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BECAUSE IT'S GALA TIME: From left, Lisa and Charley Erck, and Valdy, perform the Shelton Brothers' 1930s classic Just Because to get the Salt Spring Folk Club Gumboot Gala off to a stellar start last Monday evening at Fulford Hall.

CHANNEL RIDGE Society launches legal costs drive

North end's largest protected area at risk, says WPS president

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Water Preservation Society has fought erosion, invasive species and human encroachment into the environmentally sensitive lands that surround St. Mary Lake for nearly 25 years, but the volunteer-run group is gearing up for what might be its toughest battle yet.

The society's board received notice last summer they were being sued by the primary mortgage holder for the defunct Channel Ridge development. Though Channel Ridge has been in receivership since 2013, Kelowna-based Paradigm Mortgage Investment Corporation hopes to recover some of its approximately \$50-million investment through the courts.

The firm alleges the North Salt Spring Waterworks District's ongoing moratorium on new water connections to St. Mary Lake warrants the return of about 275 acres of land that Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. transferred to the WPS in 1986. The land was protected in exchange for increased development potential that gave developers the right to build up to 577 homes.

Because the moratorium limits the number of units that can be serviced at the Channel Ridge site, Paradigm argues the 1986 land-for-densities agreement should be revisited.

The WPS has stewarded the lands to maintain the water quality of St. Mary Lake and promote non-motorized recreation.

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RCMP

RCMP cleared in death case

Independent Investigations Office concludes examination

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Investigators have concluded the local RCMP's response played no role in last month's suspicious death of a Salt Spring man.

"We've determined that there's no connection between the actions or inactions of police and the death," said Aidan Buckley, a spokesperson for the Independent Investigations Office of British Columbia.

Buckley's office released jurisdiction over the investigation on Monday, nearly two weeks after police were called to the scene of an early-morning disturbance on Richard Flack Road on April 22.

"The first responding Salt Spring RCMP officer discovered the 36-year-old man who had been causing the disturbance was now unconscious and unresponsive," said Cpl. Janelle Shoihet, an RCMP spokesperson. "Two males, both 26 years old, were attempting to

resuscitate the male by performing CPR. The RCMP officer took over lifesaving efforts until B.C. Ambulance Service paramedics arrived."

Staff pronounced the man deceased soon after he was transported to Lady Minto Hospital. Police have still not released the man's name, but social media and various sources in the community identify him as Keenan Whyte.

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INCORPORATION STUDY

Study of culture plan prompts provincial attention

Shapiro defends committee path

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Incorporation Study Committee members received a subtle warning about a touchy topic at their public meeting on Thursday.

"My caution is just about providing opinions," said Linda Galeazzi, a senior planning analyst with the Ministry of Sport, Community and Cultural Development. "I would advise committee members to consider how [a study of culture] fits into the terms of reference."

Galeazzi quoted a section of the ISC's TOR that states the incorporation study "should provide a thorough, objective and technical examination of the current situation and focus on the implications of the changes that would come with incorporation..."

The comments followed the committee's consideration of how a possible shift to municipal incorporation could affect island "culture." ISC members signalled a willingness to explore options that include compiling news stories and opinion that appeared in Bowen Island media following the municipality's decision to incorporate in 1999. The

information would be posted online for Salt Springers to view without summary, observations or comment from committee members.

Another option could have committee members provide answers to between 20 or 25 frequently asked questions about how incorporation will affect such things as bylaw enforcement, garbage collection and volunteer-driven organizations.

"We haven't approved any cultural study," said Mark Aston, ISC chair, in response to Galeazzi's warning.

Aston acknowledged some community members' responses following Novem-

ber's preliminary report fall outside of its mandate. Discussions with Galeazzi after Thursday's meeting provided reassurance the committee is on the right track.

"The response to the feedback request for information regarding Bowen Island residents experiences that the committee is currently deliberating upon is considered within the mandate of the committee based upon communications received from [the ministry]," Aston said.

"Ms. Galeazzi concurred that she had no issues if the committee proceeded in this manner," he added.

Discussion of the culture

question dominated the April 28 meeting as members dissected the methodology of any attempt to judge the consequences of incorporation.

According to the ISC's feedback summary sheet, published following a pair of open-house sessions held in November, four respondents rated the island culture issue as "very important." The committee received comment sheets from 163 participants.

About 10 per cent of respondents answered "What other information do you need to know?" by asking for more details about cultural impacts. Many referred specifically to the Bowen Island experience.

Committee member Stanley Shapiro said residents' demand for information about how incorporation might affect island culture means the ISC must follow through as it has with topics like taxation, road maintenance costs and governance. According to the terms of reference, he said, the committee has a mandate to "provide local citizens with complete and accurate information to make an informed decision on island incorporation."

"In my personal opinion, if we don't provide that information, I could not recommend anything to the minister," he said.

GOVERNANCE

Conflict rules change to benefit local governments: CRD

Ministry clarifies restrictions

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

B.C.'s Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development has listened to pleas from local governments and announced Friday it will change regulations around conflict of interest that stem from the appointment of elected officials to society or corporation boards.

"I'm very appreciative of the province moving forward on this, and it's my understanding that it does resolve many of the concerns that we have," said Barbara Desjardins, the chair of the Capital Regional District board, on Monday. "It will need a little more digging in, but we're very happy that this has come out."

The CRD, the Union of BC Municipalities, and their regional district boards have been asking for a change to conflict of inter-

est regulations in the Community Charter since shortly after the 2013 BC Court of Appeal decision on Schlenker v Torgrimson. The court found Salt Spring's Islands Trust trustees George Ehring and Christine Torgrimson had divided loyalty when they voted to direct Islands Trust funds to societies they were directors of, even though they had no direct financial interest.

Since that decision, local governments have reported difficulty performing regular business such as

budgeting, since elected officials often serve on community societies and associations that receive government funding.

The new regulations will not permit conflict of interest based on personal gain or interest, but will be applicable to elected officials when they are appointed to societies and some types of corporate boards.

"It's fantastic because you need to have these inter-related groups working to solve problems together and you need to have appoint-

ments from local government officials who have the expertise in these matters," Desjardins said.

The ministry press release notes that perceived conflicts of "divided loyalty" between a local elected official's personal interest in a society or corporation and their role on a local government remain potential conflicts under the new regulations, and advises that "such issues should be managed carefully with the assistance of legal advice as they can still be subject to challenge."




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WPS LANDS

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The lands contain almost 20 kilometres of trails through dense groves of fir, cedar, Garry oak, maple and arbutus trees.

"If the reserve was returned to private parties, these trails could be closed to the public," wrote WPS president Maxine Leichter in a statement issued last week.

"Preserving the WPS lands as mature forest is a prudent precaution in this regard because if the lands were returned to a developer they could be logged," she added.

