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INFRASTRUCTURE

Major road repair underway

Aboriginal artifacts discovered on site

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is currently supervising a major road repair less than one kilometre from a similar breach that occurred last year.

On Jan. 11, 2014, a wide swath of asphalt and underlay in the 1400-block of North Beach Road tumbled toward the waters of Trincomali Channel following two days of heavy rain. The Pineapple Express storm that hit B.C.'s West Coast during the first week of February this year produced an even worse washout near the Hudson Point boat launch. The road continues to be closed to traffic while crews shore up the slope and rebuild the surface.

Carol Dodd, who bought her North Beach property in the early 1990s and has lived just south of the recent road slide since 1999, believes more needs to be done to prevent future washouts before someone gets hurt.

"You can imagine if there had been a tour bus sitting there looking at the view when it happened," Dodd said, noting it's not uncommon to see them during the summer months. "It seems like an unnecessary risk."

As one of the island's only scenic ocean-view drives, North Beach Road is popular with people from all over Salt Spring, as well as visitors. On weekend days its narrow width is further constricted by crowds of dog walkers and people out for a walk or a run.

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PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

SWEET: Ruckle Beck takes a bite of his National Cupcake Day treat sold in front of Ganges fire hall on Monday. The Million Acts of Kindness BCSPCA fundraiser was spearheaded by Carolyn Walkner, and had raised almost \$800 as of Monday evening, with some donations still to be counted.

WATERWORKS

NSSWD sets date for plant vote

Costs reduced to \$8.4 million

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

North Salt Spring Waterworks District board members have set March 28 as the date for a referendum seeking ratepayer approval to borrow funds for a new St. Mary Lake water treatment plant.

Advanced polls for ratepayers who own property in the water district are scheduled for March 18 and 25. NSSWD staff said approximately 2,550 district property owners are eligible to participate in the vote.

Speaking at their monthly board meeting on Feb. 18, trustees announced plans for two public meetings to share information about plans for an \$8.4-million treatment facility near the end of Tripp Road. Open-house sessions will be held between 7 and 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 12 and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17.

"I suspect it will be a lively affair," said Anne Williams, NSSWD's office manager, during last week's meeting at the water district office.

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Take Notice that the annual sitting of the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel, pursuant to Sections 204 and 205 of the Community Charter will be held at 12:00pm on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at the Capital Regional District, Room 651, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, British Columbia to consider any complaints respecting the parcel tax roll and authenticate the roll in accordance with legislation.

The Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel will hear only those complaints or appeals filed in writing with the undersigned at least 48 hours in advance of its sitting.

A copy of the complete roll will be available for inspection at the Capital Regional District, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm M-F and the Ganges Building Inspection office, #206 - 118 Fullford-Ganges Rd. (above the Post Office), Ganges, BC from 8:30 am to noon and 1:00 to 4:00 pm M-F, commencing February 25, 2015.

Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 25th day of February, 2015.

Diana E. Lokken, CPA, CMA
General Manager, Finance & Technology Dept.
Capital Regional District

Local-only traffic raised as solution

NORTH BEACH

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"Things have really changed since I moved here," said Ling Weston, who has lived on North Beach Road for 27 years. "It used to be very quiet. I could go out and not see another person. But now lots of people come here."

A number of factors make the road vulnerable during storm season. Dodd pointed out the highest tides of the year tend to coincide with the worst rains. Waves and dangerous driftwood smash into the cliffside, undercutting the bank in many places.

While vegetation can help stabilize the bank, large trees growing on the ministry right-of-way have become too large for the supporting soil. Efforts have now been made to reduce swaying during high winds through "aerating" or limbing some of the tall firs at Hudson Point. A Vancouver Island based geotechnical engineering firm has also been asked to consult.

Another factor making the recent repairs more complex is that the road cuts through an ancient aboriginal site. Shell midden can be clearly seen at the edges of neighbouring properties and a consulting archeologist has been on site in the last week, along with Harold Joe, a representative of the Cowichan Tribes.

Chris Arnett, who lives not far from the area and is working toward a Ph.D. in anthropology at the University of British Columbia, has surveyed the site twice since the washout. He said the midden that's been revealed was once the base of a much deeper area, most of which was removed when the road was first built in 1956.

"It's part of an old site. People probably used it for thousands of years," he said.

The name for the area between Hudson Point and Fernwood was Hwtl'elum in the Hul'qumi'num language, meaning "place of salt springs." As Arnett observes, that part of the island attracted First Nations for its rich clam fields and other resources. Later on it became home to some of the first non-aboriginal settlers, eventually giving its name to the entire community.

Sidney-based G&E Contracting is cur-



PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

rently in the midst of shoring up the bank with heavy boulders quarried from island rock. MoTI said Monday that full repairs could not be completed until the archeological assessment is ready, although the road is expected to be open next week.

Neighbours are pleased with the work being done, but also wonder about longer-term ramifications for the entire stretch of vulnerable road. Dodd and Weston have each suggested that closing the road to non-local traffic might be the best way to protect it, aside from building a rock

retaining wall along its entire length.

Dodd goes so far as to suggest one-way traffic, leaving the seaside lane for pedestrians and cyclists. That would mean residents would have to go the long way around using North End Road, either every time they left or every time they returned home.

"Whichever way it is, I would be inconvenienced, but I will be happy to do it, because it is so dangerous, potentially. It seems like we should be proactive, rather than reactive," Dodd said.

COMMERCE

Thrifty's to build on liquor success

Construction to begin soon on former Calvin's location

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Thrifty Foods is diving into uncharted territory and taking advantage of new provincial regulations by adding liquor sales to its menu on Salt Spring.

Steve Knight and Colleen Kenaird announced Friday they had sold their business, The Local Liquor Store, to the grocery chain. Construction will begin soon to renovate the former location of Calvin's Bistro above the main Thrifty's store in Ganges.

"With the variety of changes coming to the liquor industry in British Columbia, we looked ahead to what things could be and likely would be in the days ahead and this is what we came up with," Knight and Kenaird explained in a letter. "In try-

ing to envision a perfect world, the locating of a shiny new store (with a great view), immediately accessible to grocery shopping and the ability to significantly enhance the visiting experience of our many boating visitors, the choice was obvious."

Thrifty Foods spokesperson Ralf Mundel agreed the location and the changes to liquor laws created the ideal conditions for expansion. The move is expected to take place sometime this spring in order to be ready for the tourist season.

"We've got a lot to do in a short time. Our number one priority is to make sure the great selection that The Local has established over the years doesn't leave — they've brought in some really excellent wines," Mundel said. "Our second priority is to build a great place that makes the best use of the harbour location... We like the view."

While there has been some talk about connecting the main store with the upper level internally, Mundel said that's not in the plans just

now. Instead, the company hopes people will continue to get used to having two parts of the overall Thrifty's complex, as has started to occur in the store area devoted to plants and flowers, bulk foods and vitamins.

"We're delighted to see people are making the effort to go up there. This will give them even more reason," Mundel said.

While renovations occur, The Local Liquor Store will continue to operate at its present location. The entire staff will be moving over to Thrifty's when the time comes.

"They're a great team," Mundel observed.

Knight and Kenaird have stated The Local Pub will continue to operate in its current location for the foreseeable future, with some enhancements also planned.

At its Feb. 5 meeting, Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee approved a three-year temporary use permit giving The Local Liquor Store permission to sell liquor at the former Calvin's site.



SD64 (GULF ISLANDS) REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR 2015/2016

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION has been extended to **March 15**. If you are new to the district and have a child who will be five (5) years of age on or before December 31, 2015 (born in 2010), please register them at the school in your residential catchment area.

Parents or Guardians:

Please bring the following documentation:

- Verification of the child's birth date and citizenship status (birth certificate, passport or Landed Immigrant authorization)
- Care Card, and
- Immunization records

CROSS BOUNDARY TRANSFER REQUESTS must be completed annually by parents/guardians who wish to transfer their child to a school out of their catchment area (reference: Policy and Procedure 530). The cross boundary transfer request form can be found at http://sd64.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/cross_boundary_request2014.pdf and parents must first get signatures from both Principals before the form is submitted to the School Board Office for the Superintendent's approval. Upon receipt at the School Board Office the form will be time and date stamped. The deadline for accepting cross boundary request forms is **March 15**.

This does not apply for normal grade transitions to the next level at another school within the prescribed catchment area.

LATE FRENCH IMMERSION and MY SEEC (Middle Years Shared Ecological Education Centre). Please contact Saltspring Island Middle School for application forms. Registration and water taxi transportation are subject to School District Policies/Procedures 530 and 700 available at <http://sd64.bc.ca/district/policies-and-procedures/>. The deadline for accepting Late French Immersion and MY SEEC registration forms **March 15**.

NEWS BEAT

Heads up!

The Gulf Islands: Unfringed - live theatre
Friday-Saturday, FEBRUARY 27-28
Mahon Hall, 7:30 p.m.; doors at 7 p.m.

EDUCATION

Attachment expert comes to district-wide Pro-D day

Public attendance possible at Gordon Neufeld presentations

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Child developmental psychologist Gordon Neufeld will be on Salt Spring on Friday, Feb. 27 to share his specialized knowledge with teachers, administrators and education assistants during a district-wide professional development day.

Organizer Jim Lightfoot explained the professional development committee was looking for a speaker who would have the same impact as Gabor Maté did when he came four years ago. Members also wanted to find someone whose work would be relevant to everyone in the education system, not just teachers working in one specific field. Who better than Maté's co-author in the influential book *Hold on to Your Kids*?

"Someone on the committee had seen Dr. Neufeld in Vancouver and spoke very highly of him," Lightfoot said. "He normally has a two-year waiting list, but he'd never been to the Gulf Islands before so he wanted to come. We're really lucky to

have him."

According to press material, Neufeld is "widely considered to be a leading interpreter and communicator of the developmental approach. He provides a comprehensive model that has evolved from years of synthesis and distillation.

"The result is an integrated developmental approach rooted in depth psychology, grounded in the developmental paradigm, saturated in attachment theory, congruent with current neurological research, and honed by over 40 years of professional practice, parenting and personal reflection."

"What do we do as a district or a society to help kids that are needy? That's a question we ask every day."

JIM LIGHTFOOT
Teacher, SD64

Neufeld will be speaking on two major themes during his ArtSpring appearance, which



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Gordon Neufeld, co-author of *Hold on to Your Kids*, will address this Friday's professional development day in School District 64 on Salt Spring.

will be attended by members of the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association, CUPE, district administrators, and trustees, as well as any parents who wish to attend. The morning session from 9 a.m. to noon is called *Relationship Matters: Harnessing the Power of Attachment*. It will focus on how to help children realize their full potential and become caring and considerate individuals in a

changing world. Questions to be addressed include: How do we provide the conditions children need to truly grow up? How do we provide direction and discipline without it backfiring? What is the key to effectiveness as teachers and parents?

During the afternoon session titled *How to Keep our Children Safe in a Wounding World*, which is running from 1:30 to 3 p.m., Neufeld will discuss the

factors that put children at risk, how to recognize when they are in trouble, and how to protect them "without heading for the hills or locking them up."

Lightfoot noted the question of how to assist students dealing with issues beyond their immediate education is something that all staff members deal with, which is why Neufeld's teachings could be extremely valuable.

"If kids come to school hungry or upset, at any age, learning becomes secondary," Lightfoot said. "The issues just sort of transcend. Dr. Neufeld also talks about the disconnect in our society, with things like the internet and bullying."

One of the key questions arising from the discussion will be how to incorporate Neufeld's information into practice and whether it can inform education policy at the district level.

"What do we do as a district or a society to help kids that are needy? That's a question we ask every day," Lightfoot said.

The professional development day is free for district staff.

Tickets for members of the public are available and include lunch and snacks.

Contact Cheryl Boland at cboland@sd64.bc.ca to register.

NEWS BRIEFS

Propane explosion

Salt Spring Fire Rescue was called to Bay Ridge Place early Friday afternoon after an explosion rocked a local home.

Fire Chief Tom Bremner said the cause appeared to be a propane fireplace malfunction. The explosion caused extensive structural damage to the walls but did not result in a fire or cause any injuries to the home's residents.

"They were very lucky not to have been injured or more," Bremner said. "This is a reminder that people need to have annual fireplace maintenance, and if they feel there are any issues they should call a repair service immediately."

Property appeals reach new heights

An above average number of homeowners in the Gulf Islands feel their 2015

property assessment misrepresents their home's actual value, according to figures obtained from BC Assessment.

Nearly 360 Gulf Islands homeowners opted to appeal their property assessments this year. That's up from 168 in 2014 and 229 appeals in 2013, said Gerry Marolla, a deputy assessor with BC Assessment in Victoria.

Marolla said the figure represents approximately 2.7 per cent of the total number of eligible prop-

erties in the Gulf Islands.

Although the figure represents data received by the Feb. 2 appeal deadline, Marolla said a final count will be available when appeal hearings conclude in March.

More information is available at www.bcas-assessment.ca.

Bursary for adult women

The Salt Spring Island club of the Canadian Federation of University

Women is again running its Second Chance bursary program.

A bursary of \$3,000 will be granted to an adult woman residing on the southern Gulf Islands who is returning to school for post-secondary studies or training leading toward credentials recognized by a profession or trade.

Further information and application forms can be obtained at ww.cfuwssi.ca. Applications must be mailed

by March 31 to the club address listed on the website.

FOR THE RECORD

A Feb. 18 story incorrectly stated that 21 students left Fulford Community Elementary School for a new program at Stowel Lake Farm. The school district as a whole lost 21 students but only nine were from Fulford.

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**NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS DISTRICT
NOTICE OF OTHER VOTING
BYLAW NO. 264**

Public Notice is hereby given that the electors of North Salt Spring Waterworks District will be asked to vote on the following question on **Saturday, March 28th, 2015:**

“Are you in favour of the Board of Trustees of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District adopting Bylaw No.264 cited as: “St. Mary Treatment Plant Borrowing Bylaw” to borrow the sum of up to \$8.4 million to finance the construction costs, equipment costs, infrastructure upgrades, commissioning and other associated project costs as detailed in the preliminary and detailed design for a new dissolved air floatation (DAF) treatment plant facility at 381 Tripp Road?” Yes or No

TAXATION IMPACT

The total cost shall not exceed 8.4 million dollars (\$8,400,000.00). The Board of Trustees has determined that the project costs not covered by reserve funds, donations or grants will be financed by borrowing from an amortization period up to 26 years resulting in a yearly surcharge currently estimated at:
A maximum cost of \$250 - \$290 per ratepayer per property.
It should be noted that cost savings realized throughout the open bidding process, the use of reserve funds, plus donations received will keep the amount that is borrowed to a minimum and result in the lowest possible surcharge.

Voting Day will be held on March 28th, 2015 at the Auditorium of the Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road and Advance Voting will be March 18th and 25th, 2015 at the Fireside Room of the Community Gospel Hall, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road. All Voting places shall be open from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

**NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS DISTRICT
CAPITAL PROJECT – ST. MARY TREATMENT PLANT BORROWING
BYLAW NO. 264**

A bylaw to borrow the sum of up to \$8.4 million dollars on the credit of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District (the District).

