.

"It's not often you see a poster with so many critical raves on it," Twaites said. "I think some performers that have been on the road developing a show for this long, it can sort of fizzle."

"I think it's safe to say Eric is the most famous bouffon clown in the world right now, and for good reason. His show opens a whole realm of possibilities. This is someone with classical training with an extreme modern edge."

Those who missed out the first time shouldn't miss a second opportunity to see a master artist in action — that is if social improprieties, bizarre humour and squeal-

ish bodily truths sound like a good time. By coincidence taking place in the midst of this weekend's Pride celebrations, Twaites suggest people may well wish to attend Saturday night's dance a little later than usual to catch the show, which fits well with a wide-open acceptance of humanity in all its forms.

Davis is a founder and co-director of the New York Clown Theatre Festival and has performed with Cirque du Soleil. He has training in clown, improvisation, Lecoq technique and dance, all of which go into his signature character, but the bouffon tradition is paramount.

With roots in ancient Greece and Renaissance

France, characteristics of bouffon include an inverted social order, social criticism, a balance between the charming and the grotesque, and a fascination with body parts and functions.

"The role of this type of clown is to engage and alarm at the same time," Twaites said. "Eric promises that something interesting will happen every 10 seconds, and it does. And through the show he transforms from the scary Red Bastard to something that's all too human, in a very intense way."

He warns the show, which starts at 8 p.m., is not appropriate for young teens and certainly not for young children.

EXHIBITIONS

The Point Gallery celebrates SSNAP with special show

Artists' reception Sunday

Excitement around the introduction of Salt Spring's first major art prize and national show coming later this month has already reached the island, with a special exhibition of three local artists opening at The Point Gallery this Sunday, Sept. 13.

"For the inaugural month when Salt Spring National Art Prize is launched we wanted work that reflected an island viewpoint," said curator Margaret Day.

"All three artists have inspired us by their talent, work ethic and energy. Over many years on Salt Spring their art has given us a uniquely visu-

al sense of our world."

The show opens with an artists' reception from 2 to 5 p.m. and features work by Ian Thomas, Ron Crawford and Diana Thompson. Grave Sites, an installation by Thomas, will be found in the lower gallery.

"In 25 years of being on Salt Spring, looking at and showing the art that is made here, certain works stand out in memory," Day said. "They call out, it seems to me, to belong to us all. This installation by Ian Thomas is one such work."

"Relevant when it was made in 1995, relevant when we showed it first on Earth Day 2007, it is just as relevant today a year after the

debacle of Grace Islet. It is a piece for autumn and for all time. In this new configuration past and present confront each other and the viewer is left to construct the narrative from their own experience of place, their own knowledge of self."

Crawford's Life Patterns will be shown in the upper gallery.

"His work acknowledges the visual power of pattern, and the fun to be had in their creation, but then goes on to contrast that with a surface texture that owes much to living by the sea," Day said. "These disparate elements create a nervous tension that appeals to the artist and to the viewer, and can perhaps

be seen as a metaphor for life. We try to impose structure and beauty, but then life surges back and disrupts all our plans, fragments our dreams. But in this constant push and pull, the un-ideal reveals a beauty all its own that deepens with each new experience."

Ferry, a small and very personal work by Thompson, will be shown

outside the gallery. Consisting of newly made vessels that hold shards and remnants from a studio, Ferry is an acknowledgment of sadness and memory and a reflection on a remaking of a life in order to carry loss.

The show runs until Oct. 26. Hours are Thursday to Monday, 1 to 5 p.m., or by appointment.

CONCERT PREVIEW

Byrd at next Grooveyard night

Singer-songwriter from North Carolina performs Sept. 19

A performer from North Carolina whose last album was sparked in a jam session on the street outside of a bar in Montreal is the next Southend Grooveyard guest.

Jonathan Byrd is a preacher's son, a Gulf War veteran and a Kerrville New Folk Award winner who will perform at the Holmes Road venue on Saturday, Sept. 19.

The Chicago Tribute's has called Byrd "one of the top 50 songwriters of the past 50 years."

Scott Alarik of the Boston Globe wrote, "This rootsy North Carolinian may be the most buzzed-about new songwriter in folkdom. He displays John Prine's gift for stark little songs that tell big, complex stories, Guy Clark's lean melodicism, Lyle Lovett's wry mischief and Bill Morrissey's knack for the revealing image."

Byrd's album called You Can't Outrun the Radio was released about a year ago, recorded

in Winnipeg in 2011 and with people he had met at an impromptu jam session on the sidewalk outside of the since-burned-down Green Room bar in Montreal in 2009. It was his eighth album either alone or in collaboration with other performers. A No Depression site review of You Can't Outrun the Radio states, "If there was one iota of justice in this world, Jonathan Byrd would be a platinum-selling, internationally acknowledged household name. Sadly that's not yet the case, but for those who listen and know, damn he makes great records."