Leichter said WPS control of the land guarantees the forested ridge above the lake's western shoreline will stay intact.

"Our lawyer thinks that the plaintiffs' legal arguments for the return of these lands are weak. However, the WPS has to fight a lawsuit or the society and the community risks losing the land," Leichter said.

The WPS statement coincides with the group's decision to launch a campaign to raise funds for the looming legal battle.

Legal costs could exceed \$50,000 depending on the case's length, Leichter said. The prospect of having to travel to Kelowna, where the case was filed, is expected to increase costs considerably.

"WPS is raising money from our membership, but this is not likely to be enough," Leichter wrote. "The scale of this threat to our community's water, natural areas and trails is such that we are appealing for donations from every person and organization on Salt Spring that understands how these lands contribute to the health, quality of life and quiet enjoyment of nature for all island residents and visitors. We cannot raise this much money alone."

Paradigm and Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. filed a civil claim in the B.C. Supreme Court against the WPS, North Salt Spring Waterworks District, the Islands Trust and provincial government last summer.



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WATER RESOURCES

Water district officials dismayed by Islands Trust actions

Ineffective report and lack of referral two specific concerns

BY GAIL SJUBERG
 DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

It might be hard to believe after all the rain that fell on Salt Spring this past winter, but the level of both St. Mary and Maxwell lakes is slightly below where they were at this time last year.

"The lakes can only get full and then they overflow," said NSSWD water quality specialist Meghan McKee, and rainfall was pretty scant in the month of April.

Level-1 water-use restrictions have already been imposed by the NSSWD to help slow the rate of lake water loss.

NSSWD trustees and staff were impressed by how islanders responded to urgent calls for water conservation last year, with a 30 per cent drop in consumption recorded. In contrast, they are feeling frustrated by recent actions of the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee.

They aren't happy with the methodology or conclusions of a water supply and demand report recently received by the Islands Trust, or with the April 7 LTC approval of permits for a resort expansion on St. Mary Lake.

"We needed to nail down the demand side," said McKee in response to release of the Water Conservation and Demand Man-



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Provincial government staff tour the St. Mary Lake weir during a Tuesday visit to Salt Spring.

agement Plan for Salt Spring Island, which was intended to determine how much water is truly available to serve future development in the NSSWD.

McKee said the only way to do that is to calculate water demand if all properties in the NSSWD were developed to their full potential. That methodology was not used in the Opus DaytonKnight Consultants report made public on March 31.

Instead, the study estimated one per cent annual population growth based from the current number of residences, added maximum build-out of unserviced lots on the NSSWD tax rolls and a list of properties whose owners had told NSSWD they'd like to develop them.

"The result was a very unrealistic low demand," said McKee. "We are no further ahead because it didn't give us the information we need."

Trustee Peter Grove expressed similar frustrations at the meeting where the consultants' report was presented. He too observed that full build-out was not referred to in the report.

"I am frustrated because we need to know how much water is available and how much we use. This doesn't answer the question."

"But," he added, "when North Salt Spring says 'no more hook-ups,' this has a huge impact on the island."

Trustee George Grams said in an email response that the results were

compared to other regions and found to be statistically reliable. In other words, no jurisdiction sees all properties developed to their maximum zoning potential.

"Trust staff has advised that this maximum development would be against all statistics and metered data trends measured over the decades," said Grams.

"Having said that, we are aware the report is missing the maximum build-out of every type of use and structure on each property currently developed. The LTC requested that this be addressed in the future."

In addition to not heeding concerns expressed about the terms of reference, NSSWD trustees and staff also feel the Opus DaytonKnight report did not fully consider the impact of summertime tourism on water consumption within the district.

NSSWD board chair Marshall Heinekey said a May 5 meeting with the Salt Spring LTC has been set to discuss concerns about the report and other issues.

One of those issues is the LTC's issuance of a development permit and development variance permit for the Cottage Resort on Suffolk Road. The development will see nine existing cottages removed and 18 larger ones constructed on the 2.17 hectare (5.4-acre) property, along with a manager's residence and administration building. McKee said the NSSWD was dismayed that the application was not referred to the NSSWD at least for input, despite a

Trust staff recommendation to do so.

McKee said doubling the demand for water from that property in summer months will inevitably impact the NSSWD supply.

Trustee Grams said not only is the resort not serviced by the NSSWD — it has its own licence from the provincial government to draw water directly from St. Mary Lake, plus a well — but that rainwater harvesting and an efficient septic sewage system that will let treated discharge be used for landscape irrigation is part of the development plan.

"These types of conservation measures are to be encouraged if we are to maximize the beneficial use of our natural resources."

But McKee says not only is rainwater the same water that would otherwise end up in the lake, but that it would take a ridiculously huge number of storage tanks to collect enough water to meet the increased demand at the resort.

"Rainwater catchment is not a panacea," said McKee.

"It doesn't solve the bigger picture when you're inside the watershed," added Heinekey.

"We are sensitive to anything that may impact the actual lake."

As for using reclaimed wastewater, McKee said that no regulations governing the practice exist in B.C., so it is not yet allowed.

The resort development conforms to the land's current zoning and only a DP and DVP were required from the Islands Trust.

NEWS BRIEFS

FOR THE RECORD

An April 27 story about the Tree House Cafe cited an outdated number of people who signed an online petition in support of the Tree House. The up-to-date number is 2,534.

Ganges sinkhole revisited

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure staff are expected to assess and hopefully remedy a major driving hazard on Salt Spring during the coming months.

While water has finally stopped running out of the

infamous "Ganges sinkhole" for the season, the long-standing problem beneath Fulford-Ganges Road has yet to be addressed. According to MoTI, the ministry is continuing to monitor drainage on Ganges Hill, and is working to develop a plan for remediation work that will occur later this year.

"Staff are currently mapping the hydraulic patterns to help finalize the final work plan, which, at this time, is pro-

posed to include cross drain pipes and ditching changes," email communication from the ministry states. "Once we have this information, we will establish a construction schedule for the work."

MoTI said staff will also assess the unpaved portion of Mount Maxwell Road and follow up with any maintenance that may be required in advance of annual dust control measures.

Brett and Penn earn B.C. kudos

Two Salt Spring authors were among winners of 2016 BC Book Prizes announced Saturday night.

Brian Brett won the Hubert Evans Non-Fiction Prize awarded to the author of the best original non-fiction lit-

erary work for his autobiographical work titled *Tuco: The Parrot, the Others, and A Scattershot World*.

Briony Penn picked up the Roderick Haig-Brown Regional Prize, which recognizes the author of the book that contributes most to the enjoyment and understanding of British Columbia, for her biography titled *The Real Thing: The Natural History of Ian McTaggart Cowan*.