Whereas it is deemed desirable to undertake debt up to the amount of \$8.4 million in order to finance the construction costs, equipment costs, infrastructure upgrades, commissioning and other associated project costs as detailed in the preliminary and detailed design for the new dissolved air treatment plant facility at 381 Tripp Road:

The Trustees of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District enact as follows:

1. It shall be lawful for the District to borrow the sum of up to \$8.4 million dollars (\$8,400,000.00) or any smaller sum from the Royal Bank of Canada in order to finance the detailed design, construction costs, equipment costs, infrastructure upgrades, commissioning and other associated project costs of a new water treatment plant on the District's property at 381 Tripp Road, Salt Spring Island and to pledge the toll collecting and taxing powers of the District for the repayment of the said sum.
2. It shall be lawful for the Trustees to issue promissory notes obligating the District to repay the sum so borrowed and to pay interest thereon at the prime rate per annum in effect, plus no more than 3% thereon.
3. The maximum term for which this sum can be borrowed is 26 years.
4. This bylaw may be cited as the “St. Mary Treatment Plant Borrowing Bylaw”.

Given under my hand at Salt Spring Island, B.C. this twenty-fifth (25th) day of February 2015

Thomas F. Moore
Returning Officer

Further information about voting may be available by phoning Anne Williams at 250 537 9902 or Thomas Moore at 250 472 0059.

ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

You are a qualified Elector if you:

- (a) Are a Canadian Citizen
- (b) Are eighteen years or older on general Voting Day
- (c) Are a resident in the Province of British Columbia for a least six months before Voting Day
- (d) Are an owner of land within the boundaries of North Salt Spring Waterworks District
- (e) Are an authorized agent, designated in writing as the said agent of a Board or Corporation or a legal representative of any owner who has died, become insolvent or insane that owns land within the North Salt Spring Waterworks District
- (f) Have been a registered owner of the real property within the North Salt Spring Waterworks District for at least 30 days before Voting Day
- (g) Have an account in good standing

If more than one person is registered on title as an owner of land then those owners are entitled to vote providing they meet the qualifications set out above. No persons may vote more than once with the exception they may vote as an authorized agent and personally if they own land on a personal basis. Please note that when checking the list of owners provided by B.C. Assessment Authority multiple ownership of some properties may not have been recorded. If the property that is being used for voting purposes is held by multiple ownership, it is recommended that the persons intending to vote bring suitable identification, as listed below, to avoid any inconvenience.

If you are not in the List of Registered Electors you may wish vote on Voting Day providing you produce two pieces of identification, one of which has your signature, preferably with pictorial identification, e.g. drivers licence, and documentation proving ownership of the land for which you are an owner, e.g. tax notice, assessment notice or duplicate certificate of title.

Petition presented to board

NSSWD

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The NSSWD announced a \$500,000 reduction in previously anticipated costs Monday based on information in the detailed design plan from engineering consultants Kerr Wood Leidal. In January, board members trimmed \$1.5 million from the project's original estimated cost.

Marshall Heineky, chair of the NSSWD board, said the latest savings result from dropping the contingency fee from 20 to 10 per cent. He said further savings may be possible when the project is subject to a competitive bidding process if ratepayers approve the borrowing bylaw.

Board receives petition

Opponents of the district's treatment plant proposal presented board members with a petition signed by 535 people who want to stop the current process. The petition asks board members to give ratepayers a chance to comment on cost-effective treatment plant designs that meet Island Health drinking water requirements.

“It really was anticlimactic,” said Bill Coté, who left soon after presenting the petition to trustees at Wednesday's meeting. “[I] just read the petition, told them the number and that was all.

“At least they now have a document in the record that tells them what ratepayers want.”

Williams told the Driftwood on Monday that approximately 320 of the petition's signatories were verifiable property owners or ratepayers in the district.

“I think you're in deep water and you've got a big job ahead to turn the ship.”

RON MCCULLOCH
NSSWD ratepayer

An alternate plan designed by an anonymous engineering firm and presented by a coalition of ratepayers led by Coté proposes to trim costs by using a slab-on-grade building rather than a partially sunken structure. The alternative design would be made out of steel rather than concrete and use inline pumps instead of a seven-metre wet well.

Ron Stepaniuk, the NSSWD's general manager, said the district's proposal is the most effective and economical option for the site.

“It's not a champagne model,” he said. “There are lots of reasons why we've completely ignored the beer model; there are lots of reasons [the district's proposal] is a good fit for that lot.”

Access, provisions for storing treated water and compatibility with existing infrastructure are some of those reasons, Stepaniuk added.

Speaking near the end of last week's meeting, audience member Ron McCulloch compared the treatment plant process to the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District's inability to secure ratepayer approval for new Ganges fire hall funds. He advised board members to listen to concerns and be forthcoming with project details.

“I think you're in deep water and you've got a big job ahead to turn the ship,” he said. “It's not an easy problem.”

Heineky said ratepayers can visit the NSSWD office during regular business hours to inquire about the project. He said the district's website summarizes the board's process and the proposed treatment plant facility.

“People are not really hearing what we're saying,” he said.

Water conservation bylaw due in March

NSSWD staff say conditions on Salt Spring and much of southwestern British Columbia are exceptionally dry for this time of year.

Whereas average January precipitation levels in the Gulf Islands can range between 130 and 162 millimetres, less than 78 mm fell at Environment Canada's weather station on Saturna Island last month.

Meghan McKee, a NSSWD water quality specialist, said this year's drying trend has begun one month earlier than usual.

“We have to be prepared for restrictions,” she said.

Despite the ominous start, she added, an especially rainy March, April or June could easily get things back on track.

Water district board members will consider a draft water conservation bylaw at their March meeting. The bylaw gives the district authority to regulate outdoor watering to save water and is modelled on regulations in other communities.

The NSSWD's next public board meeting is on March 18 in the district office at 761 Upper Ganges Rd. The district asks that prospective meeting participants call ahead to confirm attendance.

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TRANSPORTATION

Next steps taken for Rainbow Road

Drainage issues to be addressed for pathway project

is preferred to breaking the project into sections under different contractors.

She noted part of the project must be paved, according to grant requirements. Pathway blend has been suggested for the path's two extremes, starting from the intersection with Lower Ganges at one end, and coming from the public pool past the high school fields on the other.

CRD electoral area director Wayne McIntyre said plans should be developed further before asking the district to approve funding.

"The more substantive proposal you have, the better chance we have of getting

some help," he observed.

Still to be resolved are the road's drainage issues, which the CRD has asked the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to deal with before any work begins. Campbell and CRD engineer Keith Wahlstrom are also in discussions with the property owner about the section of pathway in front of Windsor Plywood.

Partners Creating Pathways representatives Jean Gelwicks and Richard Shead were at the meeting and said their volunteer organization would do whatever it could to help, as long as the timeline didn't interfere with other projects for 2015. Shead, who will be PCP's

project manager, also noted the group has some concerns about drainage and sewage issues related to the projected pathway in the Windsor Plywood area.

Project cost has been estimated at \$550,000 plus \$230,000 for soft costs and contingencies. Funds include a boosted tax requisition that added \$250,000 each year for the next four years, Community Works Funds and money in the SSITC's capital reserve. Campbell reported that the first phase of the North Ganges Transportation Plan showed a surplus of \$129,000, which can now be directed toward the next phase at Rainbow Road.

IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT FOR THE EVENTS CALENDAR EMAIL:

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BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Island Transportation got back to work on one of its biggest upcoming projects by discussing next moves for the Rainbow Road pathway during its regular monthly business meeting on Monday afternoon.

Karla Campbell, the island's Capital Regional District senior manager, said the CRD will take management of the project and that one design-build

REAL ESTATE

Channel Ridge buyer gets extension

Payment deadline extended for third time

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The company that's offered to pay \$6.6 million for Salt Spring's ill-fated Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. has until March 31 to close the deal.

The deadline is a result of a Viewpoint Properties' second request to delay the transaction's closing date since the Kelowna-based company announced plans to buy the 800-acre development in October.

Details of the request are outlined in the fourth report of the receiver, released by Ernst & Young earlier this month.

According to the document, Viewpoint Properties will lose a \$10,000 deposit and be levied a four per cent annual interest charge on the property's \$6.6-million sale price. Besides roughly \$22,000 in monthly interest that began to accrue at the start of 2015, Viewpoint

Properties must provide Ernst & Young with two further \$50,000 nonrefundable deposits.

Paradigm Mortgage Investment Corporation has agreed to finance Viewpoint's acquisition of Channel Ridge Properties Ltd., the report adds. Paradigm, also based in Kelowna, is ranked as the first-priority mortgage holder on the failed Channel Ridge project.

Brian Lovig, listed as the sole director of Viewpoint Properties, could not be reached to comment on the story.

Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. amassed more than \$37 million in debt before the 2013 foreclosure order. Paradigm, formerly called Mission Creek Mortgage Ltd., is now owed nearly \$10 million.

Under the latest proposal, the Channel Ridge project would see construction of 243 single-family and duplex homes over the next 15 years. The property was appraised at \$9 million on Oct. 7, 2014, although it had originally been listed at \$17.5 million.

The extension request is subject to approval from the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

WILDLIFE

Cougar tracks found at golf course

Raccoon becomes meal

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's most elusive predator seems to prefer hanging around the fourth hole, at least according to tracks spotted this week at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club.

Golf club employee Stephen

Elwes said prints were first spotted Monday morning. He went back to look early on Tuesday and saw more tracks at the sand traps at both the fourth and seventh holes.

"I was looking for tracks, and I found a whole bunch," said Elwes, who is customarily the first person on the course at 6:30 a.m. He also discovered the remains of a raccoon.

"He had a meal while he was

here," Elwes said.

Golfers have been informed of the sighting, as has CRD animal control officer Wolfgang Brunnwieser. Brunnwieser said so far there is no reason to be concerned, since there have been no attacks on lambs or other domestic animals reported.

"I golf with a group of guys so I'm not worried — but I'll be keeping my eyes open," Elwes said.

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EDITORIAL

Road worries

Years have passed since Salt Springers have held an annual pothole count.

Once upon a time every spring, island residents fed up with crumbling asphalt could be counted upon to tabulate the number of cracks and holes on their stretch of street. The keenest of observers — including the pothole count's originator Lorraine Norfolk, who died in January — would often append photographic evidence to their findings.

Though the practice ran its course into the island's archive of historical oddities, there's been plenty of evidence of late that the time has come to revive the phenomenon with a twist.

A possible variation on the theme could be to count rocks on the road. A few weeks ago, crews spent an entire morning clearing rocky debris from the side of South Bank Drive, although regular passersby have developed the habit of sweeping small boulders out of the way for years.

Another option could be to measure effects of erosion on shoreline routes like Isabella Point Road and North Beach Road, the latter of which will be closed until early March as crews repair the latest stretch of

THE ISSUE:

Salt Spring roads

WE SAY:

Plan is needed

landslide damage.

Then there's always the miles upon miles of missing road lines.

In 2007, islanders counted 8,046 potholes on 96 roads. One couple counted nearly 850 on Musgrave Road alone. Within months of the count, which drew media attention beyond the island, the province announced funding for a massive 20-kilometre road-paving campaign.

In an interview following the announcement, former Saanich North and the Islands MLA Murray Coell acknowledged the pothole count likely played a role in the decision.

Counting potholes, boulders and miles of missing road lines may be a start, but assessing slope stability and drainage patterns is an entirely more complex affair.

Between rocks on the street and recurring washouts, it's evident the time has come for the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, with possible input from the Capital Regional District and Islands Trust, to create a long-term plan for island roads. Let's call it a roadmap for road management.

Such a review could highlight trouble spots, specify areas at risk and chart a course for the work that's needed to keep our roads safe and up to standard.



VIEWPOINT by Dan Dickmeyer

Courts should determine land price

I have chosen not to participate in the Driftwood's This Week's Question of Feb. 18: "Did B.C. pay too much to buy Grace Islet?" There are too many unsettled and unsettling questions to give a thumbs up or thumbs down and a poll does not do justice to the complexity of the situation.

Of course B.C. (that is, we taxpayers) paid too much for the Islet. Could that imply that I think there is a proper price to preserve the sanctity of one's ancestors? Priceless! Or "No," we did not pay too much implies that Barry Slawsky is somehow deserving of that due to the "wrongful" interruption of his development plans.

What is missing rather is how did this settlement occur without public exposure of who was on the settlement committee and what means were used to arrive at Mr. Slawsky's "loss of enjoyment" (the words of the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations).

I'm not even sure that, given the fact this purchase did not come out of a lawsuit as other native site purchases have, that the term "settlement" has any meaning. Certainly the cost of utilities, surveys, etc. came nowhere close to \$4.5 million. If we believe that Mr. Slawsky did not have the intention to make this a turnkey investment and not live there, certainly one or two million would have caused him a good measure of enjoyment.

No property that sits on a major float-plane runway, surrounded by tourist boats and not accessible from the mainland is going to sell for \$4.5 million. I demand that a Freedom of Information request be filed to expose who made these decisions and how. I would like to know how and why the parties trying to save Grace Islet gave in to such exorbitant demands.

Perhaps it would have been better if a previous threat of a lawsuit by the islet's protectors or by Mr. Slawsky would have materi-

alized. There have been other cases like this one in B.C. that went to court and it is important to start establishing case law rather than just paying out sums of money. That way the facts could have seen the light of day and no judge would have agreed upon such a huge settlement.

Certainly a lawsuit would not have cost the province that much money and judgments are often appealed and reduced.

And now just who is going to pay for the removal of the building? I would hope that since Mr. Slawsky put it there he would be required to remove it with some of his lottery money. And might I add that he be required to hire local labour.

As to restoration of the site, I hope that neither the Nature Conservancy of Canada nor the First Nations be required to foot the bill. There were plenty of documented instances showing that the graves were disturbed and regardless of whether he was allowed to continue building he should be held accountable for measuring up to the standards of the Heritage Conservation Act. I would hope that a separate court action will take place to enforce the above two considerations.

In closing, I would like to call upon the generous nature of Mr. Slawsky to donate some of his earnings to fund future upkeep of the islet, and possibly for seed money to establish a First Nations cultural centre on or near the site.

And I would like to thank Joe Akerman for his generous and untiring efforts that led to the preservation of Grace Islet and a better understanding and respect for the cultural and spiritual ways of our local First Nations.

The writer became a Canadian citizen on Feb. 13 in a ceremony in which he says the judge urged new citizens to get involved and work to better Canada.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:
Do you support anti-terrorism Bill C-51? Yes No

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

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION: 125
Did B.C. pay too much to buy Grace Islet? 30
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ISLAND VOICES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "If kids come to school hungry or upset, at any age, learning becomes secondary."

JIM LIGHTFOOT, SD64 TEACHER, RE PRO-D SPEAKER GORDON NEUFELD

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: How are you enjoying the mild winter weather?