For his Salt Spring show, Byrd will be joined by a guitarist and cellist.

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What's on this week

Wed. Sept 9 **Thur. Sept 10** **Fri. Sept 11** **Sat. Sept 12** **Sun. Sept 13** **Tue. Sept 15** **Wed. Sept 16**

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Elvira Clare and Alan Martin. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

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.
LGBTQ Voices: An Interactive Poetry Reading. Poets Julian Paquette and Anna Wärlje plus guest readers from the local LGBTQ+ community offer an evening of poetry and writing. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 7:30 p.m.
Poker Night at the Local. Hosted by Albert every Wednesday at The Local. Sign up by 6:30 p.m., start at 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

Ganges Sewer Commission AGM. Annual general meeting at the Salt Spring Library Program Room. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Probus Salt Spring. Ron Crawford, president of the Salt Spring Arts Council, speaks on A Creative Life. Meaden Hall. Doors at 10 a.m., talk at 10:30 a.m.
Hospice 101. Public invited to meet new Salt Spring Hospice executive director Christy Linder and learn about various programs. Salt Spring Public Library. 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Trans-Formation Trans Celebration. Salt Spring Pride forum explores and celebrates transgender life. Moderated by "Captain" Liam Snowden, with panellists Ivan Coyote, Chelsea Wendt, Rex Shaak and Karen New. ArtSpring Gallery. Doors, wine bar open at 7 p.m., event starts at 7:30.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Jazz Cafe at Fernwood Road Cafe. With Lloyd English and Myles English, every Friday at Fernwood Road Cafe. 6 to 8 p.m.
Billie Woods. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Gordie Tentrees House Concert. At The Barn at Stowel Lake Farm. 8 p.m.
A Friday Affair - Rekindled! A Salt Spring Pride evening of burlesque, poetry, music, comedy and dance with local and visiting performers. For mature audiences. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.
Ange Hehr for Pride Weekend. Live at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

ACTIVITIES

Elementary Bridge Coaching. Every Friday in the Salt Spring Library Program Room. 10 a.m.
Book Launch: W. James Dickinson. Local author will read from his book Raptor Night. Salt Spring Public Library. 4 p.m.
In the Flow Artists' Reception. Artists from the Salt Spring Gallery celebrate the cooperative's 6th anniversary. Salt Spring Gallery. 5 to 7 p.m.
Salt Spring Pride - Loud and Proud BBQ Party. Beef or vegetarian burger meals and cash bar. Royal Canadian Legion. 5 to 8 p.m.
Meat Draw. Every Friday at the Royal Canadian Legion. 6 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Barley Bros. Live music every Saturday at The Local pub. 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Sharon Bailey CD Release. Salt Spring singer and songwriter celebrates the release of her new three-song, with Dave Campbell, Matt Brain and Nigel Elliott, and special guests Catherine Black and Julia Beattie. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Red Bastard. Winner of Best of Fest at the Edinburgh Fringe performs after a sold-out, five-star world tour. ArtSpring at 8 p.m.
Ange Hehr. Live at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

ACTIVITIES

Saturday Market. Centennial Park. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Soccer Icebreaker Tournery. For youth soccer players at Portlock Park. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
ToddlerTime. Parents and tots are invited to join in 30 minutes of stories, rhymes, and simple activities. Salt Spring Public Library. 10:30 a.m.
Salt Spring Pride Parade and After Parade Party. Participants meet at Mahon Hall on Rainbow Road at 12:15 p.m. for staging. Parade starts at 1:15 p.m. Party is in Peace Park across from ArtSpring from 2 to 3 p.m., with tunes from Ange Hehr.
DJs Boomtown & Primitive. Epic beats and new wine releases at Mistaken Identity Vineyards. 2:30 to 8 p.m.
Yoga in Salt Spring Workshop. This 3-hour workshop will focus on forward bends and twists, to quieten the mind and detox the body. Register at 250-538-1716. 238 Park Dr. 2 to 5 p.m.
Meat Draw. Every Saturday at the Royal Canadian Legion. 6 p.m.
Salt Spring Pride Dance. Hosted by Symone with music by DJ Street. Meaden Hall. 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. 19-plus only.
Trivia Time. Trivia night at the Legion. 8 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Sunday Afternoon Music in the Vines. Salt Spring Vineyards. 2 to 4 p.m.
Marianne Grittani. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Pride - Unitarian Pride Service. Peter Scales leads discussion titled From Stonewall to Pride at Unitarian Fellowship at Salt Spring Seniors Centre. 10:30 a.m.
Salt Spring Pride - Picnic in Ruckle Park. Bring potluck side dishes to Group Site C at Ruckle Park. (BBQ items provided) 1 p.m. onward.
Photography Workshop. SS Public Library. 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Art Exhibit Opening. At The Point gallery. 2 to 5 p.m. (See details in Exhibitions, below)