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MARINE ENVIRONMENT

Local governments sign on for Salish Sea protection

Requests to limit LNG transport and other shipping on the table

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The CRD Board has supported a call to limit LNG transportation in Salish Sea waters, voting on April 13 to ask the federal government to designate a marine hazard exclusion zone.

The board of directors was unanimously in favour of the motion put forward by Victoria councillor Ben Isitt and signed by the district's three electoral area directors Dave Howe, Wayne McIntyre and Mike Hicks.

"Really with the four of us signing off on it, it covers the whole Salish Sea area that the CRD is responsible for, from the Gulf Islands to the Strait of Juan de Fuca," McIntyre observed.

The motion directs CRD chair Barb Desjardins to write to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Minister of Transport Marc Garneau, "requesting that federal legislation and regulations be strength-

ened to designate a marine hazard exclusion zone consistent with international standards around vessels and facilities used for the transport of liquefied natural gas in the coastal waters of the Salish Sea." As well, the CRD will advocate for a requirement that vessels transporting crude oil and liquefied natural gas employ pilots and escort tugs at the western entrance of Juan de Fuca Strait.

The CRD stopped short of endorsing a second motion put forward by Isitt in support of a campaign to have the Salish Sea designated as a Particularly Sensitive Sea Area through the International Maritime Organization. Delegations supporting the idea were brought to the April 13 meeting by Jacques Sirois, co-warden of the Trial Islands Ecological Reserve, and two additional members of the public.

Directors said they were not given enough information ahead of time to make a decision. The board passed a motion instead to send the matter to staff to create a full report.

"Next month's meeting can hopefully be Salish Sea day at the

CRD," Isitt said.

The PSSA campaign is being led by the Washington state non-profit society Friends of the San Juans and recently earned official endorsements from the British Columbia Assembly of First Nations, the Tsawout First Nation and the Islands Trust Council.

"Trying to get the attention of two nations takes a while . . ."

STEPHANIE BUFFAM
Executive director,
Friends of the San Juans

In order to qualify as a PSSA, a sea area must have key ecological, socioeconomic or scientific significance and be vulnerable to degradation by human activities including international shipping. Currently there are 14 designated PSSAs around the world, but none in Canadian waters. Four are located in the busy shipping lanes around Europe, while others protect sensitive wildlife habitat such

as the Great Barrier Reef and the Galapagos Islands.

The proposed Salish Sea PSSA extends from Campbell River all the way south to Puget Sound and Tacoma, and encompasses waters off the west coast of Washington state and the south-west corner of Vancouver Island. Friends of the San Juans started the nomination process in 2013 with a feasibility study that was completed in 2014.

During 2014, the results were presented at numerous venues including the Salish Sea Conference, the Tanker Safety Summit sponsored by Musqueam Nation (attended by 150 BC tribal leaders), Tribal Councils at Lummi, Tsawout and Samish Nations, Northwest Straits Commission, Puget Sound Partnership Local Integrating Organization, Harbor Safety Committee members, US Coast Guard, and a Department of Ecology marine managers meeting.


The group is now in the "scoping" phase and expects to conduct technical workshops in late October.

"We're just in our infancy, and we have a lot of consultation to do," said Stephanie Buffam, execu-

tive director of Friends of the San Juans. "Trying to get the attention of two nations takes a while, because we're starting at the centre of impact, which is the Gulf Islands and the San Juan Islands, and radiating out from the islands to Ottawa."

A PSSA designation could help the US and Canadian governments build a structure to harmonize practices and regulations between the two nations with tools such as vessel tracking, reporting, recommended pilotage and areas to be avoided. Anchorages for international freighters could be limited or banned in some places. Buffam said this could be of vital importance, since international shipping could increase by 43 per cent if all energy transport proposals currently on the table were to go ahead.

Islands Trust Council voted in March to support the PSSA nomination process by co-sponsoring a protective measures workshop with Friends of the San Juans in Vancouver this year and by directing chair Peter Luckham to send a letter of support of the nomination to the transportation minister.



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FRAUD

Health institute scam targets dual citizens

Warning issued to seniors and others

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring woman wants islanders to be aware of a new telephone scam that pushes the bounds of persistence to new heights.

Carrie-Anne Greene received no fewer than nine calls on Wednesday morning from someone who claimed to represent the National Institutes of Health. The caller

repeatedly asked Greene for credit card or banking information to complete a disability grant request.

Greene became suspicious when the caller demanded her credit card number and expiry date to process the transaction. She got the caller's name and told him she'd call back later.

Greene discovered the Bethesda, Md. address provided by the caller matched the real NIH headquarters. When she called the NIH, however, she discovered no such employee worked at the office.

The phony caller called back repeatedly, insisting they were who they said they were.

Greene, who has citizenship in both the United States and Canada, said she suspects the call is related to her recent application for a U.S. federal disability benefit. She's concerned about other islanders who might fall for a similar ruse. She knows many islanders with dual citizenship who could fall within the scam's grasp. The incident is a reminder for everyone to be wary of callers who ask for personal informa-

tion over the telephone or internet.

"I'm very concerned and worried about our seniors," she said. "These people call up and they know your name. I like to keep on top of this, but I don't know how they knew it."

Giving seniors a heads up about the scam, she said, can hopefully prevent anyone from falling prey to the scammers.

Anyone who suspects they might be the target of an email or telephone scam can report the incident to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre by calling 1-888-495-8501.

REC FACILITIES

Squash court within reach after club vote

Golf and country club approves proposal at AGM

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of the island's golf and country club have voted unanimously to let the Salt Spring Squash Club build a permanent indoor facility at their Lower Ganges Road property.

The special resolution voted on during the club's April 27 annual general meeting represents the final bureaucratic hurdle in the squash group's long effort to build a court on the island.

"I was pleased that the membership agreed with our analysis of the situation that this would be a good addition on the golf club property," said Randy Cunningham, president of the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club. "The squash people have met all the requirements about rezoning."

The squash club will sign a lease agreement with the golf club for land near the Centre Court indoor tennis facility. Cunningham said his club's positive experience with the Salt Spring Tennis Association is a good example of how such partnerships can succeed.

"I think the [golf club's] membership came to understand that having these facilities is a positive addition," Cunningham said.

The unanimous vote means squash players can focus on a final fundraising push, said Markus Wenzel, squash club president.

"I've been pleasantly surprised with donations," he said. "The kitty is growing."

This major step forward will encourage many islanders who've been watching from the sidelines to participate in the project, Wenzel added. Events planned for the coming months will raise money and

strengthen Salt Spring's network of squash players.

"It's a chance to get together. We are a community that is still very fragmented because nobody has played for years, and we need to try and rebuild that community both socially and on the court," Wenzel said.

Everyone is invited to attend a celebratory fundraising event at the newly rebuilt Maracaibo clubhouse on Thursday, May 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. A \$10 donation gets participants a drink, snacks and the chance to bid on some exciting local products and services.