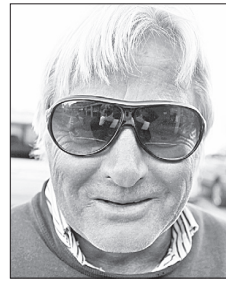
IAN DUFTON
I work a lot, but I've been trying to get out in the sun.



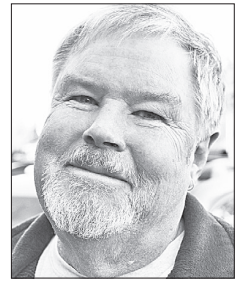
PAULINE SPENCER
I enjoy the golfing.



GABRIEL GORDON
Practising bar spins on my scooter at the skatepark.



WOLFGANG LACHMUND
I haven't because I've been in Mexico, but the weather is



STEVE LYNCH
I've already mowed the lawn twice.

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

Unsafe roads

I would like to add my voice to that of Richard Moses' regarding road markings on Salt Spring ("Quality road marks urgent" letter, Feb. 18).

Our situation is dangerous, with poor or non-existent centre lines, usually no edge lines and no centre-line or edge reflectors. With dark mornings and evenings in the winter, no street lighting and frequent rainy conditions, our twisty roads are not safe.

I was struck by the contrast between our roads and those in Hawaii (the

Big Island) during a recent visit. Like Salt Spring, most parts of Hawaii are rural, with no street lighting and lots of curves. However, unlike Salt Spring, roads there all had bright, recently painted centre lines and always had edge lines as well. All main roads had at least centre-line cat's eye reflectors and many had edge reflectors on the road surface as well.

It was a joy to drive these roads at night, even though they were unfamiliar to me. Why can't we have safe roads like that?

DREW BODALY,
SALT SPRING

Culture of fear

For at least the last couple of years we have noticed how consistently, in both radio and TV news, the first few items report in detail local violent acts, the resulting injury to people and property, and police response to them.

It feels to us as though we are being exposed daily to a "culture of fear," which was given a significant boost by the federal government wasting a reported \$16 million on feature articles and advertising to glorify the War of 1812.

We don't believe that Canada's true stature is represented accurately by repeating ad nauseam local acts of violence, or by celebrating past times of war. We are a peaceable nation. But the present national government is deliberately scare-mongering, hoping to discourage and penalize public displays of outrage at the reckless, corporate exploitation of our natural resources.

In Bill C-51 the government is attempting to capitalize on this deliberately fostered culture of fear and to persuade

a significant number of Canadians that we require national vigilantes, CSIS and RCMP to track legitimate civil unrest and protest.

We resent having our tax dollars spent to undermine Canadian democratic traditions.

AUDREY AND BOB WILD,
HEDGER ROAD

Loved the photo

On behalf of the pickleball community I would like to thank you for the delightful picture of us in the Feb. 11 Driftwood. We

have had a lot of positive feedback on it.

Your photographer Jen MacLellan did an excellent job.

Your ongoing support for Pickleball, through articles and listings on the calendar of events, is much appreciated.

Cheers to editor Gail Sjuberg, reporter Sean McIntyre and the invisible staff at Driftwood who have helped us get recognized in our community.

HAFIZ BHIMJI,
55 PICKLEBALL GROUP

MORE LETTERS continued on 10

Battle of the bulge leads to boring, empty plate

Cancer, heart disease, diabetes? What is the leading health threat of our times?

The answer is rife with controversy, but judging by the ubiquitous number of TV infomercials, computer pop-ups and magazine covers crying out from supermarket checkout counters, you would think the number-one health villain menacing the world today is belly fat.

Seriously, it's impossible to escape the myriad warnings regarding this global crisis. They are everywhere. They scream at you from newscasts, online blogs, radio call-in shows and spam emails. Everyone, it seems, is deeply concerned about your midriff bulge and what you can do to get rid of it.

Now I consider myself one of the world's foremost authorities on belly fat. If you liken waistline blubber to the front porch of a house, you could say that lately I have been sporting a wraparound veranda that would not look out of place on an antebellum plantation mansion deep in the heart of Dixie. I wouldn't be exaggerating too much if I admitted that you would have to do some hydraulic fracking if you wanted to find my navel in order to mine for some lint.

If I fell overboard and was splashing around in the water, I would probably not have a life ring thrown to me because I look like I already have one around my middle. It's getting so bad that I'm sure I have accumulated enough body mass to now be exerting a measurable gravitational pull. I've noticed that there are particularly high tides when the sun, the moon and I are all arranged in a straight line.

But this isn't just about me. Why is there all this commotion about belly fat? What about

the other parts of the anatomy that are equally besmirched by layers of flab? What about the thighs, hips and buttocks?

Apparently, belly fat (also called "visceral fat") is worse for you than other kinds of fat. Whereas other forms of the unwanted substance just sit around and . . . well . . . chew the fat, midsection fat causes several serious health problems. According to the Harvard School of Medicine, belly fat produces hormones that increase your risk of Type-2 diabetes as well as decreasing your lung function because there is less room for your lungs to expand.

To make matters worse, visceral fat has also been associated with heart disease because it secretes cytokine proteins into the cardiac area of the body, which encourages low-level inflammation and resistance to insulin. In addition, belly fat has been linked to breast cancer in women because it produces the estrogen hormone which has been shown to feed carcinogenic cells and encourage their growth.

There are several avenues available to fight belly fat. You can hit your local gym or fitness centre and begin a comprehensive regimen of aerobic exercise and weight training to help burn off the calories that would otherwise accumulate around your midsection.

All this exertion may sound too strenuous to fit in with your sedentary lifestyle. Like me, your idea of aerobics might be how many trips you make back and forth to the fridge. Lifting weights might entail nothing more than pick-



Shilo Zylbergold

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

ing up the remote to change channels and then putting it back down. If this is the case, you might want to go the way of diet pills.

There are literally hundreds of different pills out there that promise to get rid of that layer of blubber surrounding your waistline. These range all the way from hard-core anti-obesity drugs like Phentermine (sold under the brand names of Adipex and Fastin, to name just a couple) to herbal extract pills, of which Garcinia Cambogia is one of the leading contenders.

Phentermine is an appetite suppressant that acts similarly to amphetamines to get the hypothalamus part of the brain to stimulate the adrenal glands. As a result, the neurotransmitter norepinephrine is released, which in turn brings on the "fight or flight" reaction. In other words, you become too busy running for your life to eat that second cheese and bacon double papa burger.

The alternative herbal extract, Garcinia Cambogia, is actually derived from the rind of the edible pod fruit of the tamarind tree grown in Indonesia. When taken orally, it blocks glucose from entering the bloodstream while at the same time helps to burn fat in the liver (which is somewhere in the vicinity of your belly). You might also be interested in knowing that one of the other uses for tamarind is as a metal polish.

Whatever you do, do not read the list of side effects, counter effects and drug interactions for belly fat reduction pills. The list includes

symptoms ranging from nausea, headaches and intestinal discomfort, all the way to inducing psychotic behaviour serious enough to have you locked up and isolated so that the only thing left to do is to sit quietly and stare at where your belly fat used to be.

This brings us to diet. Every direction you turn these days you are bound to see "The 5 Worst Foods for Belly Fat" or "5 Foods You Should Never Eat" banners in newspapers, magazines and on the worldwide web. The problem is that nobody can seem to agree what these five foods are.

One diet warns against: sugar, margarine, soy protein isolate (whatever that is), diet foods and frozen meals (chockfull of fat and salt). Another healthy eating plan advises to stay away from: white bread, fried foods, cream-based salad dressing, white rice and high-fructose corn syrup.

The list grows and grows as you intensify your research. One by one, the number of allowable foods is dwindling. How long will it be before "The 5 Absolute Worst Foods You Should Never Eat" will consist of all of the five major food groups: fruit, grain, meat (including fish, poultry and eggs), dairy and vegetables? If you get hungry, you can always suck on a stone.

Nobody asked me, but from my own experience, I realize what my particular five personal dietary demons are: cinnamon buns, donuts, danishes, apple fritters and cheesecake. As far as I'm concerned, it's open season on everything else (except maybe that soy protein isolate).

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MONEY MATTERS

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ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Grants available for women's entrepreneurship forum

Applications for funds and program requested ASAP

On April 8-10, the Forum for Women Entrepreneurs is hosting its 14th annual E-Series mentorship program in Vancouver, aimed at supporting women entrepreneurs, specifically those in rural com-

munities throughout B.C.

For these women this is an opportunity to grow their business, learn from successful mentors and develop new business relationships.

To support women from all over British Columbia to attend the program in Vancouver, FWE is offering 23 grants supported in part by Teck Resources

and KPMG. These grants cover programming, inclusion in the Mentor Program for 14 months of one-on-one mentorship, and travel and accommodation costs.

E-Series is the FWE's longest running signature program, and since 2002 can boast that 89 per cent of all participating entrepreneurs are still in business,

compared to the national Canadian average of 50 per cent.

The program runs from April 8-10 and applications for the grants and program are requested before Monday, March 2, but consideration will be made for late applications as well.

See www.fwe.com for more information.

RETIREMENT PLANNING

Options: pay down debt or save?

Big financial decisions need logic, not emotion

A new CIBC poll finds that nearly three quarters (72 per cent) of Canadians would choose paying down debt over adding to their retirement fund, a trend that might look good but could actually be costing them tens of thousands of dollars, says Jamie Golombek, managing director of CIBC Wealth Advisory Services.

"The decision to pay down debt at the expense of retirement savings is often an emotional one that isn't driven by logic," says Golombek. "You may not be doing yourself any favours by rushing to pay off your home while mortgage rates are at rock-bottom levels. If you're able to take some risk in your investment portfolio, you might be tens of thousands dollars richer by investing any extra money in an RRSP or TFSA."

The poll found that an emotional need in the Canadian psyche to be free of debt outweighed more practical considerations for reducing debt, such as concerns over carrying too much or rising interest rates. These findings are consistent with previous CIBC polls that found paying down debt is the top financial priority for Canadians in 2015 for the fifth straight year and 85 per cent of Canadians are taking steps to reduce their personal debt levels with as many as 71 per cent planning to be free of debt within five years.

Key poll findings include:

- 72 per cent of Canadians favoured debt repayment over contributing to an RRSP if they had extra funds available.
- 56 per cent say they want the financial freedom of being debt free.
- 20 per cent say they have too much debt and want to pay it off.
- Only 11 per cent say they think it's better to repay debt than invest in an RRSP because the interest rate on

their debt is too high.

- 75 per cent of women will use the extra funds to help pay down debt compared to 69 per cent of men.

- 74 per cent of those aged 35-54 — those in their prime income-earning years — think it's better to repay debt with extra funds than to invest in RRSPs.

The findings support earlier research by CIBC deputy chief economist Benjamin Tal that found Canadians are taking advantage of current low interest rates to pay down \$11 billion more a year in principal on their mortgages than previously thought.

Bigger benefits from investing in an RRSP or TFSA than paying off low-cost debt

In his new report, *Mortgages or Margaritas: Is paying down debt putting your retirement at risk?*, Golombek explains how paying down low-interest debt, such as a mortgage, can actually negatively impact your retirement savings.

The report illustrates the potential benefit of long-term savings in an RRSP/TFSA versus repaying debt under three different marginal tax rate scenarios. These use the same basic assumptions: \$2,500 per year in extra pre-tax earnings, a six per cent long-term rate of return on investments in an RRSP/TFSA, a three per cent interest rate on a mortgage and a 30-year time horizon.

At a marginal tax rate of 30 per cent — both at the time an RRSP/TFSA contribution is made and withdrawn — if the funds were invested, the individual's net worth would increase by \$146,700 after 30 years. But, by using the funds to repay mortgage debt, the benefit would be only \$85,800. "In this example, you would be \$60,900 further ahead in 30 years time by investing in an RRSP or TFSA every year, assuming a constant tax rate," says Golombek.

"In reality, however, many Canadians expect to be in a lower tax bracket in retirement, which can mean even greater benefits from an RRSP investment," Golombek

added.

For example, if you have a 30 per cent marginal tax rate today but expect it to fall to 20 per cent by the time you withdraw RRSP or TFSA funds, the RRSP investment benefit climbs to \$167,600, while the TFSA benefit remains at \$146,700 and the debt repayment at \$85,800. That makes the RRSP investment the better choice, he says.

If your marginal tax rate in retirement is expected to be higher than when you contribute to an RRSP/TFSA, say 40 per cent, compared to the current 30 per cent rate, investing in TFASAs is more attractive than RRSPs, says Golombek.

He notes that investing in the bond or equity markets as you might do within your RRSP/TFSA can't be directly compared to paying down your mortgage, which is more similar to a risk-free investment such as a Government of Canada bond.

If you have a high level of debt and would not be able to sustain an increase in mortgage interest rates, it might be best to minimize your risk and simply focus on debt repayment, says Golombek. But if you're able to tolerate some risk in your investment portfolio while saving for longer-term goals, choosing to invest via an RRSP or TFSA may result in more money at the end of the day, albeit with an assumption of greater risk.

"When the rate of return on investments exceeds the rate of interest on debt, investing either in an RRSP or TFSA is the better choice," he says. "If you're able to tolerate some risk in your investment portfolio, consider whether you should focus some of your financial resources on increasing your retirement savings via an RRSP/TFSA, instead of putting everything towards paying off your low-rate mortgage."

"Of course, if you're holding high interest debt, paying that down is almost always the best choice."

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Subscribing to this new online mail service means you won't be getting a paper copy and you'll have your

notice of assessment at your fingertips within one week of when your return is assessed — no more waiting. You can view and print it whenever you need to.

Sign up for this secure service in one of two ways:

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tax and benefit return, whether it's through your tax preparation software, your tax preparer, or on your paper return. By including your email address, you'll automatically be signed up for online mail. You will need to register for the CRA's My Account service, if you are

not already registered, to view your notice of assessment online.

Or: Register with My Account (or log in if you are already registered) and select the "Manage online mail" option.

When your notice of assessment is ready to be viewed, the

CRA will notify you through email.

Additional taxpayer correspondence will also be available online in the near future — and more information is available at www.cra.gc.ca/myaccount.

Source: News Canada

TAX FILING

Tax-time tips offered by neighbourhood experts



Sidney-based chartered accountant gives advice

BY CHRIS COWLAND
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

In my 40-year career as a chartered accountant, I have picked up a few tips that I would like to share with you as we approach tax season.

FILE ON TIME!

Don't file late. Even if you are missing some information, file your best estimate — you can amend later. Deadlines are April 30, unless you have self-employment income (sold something on e-Bay, for example?) when it is extended to June 15 for both you and your spouse.

Late filing penalties are nasty. If you late file your 2014 return, the penalty is five per cent of your balance owing, plus one per cent for each full month your return is late, up to a maximum of 12 months.

Things get even worse if you late filed in any of the three previous years — up to 50 per cent if you are 20 months late!

So even if you can't pay the taxes, file your return. Interest on unpaid taxes is charged at just five per cent per annum, which isn't too bad.