Mon. Sept 14

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

John Wort Hannam and Leeroy Stagger. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Fulford Water Commission AGM. Annual general meeting at the Salt Spring Library Program Room. 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
Beddis Water Commission AGM. Annual general meeting at the Salt Spring Library Program Room. 1 to 3 p.m.
Salt Spring Scottish Country Dance Club Open House. Open house for prospective new members. Partners not necessary. All Saints Church. 6 p.m.
Taoist Tai Chi Open House. At All Saints By-the-Sea lower level. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Salt Spring Concert Band. First gathering of the year. New and returning musicians of all ages welcome. SIMS band room. 7:15 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Stage with David Jaquette. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Town Hall Meeting with B.C.'s Seniors Advocate. B.C. Seniors Advocate Isobel Mackenzie meets with seniors and their family members. Lions Hall. 1 to 3 p.m.
Tuesday Farmers' Market. Every Tuesday through October at Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.
Highland, Fernwood Maliview Water/Sewer AGMs. Annual general meetings at the Salt Spring Library Program Room. 1 to 4 p.m.
Nia. Morning class at the United Church with Arleen returns. The joy of dance, the power of martial arts, the flexibility and mindfulness of yoga and more. 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Info/register: 250-653-9235.
Nia. Evening class at the Core Inn with Arleen returns. 5:45 to 7 p.m. Info/register: 250-653-9235.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Rock & Soul Revue. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Dying With Dignity Meeting. Topic is Representative Agreements: Who Will Speak For You? Salt Spring Public Library. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
SWOVA AGM. Annual general meeting at the SWOVA office. 5 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. Sept 10

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Clay George and Dan Wiesenburg. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.
Open Mic with Ross & Dave. Every Thursday at Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

Fri. Sept 11

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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- **National Theatre Live: George Bernard Shaw's Man and Superman.** Thursday, Sept. 24, 3 p.m. matinee and 7 p.m. shows only. Ralph Fiennes plays Jack Tanner in this exhilarating reinvention of Shaw's witty, provocative classic. A romantic comedy and epic fairytale, Advance tickets at Salt Spring Books.

EXHIBITIONS

- **Point Gallery** on South Ridge Road presents work by **Ian Thomas, Diana Thompson** and **Ronald Crawford**. Show opens with a reception on Sunday, Sept. 13, 2 to 5 p.m., and runs to Oct. 25. Open Thursday to Monday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment. Call 250-653-0089.
- **Salt Spring Gallery** artists celebrate their 6th anniversary with In the Flow, an exhibition opening Friday, Sept. 11 and running to Sept. 24. An artists' reception takes place Friday from 5 to 7 p.m.
- Paper collage works by students of **Bly Kaye** are shown in an exhibition at **Kizmit Galeria and Cafe** continuing until Sept. 27.
- **Willow Sky MacDonald** holds a photography show at the **Harbour House Hotel** for the month of September.
- **Avril Kirby** shows photographs in a show entitled Song of Myself at **Salt Spring Coffee Co.** cafe through Sept. 30.

- **Jacqueline Meredith** exhibits her most recent collection of watercolour paintings and features her Peaceful Anchorage series in the lobby spaces of **ArtSpring** through September.
- **Duthie Gallery** presents an exhibit of work by **Nicola Wheston, Helen Ormiston Smith** and **Susan Benson**. The gallery is open Thursdays through Mondays, 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.
- **ArtCraft's final Showcase** of the summer features paintings by **Sharon Simonds Chia** and fine ceramics by **Kasumi Lampitoc**. It runs daily — along with the Salt Spring Arts Council's ArtCraft show and sale — at **Mahon Hall** until Sept. 20.
- A show of new work by painter **Patricia Murphy MacDonald** runs daily at **Pod Contemporary Gallery** through September.
- **Kids** — a photography show by **Avril Kirby** — runs at **Fernwood Road Cafe** daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Sept. 19.
- **When Art Rocked**, an exhibit of psychedelic poster art, runs at **Steffich Fine Art** in Grace Point Square. See also a **Michael Hames** painting being auctioned to benefit girls from Afghanistan earning business degrees at VIU.
- **Beulah Gordon** shows mixed-media and glass work at **Island Savings**.
- **Landart@ArtCraft** — three outdoor installations — can be seen around **Mahon Hall** in Ganges, along with an online component at www.ssiwayfindingproject.com.
- **Pegasus Gallery** presents historic **Sampson-Matthews** prints and gallery owner Ian Sigvaldason's related book called Art for War and Peace.