To RSVP attendance at the fundraiser, people should email Peter Vincent at republicofsaltspring@me.com, and include the number of individuals in their party.

For more information about the squash court project, contact Wenzel at 250-538-7438 or Markus.Wenzel@investorsgroup.com.

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NSSWD

Signs of another summer of drought already present

Water district pushes conservation

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring is on track for another long, hot summer of water conservation, according to precipitation data presented at last week's annual general meeting of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District.

"It's a much more serious problem than people are willing to recognize," said Ron Stepaniuk, NSSWD general manager, during the sparsely attended April 26 meeting at Community Gospel Chapel.

Statistics for the first four months of 2016 show water levels at St. Mary Lake are slightly below where they were at this time last year, which was among the driest on record. The findings come despite winter months that saw above-average precipitation levels.

Although the NSSWD relaxed a moratorium



MARSHALL HEINEKEY

on new water connections within the district earlier this year, persistent water supply worries mean the prohibition on new connections for subdivisions, secondary suites and other additional uses will stay in effect.

"The moratorium could last indefinitely," said Marshall Heinekey, chair of the NSSWD board. "Between May and September, demand is extremely high and we're not getting the rain."

The district's licence limits the amount of water it can draw from the lake. The NSSWD is liable to fines if levels drop below 40 metres above sea level. Since much of the winter precipitation within the lake's watershed flows to the sea through Duck Creek, spring and summer rains are crucial to top up the water supply and meet the district's commitments. Recent years have seen annual precipitation levels become more concentrated during winter months, said Meghan McKee, NSSWD's

water quality specialist.

Last year's aggressive NSSWD water-conservation campaign resulted in a 30 per cent reduction in water use by the district's water users. Staff said residents can anticipate a similar approach over the coming months.

NSSWD extends weir timeline

Work to raise the weir at the outlet of St. Mary Lake is anticipated to cost \$2 million and won't be complete until 2018 or 2019, according to Heinekey.

"We haven't got a definite number but, adding up the various parts, you can just see [the costs] climbing," he said at the AGM. "This is a very difficult and time-consuming process."

Raising the weir will increase the amount of usable water the district can store in the lake by approximately 30 per cent. The district has hired consulting firm Fletcher and Co. to negotiate settlements with lakeside property owners who will be affected by the higher sea-

sonal lake levels. The \$300,000 consultation process is anticipated to be complete by early summer. Heinekey said further work will be required to assess the lake's riparian areas and archaeological sites and to compensate lakeside property owners.

Treatment plant work begins soon

Trustees are confident construction of the district's new \$8.4-million water treatment plant will start in July, nearly a year behind the original timeline.

Heinekey said an ownership shuffle at the engineering firm tasked to oversee the project's preliminary stages is to blame.

"The delay, while frustrating, is well worth it financially for the district," he said.

Heinekey said the tendering process to find a builder for the project will take another four weeks. Construction is expected to take up to 14 months once workers break ground at the Tripp Road site.

Cause of Whyte death not yet known

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RCMP said the disturbance call originated from a fight between Whyte and one of the 26-year-old men, who was treated for multiple stab wounds at Lady Minto.

Police have yet to announce the circumstances that led to the fight, whether drugs were involved or the cause of death.

"Officers with the Vancouver Island Integrated Major Crime Unit, along with the BC Coroners Service, are conducting a thorough investigation into this death, and the circumstances surrounding it," said Sgt. Ryan Netzer, the new detach-

ment commander for Salt Spring RCMP. "We are confident that this was an isolated incident, where all parties were known to one another, therefore we have no concerns for community safety as a result."

As of late Tuesday afternoon, police had laid no charges related to the investigation.

HARBOUR AUTHORITY

Busy times at Salt Spring harbours

Spring operations report from HASSI

DOCKTALK

SUBMITTED BY HASSI

The Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island's board of directors met with staff and reviewed the spring work schedule last month. Due to above average warm weather, spring transient boaters have started to arrive and local boat owners are getting busy with annual maintenance. Boaters are reminded that they are responsible for minimizing their environmental impact when engaged in activities such as sanding. Reports of drinking in public and drinking while operating a vessel will be referred to the RCMP.

The board discussed outstanding issues at its last meeting, including:

Local government and dialogue: The HASSI board had been urging constructive dialogue to address some outstanding issues, including the Tree House laneway, Ministry of Transportation and fuelling of floatplanes. The board agreed to continue to approach the Capital Regional District in the hopes of engaging in constructive dialogue that recognizes HASSI's concern about the need to maintain public access to the sea around us for future generations.

More business applications have been submitted to HASSI that include additional floatplane services, fuelling and food businesses. HASSI had requested that the CRD and Islands Trust add these for discussion on a working group agenda.

CRD has responded that they are not interested in engaging at this time.

The board received a letter from CRD and Islands Trust requesting two seats on the HASSI board. HASSI is welcoming their interest and participation. HASSI is requesting their assistance in clarification of the rules and regulations regarding elected officials sitting on non-profits and their support for maintaining public harbours.

Facility matters

- Repairs to the hydraulic crane on the breakwater wharfhead dock. This crane is used for marine businesses, water access property owners, fishermen, coast guard and search and rescue.

- Ongoing programming problems with the dock lights have been resolved. The water leak at Kanaka was repaired.

- Vandalism has occurred in the showers at Centennial dock. Surveillance footage was reviewed and use of a swipe card rather than an access code was discussed.

- Fenders and cleats were repaired on the floatplane dock.

- HASSI worked with Parks and Recreation Commission and Grace Point residents to clean up derelict and abandoned boats on the stone breakwater as part of Earth Day on April 22.

- Aerodrome markers have been purchased and will be placed to delineate the perimeter of the aerodrome and taxi area.

- All scheduled airlines using the facilities were informed of complaints regarding low flight approaches. The Canada Water Aerodrome Supplement gives clear instructions on noise abatement procedures.

- The new power washer is expediting dock cleaning before summer water restrictions are implemented.

- The new walkway fence panels were adjusted to accommodate BC Hydro access to the transformer. Panels are ready for murals. HASSI will be seeking advice or to work in partnership on the project.

Other news

A preliminary staff report on the fee schedule review was provided and the growing sport charter fleet was discussed.

Harbour master Jim Heath reported on his meeting with other Canadian Pacific Coast Congress of Harbourmasters and Sports Managers representatives hosted by the False Creek Harbour Authority. It included demonstrations on sharing information online regarding maintenance systems.

We are happy to report that we do not have the problems with sea lions that many of the coastal facilities are having to deal with. The current (pun intended) low-impact solution seems to be low-voltage metal strips.