DON'T MISS ANYTHING

If you miss reporting income on your 2014 return, and also in any of the three previous years, there is a penalty of 20 per cent on the face amount of the income — even if you owe no taxes!

This one is particularly nasty. We have successfully appealed this under the taxpayer relief provisions, for example when a taxpayer develops Alzheimer's and a relative has attempted to assist in the filing.

If it comes to your attention that you missed reporting income, the penalties may be waived if you bring it to CRA's attention under the Voluntary Disclosures Program.

BEWARE OF DONATION SCHEMES

I have seen a number of these where, for example, you donate \$1,000 to entity A, which then buys pharmaceuticals that are donated to an overseas charity. The drugs are said to be actually worth \$10,000 on the donation receipt, so you get a nice tax refund of about \$4,700.

Sounds too good to be true — you are \$3,700 ahead of the game, and you have saved the life of some sad-eyed kid pictured on the sales brochure. CRA isn't too fond of these — they have denied \$4.5 billion of claims, and have reassessed over 130,000 taxpayers. Please don't go there — a CRA audit is worse than toothache.

If you late file your 2014 return, the penalty is 5 per cent of your balance owing, plus 1 per cent for each full month your return is late, up to a maximum of 12 months.

DON'T PAY FOR CLAIMING A DTC CREDIT

As we get older, many of us become eligible to claim the Disability Tax Credit. Form T2201 explains quite clearly who is eligible — you basically have to have an ongoing impairment that causes you to be "markedly restricted in speaking, hearing, walking, elimination, feeding, dressing or mental functions necessary for everyday life."

Just take the form to your doctor, and there will be a charge of about \$35 to get it completed. You don't need to pay a percentage of your refund to get this form completed by a so-called expert — firms such as ours will do this for nothing.

OTHER TIPS

Please view our website at www.sidneycpa.com for other tips and information links!

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Green opportunities

In the Sept. 17, 2014 issue of the Driftwood, I wrote an article about how my wife Sheri and I had purchased an electric vehicle and were observing a dramatic reduction in our ongoing transportation costs due to replacing fuel at the pump with inexpensive electricity and as a bonus, significantly reduced maintenance costs.

As a cost redirection strategy, we wished to pass on our current and future savings towards valuable environmentally sound projects for ourselves and especially for our community.

Our first choice was to pledge \$750 towards the purchase and installation of one of the solar panels for the Gulf Islands Secondary School solar scholarship project. We were there at the opening celebration and were happy to see our panel join the team

of 83 other panels pumping out the juice. The funds that we contributed will provide educational and environmental benefits for many decades to come.

We are now turning our attention to other local community opportunities and have made our second selection.

The Transition Salt Spring Enterprise Cooperative is a cooperative association established in 2011. Its mandate is to facilitate eligible busi-

nesses and projects on Salt Spring Island that reduce the community's dependency on fossil fuel and/or increase local resilience to the effects of climate change. The current priorities are those that support more efficient transportation and/or local food production as they will have the greatest benefit towards greenhouse emission reduction.

TSSEC has made three successful loans to date. They have supported the abattoir, the electric vehi-

cle charger at ArtSpring and new pathways, all which will enrich the community in many ways and have provided local employment opportunities. Participation requires the purchase of a membership share of \$100 and we have decided that is a great location for our next redirected payment.

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Conservative tactics: who needs rules?

BY FRANTS ATTORP

Since they came to power in 2006, the Harper Conservatives have been on a single-minded mission to rid Canada of rules — rules that protect the environment, ensure public safety, protect worker rights, support social programs and promote Canadian culture.

The name of the game is deregulation and increased power and profits for corporations, but of course that objective is never articulated. Instead, the public is fed euphemisms such as “streamlining regulations,” “stimulating the economy,” “facilitating permits,” “cutting red tape,” “improving efficiency” or “updating the process.”

Tax Laws

Over the past eight years the government has slashed corporate income tax to the lowest level among G8 nations, while providing additional incentives through lax regulations, loopholes and generous handouts. Contrary to Conservative spin, corporations have not used the extra profit to reinvest and create employment in Canada. Rather, they have accrued enormous wealth, to the point where even the Bank of Canada has reproached them for hoarding hundreds of billions in “dead money.”

Is it just coincidence that during this same time Canada's national debt has ballooned by a whopping \$160 billion, a quarter of the total accumulated since Confederation? And what portion of this massive debt is due to Harper's corporate welfare largesse? We may never know, but one thing is certain — average Canadians will be paying for his profligacy for many years to come.

Environmental Laws

Nothing, it seems, raises the ire of Conservatives more than laws and institutions that protect the environment. Whether by sabotaging climate talks, firing Parks Canada staff, excluding projects from environmental review or giving the fish farm industry carte blanche, Canada has gained a reputation as an environmental outlaw. Using stealth legislation (giant omnibus bills), the Conservatives have stripped away protection from more than 99 per cent of Canada's lakes and rivers. Worse yet, they have locked in the destruction for decades to come by signing trade agreements that give foreign corporations the right to sue Canada for billions if anyone tries to change the rules of the game.

Perhaps the most telling indicator of who is pulling the strings is a 2011 letter obtained through access

to information laws. The letter, from the energy industry to government ministers, requested changes to six specific environmental laws. Within months, the laws in question were gutted, raising the question of who writes Canadian law — elected representatives or corporate interests working behind the scenes?

Science

Since science is often the basis for legislation — legislation that could impose extra costs and restrictions on industry — why not just get rid of science? And this is exactly what the Conservatives have done: by muzzling government scientists, firing those who study the environment, defunding research projects that monitor pollution and suppressing scientific reports. The most remarkable example of Conservative contempt for science must surely be the shuttering of fisheries libraries and the physical destruction of decades of research data. How can this type of book burning happen in a modern, democratic nation such as Canada?

The assault on Statistics Canada is another attempt to suppress knowledge. In 2010 the Conservatives abolished the mandatory long-form census despite warnings from top statisticians that data from the voluntary version would be useless. With the demise of the long-form census, governments across Canada lost a valuable tool for making sound policy decisions.

Privatization

The legislation that underpins social services is also under attack. By sabotaging the Health Care Accord, undermining the Canada Health Act and manipulating the funding formula, Harper will leave the provinces little choice but to let the corporate sector assume more responsibility for health-care delivery. Costs will rise and the commitment to universality will wane as Canada adopts a for-profit health-care system like that in the United States.

Even Canadian culture has not been spared the corporate axe. Harper has used budget cuts, patronage appointments and assaults on the Broadcasting Act to bring the CBC to its knees. Prominent Conservatives are now suggesting the public broadcaster be abolished altogether and that private media outlets be given the responsibility of airing Canadian content.

Public Safety

The consequences of deregulation were driven home in 2008 with the

tainted meat scandal, which cost 20 people their lives. Investigations showed that prior to the listeriosis outbreak, Canada's food safety agency had dropped the rule requiring meat processors to inform the agency about positive bacteria results. The change came as part of a government decision to allow companies to develop their own food safety programs.

More recently, there was the horrific Lac Megantic rail disaster, which claimed the lives of 47 people. The report into that incident slammed the rail company for poor safety practices, but also cited Transport Canada for ineffective auditing of the company's safety plans, insufficient oversight and a lack of follow-up on recurring safety problems. The accident occurred after significant budget cuts to Transport Canada and warnings that rail companies cannot be trusted to regulate themselves.

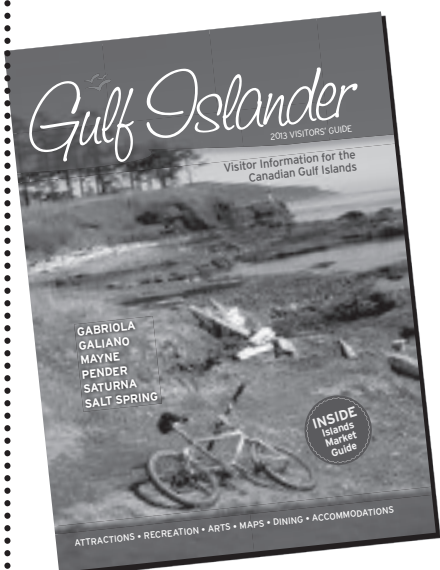
Who's in Charge?

Corporations are not evil, but, just as when swimming in shark-infested waters, it pays to know who you are dealing with. Corporations do everything they can to maximize profit and bring the best returns for their shareholders, period. They do not like to pay taxes or spend a lot of money meeting environmental and safety standards, and they invariably choose short-term gains over long-term sustainable development. They are acutely aware of politicians who are sympathetic to their cause, and will donate vast sums to get their puppet leaders elected.

The true culprits are the politicians who have a misguided sense of allegiance — who are elected to represent the people but actually do everything they can to advance the corporate agenda, especially through deregulation. These are the people who are ultimately responsible for the abandoned tar ponds, the train wrecks, the exploitation of workers, the erosion of social programs, the unchecked pollution, and the sell-out of our resources and sovereignty.

We have a right to live in a safe and healthy environment and to build a just and compassionate society. Corporations have a role to play, but they should be forced to operate on our terms, not the other way round. For that to happen we need rules that serve the public interest, and those rules have to be respected and strictly enforced. Simply put, we need a new vision for Canada.

Frants Attorp is a writer who lives on Salt Spring Island.



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First fire board meeting an eye-opening experience

BY JANE HORSBURGH

INDEPTH

On Feb. 16 I attended a meeting of the Salt Spring fire board trustees. Lacking any standard meeting procedures such as an introduction of board members and visiting consultants, I eventually guessed who everyone was.

The Feb. 2 meeting minutes were not written up and were approved after being read aloud at the meeting, and ditto for reports. Fire Chief Tom Bremner presented his concisely written, efficient report, copies of which, along with minutes of two Jan. 28 meetings, were available for attendees on arrival.

The \$40,000 report commissioned from Walker Resource Group and Dave Ferguson of FireWise Consulting was discussed. Its 40-plus pages and especially the #4 Summary of Recommendations are worth every cent of your taxpayer dollar to read. (Go to www.saltspringfire.com and click on SSI Fire Service Review.)

Some main recommendations:

- Governance is completely muddled and needs to be dealt with ASAP.
- Adopt Robert's Rules of Order.
- Create finance and human resources subcommittees.
- Establish a communications policy. Trustee Ron Cham-

ney later asked to have this tabled until the next meeting to gather information from the public.

- Work now to build a professional negotiating team before the next contract negotiations with the powerful International Association of Fire Fighters union begin in December 2016. A negotiated settlement is crucial because if an intractable impasse occurs arbitration would ensue, which could result in a worse (i.e. more expensive) settlement for the taxpayer.
- Establish a simple document management system (that is, filing).

Both Richard Walker and Dave Ferguson emphasized several times the paramount need to communicate with the public and for the public to tell the board what they want. It must be a two-way street.

Dave Ferguson spoke about services, equipment, safety, training, all of which he found adequate. He said response capability is a challenge on Salt Spring because we cannot call on a neighbouring community for assistance.

Staffing is OK and problems are not unique to Salt Spring. But changes are needed in all these areas and residents should tell the board what they want.

Many of the 30-odd attendees asked questions, such as:

- Was two days enough time for FireWise to ask questions? They said it was because there were three FireWise people available and the department has good records.

A negotiated settlement is crucial because if an intractable impasse occurs arbitration would ensue, which could result in a worse (i.e. more expensive) settlement for the taxpayer.

- The exhausts have still not been installed. Who decides about this?
- Ventilation — a report was produced, but the board never saw it.
- A 63-hour work week was too long; mistakes and fatigue would set in — but 14 of those

63 hours are for the paid-on-call shifts, therefore the work week is about 49 hours. But why must it be a duty (thus higher-paid) officer on call — could not an on-call person do the job as well, and cost us less?

- Mark Lucich asked that the agenda be posted online. Ron Chamney said it should be available days before a Monday meeting, but was not always available until the Monday.
- Richard Walker talked about wages and the cost for a new fire hall. This was the only time during the three-hour meeting that a new fire hall was mentioned.

Recommendation #14 covers fire and rescue service; the board should talk with ratepayers immediately to determine what services are needed. Ambulance services are provincial. Salt Spring is under-served and sometimes no back-up is available.

Also, our community of 10,000 would rate 12 RCMP members if we were a municipality. But we are not, so we rate only eight. This means the fire department must fill some of the void.

Building inspections are a municipal responsibility; if the fire department doesn't do inspections or provide first

response service then no one will because we are not a municipality.

In April, three new board members will be elected to replace retiring trustees. Michael Schubart confirmed that nominations will be accepted soon, but was unable to provide a closing date.

And finally, Bremner's report noted 34 calls for January 2015. At approximately \$80,000 per month in salaries, this works out to about \$2,000 per callout for January, of which two calls were for fires, 14 medical and various others.

It was quite a meeting.

The writer is a former PARC commissioner and islander with a keen interest in local affairs.

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Petition response

The North Salt Spring Waterworks District board of trustees would like to acknowledge receipt of the recent, locally circulated petition signed by NSSWD ratepayers and islanders-at-large requesting that the board stop all work on the proposed water treatment plant for St. Mary Lake and start the process from the beginning by hiring a different consultant.

We respectfully suggest that this is not a realistic request, that the project costs noted in the petition were misrepresented, as was the suggestion that there is an option for the selection of technologies other than that mandated by Island Health.

We would also like to note that we clearly heard the message during our Alternative Approval Process vote last spring that our ratepayers will only respect an outcome where each ratepayer has a chance to vote yes or no to a question.

At this time the detailed Class-A design is virtually complete and the district is committed to going to referendum again on March 28 with a revised borrowing amount of up to \$8.4

million. The revised cost is a direct result of the comprehensive and detailed design developed over the past months by a team of respected professionals with oversight by the board and management. The project has undergone extensive review throughout the process and the board is confident that the design is the most cost effective for the district in terms of site use, construction costs, building structure, water conservation and long-term operating costs. The board reaffirms their confidence in Kerr Wood Leidal engineering consultants and the treatment plant as designed.

We are looking forward to answering our ratepayer questions at our upcoming open houses on March 12 and 17 prior to the referendum. We will be providing ratepayers with more information via our website, newsletters and articles in the coming weeks, and our office door is always open.

As your representatives we strongly believe this is the best design for our plant location and once you have an opportunity to have your questions answered we believe you will too.

MARSHALL J. HEINEKEY, DTM, MBA, ASCT, CHAIR, NSSWD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

platters for our recent volunteer appreciation event held at Lions Hall; to all the dedicated coaches/volunteers who tirelessly encourage our island athletes to be "the best that they can be" through sports; the Salt Spring Lions Club for generously donating funding from popcorn sales when they have their garage sales, and for saving the returns of pop bottles and cans for recycling (all the funding goes directly to the SOBC athletes here on Salt Spring). Your support for our athletes in the community is very much appreciated.