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ENVIRONMENT

New conservancy building enjoys solar power savings

Net-zero energy goal set for Blackburn site

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
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The conservancy's new centre of operations at Blackburn Lake Nature Reserve includes energy-efficient components such as the solar panels seen at right.

The Salt Spring Conservancy is settling into its new home at the Blackburn Lake Nature Reserve with more than just a pretty view to be happy about: the organization just received its first hydro bill with a credit of \$80 instead of an amount owing.

Passive construction and solar panels have helped the conservancy put energy into the grid this summer instead of using it, taking a good stride toward its goal of zero-net annual energy consumption since the building officially opened in June. The outcome is an exciting affirmation for conservancy staff and volunteers.

"I've never had a job where I feel so grateful to come here and work every day," said executive director Christine Torgrimson. "It's a really beautiful and energy-efficient building and it's really satisfying work."

"One of the things that's really great about being in this building and being at Blackburn is it's a living demonstration of our values," she added.

Torgrimson said the local community was instrumental in helping the conservancy move into sustainable operations, with an individual dona-

tion covering the new building plus help from the Salt Spring Foundation, Green City Builders and the subcontractors who provided services at lower than usual costs. In addition, 40 community volunteers helped with the finishing touches such as sanding, painting and cleanup.

BC Hydro is also on the thank-you list for a donation and having a program that encourages customers to use solar power through energy credits.

"It's become cost effective as

well as attractive from an environmental perspective," Torgrimson said.

The Blackburn building's energy-efficient design features include a heat pump, extra insulation, LED lighting with dimmer switches and on-demand hot water. Staff were happy to show these off during this year's Eco Home Living Tour — an event that originally started as a conservancy fundraiser and is now organized by Transition Salt Spring.

Torgrimson said she hoped the 100 people who toured the building, and other individuals and businesses, will be inspired to invest in their own solar panels.

The solar system and other energy-efficient features promise to offset at least two thirds of the building's energy use, according to an assessment done by Green City Builders. The conservancy is therefore happy about its hydro credit but not about to rest easy, with

summer savings being easier to achieve than winter ones.

"It's really interesting to watch the solar display when it's on," Torgrimson said. "It will tell you how much energy you're using at a given moment and how much is coming in. On a sunny day that's generally about five times what you're using . . . It will be fascinating over a year's time to see how that evens out."

With the goal of achieving net-zero energy use, more solar panels may be installed on a nearby storage shed's roof. The shed was the original chamber of commerce building in Ganges and was moved to Blackburn Lake for use by the former golf course operation at the site.

The conservancy has already upped its environmental utility by installing a new metal roof with rainwater catchment. The collected resource goes to watering native plants which the conservancy uses for restoration work at Blackburn Lake and its other nature reserves.

Members of the public are welcome to tour the conservancy's new home during office hours, which are Monday to Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., as well as other times by appointment. The Blackburn Lake Nature Reserve is also open for walks both during and outside business hours.

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The Seniors Wellness Program is hosting an Information and Orientation Session, Sept. 18 from 1 to 3 p.m. at 129 Hereford Ave. Please contact us by phone 250-537-4607 or email: seniors@ssics.ca for information and registration. Everyone welcome!

BC CANCER AGENCY MAMMOGRAPHY SCREENING

The Seniors Wellness Program is hosting the BC Cancer Agency's mobile mammography screening program on Salt Spring Island: Oct. 13 to 16 and Oct. 27 to 29.

The clinic is in their new mobile Digital Mammography coach, which will be parked behind Lady Minto Hospital.

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Thursday, Oct. 1 is National Seniors Day. We encourage you to find your own unique way to celebrate the seniors in your life. Do something special with a senior who has made an impact on your life. Participate in some of the workshops and activities being offered here on Salt Spring for National Seniors Day. Check out our Facebook event page: www.facebook.com/saltspringcelebrateseniors for up-to-date listings and/or to post your own special events and activities. Or contact the Seniors' Wellness Program (250-537-4607, seniors@ssics.ca) for more information.



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WELLNESS

Health benefits of Taoist tai chi shared with community

Open house and workshop next week

People from all walks of life living all across the world have attested to how the practice of Taoist tai chi arts has relieved stress and lifted their spirits, and now Salt Spring Islanders have the chance to take up or deepen their practice with a new set of classes starting this month.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend

an open house on Monday, Sept. 14 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at All Saints By-the-Sea's lower hall to see how tai chi can provide deep relaxation, help people gain balance and strength, help with pain and even change an outlook on life.

"It's for everybody. If you consider yourself an active athlete or you are in a wheelchair, it has something to offer everybody," a local practitioner states in a press release.