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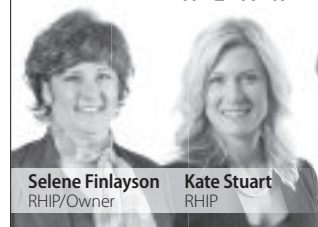
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EDITORIAL

Transfer it

News that an 11th-hour compromise may have been reached to let the Tree House Cafe use some of the public land around its premises should have been cause for celebration last week.

The Tree House has remained open since first ordered to remove tables and not serve alcohol in the area almost two years ago. But due to the unresolved status of what could be done on that land, this year the cafe owners had given up on being open for dinner and hosting live music every night in the summer for the 18th consecutive year.

The licence agreement offer came from the Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island, which is authorized to manage Department of Fisheries and Oceans assets around the island. The DFO has a licence of occupation for the area in question from the provincial Ministry of Transportation, which owns the land.

But it turns out HASSI's offer, which has not yet been accepted, isn't too useful to the Tree House Cafe. The proposed table locations, the lease's short-term nature and the fact it could be terminated with 14 days' notice, and its arrival so late in the year make it problematic. Some music has been scheduled beginning on the May long weekend, however.

THE ISSUE:

Manson Road area dispute

WE SAY:

Transfer land to CRD

In the past two years it has become clear this is a Salt Spring governance problem that needs to be fixed.

If HASSI was part of a democratic governance framework, like a commission under the CRD or another publicly accountable body, as opposed to a not-for-profit corporation with closed meetings and only members who are approved by the board, the community might respond better to its suggestions because they know they could have some impact on that body.

In order to address that missing public accountability element, the CRD has applied to the transportation ministry for the licence of occupation currently held by DFO to be transferred to the CRD's Salt Spring Transportation Commission.

Community members who support keeping the Tree House alive are asking others to press bureaucrats and politicians at all levels to facilitate the licence transfer so the use of that piece of public land can be determined in a public forum.

The social, cultural and economic health of Ganges is at the heart of the matter in this case. The licence transfer to the CRD should take place as soon as possible.



VIEWPOINT by Sam Lightman

Why mess with what we've got?

Once again, John Macpherson dips his pen in poison to diss anybody who suggests that incorporation might be less than manna from heaven.

Islanders for Self-Government members have been selling us fairy tales for years now and show no signs of letting up. But ISG is blowing smoke, they are selling a fantasy and, as a result of their efforts, your quality of life and that of the entire island is now in play.

To see why, consider where we came from and where we are now. When I arrived here in 1974, the Gulf Islands were in serious danger of being carved up by developers into tiny pieces. Exhibit A is Magic Lake Estates, on Pender, but similar subdivisions were in various stages of approval throughout the Gulf Islands. As a result, the islands were deemed to be in grave danger. A bi-partisan provincial government committee was struck which agreed that the islands were too precious to leave to the tender mercies of unleashed developers. The ultimate result was the Islands Trust, established "to preserve and protect the trust area and its unique amenities and environment . . ."

What you see when you travel around Salt Spring today is the fruit of that legislation. Drive off the ferry and it feels like you've stepped back 50 years. Development has been tightly controlled. A community plan was created by and for the residents, and reviewed regularly by all of us to meet new circumstances as they evolve. With no municipal council, we have still managed to create an arts centre, a swimming pool, tennis courts, multiple parks and public spaces, and a splendid library. At the same time, our roads get maintained and upgraded from provincial coffers, a service we could not possibly afford on our own.

Macpherson pooh-poohs comparison with Bowen Island. He's right, for the wrong reasons. First, Bowen's reasons for incorporating were to get out from under the Greater Vancouver Regional District, which added a 33 per cent surcharge to every service provided. Second, nearly two-thirds of the island is Crown and park land, and the rest is mostly hilly, with precious little farm land. Third, their average annual income is significantly above the regional average, while Salt Spring's is significantly below. And fourth, they wanted to get an arts centre, more recreation facilities, public medical place (not hospital), community hall, etc. We have these. They still don't, 15-plus years later.

Then there's our community plan. During the Salt Spring Coffee Company controversy in 2009, ISG supporters made it clear that commercial considerations must trump zoning bylaws. Waiting in the wings was Salt Spring Island Metal Recycling, operating in the Pallot Way/Rainbow Road neighbourhood for nearly a decade in spite of the zoning bylaw. If these operations get their properties rezoned to allow intrusive businesses in residential neighbourhoods, our zoning bylaw is literally not worth the paper it's written on. This is the thinking ISG brings to the table.

Like me, you probably walk out of your house every day thinking, my God, this is the best place on earth to live. Why would anybody want to mess with it? You can be sure, if anybody does, it won't be for the better.

The writer is a longtime Salt Spring resident.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should Manson Road be transferred to the CRD? 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:

Are you worried about summer water shortages? NO YES

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ISLAND VOICES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "We've had a year of being reminded in many painful ways that sexual assault is an issue."

JUDI STEVENSON, RESEARCHER ON NEW SWOVA PROJECT

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What are your plans for Mother's Day?



INA CURRAN
Going on a bike ride with my husband.



CATHERINE TAM
It's nice to hear from the kids; a phone call is good enough.



LEE DOLMAGE
Going for a walk and spending time with my daughter in Campbell River.



EMILY MCPHEE
Making my mom breakfast and hanging out.



LAURIE LORNIE
It's always fun to celebrate my grandson's birthday on Mother's Day.

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

Safety tools available

I attended the April 16 human trafficking prevention workshop co-ordinated by Helani Davison and reported on in last week's Driftwood.

Four excellent facilitators offered the tools to comprehend and consequently avert the sexual exploitation of Canadian youth, which is happening in every community. Bill McElroy of the Capital Region Action Team for Sexually Exploited Youth has promised to bring the Taking Care of Ourselves, Taking Care of Others work-

shop to Salt Spring during the 2016-2017 school year. The tools for prevention are available. We only have to respond.

SANDI JOHNSON,
SALT SPRING

Don't get off track on study

The following was sent to Linda Galeazzi of the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and filed with the Driftwood for publication.

I have read and strongly support John Macpherson's letter to you. I was a municipal councillor in a small township many years ago and

I am now a trustee on the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District board.

I am afraid the incorporation study can easily be derailed if cost comparisons to Bowen and two other municipalities are allowed. Our elected council in Québec made conservative decisions on spending compared to neighbouring municipalities that blew the budget. To look at Bowen Island and two other municipalities and compare them to the direction Salt Spring will go is certainly "smoke and mirrors." If we elect, as I suspect we would, councillors who are concerned about our spiralling taxes, then their deci-

sions will reflect that.

The case for studying "culture" is identical. These red herrings added to the study only cloud the issues.

We are dealing with governance and a close examination of what we have would be more beneficial. As well as the Islands Trust and CRD, Salt Spring has many improvement districts with trustee positions often filled by acclamation. Our island's improvement districts' hugely increasing debt load with no possible grants or aid from provincial or federal governments has us in trouble. This is not understood by most of the public. Lack of oversight by the province has allowed,

for example, the fire department to become one of the largest improvement districts in B.C. in spending and the only one with a union contract.