RANTS and Roses

A big bucket of primary-coloured roses to Country Grocer, Barb's Buns and the Salt Spring Inn for donating delicious food for our family literacy program at Fernwood School: FUEL (Families Understanding Early Learning). Kids and parents loved it! Thanks also to our fabulous presenters: Judith Bradley and Robin Andison, and to our caring child-minders: Janice, Andrea, Alex and Jasmine. With appreciation from SD64 and SSLiteracy

A sweetheart rose to all friends and neighbours who provided yummy food while Jonathan underwent a heavy week of cancer treatment. Chicken Soup for the Soul indeed! Thank you. Sue and Jonathan Yardley

The board of Special Olympics BC (SOBC) on Salt Spring sends a room full of roses to the following: the crew at Country Grocer for preparing the g-r-r-r-eat array of food

NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS DISTRICT NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO ACT AS SCRUTINEER

Notice is hereby given to those persons who may wish to represent, as a scrutineer, an organization for or against the question set out below that the **dead line for submission of an appointment to the Offices of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District at 767 Ganges Road is Friday March 13, 2015.** Please note that applications will be received for only one organization for each of the Yes and No organizations.

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Yes or No

Voting Day will be March 28th, 2015 at the Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road and Advance Voting will be March 18th and 25th at the Fireside Room, Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road. All Voting places shall be open from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

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FUNDRAISER

Sue Newman's gifts and passions honoured this Sunday

Fundraiser aims to 'send Sue to New York'

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An evening of live entertainment coming to Moby's Pub on Sunday, March 1 will pay respect to Salt Spring's reigning triple-threat actor Sue Newman, and hopefully send her to New York City for a long overdue vacation.

If it seems a shame the island's queen of musical theatre has never visited the city where these arts reach their highest form, Sunday's show is an opportunity to remedy the situation and have a fantastic night out at the same time. The tribute features a wealth of musical acts moving from jazz into rock and dance bands as the evening progresses, and even a little fire spinning on the side. All performers are donating their time with the hopes of fulfilling a fellow community member's dream.

"A few years back I was thinking, it's so nice when people are honoured when they're still alive, instead of waiting until they've died," Newman said.

When it came to other islanders applying that theory



FILE PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Sue Newman performs as part of El Zocalo jazz group at Moby's Pub last year, with bass player Ian Van Wyck in the background.

to herself, she admits she felt a bit strange at first. "But I'm thrilled and it's so humbling."

Newman has a lengthy professional career based on her talents in acting, singing and dancing. Even since restricting herself mainly to Salt Spring's small arts scene, she has managed to surprise and delight audiences with her range, following up a turn as a bluesy chanteuse with a hammy clown routine, for example.

Family obligations have kept Newman close to home for the past decade, however, and the reasons for those obligations have sadly ended. Newman was the primary caregiver for her mother

Virginia, another iconic musician, actress and fighter for social justice, before she passed away at age 90 in May 2013. Six months after that, Newman's husband Finbar McMillan was diagnosed with cancer. He passed away last November.

The evening of the day that he died, friends and family were toasting his life at Newman's home.

"At one point [her younger sister] Amy plopped down a jar and said, 'We need to send Sue to New York,'" Newman's friend Debbie Magnusson explained. "Somehow that lingered, and Jan Slakov really picked up the idea and spearheaded a committee. And honestly, the whole event really flew together. Everyone's been so generous."

Magnusson added that the circles of people Newman has touched with her giving spirit extend far beyond the world of performing arts.

"Besides being an amazing musician, Sue is very active in peace and environmental concerns, as her parents were," Magnusson said, noting people who know the family from many different spheres want to contribute to the cause.

Being a Sunday night, the event will start early enough to enjoy dinner with a jazz and acoustic set at 6 p.m. Music related to the city is bound to make up part of Wendy Milton's sing-along set list. Newman will take a couple of turns at the mic, as will her daughters Lauren and Patrice as the night gets more energetic with rock and dance band sets up to 9:30 p.m.

Newman's daughters are an important element in her plans for New York and they are thinking about a spring or fall date. Must-see tourist attractions are a given, but the top wish is to see one or two Broadway shows, preferably with lots of dancing. Walking over Brooklyn Bridge, eating good bagels and finding the best coffee shops are also on the list.

Newman would also like to visit historic jazz venues like Birdland and perhaps even take the stage if the opportunity allows, since some clubs invite players in the audience to come up after the main show is finished.

Though uncomfortable accepting a hand-out at first, Newman has definitely grown warmer to the idea with her friends' encouragement, and the fact the fundraiser has been arranged as a really fun party night that anyone can enjoy.

"It is pretty wonderful, and that really is the community theme. It's remarkable to get that support," she said.

The tribute night includes a chance to win door prizes, with donation offers from local businesses continuing to pour in. Anyone who can't attend the show but would like to contribute can send a cheque to Newman directly.

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MUSIC & MUNCH

Duo presents sublime program

March 4 recital at
All Saints

Lovers of classical music are in for a treat on Wednesday, March 4 when Music and Munch features accomplished Vancouver Island musicians Ann Mendenhall and Joanne Cowan.

Mendenhall, a pianist, grew up in Costa Rica, received her bachelor's degree in piano performance from Oberlin Conservatory and pursued her master's degree at the University of Victoria, studying with the late Dr. Robin Wood.

For as long as she can remember, Mendenhall has been passionately involved in both teaching and performing and in her role as president of the Cowichan Valley Music Teachers Association she has spearheaded many community outreach projects in an effort to further music education in all its aspects. It was through her position as artistic director for



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JOANNE
COWAN

the Chemainus classical concert series, which promotes live classical music, that her interest in Music and Munch was initiated.

Cowan is a Canadian violinist born in Montreal. She studied at the École Vincent D'Indy School of Music in Montreal before earning her bachelor of music degrees in education, performance and further degrees in music therapy leadership training.

Cowan has played in numerous orchestras across Canada and most currently is assistant concert master with the Sooke Philharmonic Orchestra directed by Norman Nelson.

The friendship between Cowan and Mendenhall began when they met shortly after moving to Vancouver Island from their respective parts of the world in the 1980s. Although always holding each other musically in high regard, it was in the spring of 2014 that they began working and playing together as Ascenduo.

They describe their collaboration as "a joyful opportunity to expand our musical skills while deepening our connections to some of the most sublime music ever written. This music speaks to our souls and we love sharing it with our listeners."

Wednesday's program includes the Sonata No.8 in G Major, Op.30 No.3 by Beethoven and Sonata No.1 in G Major, Op.78 by Brahms.

Free music begins at 12:10 p.m. followed by a delicious light lunch for which tickets must be purchased before the concert. All donations are gratefully received to further the music series.

LIVE PERFORMANCE

ArtSpring leaps forward



PHOTO BY MATHIAS BOTHOR

Award-winning pianist Jan Lisiecki performs at ArtSpring on March 3, part of a Spring Fling series of events.

Music and theatre events through March 7

ArtSpring is seeing February out with a bang and getting a head start on spring celebrations during the first week of March with a busy calendar of events set to thrill audiences.

Bob Bossin, one of B.C.'s best-known folk singers, comes to the island on Saturday, Feb. 28 with a one-man show of music, theatre and storytelling about his father, "Davy the Punk." The show centres on Davy Bossin's life in the gambling underworld of the 1930s and '40s — a life his son knew little about.

"Blocked by the rampant anti-semitism of the time, Davy Bossin blazed his own path in the gambling industry. The Attorney General of Ontario and the police doggedly pursued him from the late 1930s onwards," press material explains.

Bob Bossin has published poetry, nonfiction works including *Settling Clayoquot* (1981), and the play *Bossin's Home Remedy for Nuclear War* (1986). His memoir *Davy the Punk: A Story of*

ican-born fusionists Clay Ross and Rob Curto, Matuto builds on a foundation of an accordion/percussion-based folk style. The band has brought Salt Spring to its dancing feet on several occasions in the past, and looks forward to performing on the ArtSpring stage.

ArtSpring's own executive director Cicela Månsson will be the next artist on the roster with a concert on Friday, March 6. Månsson is a graduate of the Faculty of Music at McGill University and an accomplished colouratura soprano whose tastes range from musical theatre to jazz to classical repertoire. She also has a keen interest in choral music, but will devote this evening to a recital of songs from Gershwin, Bernstein, Donizetti and a variety of her favourite works.



CICELA MÁNSSON

One actor becomes six different musicians — each with his own distinctive voice, views and style — for *Six Guitars* on Saturday, March 7.

Chase Padgett becomes unique characters representing blues, jazz, rock, classical, folk and country genres, each of whom plays music, shares personal history and celebrates or skewers the other genres. Hilarious, charming and at times surprisingly poignant, *Six Guitars* has toured North America extensively since its premiere in 2010.

All shows listed above begin at 7:30 p.m., with a Garry Oaks wine tasting scheduled at 6:30 p.m. before the *Six Guitars* event. Tickets are available through ArtSpring's box office or at tickets/artspring.ca.

Bookies, Toronto the Good, the Mob and My Dad will be available for purchase at Saturday's event.

Then as March begins and spring can be glimpsed just around the corner, ArtSpring will offer a Spring Fling Festival with four exciting shows over five days. On Tuesday, March 3, *Gramophone Magazine's* prestigious Young Artist of the Year for 2013 will perform. Calgary-based pianist Jan Lisiecki was just 18 years old when he received the honour, and was the first artist from North America to win the award.

The young Lisiecki has already established himself as an extraordinary talent. He was a prize winner in seven international competitions and has released three highly acclaimed recordings including the Juno-nominated *Chopin Etudes*. Lisiecki plays solo recitals and with major orchestras around the world.

On Wednesday, March 4, the stage thrust will be down to make room for dancing when Matuto brings their wonderful blend of Brazilian forró, jazz and funk to the theatre. Based in New York City and fronted by Amer-

LIVE MUSIC

Purple City band tees it up

All-ages free show on Saturday night

On Saturday, Feb. 28, islanders and visitors alike will have a chance to see a band that loves live performance during a family-friendly night at the Clubhouse Bar and Grill.

Purple City is a musical combo that has existed in one form or another since 1985. It's made up of multi-instrumentalists Donovan Fox and J.J. Johnston, who became friends when they in Grade 7 in Peterborough, Ont.

The group's style has evolved considerably over the years and combines a diverse range of musical influences.

"Their original material, mostly penned by Donovan ... is difficult to pin down," explains press material. "Tinges of reggae, jazziness, old soul, folky funk and piano-driven boogie woogie can be heard interwoven through their songs. Donovan writes playful yet thought-provoking lyrics — he clearly can turn an entertaining phrase."

Purple City will play three sets between 6 and 9 p.m. The show is all ages and there is no cover charge.

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ACTIVITIES

Seniors Fall Prevention and Mobility Presentation.

Retired physiotherapist Lorna Wood presents a free talk at the Meadowbrook Lounge. 2 p.m.

Hearing and Hearing Health.

Workshop sponsored by Salt Spring Community Services Seniors' Wellness Program. There will also be hearing screening by NexGen Hearing. Please phone the Seniors Wellness Program office at 250-537-4607 or email program assistant Evelyn Smith at esmith@ssics.ca to pre-register. Seniors Wellness Centre. 1:30 p.m.

Salt Spring Garden Club Meeting.

Guest speaker is Gary Lewis of Phoenix Perennials in Richmond, speaking on the topic of Hot New Plants: Cutting-Edge Garden Plants for Cutting-Edge Gardens. Meaden Hall. 7 p.m.

Wednesday Night Poker.

Hosted by Albert at The Local Pub. Sign-up at 6:30 p.m., games at 7.

Extended Library Hours.

SS Public Library is open until 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings through April.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Mic with Ross and Dave.

Every Thursday. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Stay & Play Drop-In.

A drop-in program for parents and caregivers and their children aged 0-6. Family Place. 12:30 p.m.

Book Club Meeting.

In Falling Snow by Mary-Rose MacColl is this month's book to discuss at the open-to-all library-run book club that meets on the fourth Thursday of each month. SS Public Library. 1 p.m.

National Theatre Live: Skylight.

See Cinema, below, for description. Shows at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at The Fritz Movie Theatre.

Saltspring Improv Workshop.

Fun improv games every Thursday night at GISS Room 208. Everyone aged 15 and up is welcome. No experience necessary. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Unfringed. The first annual tour of plays by Gulf Islands writers and directors: The Worst Thing; Western Music in the Meringue; A Shaggy Cow Story; The Audition. Mahon Hall. 7:30 p.m., with doors open at 7 p.m.

Marianne Grittani. Live music at The Local. 5 p.m. on.

Virtual Elvis. Elvis tribute performer Scott MacDonald performs at the Legion. For Legion members and guests. 7:30 p.m.

Never Never Band. Live at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

ACTIVITIES

Games Night. An evening of board games and other interactive games facilitated by Bryan Dubien every Friday. SS Library. 6 p.m.

Stay & Play Drop-In. A drop-in for parents and caregivers and their children aged 0-6. Family Place. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Info: 250-537-9176.

StoryTime. Free, interactive program for children and families of all ages — particularly suited to ages 3 to 6 — runs every Friday morning in the children's area of the library from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Gordon Neufeld - Development Approach Parenting Expert. Co-author of Hold on to Your Kids speaks at SD64 Pro-D day at ArtSpring in two sessions. 9 a.m. to noon, and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Pre-register with cboland@sd64.bc.ca

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

March of Fools. Annual costume ball featuring Ruwadzano Marimba Band, plus pizza sales and prizes. Fundraiser for Stagecoach Theatre School. Salt Spring Elementary Gymnasium. 5 to 9 p.m.

Unfringed. The first annual tour of plays by Gulf Islands writers and directors: The Worst Thing; Western Music in the Meringue; A Shaggy Cow Story; The Audition. Mahon Hall. 7:30 p.m., with doors open at 7 p.m.

Songs & Stories of Davy the Punk. An evening of music, storytelling and theatre about performer Bob Bossin's father and about the era in which he lived. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

Purple City. Free live original/cover band presents an all-ages event at the Clubhouse Bar & Grill at the golf club. 6 to 9 p.m.

The Coalition. Live at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

ACTIVITIES

Dad n' Me Pancake Breakfast.

Free pancake breakfast and drop-in program for dads and other male caregivers and their children aged 0-6. Family Place. 8:30 a.m.

Pickleball. Saturdays at Salt Spring Elementary School gym. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Send Sue to NYC Tribute + Fundraiser.

Multi-performer tribute and fundraiser to fund a trip to New York City for island singer, dancer and peace lover Sue Newman. Moby's Pub. 6 to 9:30 p.m.

Marianne Grittani Trio. With special guest at the Salt Spring Inn. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Rollerblading.

All ages. Many sets of blades available for use. Fulford Hall. 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Pickleball.

Every Sunday at Fulford Hall. 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Red Court Tennis.

Indoors at Centre Court every Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. Info: Laura Moore, 250-537-0721.

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ACTIVITIES

MLA Gary Holman Community Office Hours.

Constituents can meet with Gary Holman at the SS Public Library from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 1-855-955-5711 for an appointment.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Jan Lisiecki in Concert.

Pianist Jan Lisiecki, winner of Gramophone Magazine's prestigious Young Artist of the Year award in 2013, performs at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Bees 101 Public Evening.

First evening of at-capacity beekeeping course includes film screening of Queen of the Sun and is open to the public. SS Library Program Room. 6:30 p.m.