A Sept. 18-20 weekend program is also being offered at All Saints. Beginning Friday, Sept. 18 from 6 to 9 p.m., the workshop continues on the Saturday from noon to 5 p.m., and concludes on Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

According to the society, Master Moy Lin Shin, founder of the Fung Loy Kok Institute of Taoism, devoted decades of his life developing the arts of cultivating body, heart and mind

to make them accessible and beneficial to everyone, regardless of their physical condition.

Saanichton participant Rita Balaam writes, "I am doing tai chi to make sure my hips stay flexible and the synovial fluid keeps flowing. This way I will not need a hip operation for arthritis as I did for my other hip eight years ago. I also like doing the standing jongs because they help me reduce pain in my shoulder."

Taoist tai chi classes are offered in 25 countries around the world. The Salt Spring location is a branch of the Taoist Tai Chi Society in Victoria.

"While there are many ways to participate in the training, most people begin with the physical practice of tai chi. Taoist tai chi arts include a gentle set of movements that promote well-being for people of all ages and in all conditions," the society states.

Everyone is welcome to attend the open house, try a little tai chi and sign up for a beginner class, which starts on Sept. 21 or Sept. 24.

Those who have completed a 10-week beginner session can then go on to continuing classes, which begin for the season in the same week.

For more information or to register for the Sept. 18-20 program, visit www.taoist.org or call Stephanie Artz at 250-537-1721.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Deluge douses new bridge winners

Seasonal changes afoot at island club

BY JILL EVANS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

"For there's a change in the weather, There's a change in the sea,

So from now on there'll be a change in . . ." well, not always many of the bridge results, what with certain names popping up most of the time, but as the weather went from drought to showers so did some results rain joy on different players.

BRIDGETRICKS

On Aug. 24 there were five and a half tables with George Laundry and Paul Retallack beaming well ahead of the crowd. Gisela Welsh and Gillian Mouat were a very respectable second, with Ian Thomas and Zelly Taylor basking in the third spot and Patricia Hewett with Bob Morrisette coming fourth.

Aug. 31 saw a change not only in the weather but in the winners, with some

new combinations earning the honours. First were Blanche Poborsa partnered with Terry Clement this time, while second place went to another Terry (Wilkinson) and Glenda Kaiser. The Laundry-Retallack pair had to settle for third, and Ted Baldwinson newly with Marcia Jeanne were fourth.

Now there's a change in the month too and in lifestyles after Labour Day, and of course bridge itself remains a delightful challenge with its infinite variety.

If you'd like info about these games, please contact George Laundry at 250-932-9095 or pastorale@shaw.ca.

EDUCATION

Reading volunteers needed

Pilot program expands to Salt Spring and Fernwood schools

Salt Spring Literacy is expanding a successful pilot program aimed at boosting elementary school kids' reading skills and needs volunteers to make it happen.

This spring the One-to-One Reading pilot saw six Fulford school children get personalized attention as they read to a SSL tutor for 30 minutes three times a week. The program was modelled on a long-running program in Lower Mainland schools.

Fulford teacher Sarah Kerrigan commented after the pilot: "Great program! Loved that the kids were getting one-on-one time with enthusiastic, knowledgeable adults."

The positive response to the program encouraged SSL to expand it to Fernwood and Salt Spring elementary schools this fall.

"We at Salt Spring Literacy would like to support students with their reading at an early stage of their learning," says SSL's literacy outreach coordinator Stella Weinert. "The schools are doing a



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Fulford school student Boone Harris reads to volunteer Donna Cloete during a pilot project last spring.

great job, but there can never be too much help to support young readers. The kids in the program were all happy to be reading to their tutors."

The volunteers also enjoyed their time spent with the children at Fulford.

"Working one to one with students in this program has been valuable to the students and richly rewarding for me," said volunteer Donna Cloete.

Thanks to a \$5,000 grant received from the Salt Spring Island Foundation, SSL was able to buy books and cover most costs to bring the program to the two other schools.

Now SSL just needs more

volunteers to make it happen. No experience is necessary, just an enjoyment of kids and books. The commitment is a minimum of one hour per week over a 12-week period beginning in October.

Before going into the schools, volunteers will attend a three-hour training session with Weinert, a former island teacher, and have access to her for ongoing support.

People should contact Weinert at sweinert@saltspringliteracy.org or 250-537-9717 for more information about how to volunteer for the program.

ATTENTION: SENIORS

The Senior's Advocate, Isobel Mackenzie wants to hear from seniors and their family members who live on Salt Spring Island. You are invited to meet Isobel and let her know what is working and what is not working for the seniors on our island.

The Advocate will discuss her role, seniors' concerns heard throughout British Columbia, home care issues, and access to seniors' services and housing. The audience is encouraged to participate and bring their questions and concerns for the discussion.

Do not miss this opportunity to ask questions or voice your needs!