Would it not be better to focus on how Salt Spring has been struggling along trying to make do with outdated, disconnected improvement districts and compare that to a municipal council being an umbrella organization pooling administration and professional management?

We have to get to a referendum with facts and not supposition.

DEREK HILL,
SALT SPRING

Volunteer missed

It is true that ArtSpring is supported by volunteers and they deserve recognition at a reception ("Volunteers keep ArtSpring operating," April 27 Driftwood).

To quote: "Community members decorate ArtSpring for the Christmas season." My wife, Diana Morris, has coordinated and designed the decorating for eight years, working with board members as a team. Unfortunately she has never been invited to the volunteers reception.

CLIFFORD KNOX,
GANGES

Support transfer of Manson Road space to CRD

BY KY FOX

In response to last week's Driftwood article headlined "Harbour authority offers Manson access compromise," the public laneway adjacent to the Tree House (aka Manson Road) is within the core of our downtown, where we as community and tourists alike gather to share more than 111 consecutive nights of great live music while dining under the stars, year after year, every summer.

That all changes this year. It appears that the music will be silent and dinner will be absent from the Tree House Cafe several nights a week, every week, throughout this coming summer season. This must be the result of nearly two years of bureaucratic run-around and the ongoing lack of resolution to the 2014 July 1 Canada Day notice that the Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island served to the Tree House, demanding that they cease alcohol sales to the cafe's outdoor tables. The harbour authority's notice also stated that they would no longer permit the cafe to place any tables at all outside along the walkway once the summer 2014 summer season concluded. Had the Tree House been forced to comply with this ludicrous seating demand, surely we would have all brought our own chairs down to the laneway in protest, night after night, week after week, until resolution was found.

With recognition of the support of our community, along with a rapidly filled petition gaining over 2,500 signatures, the cafe made the decision to resume placing some of their tables back in the laneway beyond 2014,

where they'd been for years, and the tables have been allowed to remain ever since. Last week's article states that the harbour authority is now presenting a temporary "compromise" to the Tree House Cafe to allow adding further tables as well as resuming outdoor alcohol sales. The proposed compromise sounds a lot like a renunciation of the original nasty notice that HASSI served to the cafe on their busiest day of the year nearly two years ago, just so the Tree House could basically resume serving our community the way they'd been doing uncontested for years. On top of taking nearly two years to apparently come back around to square one, the openly admitted last-minute timing of this offer of temporary compromise makes it impossible to expect a restaurant/live music venue to coordinate ramping up everything needed for 111+ consecutive nights of live music after having had to come to the very difficult decision to scale back this year.

As quoted in last week's Driftwood article, "HASSI heard the community, we heard the petition, we heard all that," and "What we did was we immediately engaged in a process." Hmm, you can bet that Mark and Terena LeCorre, owners of the Tree House Cafe and very involved and bighearted community members, were forced to immediately "engage in a process" — an endless two-year process of countless hours of frustration and dead-ends trying to figure out a way forward on any number of fronts that have resulted in nothing but

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remaining in limbo. The process that the harbour authority immediately engaged in, whatever that has been, has jeopardized the continued operation of the musical hub of our community and has resulted in the loss of our well-known 111+ nights of music under the stars program this summer and perhaps beyond.

In the prominently stated and ultimately confusing secondary headline from last week's article, "Licence of occupation to allow Tree House Cafe use," we are led to believe the implied notion that everything is resolved or that surely there must be imminent resolution, and that the issue can now finally be put to rest. Yet in the same article the DFO is stated as having said that "they could potentially support [Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission's] application for the licence of occupation for Manson Road" and then the article lists a number of follow-up requirements that are still remaining to be met. Why haven't these follow-up requirements already been met over the last 22 months, particularly if HASSI engaged in a process "immediately?" How much longer is it going to take? And come to think of it, you might ask, and indeed you should, why is the Department of Fisheries and Oceans stating that they could potentially support an application for licence of occupation for a piece of land?

There may be a historical answer, related to where the land originated. Parts of this little section of land with outdoor tables next to the Tree House, which HASSI would

like to see paved into a full road directly to the boardwalk, used to be shorefront before being infilled somewhere around 45 years ago. So, prior to its current state, a slice of this area was part of the ocean, and even though this little piece of the core hub of our town hasn't been underwater for over four decades, in a sense it seems like a part of it has been dragged back under somehow during the past two years.

When this area was no longer shoreline, those parts that were filled in with land should have ordinarily been transferred to jurisdiction of the local governing body on Salt Spring, but this step was apparently never officially completed. With the CRD being the local governing body of our island, they are the agency who should have jurisdiction over this little parcel of land. This is where the opportunity lies for resolution.

If you value the Tree House Cafe and all they have been providing our community for so many years and despite the threats they've been under, now is the time to contact CRD director Wayne McIntyre, transportation commission chair Robin Williams, our MLA Gary Holman and our MP Elizabeth May and let them all know you strongly support their resolving this jurisdictional issue as a priority and allow the licence of occupation to be granted to the local CRD. We can't afford to lose this community hub, and it can't afford to lose us.

The writer describes himself as "just one of many friends of the Tree House."

We've waited long enough for Tree House resolution

BY JIM STANDEN

As a stock market investor, I am always interested in long-term trends.

For example the rental of a house increased from \$75/month in my mother's time to \$3,000 today. Trends can be useful things to see where we are going (and sometimes, where we are not going).

As a short-term Salt Springer (only 15 years), I am also interested in local trends. One of the most alarming trends on Salt Spring is the progression of business failures. When I came to this island, it was a hub of diversified business activity and entertainment. Imagine watching the summer sunset with a cool draft and diving into the famous nachos at the Vesuvius Pub while hearing musicians like Valdy and Bill Henderson tune up for their first sets. What a great place, and all that was lost with the pub closure and unsuccessful re-energizing. Ferry vacationers now arrive at the Vesuvius dock having seen the rooftop "pub" sign from many miles out, with their tummies in sip and savour mode. Imagine what they think of Salt Spring when they rush to the chain link fence and a "For Sale" sign in front of weeds and broken windows. Nice welcome, eh?

Then there are the folks that arrive at Fulford Harbour. I think we could all remember being at pizza night at the Fulford Inn

while nursing a glass of wine and listening to the Barley Brothers. Now visitors who want to repeat that experience arrive to a weedy concrete pad and another "For Sale" sign. That does not really encourage future visits as the inn once did.

These were potentially viable businesses that kept musicians paid, locals and tourists alike entertained, food prices low through competition, delivery trucks busy, gave staff well-paid jobs and injected taxes into our local, provincial and federal government.