Stay & Play Drop-In.

A drop-in program for parents and caregivers of children aged 0-6. Family Place. 12 to 3 p.m.

ToddlerTime. Thirty minutes of stories, rhymes and simple activities best suited for children aged 3 and under runs at the SS Public Library at 2 p.m.

Pickleball.

Tuesdays at Fulford Hall from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Matuto. New York City-based group features violin, guitar, accordion, bass, drums, and various Brazilian percussion instruments. Great dance band. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

Music & Munch. Recital of music from Joanna Cowan, violin, and Ann Mendenhall, piano. Followed by lunch prepared by the Anglican Caterers. All Saints' By-the-Sea. 12:10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Tea at Two Fundraiser for SS Literacy.

With guest author Kathy Page. Enjoy tea and treats at Hastings House Country House Hotel, readings and discussion, and tea-leaf reading with Carol Spencer. 2 p.m. Reserve tickets by calling 250-537-9717 or emailing info@salspringliteracy.org. **SongJam.** See last Wednesday's listing. **Wednesday Night Poker.** See last Wednesday's listing. **Extended Library Hours.** See last Wednesday's listing.

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- National Theatre Live: Skylight** — Thursday, Feb. 26, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. shows only. On a cold London evening, schoolteacher Kyra Hollis receives an unexpected visit from her former lover, Tom Sergeant, whose wife has recently died. They attempt to rekindle their relationship only to find themselves locked in a battle of opposing ideologies and mutual desires. Starring Bill Nighy and Carey Mulligan. Advance tickets at Salt Spring Books.

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EXHIBITIONS

- Salt Spring Gallery** (formerly Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art) has reopened for the season with its **Art from the Heart** exhibition.
- A special exhibition of **Bill Brownridge's** artwork is on the walls of the **Fernwood Road Café** until March 14.
- Members of the **Salt Spring Painters Guild** display new work in the **ArtSpring lobby** through February. The life drawing group will also present some of their works.
- Interpretive photographs by **David Borrowman, Eric Klemm, Sam Lightman** and **Theresa Mackey** of the Standing Babas, a sculptural installation by Salt Spring's **Ron Crawford**, are on display in the **library program room** through February.
- Julianna Slomka's** artwork is on exhibit at **Salt Spring Coffee Co. Cafe** in Ganges.
- Bev Lillyman** shows paintings in the **Harbour House Hotel** through February.
- Heidi Van Impe's** oil paintings are on display at **Island Savings**.
- Julianna Paul's** photography is hanging at **Penny's Pantry**.
- Nicola Wheston's 'Stuff'** paintings and **Michael Dennis' 7 Figures** in yellow cedar are featured at **Duthie Gallery** on Churchill Road. The gallery is open by appointment (250-537-9606) till February. Sculpture park open daily.

SS FILM FEST

South African films highlighted at festival

Miners Shot Down and Soft Vengeance

BY MAGGIE ZIEGLER
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The Salt Spring Film Festival has a long history of presenting high-quality documentary films telling important international stories.

This year's festival, on the weekend of March 6 to 8, is no exception. Amongst the global offerings are two outstanding and very different films that take us deep into South Africa. *Soft Vengeance* is a stunning biography of a man who almost gave his life in the fight against apartheid and then played a critical role in creating the new society; while the other film, *Miners Shot Down*, reveals deep threats and cracks in South Africa's fragile democracy.

Soft Vengeance is the story of Albie Sachs, a freedom fighter and lawyer, who spent time in solitary

confinement in a Cape Town prison for his anti-apartheid activities. Later, after exile to Mozambique, he lost an arm and the vision in one eye in a car-bomb explosion planned by South African security forces.

While recovering in hospital, he said, "I received a note saying, 'don't worry, we will avenge you.' Avenge me? We're going to chop off arms? We're going to blind people? Where's that going to get us? But if we get democracy in South Africa, if we get freedom, that will be my soft vengeance."

Albie Sachs got his vengeance: He became one of the architects of the new non-racial constitution and was chosen by Nelson Mandela to serve on the new Constitutional Court. And eventually, he came face to face with the man who authorized that car bombing. His fierce humanity, his compassion and his deep understanding of reconciliation shine through

this remarkable film that explores Sachs' life while taking us on a journey through the struggles that led to the creation of the new South Africa.

The young democracy for which Sachs gave so much went into shock one momentous day in August 2012. Police officers used live ammunition against unarmed platinum mine workers striking for better conditions. Thirty-four died that day and many more were wounded in the first massacre in post-apartheid South Africa. *Miners Shot Down* tells this story, starting with footage of that fatal day and then taking us back day by day during the week that led up to the shooting. At the same time, the film explores the official inquiry charged with making sense of what had happened. A nasty and shocking web of collusion is revealed and the struggle for justice for the miners and their families continues to this day.

Cover-up, lies and justifications. The police, for example, insisted that they were only doing the best of "responsible policing." Yet the miners were not occupying the mine or a public road; they were only refusing to work until their demands were met. They were a threat only to those who profited from the miners' miserable employment conditions and to those aligned with them. This powerful movie reminds all of us that freedoms must be vigilantly watched over, wherever we are.

Soft Vengeance and *Miners Shot Down* should be high on any film festival-goers list of must-sees. Two different stories, two mirrors on one society. Two exceptionally well-made films.

Weekend passes for the festival are now on sale at the ArtSpring Ticket Centre. They may also be bought at the door along with day passes. Subsidized tickets are available at Community Services.

WRITING

Local author wins literary fiction prize

Carrie Cogan comes out from 'undercover'

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring writer Carrie Cogan is the grand prize winner of the 2015 Tennessee Williams/New Orleans Literary Festival's fiction contest.

The honour includes a \$1,500 cash prize and publication of her winning story in Louisiana Literature, but what Cogan is most excited about is the trip to New Orleans to attend the festival in person at the end of March. In return she'll have to give a reading and answer questions about her writing in front of an audience — something she's not too comfortable with even on a one-to-one basis.

"If I was better at talking I wouldn't be a writer," Cogan said during a recent coffee meeting. But the trip, which includes a VIP festival pass and accommodations in the French Quarter's Hotel Monteleone, makes it all worthwhile.

"I used to live in New Orleans from 1999 to 2001 and I've always wanted to go back," Cogan said. "I had wonderful years living there and I dream about it a lot. A trip to New Orleans is the best prize I can imagine winning."

The chance to win such a return trip is what convinced her to submit a piece to this particular contest. As someone whose second child just entered kindergarten, she's only now re-entering her life as a writer after being submerged in motherhood for the past eight years.

"Having the imagination [required] is hard when there are so many practicalities to attend to," she observed.

Cogan attended Vassar College and holds an MFA in Writing from Vermont College of Fine Arts. Being a writer in any location is isolating by nature. One of the reasons Cogan decided to do her MFA was to enter a community of other writers who were engaged in similar work. She is still in contact with some members who she trusts to look over her writing. She is also part of a writers' group with three other people on Salt Spring that meets every few months.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Salt Spring author Carrie Cogan.

"I don't think writing can be taught, but I do think that writers who have been writing for a long time or who have been successful at it have wisdom to share," she said.

A past recipient of the Katherine Anne Porter Prize for Fiction, her winning story for the Tennessee Williams contest is called *Birds of Paradise*. It is set in Hawaii, where Cogan worked as a nanny at one time in her life.

"Most of my stories are about people fighting their hearts — this is about someone fighting her heart in the beautiful tropical setting of Hawaii," she explained.

Cogan, who is a big fan of Tennessee Williams' stories and plays, said she supposes she chose that story to submit "because it contains a passionate fugitive of sorts, as so much of his work does."

"I just wish Mr. Williams was going to be at the festival," she said. "But with so many of his plays being shown and talks about him ongoing and even his artwork on display — maybe he will show up, in a sense."

Cogan is currently working on a novel and a nonfiction book about the people who have disappeared from her life, starting in childhood. Some entries are short passages and some go on for pages.

"I've lived in so many places, it's kind of a way of getting it all down so it's not haunting me. And it's a way of revisiting people and places I've loved," she said.

Local readers may have seen Cogan's reflection on living in the Gulf Islands when it appeared in the online literary magazine *Numéro Cinq* a few years back. If not, they should look it up. Cogan's viewpoint as an outsider coming to terms with a new landscape while also adjusting to family life as a wife and mother holds pleasures far beyond moments of recognition for those living similar lives. She deftly arranges language that is capable of producing laughs, moments of quiet respect and even a few tears.

It may seem strange that someone with these abilities has been able to escape attention on an island where artistic ability is elevated to the highest of all desirable traits. This has suited Cogan fine, though, as it has given her the space she prefers as an observer of human life. Not surprisingly, much of what she sees ends up in her work.

"I have always liked to be undercover, because I find people reveal themselves to you more if you can spy on them and not be spied on," she said, accepting with a laugh that her cover is now blown.

"I find living on Salt Spring is great from an eavesdropping stand-point. People share more here, so you can collect more than you would other places," she added.

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Five more Changemakers ready to receive awards

Last week's issue of the Driftwood featured five of 15 Gulf Islands girls and women aged 39 or under who have been nominated for 2015 SWOVA Changemaker awards. Five more nominees are featured below. Changemaker awards will be given out at a March 7 evening to mark International Women's Day. The event is already sold out.

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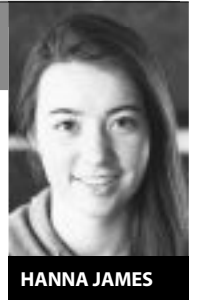
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Throughout her high school years, Hannah James has demonstrated her passions for the environment, academics, athletics and leadership. In order to follow a unique opportunity, Hannah has taken a gap year from high school to participate in a two-week climate-science program transiting the Northwest Passage on Canada's CCGS Amundsen icebreaker. This opportunity, earned by only a handful of secondary students, allowed her to witness first-hand the Arctic and to understand the science and politics of climate change. She followed up this trip with at least 10 school presentations on Vancouver Island, in both official languages.



HANNA JAMES

Recently she has returned from Bolivia and Ecuador, including a week in the headwaters of the Amazon with the Sapara, who face pressures from westernization and "big oil."

As an athlete, Hannah plays with a Vancouver Island elite-level soccer team. On top of this, Hannah has been a very strong academic student — winner of multiple scholarships and awards at her high school. She is a national finalist for the prestigious \$100,000 Canadian Loran award.

This significant young Changemaker says she is concentrating her leadership efforts on her athletics, where she shows how to lead, how to be part of a team and how to be emotionally strong as a group.

"My goal is to encourage girls to expand their personal strengths and cooperation through sport."



KELSEY MECH

Kelsey Mech is the national director of the Canadian Youth Climate Coalition (CYCC), centred in Victoria. She was raised on Salt Spring and attended GISS and now has a degree in Biology and Environmental Studies from the University of Victoria. She served as chairperson of the UVic Students' Society and helped launch the initiative to pressure UVic to divest its oil company stocks. Through the work of the CYCC, nearly 30 other fossil fuel divestment campaigns have been launched at universities across Canada. Kelsey is a bright, dynamic Changemaker fiercely committed to creating the change that climate change is calling for.

Kelsey recently returned from the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Peru, where she worked with the Canadian team and other young leaders from all over the world. The team will carry on at the UN Climate Change Conference in Paris this coming December. Kelsey also collaborated with other Canadian youth at the recent climate action march in New York City — the largest NYC march ever, calling for action on climate change.

She also hopes to mobilize youth to make climate change a key issue in the upcoming federal election.

Kelsey serves as a board member for RAVEN, an aboriginal initiative supporting First Nations' litigation to halt unsustainable resource extraction.

Nominated by the girls from the Pass It On Program at GISS, Kate Nash is the program's facilitator.

"Kate Nash is one of the most inspiring and empowering people I have met in my life so far," says one of her nominators.

The program creates a sanctuary for high school and middle school students to debrief from the stresses of their lives and gives an opportunity for the participants to "get real with one another." One of the many important life lessons Kate has communicated is that the best thing to be is yourself; all the money in the world will never really make you wealthy.

Her constant contentment with life and the obstacles it throws at her makes her a huge inspiration for the women and men around her. Anyone who has met Kate knows how goofy, intelligent, real and full of love and happiness she is. Kate radiates love and beauty to everyone she meets, and touches their souls. Her impact changes lives.



KATE NASH



GENEVIEVE PRICE

Genevieve Price, in her 30s, is a stalwart supporter of the Salt Spring community and gives time, energy and commitment to many endeavours that support community initiatives. She is very generous at including and mentoring others.

"I would describe her as an "encourager," says her nominator.

She balances children and work demands, is supportive and calm in "crisis" moments, is patient when family concerns must take precedence. She understands the importance of bidding one's time, not giving up and returning to her goals as soon as possible.

A self-starter, she created and leads a cleaning business, is currently newly employed at Island Savings, is part owner of the Fishbowl magazine and has a "green" business underway.

Her service on the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce board ensures principled outcomes to many aspects of her community service model, and she is instrumental in encouraging wellness community activities.



ERINANNE HARPER

Erinanne Harper has been a Salt Spring resident for more than 10 years and in that time has inspired many people around her and proved herself a significant Changemaker in the world of food growers.

She WWOOFed at Duck Creek Farm for a number of years, worked on the seed-saving

project with Dan Jason, and is a founding member of Imaginelle and the Dance Temple movement. An active member of Island Natural Growers, she has been responsible for most of the events associated with Seedy Saturday, teaches a certified permaculture course with Brandon Bauer, organized the "Abundance Festival" at Golden Tree Farm and participates in extensive indoor and outdoor growing at her home at Lee Road Community Farm.

Erinanne has published a much respected "zine" on "sacred economics" and is somewhat of an expert on the work of Charles Eisenstein.

This summer, in collaboration with Naomi Jason and James Cowan, she is facilitating a big, multi-faceted free eco-oriented festival on Salt Spring.

TRAIL & NATURE CLUB

March schedule full for hikers, ramblers and walkers

Hikers

March 3: Nora Layard leads a moderate-to-strenuous hike on Hope Hill trails. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join at Drummond Park at 10 a.m.

March 10: Andrea will be leading a hike from the Swartz Bay ferry terminal to Horth Hill Park. It's a pleasant, easy hike, along well-used trails with ups and downs and some exploration. We may encounter some puddles and mud. Meet at ArtSpring at 9 a.m. to carpool to Fulford where the cars will be parked. Walk on the 9:50 a.m. ferry. Returning on the 3 p.m. ferry.

March 17: Gale Buffett will lead a moderate hike on a variety of trails starting with the loop trail at Peter Arnell Park. We will con-

tinue along the connector trail to Bryant Hill Park, around the Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve and back along the connector to Stewart Road access. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join at 10 a.m. at Peter Arnell Park on Stewart Road.

March 24: Kees Visser leads a strenuous hike from Burgoyne Bay along the boulders and mine shafts up to the rim of Mount Maxwell, returning via the new Girlfriend Trail. Leave from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at Burgoyne Bay at 10 a.m.