When: Tuesday, September 15th, 2015 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Where: Lion's Club - 103 Bonnet Avenue, Salt Spring Island

Hosted by: Greenwood's Eldercare Society and Gulf Islands Seniors Residential Association

Transportation available -

Please contact Brandy at (250) 537-5520 ext. 6

Great news for Gulf Island learners!

A new dual credit course will be offered in partnership with Camosun College **within the timetable** at Gulf Islands Secondary School during the second semester in 2016. Dual credit means that students are enrolled at both high school and college at the same time, while the school district covers the cost of tuition.

How good is that?

Biology 126 will be taught for the **first time** as a full cohort class with a specialist teacher supporting the Camosun College instructor beginning in February.


Biology 126 - Physiological Basis of Life is accepted by many colleges and universities in British Columbia and beyond.

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- * recent graduates under the age of 19
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WEDDINGS

A memorable time for family and friends attending the beautiful wedding of Carly Clark and Samuel Rech on 24 May 2015 at Ashridge House in Hertfordshire, England. Proud parents are Enzo & Heidi Rech of Bressanone, Italy, Marjorie Lane of Salt Spring Island, BC, and (the late) Gene Clark of Lyleton, MB. The couple reside in London, England (with their cat "Chili") and both work in finance.

Thinking of volunteering somewhere?
Check out opportunities at:
www.vcrsaltspring.org
or phone Michelle 250 221 0078

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DEATHS

Richard Hunter Vogel, QC

Lieutenant Commander (retired) Richard Hunter Vogel, QC passed away on August 28. He was at peace in his home on Salt Spring Island surrounded by those who loved and cared for him. A lifelong sailor who never learned to swim, he died looking out on his beloved Pacific.

His life was defined by a deep sense of civic duty, wonderful charm, intellectual curiosity, and an innate sense of occasion.

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DEATHS

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FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEATHS

CAPT. EDWARD O.J. LACY
January 2, 1925 - Sept. 7, 2015

Edward passed peacefully at the age of 90. He was born, raised and schooled on Isabella Point Road on Salt Spring Island.

Edward joined the RCAF at the age of 19 and worked for 41 years with the local ferries.

Edward is survived by his wife Mollie of 65 years, his children Jeffrey, Janet and Christine, grandchildren Josh, Chad and Erin, great grandchildren Ashton and Caleb, and brother and sister, Harold and Kathleen.

Edward was preceded in death by his son Robert Ian and sisters Ruby and Mary.

Thank you to Greenwood's staff for the outstanding care they provided and to hospice who helped make Edward's final days comforting.

Larry Francis Stephen Supina
June 27, 1946 - September 5, 2015

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Larry at the age of 69.

Larry was predeceased by his parents Stephen and Lee Supina of Calgary and his son Christopher of Salt Spring. He is survived by his loving wife Mary, his daughter Tracey (Johnny), son David, (Kim), 9 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren, family sister Lynda, brother in law Scott (Linda) and faithful companion Molly the dog.

Born in Radway, AB, he was raised in Calgary where he met his wife, while playing bass for Rayell's Band, and started his family soon after. Starting in 1968 he worked in the oil industry travelling with his family in Alberta, BC and overseas for years. He settled his family in Leduc, AB and continued working overseas until he and Mary settled into life on Salt Spring. Larry was well known as "Larry's Locksmith".

Huge thanks to Dr. Leon, staff, and wonderful nurses who took such great care of him and his family.

IN MEMORIAM GIFTS

Salt Spring Hospice

To learn about what services our hospice provides attend **Hospice 101 on September 10 at the library from 1:30 to 2:30**

250-537-2770
saltspringhospice.org

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

S.W.O.V.A.
Empowering Youth For a Better Tomorrow

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, 16 September, 2015
5:00 p.m. at the SWOVA office
344 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island
All are welcome

For more information, contact: 250-537-1336 or info@swova.org

Salt Spring Concert Band

Starting Sept. 14

Mondays, 7:15 pm
SIMS band room

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dawnhagemusic@hotmail.com

DEATHS

Dick was born on June 8, 1930 and he grew up in Maple Bay and Duncan, BC. He spent summers sailing Lightnings in the Gulf Islands with his family. He attended UBC undergrad and Dalhousie Law on an education plan as a Navy Reservist. He won the Angus L. Macdonald award for top public speaking, a skill that saw him through a lifetime. He was called to the bar in Nova Scotia and had the great luck to convince Dr. Anne MacRae Macleod of Cape Breton, NS to marry him in 1957.