Yet it is not all pubs that have shut down. No, it is also Sears, Bruce's Kitchen, Mark's, Salt Spring Coffee Company, Raven Street, Admirals, Island Star Video, Mrs. Clean Laundromat, Harbour House Restaurant, Fulford Marina, and way too many others to mention here. Some can be explained by external influences, such as global economic conditions and technological change, but not all. The trend is clear. It is down and that does not encourage anyone to visit our island or make a business investment here. Our island is a composite, a sum of our parts, and with each additional loss, we become less attractive to ourselves and those who visit us. The sum is getting smaller.

Which brings me to another location that visitors and locals alike often frequent, our pride and treasure, the Tree

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House Cafe. It's a small, European-style, family-owned business that meets or exceeds all of the aforementioned community benefit criteria. It's a tourist destination if I ever saw one, a true hub of our island in every sense of the word. It's the friendliest welcome you can have to our little community, and in fact, did welcome Sheri and me as we first arrived on Salt Spring Island and were mulling over our decision to move here.

The Tree House Cafe owners have the support of a huge number of those of us that chose to live here.

I have carefully read the recent articles over the last few issues of the Driftwood (as well as recalling several other not-so-recent articles promising resolution to the lane-way dispute in one form or another). I understand that the current challenging conditions, which have existed for two years now, have created uncertainty of the viability of the Tree House's daily operation and of great concern, the

loss of our 111-plus days of summer music program.

While I am very pleased to be reading that the key constituent players are reported to be now sitting around tables for the discussion of possible resolutions, it's way overdue for the cafe owners and employees as well as for us, the general public. I am encouraged to hear that CRD director Wayne McIntyre, trustees Peter Grove and George Grams, Robin Williams of the transportation commission and Darryl Martin of the economic development commission are giving this a high priority. That is why I voted for you and support you.

But do you need additional help? Perhaps Gary Holman is needed to act on provincial matters. Perhaps Elizabeth May is needed to respond to federal matters. I understand the land parcel is a strange territorial mix of ownership dating back to when some of it was under water as uneven shore front. Maybe that definition should be revised?

The Tree House Cafe owners have the support of a huge number of those of us that chose to live here. A petition created nearly two years ago found 2,500 local citizens signing the resolution to support the Tree House. I am one of many who signed that petition with the belief that effective action would be taken in a timely fashion. It has not.

In last week's Driftwood

(April 27), I read the quote that HASSI "took immediate action" after the petition two years ago, and after that length of time and after some recent questioning directed to the DFO (coincidence?), they have drafted a "temporary" offer to the Tree House. Wow, two years of immediate action and a temporary offer. I thought government wheels run slowly.

And now, Mark LeCorre, the owner of the Tree House, is expected to make his business decisions for the busy summer season, where much of the annual income is generated. Can you imagine ArtSpring creating their summer schedule with the process starting at the end of April? Unfathomable.

HASSI, my opinion is that the offer is way too little and horribly late. Businesses cannot function with temporary offers. I have no idea how Mr. LeCorre could schedule 111 musicians, hire full-time staffing and arrange for menu selections at this late date. What were you thinking? Of course, we don't know what you were thinking as your meetings are not open to the public (and assume that no minutes are available).

Which leads directly into my second point on accountability and visibility. If the Government of Canada can do it and my allotment garden can do it, why not HASSI? But wait, do I see in the same Driftwood article, a glimmer of

hope? There is an initiative to transfer the jurisdiction of the land in question to the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission.

Now those SSITC folks are professional. They have been very active in supporting our community with many successful initiatives, most recently with the local customized and artistically designed bus shelters. Theirs is a process I was able to participate in by submitting a letter of support. The SSITC is founded on the principles which we value in Canada: open, visible and accountable governance. We like that.

I also call to all business owners and operators on Salt Spring. This is my challenge to you. Consider putting an ad in the Driftwood and other local media indicating "I support a final, quick decisive and irrevocable resolution resolving all issues affecting the ongoing operation of the Tree House Cafe. This could be facilitated by the immediate transfer of the land to the SSITC." Call your elected officials or whomever needs to be called and ask them to resolve the issues — now! Concerned citizens and fellow petition signers can do so as well. Two years is enough in my books.

Hoping for a trend reversal.

The writer describes himself as a "lover of the Tree House Cafe and respectful governance."

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Nothing funny about conflict case

BY ERIC BOOTH

George Ehring's rather whimsical and obviously defensive April 27 response of the history and funding of the Water Council may have made some readers chuckle and others wonder what all the fuss was about.

However, if you're wondering why the B.C. Court of Appeal found him and his co-trustee guilty of conflict of interest, I wrote a detailed analysis of the whole sordid affair between November 2011 and January 2013 when the verdict came down. Reread it at your leisure: <https://islandstrust.wordpress.com/category/conflict-of-interest-charges/>.

Prior to the taxpayers picking up the bill for their defences in the Supreme Court and B.C. Court of Appeal proceedings, I appealed directly to the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee at a public meeting to simply rescind the subject resolutions and return the several thousand taxpayer dollars they had earmarked for their private societies... the private societies (a) they had created, (b) they were chairs and directors of, (c) which had decided to apply to the LTC for support monies, (d) of which there were no avail-

able minutes of meetings, (e) which required "vetting" of anyone who wanted to join their societies, and (f) they funded with public monies, which they, as trustees, dispensed, by way of resolution, without ever declaring their conflicting roles as founders and directors. Instead, they chose to blatantly ignore what was, at least to me, as a former trustee, a very obvious conflict of interest and a breach of the Community Charter, let alone common-sense, political ethics.

However, beyond the conflict of interest charges, another charge unfortunately was never followed up on by either the courts or the Islands Trust itself: that of the two trustees "fettering their discretion." Since a quorum of the LTC is just two trustees, trustees are not allowed to discuss any pending application before them, other than in an open, public meeting. In other words, no discussion behind closed doors.

I transcribed the LTC meeting in which Ehring and Christine Torgrierson awarded their societies the monies in question. Read the transcript yourself, and then tell me "when" the discussions on the monetary applications occurred, because they most

certainly did not occur during the meeting.

It is notable the Appeal Court (the highest in B.C.) also decided the Trust's defence was so egregious/pathetic as to warrant awarding the plaintiffs special costs. This meant taxpayers had to pick up a further \$75,000 or so in legal bills, above the cost of the Supreme Court proceedings, for this easily avoidable debacle.

Yes, Ehring's response may have amused some of the usual suspects, but, to anyone concerned about politicians being corrupted by personal conflicts of interest, or contraventions of the Community Charter or of Islands Trust policies, or behind-closed-door meetings, or wanton waste of thousands of taxpayer dollars, there is nothing to laugh or chuckle about. There should instead be shame, remorse and apologies from the offenders... none of which, as evidenced by Ehring's letter, the public has yet witnessed.