March 31: Lynn Thompson will lead a moderate hike in the area of the summits of Mount Bruce and Mount Sullivan. Meet to carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10 a.m.

Walkers

March 3: Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or Ruckle Park at 10:20 a.m. and pick a leader.

March 10: Donna and Paul Way will lead the daffodil walk in Burgoyne Bay. Meet at ArtSpring parking lot to carpool at 10 a.m. or at Burgoyne Bay parking lot at 10:15 a.m. A relatively easy walk with some hilly sections.

March 17: Fred Powell will lead a moderate walk from Sir Echos Way in Channel Ridge. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or Sir Echos Way and Sunset Drive at 10:15 a.m.

March 24: John Heddle will lead us on a moderate hike of the Jack Foster Trail. Stairs to the beach are in place, but there is a section of large boulders to go over on the beach that may be slippery, so wear good

footwear. We will meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. and carpool.

March 31: Lorrie Storr leads another beach walk along Walker Hook Road. Think of footwear for wet and slippery conditions. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or Fernwood Dock at 10:15 a.m.

Ramblers

March 3: Ramble with Terry Ison on North Beach Road. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. to carpool. Lunch at Fernwood Road Cafe.

March 10: Enjoy a ramble with Mickey Lyytikainen along Churchill Road. Meet at 10 a.m. at Centennial Park. Bring a bag lunch to enjoy on the beach, weather permitting.

March 17: Marilyn and Bill Harding will take us as foot passengers to Crofton. Details will be updated on

the club website.

March 24: A ramble in the Booth Canal area led by Kathy Darling. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. to carpool. Lunch spot to be decided by members.

March 31: Off-island ramble with Frauke Prystawik to explore the Pacific Horticulture Centre in Saanichton. Details will be updated on the club website.

New Members

Interested in joining us? Contact Barry Spence (membership) at 250-537-2332 or Niekie Visser (president) at 250-537-5443, or come on Tuesdays to the meeting point for the activity you are interested in. Participants need to bring a lunch and wear appropriate footwear and outdoor clothing.

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JAN MACPHERSON

How you live in a house, is not how you present a house! "Less Is More!" Thinking strategically means creating inviting space in your home for the potential buyer with fewer furnishings and uncluttered surfaces specifically bookcases and kitchen counter tops. Consider renting a storage space, or prepacking and storing belongings in basement not used everyday.

No need to delay listing your house if you have a few things "to do". Time is needed to create marketing brochures while you start your "Honey Dew List". When one party sees your home, they are not the entire market. There are fewer houses for sale "sooner" (hence less competition), since supply expands greatly in springtime.

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It's a Conversation with your Customers



ELENA DUNN

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The contract part involves meeting the expectations set by your "conversations." In a nutshell, did you deliver what you said you would? Is the product as good as you promised? Was the service? Did the customer experience meet the expectations created by you?

Businesses in this area operate in a very competitive market that includes all the Gulf Islands, Vancouver Island and to a lesser extent, the Lower Mainland. It's really all one market. To stay on top, it's important to manage every aspect of your conversations with your customers.



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ECOLOGY

Quiet times help natural world thrive

Hibernation, bird naps, emptying the gut

BY BOB WEEDEN
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

On television wild animals are forever busy. Ants hoist edible burdens 10 times their weight. Boas strangle struggling deer. Sharks open jaws like the gates of Hell, bent either on murder or dental care. Wolves hamstring elk, fawns suckle feverishly — you get the picture.

In real life, animals spend a lot of time doing nothing. I've sat while a wolf snored on the ledge below, and watched eagles watching me for long enough to get bored. I should check my calendar. Maybe this is the seventh day of genesis.

Annie Dillard, watcher of the world and wondrous writer, once detailed the inaction of a young muskrat. "Its forelegs were folded languorously across its chest; the sun shone on its upturned belly. Its youthfulness and rodent grin, coupled with its ridiculous method of locomotion, which consisted of a lazy wag of its tail assisted by an occasional dabble of webbed hind foot, made it an enchanting picture of decadence, dissipation and sloth."

The muskrat was busy rebuilding neurons, scientists tell us. Shakespeare's Hamlet set them on the trail five centuries ago when he wished for "sleep that knits up the ravell'd sleeve of care."

Up to 25 per cent of our average day's energy requirements go to the brain. Tiny spines on nerve ends, used to speed impulse transmission, have to be rebuilt. Toxins



released during brainwork need to be deactivated and cleared away. Sleep does it. It helps you

remember better, learn better and perform better. Sleep reduces the risk of Alzheimer's disease. Naps during midday — are you listening, boss? — raise productivity.

Though sea birds don't tax their brains by weighing bosons or remembering the last hockey goal by the Maple Leafs, they do have to sleep. That's a bit tricky for a bird that may fly non-stop over oceans for months or even years. They do it by sleeping with one eye open. Their brains are strongly divided into hemispheres. One half can be going full out while the other snoozes.

Another benefit of doing nothing is avoiding tough times. A common example is hibernation, lowering metabolic rates to rock bottom and curling up for the winter. The mammal stocks up on high-energy foods, stores it as fat, finds a spot that has the least temperature range possible, and hopes for deep snow.

The Anna's hummingbirds visiting our feeder this February go into a voluntary torpor at the start of a cold night. "Shazzam!" or some such signal sends body temperature plummeting. Everything shuts down

to a point just livelier than death. This trick saves up to 95 per cent of normal energy needs, which are huge in this hyperactive bird that has no insulating down. By letting hummers survive much farther north, this adaptation also saves the risk and energy costs of migration.

Hummingbirds have an alarm clock that rings an hour or two before dawn. After about 20 minutes of shivering, the bird warms up, only to drop into normal sleep. Brain repairs, shut down during torpor, do their healing.

Few local insects migrate south. They must either avoid or tolerate frost damage. One way of avoiding tissue damage is to get rid of anything that serves as a nucleus for ice crystals, allowing clear water to super cool. Some insects clear the gut before cold weather, or even shed the mid gut entirely. Others make chemicals like glycerol to lower the freezing point of cellular water. Frost-tolerant insects like our woolly bear caterpillar actually manage where and when ice forms in its body, letting it happen where damage is small.

Maybe there's another way to look at it. Perhaps, for animals, quiet times are rewards for being well adapted. As for us, imagine nature as an ocean and culture as a cruise ship. You just won a mystery voyage. You don't know where you are going or whether you'll like it there, but for now you've got a drink and a lounge chair. Not to worry!

Andrew Smart just wrote a book called *Autopilot: The Art And Science Of Doing Nothing*. I'll read it as soon as I find time.

GARDENING

Phoenix owner at club night

Get-together tonight at Meaden Hall

Salt Spring Island Garden Club welcomes current members and those who would like to find out more about the club when it meets tonight (Feb. 25) at Meaden Hall.


Guest speaker is Gary Lewis, owner of Phoenix Perennials in Richmond, who will talk on Hot New Plants: Cutting-Edge Garden Plants for Cutting-Edge Gardens.

Lewis is no stranger to Salt Spring. He's a lively, enthusiastic and knowledgeable speaker and Phoenix Perennials is among the first nurseries in Canada to offer new cultivars developed by the best international breeders.

Lewis will give the inside track on new cutting-edge garden plants, talk about where plant breeding is heading in the future and have some of his plants for sale.

Garden club meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at Meaden Hall.

Drop-ins are most welcome to attend for a nominal fee, or annual memberships can be purchased and then the meetings are free.



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A second Open House is planned for Tuesday, March 17th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Location to be announced.
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CHARITY

Not wanted: rodents, dead or alive

Thrift Shop shares 'good, bad, ugly and strange' list

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary volunteers encounter all sorts of items in the piles of donations given to the Thrift Shop.

What has been dubbed the "latest treasure," though, is among the most memorable. It was a metal box rat trap, complete with a fully desiccated rat inside.

The find prompted volunteer Jackie Jensen to give the Driftwood a list of "the good, the bad, the ugly and the downright strange" received by herself and others while sorting through donations in the last 20 years.

- Credit cards
- Social insurance number cards
- Loyalty cards
- I.D. cards
- Birth certificates
- Citizenship certificates
- Court enforcement documents
- Passport
- Money! (\$240 is the most found in one bunch, so far)
- Valid prescription for Viagra (in inner pocket of man's sport coat)
- Hash pipes
- Dentures and partials
- Condoms — both new and used (yuck)
- Feminine hygiene pads — used (yuck again)



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

A rat trap with the dried-up remains of its final victim still inside, which greeted Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop volunteers last week.

- Gay porn video left in DVD player
- Cell phones with all personal data un-erased
- Computers — ditto
- Designer clothing — Simon Chang, Dior, etc.
- Pair of Prada shoes with very high heels, size 11, hot pink and black. These were included in a box full of many pairs of shoes, all designer and size 11
- Stash of gold jewellery in an old sewing machine
- Coffee pots with mouldy grounds and filter left inside

- Dirty diapers
- Soiled sheets

People wanting to give donations to the Thrift Shop are reminded to sort through them carefully and bring only clean, sellable items in good condition. Check for the list of things the store cannot accept, which is displayed prominently in the window, and please do not leave donations outside. They must be brought to the store when it is open only, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

FUNDRAISER

Literacy tea hosts Page

At Hastings House

Fans of literature, tea and fancy treats won't want to miss a Salt Spring Literacy fundraiser set for next Wednesday, March 4.

Hastings House Country House Hotel has offered its lovely veranda room, legendary service and creations of pastry chef Rosemary Harbrecht for the event, which will also include readings and a discussion of literacy and books with acclaimed author Kathy Page.

Her latest work, the short-story collection *Paradise & Elsewhere*, continues to collect accolades. Not only was it a 2014 Giller Prize nominee, but it made the CBC's Best Books of 2014 list and was a 2015 Bookie Awards finalist.

Page's novel *Alphabet* — in which literacy is a primary theme — was a Governor General's Literary Award finalist. An earlier novel, *The Story of My Face*, was also shortlisted for the prestigious Orange Prize for Fiction when she lived in the U.K.

Attendees at the event, which begins at 2 p.m., will also have a chance for a tea-leaf reading with Carol Spencer, for a donation to the literacy group.

For more information and to reserve a seat, contact the Salt Spring Literacy Centre at 250-537-9717 or info@saltspringliteracy.org, or drop into the centre at 126 Heredford Ave., Tuesday through Friday afternoons.



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Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee would like to invite you to attend a public hearing beginning at 5:30 p.m., on March 5, 2015 at the Hart Bradley Hall, 103 Bonnet Avenue, Salt Spring Island to hear your views regarding Proposed Bylaw No. 479.

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

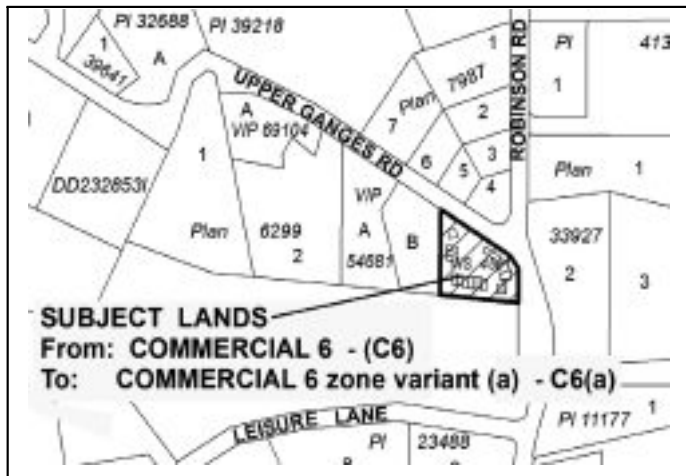
Planner Kristin Aasen will be available at the Hart Bradley Hall from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to provide information about the bylaw and to answer any questions.

What is the Proposed Bylaw about?

Proposed Bylaw No. 479 – cited as “Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw, 1999, Amendment No. 3, 2014” (315 Upper Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island - Application SS-RZ-2014.1)

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 479 is to amend the Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw No. 355 by adding a new Commercial 6 Zone Variation (a) – C6(a) on the lands illustrated below.

The new Commercial 6 Zone Variation (a) would permit new uses on the property, and remove other uses, as well as add new regulations.



How do I get more Information?

A copy of the proposed bylaw and other relevant background documents may be inspected at the Islands Trust Salt Spring Office at 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, from February 16, 2015 to March 4, 2015.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2) of the *Local Government Act*, Proposed Bylaw No. 479 may also be viewed on the Islands Trust website (www.islandstrust.bc.ca) under “Islands”, “Local Trust Areas”, “Salt Spring”, “Bylaws”, “Bylaw 355” under “Bylaw Amendments”.



Enquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to Planner Kristin Aasen at 250-538-5611. For toll free access, request a transfer via Service BC: in Vancouver 604 660-2421, in Victoria 250 387-6121, and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

How do I Provide a Written Submission?

Mail or in person to: Islands Trust, 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC. V8K 2N8 (prior to March 5, 2015)
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On March 5, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lion's Hall, 103 Bonnet Ave., SSI
At the Public Hearing on March 5, 2015 commencing at 5:30 p.m. at the Lion's Hall, 103 Bonnet Avenue, SSI

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

NO WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS OR ORAL REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Claire Olivier
Deputy Secretary



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

FEATHERED FRIEND: Annabelle Morris makes friends with a chicken at annual Maple Syrup Day, held at the Harbour House Organic Farm on Sunday.

WATER FAIR

Kids art part of Water Fair

March event features something for everyone

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Amidst display booths, musical acts, rain-harvesting ideas and great food, a unique art project will give participants at next month's Water Fair the chance to learn what water means to some of the island's youngest residents.

Students from kindergarten through Grade 6 have been busily exploring this year's theme with markers, crayons, pencils and fabric for the inaugural children's art poster design contest.

Shannon Cowan, who launched the project in January, picked up 90 entries from students at Fernwood elementary, Salt Spring Centre School, Fulford elementary and the middle school earlier this month.

As coordinator of the Salt Spring Island Watershed Pro-

tection Authority, Cowan is determined to spread awareness about water conservation among people of all ages.

“Many of our island's children and youth are actively involved in observing, measuring and experiencing the importance of water awareness, and what constitutes healthy watershed living skills, through classroom and outdoor learning projects,” Cowan said in an email. “We thought the most engaging way to draw on their learning was to invite them to express that awareness through art.”

Art contest entries will be displayed at the event. Judges will select winners in three categories: kindergarten to Grade 2, grades 3 to 5 and grades 6 to 8.

The art contest is one of many kids-zone events, along with dancing, puppetry, a storytelling salmon, poetry wall, face painting and a water creatures dress-up kids parade.

Kids-zone activities are part of a weekend of water-

themed festivities held in conjunction with World Water Day. A tour of island rainwater catchment systems takes place between noon and 4 p.m. on March 21. Other Water Fair events are scheduled for the Farmers' Institute between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 22.

The Water Fair is free and organized by SSIWPA in cooperation with the Salt Spring Island Water Council, Water Preservation Society, the Fernwood and Highland Water Service Area's board of directors, Salt Spring Island Conservancy and the Cusheon Lake Stewardship Committee.