They spent two years in England where Dick was a pupil at the Inner Temple and attended the LSE. His law career continued in Canada where he spent twelve years at the two-man firm Cooper & Vogel in Creston BC, before moving to Vancouver and becoming a partner at Lawson Lundell and, later, Swinton & Company. In 1977 he was appointed Deputy Attorney General of BC where he enjoyed working with Attorneys General Garde Gardom and Allan Williams, most memorably on the 'Constitutional File', the battle over the repatriation of the Canadian Constitution. He won a landmark personal libel case against the CBC in 1982.

He competed twice in the Victoria to Maui Yacht Race, completing the first with a broken mast and jury-rigged sail, and ran the Boston marathon. He was a wood nut, collector of silver, anglophile and member at the Royal Ocean Racing Club, The Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, and The Vancouver Club. He served as President of the Vancouver Institute, was a proud Phi Delt, and an active lifelong Liberal. His public service included the Pacific Alzheimer Research Foundation, the Salvation Army, Duke of Edinburgh Awards, and the Red Cross. He was a bit of a dreamer in his varied investments, most amusingly in Mushroom Records.

He is survived by Anne (Patty), his wife of 59 years, his three children John (Julie-Anna Vogel), Letitia (Bruce McFadden) and Aynsley (Tim Peters) and his 5 grandchildren, Rebecca, Duncan, William, Hunter, and Jack.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the Red Cross or the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation in Dick's memory.

The family is grateful to the doctors and home care nurses of Salt Spring Island who made it possible for Dick to die at home.

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INFORMATION

Salt Spring and Southern Gulf Islands Community Service Society

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

4:00 pm Thursday, September 24, 2015
Community Gospel Church
147 Vesuvius Bay Road

SSICS provides a broad range of community services including early childhood, family development, child and youth mental health, youth drop in, victim services, recycling, community housing and emergency shelter, seniors wellness, developmental disabilities and food security. AGM agenda includes reports from the Chair, Treasurer and Executive Director and election of Directors.

All residents of the Southern Gulf Islands are welcome to attend. Only paid members may vote. Annual membership fee is one dollar. Your support is appreciated.

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INFORMATION INFORMATION

GREENWOODS ELDERCARE SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, September 24th - 9:30 a.m.
Lady Minto Hospital - Portable Meeting Room

The following changes to the Bylaws will be put forward for approval:

- That an additional membership category be added named "Inactive."
- That the ED Duties listed as PART XI read as follows: "The Board shall select and employ a competent Executive Director who shall be its direct representative in the management of the facility. This Executive Director shall be given the necessary authority and be held responsible for the administration of the Society in all its activities and departments, subject only to such policies as may be adopted and such orders as may be issued by the Board or the Executive Committee."
- That a \$5 annual society membership fee be set.
- That society members must attend three out of five Annual General Meetings to remain in good standing and on the active list.

TENDERS TENDERS

CRD REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
Feasibility Study for a Salt Spring Island Community Hub
RFP No. SSI 2015-008

The Capital Regional District ("CRD") invites detailed proposals from consultants (the "Proponents") in strict accordance with these Proposal Documents (CRD, RFP No. SSI 2015-008). The proposals will be evaluated for the selection of a consultant (or consultants) with the intent to enter into a contract (the "Contract") to provide the services described in Appendix "A".

To engage a consultant to facilitate and document a detailed study for a new community hub that locates non-profit organizations, local government agencies to one location and building for economic benefits, entrepreneurial innovation, collaboration potential, operational efficiencies, reducing environmental impacts, and consolidating services.

To undertake an analysis and research to:

- Confirm space need requirements
- Develop facility concept plans
- Determine land requirements and suitability of available sites
- Estimate the capital costs to build a community hub facility
- Provide five year projection of operating costs and revenues
- Life cycle cost analysis

To provide the CRD with qualified proponents capable of carrying out the work herein defined.

A Contract will not necessarily result from this Request for Proposal ("RFP").

The CRD will accept one electronic copy of the proposal to each of the following individuals, in accordance with the instructions contained herein:

Attention: Karla Campbell, Senior Manager
Salt Spring Island Electoral Area
Capital Regional District
145 Vesuvius Bay Road
Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 1K3
Telephone: (250) 537-4448
Fax: (250) 537-4456
Email: kcampbell@crd.bc.ca

Attention: Duncan Hepburn
Shared Space Salt Spring Island Society
182 Beaver Point Road
Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 1Y8
Telephone: (250) 653-4949
Email: dhepburn3@gmail.com

The following date and time (the "Closing Time"):
Time: 4:00 pm [local time]
Date: September 28, 2015

The CRD reserves the right to extend the Closing Time at its sole discretion.

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Transportation available - Please contact Brandy at (250) 537-5520 ext. 6

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PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

RIDING THE WAVES: A blustery St. Mary Lake is the perfect spot for a windsurfer on a late summer's day.

DRAGONBOAT RACING

Dragons finish up in high spirits

Local paddlers attend three final events

BY DONNA COCHRAN
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

It was quite a week to close out Spirit Point Dragons' 2015 season — three festivals, nine races and bling — a bronze medal for team members at the BC 55+ Games!

Three Saturdays ago we joined 78 teams for the Steveston Challenge Dragonboat Festival in scenic Steveston village. The weather was hot and sunny for the four races. One was 250 metres in length and three were 500 metres long. Andrew Okulitch steered with precision through changing tides and wind. Spirit Point Dragons took first place in the first 500-m race with a time of 2:27, well ahead of second-place Gift of Life (2:32).

In a mixed semi-final photo finish, four boats, including Spirit Point, crossed the finish line within a second of each other. That set the stage for an exciting mixed final. From the starter's horn, Spirit Point Dragons roared into the lead and held onto it for the win. It was only after the race that we were told the dockmaster had made

an error and loaded our team and Dragon Zone One Direction in the wrong race! The error was corrected by slotting our times in with the other teams in the correct race, resulting in a close third (2:42.6) behind Dragon Zone Columbia College (2:41.4) and Twisted Dragons (2:42.03). After the initial disappointment (and no medal for the win), we celebrated a day to be proud of our performance and team spirit.

A special shout out to young guest paddler Merina Leong from Dragon Hearts United who raced with us all day. Merina recruited two other young Dragon Hearts Thunderbreakers team members, Angus Tam and Gloria Meng.

ver Island representing Zone 1 (of 12 zones throughout the province).

The Senior Momentum mixed team paddlers were Barry Green, Lynda Green and Christa Wohlfahrt competing against 12 other teams. The Senior Momentum women's team paddlers were Mary Rowles, Wendy Eggertson and Audrey Denton competing against 10 other teams. (Their photo was at the top of the Driftwood's front page last week.)

The competition was held on Burnaby Lake over two days. Despite rain on the second day and pesky lake weeds getting tangled in the paddles, the women's team turned on the power and proudly placed third, winning bronze medals.

Then to finish off an exciting week, Spirit Point competed in the first annual Ocean Front Suites Dragon Boat Festival in beautiful Cowichan Bay on Aug. 29. That hot sunny summer we were all taking for granted took a dramatic turn and it was cool, windy and rainy. The 10 women's teams competed followed by the 10 mixed teams.

By the time our race started the waves and wind were bordering on dangerous. It was

more like a whitewater paddling experience than a dragon boat race. Paddling out to the start line, the waves were crashing over the front and sides of the boat and we were soaked. Steersperson Tom McKeachie did his best to keep the boat in alignment and make himself heard against the roar of the wind. Coach Mary Rowles, perched in the drummer's seat, managed to keep herself from falling overboard as she urged the team to paddle through the swells and cross the finish line.

Shortly after our race, the event had to be called off. But every team had completed one race so those times were used for medal placement. We missed out on the medals but came home with a heck of a story to tell.

Spirit Point Dragons would like to give a big end-of-season "paddles up" thank you to our proud supporters, Nils and Sheila Christensen, and for the generous sponsorship of Country Grocer, Harbours End Marine, Moby's, CRD and the Lions Club. We would also like to thank the Driftwood for their coverage of our races.

Look for our Dragons booth at the Salt Spring Fall Fair near the bandstand.

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Moving on to mid-week, six Spirit Point Dragon paddlers participated in the BC 55+ Games. They joined with six other teams from southern Vancou-

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GOLF

North triumphs in shoot-out

Skill games, BBQ and auction add to fun

BY MARCIE HOGAN
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Ninety-eight players gathered on the revived fairways of Salt Spring Golf and Country Club on Labour Day weekend for the fifth annual shoot-out between those high-flying Northerners and the heavy-hitting Southerners.

This tournament is the most anticipated event of the golf year and many new members were in the mix for the first time. Truly a head game, the challenge on every hole was to find your own ball among the eight scattered across the fairway and beyond and then to decide which ball had the more strategic lie, yours or your partner's. That's because the game was a modified scramble: two foursomes tee it up on each hole, then play four ball alternate shots to

the green and end with a scramble to the pin.

Between holes, players enjoyed a carnival of skill games. If you ever thought your shots were in the toilet, you could take the test on Hole #6. Those lucky enough to get it in the bowl won 25 points for their side.

Hole #2 featured Beat the Pro and Stephen Elwes was on his game, letting fewer than 10 players best him on the green.

Despite a strong start, the South was narrowly defeated on the fine cuts and the rough cuts of the battleground. No matter! The best southern pork BBQ awaited all players under the auction tent.

It was on to duelling wallets as both the silent and live auctions geared up. At the end of the day, it was the club that won. SSGCC, having donated their course for many fundraisers for others, succeeded in raising thousands of dollars for necessary upgrades to the course.