Anyone who wants to volunteer for the event can contact Maxine Leichter at ssiwps@gmail.com or 250-537-1577.

Look for more Driftwood articles about Water Fair events and initiatives in the weeks to come. More information is available at www.ssiwatercouncil.com or www.ssiwatersheds.ca.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Laundry-Retallack duo on top

Bridge players compared to onion-eating families

BY JILL EVANS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Feb. 9 was B.C.'s Family Day stat holiday, out of step with the rest of North America where holidays are the next week. It's a bit like that old riddle — “What goes 99 clump? A centipede with a wooden leg.”

Nevertheless, there were four full tables for bridge — maybe a few missing out because of visiting relatives. George Laundry and Paul Retallack were the winners, with Liz and Oleh Mycyk in second place and Blanche Poborsa with Patricia Brown close behind.

Five full tables showed up on the “Rest of Canada Family” and U.S. Presidents' Day holidays. One Charles Dudley Warner (Mark

Twain's pal) observed “Happy is said to be the family which can eat onions together. They are, for the time being, separate, from the world, and have a harmony of aspiration.” This could apply to the family of duplicate enthusiasts who isolate themselves for an evening and aspire to the sweet smell of success rather than the tears of defeat.

Most successful on this occasion was the Laundry-Retallack pair, closely followed by Ian Thomas and Zelly Taylor. There was a tie for third place between the Mycyks and the Poborsa-Brown partnership, and the fourth spot went to Vic Parks and Peter Robinson. The rest wiped their eyes and resolved to do better next time.

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A Memorial Tea/Celebration of Life will be held at the Brinkworthy Clubhouse on Saturday, February 28, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.



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BUZZ FOR BEES:

From left, David MacDonald, Bees 101 scholarship winner Tali Hamel and Wendi Gilson get ready for an at-capacity spring beekeeping course that begins on Tuesday. Taught by Gilson and MacDonald and sponsored by the Salt Spring Public Library, the program is a fundraiser for Hives for Haiti. The opening night session is open to the public, although space may be limited.

FUNDRAISER

Scrabblers lay tiles for 7th year

Boards heat up for March 10-14 events

In support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation, the Salt Spring Grand(m) others to Grandmothers Group is sponsoring its seventh annual Scrabble Fundraiser in March to help turn the tide of HIV/AIDS in Africa.

Recreational and competitive Scrabble players are invited to participate in games on March 10-11 at the Salt Spring Inn and final games and a silent auction on March 14 at the Clubhouse Bar and Grill at the Salt Spring Golf Club.

There are several ways to play and donate. People can get pledges, pay to play, donate online or, if they can't get out to a game, the Grandmothers suggest invit-

ing some friends in for a private event. Charitable tax receipts are available. A great success last year, over \$10,000 was raised to support African grandmothers who have buried their own children and are courageously raising orphaned grandchildren. In 15 sub-Saharan countries, over 300 projects funded by the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign provides funds for

food, school fees and uniforms, income-generating projects, counselling and social support, and rebuilding their communities.

The Scrabble fundraiser helps as well to raise the profile of the local grandmothers group and new members are heartily welcomed. Gentlemen and non-grandmothers can also join.

For more information, phone 250-653-9406.

FAITH

Island women join in prayer event

Our Lady of Grace service honours international practice

The women of the Bahamas and Salt Spring Island invite the community to join them in this year's World Day of Prayer next Friday, March 6.

"Showing genuine interest in

others is a positive step forward in maintaining unity among believers and out to the community," explains a press release about the event, which celebrates Bahaman culture and history.

"The sound of the ocean breeze, of Junkanoo, of rake 'n' scrape and the beat of the goombay drum leave us poised to listen for more. The women of The Bahamas have stories to tell. Their stories begin

with a question: Jesus said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you?'"

The World Day of Prayer sees Christians in more than 170 countries around the world and in 2,000 communities across Canada gather to pray and act in solidarity with the people of The Bahamas.

The local World Day of Prayer service is at Our Lady of Grace Church on March 6 at 1:30 p.m.

Spirit of Salt Spring



From left, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92 president Jay Small, Salt Spring Community Services executive director Rob Grant and Dionne Bemis of Country Grocer mark the successful conclusion of a \$12,000 fundraising campaign for the In From the Cold shelter. The Legion donated \$3,000, another \$3,000 came from an anonymous donor and Country Grocer provided matching funds of \$6,000.

The Spirit of Salt Spring is a regular feature in the Driftwood for local businesses and organizations to publicize charitable donations. First-come, first-served basis as space permits. CALL GAIL SJUBERG FOR DETAILS.

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This Week's Horoscope

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TIP OF THE WEEK:

Last week's New Moon marked the Chinese Year of the Goat, Sheep or Ram, yes all three. This totem in particular out of the twelve Chinese totems is expressed in not one but three ways. The Goat image reveals a tenacious, steadfast, surefooted, ambitious, and determined and control oriented theme and shares resonance with Capricorn. It has also long been associated with the devil and evil in western mythology based on rejection of pagan beliefs and the god pan often depicted as the half-man and half-goat personage. It is not evil per se, but the human imagination can do a lot with associated symbolism according to their goals, beliefs and prejudices. The image of the Sheep is perhaps the more common expression. It denotes a soft, sweet, gentle, pliable, innocent and overall affectionate disposition. On the other hand, it is also associated with a character that is gullible, naive, unaware, easily led and basically a follower. Some cynically refer to the masses as the 'sheeple' with this theme of gullibility accented. These are both in contrast to the Ram which is the brawny, combative Aries-like image. The Ram can be compared to physical strength, competitiveness and even aggression. Athletes, soldiers, law enforcement officers, rugged individualists and physically strong and assertive people and attitudes in general can be associated with the Ram. The Ram may lean more towards acting out the commands of the goats or to protecting the innocent flock of sheep. There is nothing new about the various aspects of any society revealing these three groups. However, given that this is the Year of the Goat, Sheep or Ram we can use these symbols to understand people better and the way any society tends to organize itself. Moreover, over the course of this year we should have ample opportunity to see and experience all three with increased clarity and awareness.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Yours is considered the most independent sign. Yet, your opposite and counter balancing sign is Libra which is all about creating relationship harmony and experiencing love. These two forces have been tugging on each other for many months. Now the contest is coming to a peak point. It may not be the final peak but your current position will be clearly revealed.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21) In order to dream with clarity and confidence, key elements must be healed or repaired. These could be related to attitude, perspective, approach or perhaps reputation.... Visualizing, dreaming or praying for healing is the flip side of this theme. Each can serve the other. Call it inner work and remind yourself that no one else can do it for you, but you can ask for help.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21) Deciphering your true place and power in the world continues. This is a call to acknowledge and activate your specialness. This includes inspired visions and creative expressions. Ideally, you are already activating that quality of creative genius that reveals your leadership. If you are not yet, this is your cue. In fact, you may feel the urge to express on a variety of fronts.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22) A fresh activation of beliefs, perceptions and dream visions are dancing in your mind, or perhaps marching. While seeing as with new eyes is ideal, it does not mean you have to re-invent what already exists. You have entered a meditative period that is inviting you to carefully consider before you make grand proclamations or commitments.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23) A process of deep healing and perhaps of ending, completion or even graduation of some kind is underway. Subject to the cyclic nature of reality, it will be followed by rebirth and maybe is already. Both ends of this meeting point can be painful. Yet, the promise of renewal alleviates it. The eternal keys are gratitude for what is and faith in eternal renewal.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22) Cooperating with the steady flow of change continues. This may be a time when good and reliable friends are harder to come by. It may be that they are undergoing their own tests. Synchronistically, you are meant to stand firmly on your own ground. This is a time of looking forward, not back. Be open to new opportunities, strategies, methods, approaches and investments.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22) Reaching out to others for guidance and support is a feature of this current cycle. It is woven with complexity that requires a fine blend of assertiveness and receptivity. Though this balancing act is not new, it is extra emphasized now. Be willing to learn by listening deeply. Through it you are destined to make new friendships or perhaps renew old ones.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21) A creative cycle has begun. It is one that asks that you merge deeply with your muse in whatever form it takes. It is not so much about outer involvements as inner communion. Tapping the wellspring implies quietude and receptivity. Drowning it out with socializing suggests you may miss it this round. Capture the incoming inspiration and genius with outlines, sketches and notes to self.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21) Beyond all proclamations of realism, you are something of a mystic and philosopher at the core. Yes, it may be woven with skeptical thoughts, such as questioning everything. Venturing deeper down the rabbit hole can be frightening, yet sometimes feels necessary. Your mind is like lightning illuminating the way. Sharing this journey with a good friend will prove extra satisfying.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19) When it comes to dreams your main interest is to focus on reality. Solely thinking about marvelous and delicious possibilities simply will not do; better to trade up on some of the sizzle for more of the actual taste. Meanwhile, others need you causing you to set aside this bubble of reverie. Calling upon the gifts, talents and resources of others will help to save the day.

Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19) It is said that unless your subconscious beliefs are healthy and strong, no amount of outer effort will bring the success you seek. The art and process of creating inner conviction and congruence with your conscious mind is ancient, yet it is especially alive and well now in the world. Now all you have to do is access this wisdom and follow through to anchor it integrally within.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) You are in a pioneering mood, yet it may feel as though you are swimming through murky waters. As the sign of the fishes, you should be able to handle this yet the challenge remains. While it is up to you to take the initiative, the time is right to reach out to the assistance and guidance of others. This will require more faith than usual. Just do it.

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

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SOCCER

Salt Spring FC advances in Pearkes Challenge Cup play

Old Boys also triumphant

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring FC has lived to play another week in 2015 Pearkes Challenge Cup action after defeating Bays United 4-1 at Portlock Park Saturday afternoon.

The win means Salt Spring plays the Castaways in this weekend's quarterfinal round. A date, time and location for the match was unavailable at press time.

The team's cup fortunes failed to carry into regular season play on Sunday, when FC dropped a 5-4 decision to Cermaq City FC in Campbell River. Gord Akerman and Jyah Flam scored two goals each in the losing cause.

Salt Spring FC's next regular season home game is against Bays United FC at Portlock Park on Saturday, March 7 at 2:15 p.m.

Old Boys outplay Nearly Dead

Salt Spring Old Boys ensured the Gordon Head Nearly Dead lived up to their namesake by delivering the visitors a torturous 5-0 defeat on Sunday at GISS field.

Mark Aston required fewer than five minutes to get the scoring underway by knocking in a goal from the 18-yard area, through Nearly Dead's decidedly sloppy and scattered defensive effort.

Gordon Head pressed hard for an equalizer but repeatedly came up short against the home team.



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Salt Spring FC player Aaron Sedlebauer, centre, battles against a Bays United player in a 4-1 FC victory on Saturday at Portlock Park.

"We were faster and fitter," said Graham Tweddle, the team's spokesman.

The Old Boys passed with confidence and ease, often to the opposing players.

The home team managed a second goal at the 22-minute mark as striker Dave Toynbee

nimbly danced his way through Nearly Dead's defence to find the back of the net.

"Dave was due for a goal," Tweddle said at half time. "He's missed so many lately that, sooner or later, the laws of chance would become his ally."

Up by two goals, the Old Boys pressed for a third. Midfielder Matt Johnson stepped around two defenders and deftly slotted a ball to Aston, who scored his second of the game at the 33-minute point.

"I saw Mark making the run and he got the better of a sluggish defence and befuddled keeper," Johnson said.

Gordon Head looked brighter to start off the second half, but faded quickly when defender Martin Thorn cracked a shot from the wing that caught the top right of the goal at the 69th minute. Said Thorn in a sideline interview, "That was a topnoth pass by Charley Mayer. All I had to do was get the shot on target."

Midfielder Stefan Cermak caused havoc for Gordon Head with his blistering speed, but couldn't add to his season total in the race for the coveted Golden Boot award.

"Time is running out for Cermak if he plans on carrying the trophy home this year," Tweddle said. "It's not looking promising."

With the locals up 4-0, the Old Boys struck for their fifth goal of the game at the 76th minute. Defender Don Brown dribbled end to end — in a dizzying trajectory that would have thrown off even the most capable bloodhound — for his third goal of the season.

The Old Boys will try for a third consecutive win when the team heads to Finlayson Field for a game against the Centaurs this weekend.

Special thanks to Charley Mayer for providing this week's Old Boys report.

WRESTLING

Wrestlers prepare for provincials

Abbotsford tourney up next

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
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A record number of Salt Spring wrestlers will travel to Abbotsford on Thursday, their eyes set on booking a ticket to the national championships this spring.

"We have a very strong possibility," said Leon Esquivel, the team's head coach. "Everybody wants to be there."

Cathy Lina Villa-Gomez, Molly Lamb, Daniel Mitera, Danny Villa-Gomez and Stefan Esquivel are all vying to qualify during four days of competition later this week. The top six girls and the top five boys in each category will represent B.C. at the national event in Fredericton in April.

Coach Esquivel said he's proud of the hard work the athletes have put in to reach this point in their budding

athletic careers. He said the team has already begun fundraising in case they need to purchase plane tickets to New Brunswick.

Danny Villa-Gomez and Stefan Esquivel qualified for provincials by winning silver medals in their 51-kilogram and 54-kg competitions at the Vancouver Island championships on Feb. 13 and 14. Mitera placed fourth in the 70-kg class and Lamb finished fifth in the 60-kg division.

Esquivel said 800 wrestlers from across B.C. are registered for the Abbotsford event.

"It's a big competition," he said.

The Salt Spring wrestling team added to its success by being selected to host the 2016 Vancouver Island junior and senior wrestling championships. The decision follows the well-received tournament at GISS in 2014.

"We won the unanimous vote," Esquivel said. "People are very happy with the job we did last year."

RUNNING

Sneakers continue with stellar spree

Best performance yet

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
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Salt Spring's Sneakers Running Club took the Hatley Castle 8K by storm Sunday morning, registering its best performance of the Vancouver Island Race Series season.

The team won five medals, placed 10 runners in the top-10 of their respective race categories, and earned 192 points towards the team's overall rank.

"We have maintained our fifth-

place standing out of 59 clubs and are still within striking distance of fourth place," said Lynn Thompson, spokesperson for the Sneakers. "Of note is the fact that we are within 100 points of our all-time best point total from last year, and we are only at the halfway point of the season."

Andrew Haigh topped the pack of 14 registered Sneakers who participated in Sunday's race. Haigh finished the course in 32:48, placing third in his M60-64 category and finishing 52nd out of the race's 452 competitors.

Susan Gordon had an equally impressive result, placing first in her F55-60 group after crossing the finish line in 34:50. Lise Fraser (38:48) won a bronze medal in the F55-59 category. Catherine Bennett (45:41) placed third in the F60-64 category. Phyllis Wakelyn (73:05) won top spot as the lone competitor in the F80-84 division.

Other top-10 racers were: Marcia Jansen, 38:46; Karen Curtin, 39:55; Marion Young, 40:13; Doug Wahlsten, 43:58; and Julie Van Soeren, 49:49.

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