But who knows, maybe one day they will finally accept responsibility for their actions. I'm sorry, now it's me that's trying to be funny.

The writer is a former Salt Spring Islands Trust trustee (2002-2005).

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Tsunami Circus encourages young entertainers at SIMS

Program attracts diverse membership

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Nearing the close of its first year in operation, Tsunami Circus at Salt Spring Island Middle School is proving to be the program everyone needed without realizing it.

"I've been looking for a sport for a really long time," said Grade 8 student Celia Segura, explaining how she wanted to do something more elegant and artistic than playing volleyball or basketball. She's now learning the ropes on the aerial silks and has been surprised by her love for acro-balance.

"At the beginning I thought that wasn't my thing, but now I really like it," Segura said.

The SIMS circus program includes grades 6 to 8 middle school students and a few younger kids as well. Students can learn circus arts during school hours as one of their exploration sessions, or join the extra-curricular training program. Kids with all different body types and abilities are able to find ways to participate. One student with physical disabilities has even been able to do flips using an aerial cradle.

Though trapeze and aerial silks are popular, there are also boys and girls doing tumbling, contortion and unicycle routines. And as



Tsunami Circus students practise on aerial silks.

the SIMS kids demonstrated during a recent show with Australia's Cirkus Surreal troupe, a lot can be done just with a pair of gymnastics ribbons.

"What I love about the circus is there's a real diverse group of people, a cross section of those who have never done anything

physical to real athletes," said program director Tiffany Wightman. "Of course we have the gymnasts and dancers, but we also have those who have never done anything active before and now want to do this."

Doing circus arts can be good for growing confidence and self-esteem, and

also shows how a strong work ethic is necessary for a pay-off. No one hops onto a unicycle and starts riding right away, or rolls herself out of an aerial silk without months of training beforehand. In the latter case, building up the necessary strength in hands, arms and core is the first step in

a long process. Learning the ways to wrap oneself at a safe level off the ground is another step.

Tsunami troupe member Gabby Love is a family friend of Wightman's and had watched her do aerial arts at her home.

"I got inspired and I thought I really want to do this," Love said.

Though excited at first to learn aerial trapeze and silks, she's now learned to appreciate the possibilities of the aerial cradle as well.

"I didn't really know anything about them before, and then I realized the cradles were really fun," she said.

It took two years of hard work to get the program to this point, starting from when School District 64 hosted Cirkus Surreal in 2014. Wightman has her own experience in the aerial arts to draw from, and since starting the program she trains once a week to ensure she first tries out anything the students might want to do.

Coaching help has come from exitStageLeft principles Christina Penhale and Jekka Mack, and aerial artists Oria Atkinson and Kira Schaffer have offered their expertise through artist in the classroom grants. Wightman's partner Ben Velthuisen has also donated countless hours for rigging, lighting and equipment sourcing, among other tasks, while SD64's facilities crew and staff have been invaluable helpers. Grade

8 student Wyatt Sawchuk designed the team logo.

Endless fundraising efforts and a generous offer from Victoria Mihalyi of Flying Dreams Studio helped secure the initial equipment, such as rigging, silks and thick mats. Still more is needed to expand the program as they would like to start learning double trapeze and aerial hoop skills, for example. Wightman said getting decent lighting is also a must for shows.

In the meantime, just in its first year the program has attracted students from many different social groups and given them a fun way to interact with each other, among its other benefits. Wightman's daughters Jolene (nine) and Piper (five) also participate. "The youth are incredibly inclusive of everyone, no matter age, ability, or circus focus," Wightman said.

"Kids who didn't like coming to school before because they didn't feel like they had a place to be have decided circus is where they want to be."

She added students were waiting at the door to get into 6 a.m. practice sessions over the winter, despite it being cold, wet and pitch dark.

"That to me was my hope, but who would think it would happen?" Wightman asked. "I think it happened because they wanted it to happen."

Stay tuned for an announcement of a Tsunami Circus show date in June.

MUSIC

Summer festival line-up announced

Early bird passes available until May 14

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

The second annual Salt Spring Music and Garlic Festival is taking flight, with the line-up for the Aug. 6-7 weekend now finalized.

Headlining Saturday night is the Vancouver-based alternative rock band The Odds, while Sunday night features the 40th-year reunion of Valdy and the Home-town Band.

Other performers are Jesse Roper, Petunia and the Vipers, Shred Kelly, Jon and Roy, The Maureen Washington Quartet, The Bills, Daniel Lapp and Friends, Carmanah, The Barefoot Thieves, Billie

Woods, Yael Wand, Graham Wardrop, Carrie Burdett and El José Cuban Party.

Early bird weekend pass tickets are on sale until the end of the day on Saturday, May 14.

(See www.saltspringmusicandgarlicfestival.com for all the details and to purchase tickets.)

Several suggestions received from last year's festival-goers have been incorporated into the 2016 version, which will once again be at Paradise Within Farm on Musgrave Road. Those include: free parking, free shuttle bus, more music, more farm booths, food demonstrations, more kids stuff, a better second stage, improved site layout and more.

The second stage has been dubbed The Arvid Stage, celebrating longtime island resident Arvid Chalmers, who died this past winter. Chalmers was one of last year's

festival MCs.

A geezer "soapbox" is also in the works. "In true Arvid fashion you can have your say on what is broke and how you would fix it if you ruled the world," explains a press release.

"In the same spirit of honouring a recently departed and valued volunteer, the food service for the backstage musicians and tech volunteers will be called 'Arlo's Restaurant.'" A play on the iconic Alice's Restaurant song by Arlo Guthrie, it will pay homage to the late Arlo McGowan.

"The focus of this music and garlic festival is to promote garlic, organic farming, music and the arts on Salt Spring Island. This is a charitable organization registered as a Community Contributions Company in B.C., so money raised beyond expenses will go back to our community to support these initiatives."

Emergency Prep

Salt Spring pod program fosters safer, resilient neighbourhoods

Volunteer network strengthens emergency response capabilities

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The core planning group of the island's expanding emergency pod program meets three or four times a year to review, refine and redraw Salt Spring's capacity to endure a major natural disaster.

The committee's six members have divergent career paths and come from various parts of the country, but all of them want to keep islanders safe when the trouble arrives.

Doing so has required creation of 54 distinctive regions across the island. Each of these pods are divided into smaller neighbourhood zones to enable a faster response and built-in resiliency. From its modest beginnings, Salt Spring's pod program has exploded to include about 365 neighbourhood and pod leaders across the island.

Ron Watts, a resident of Stevens Road, got a taste of the pod program when the topic arose at a dinner party in his neighbourhood. It wasn't long

before he was recruited to oversee a vast forested area of the island's south end near Ruckle Park.

"It's all about what we were doing anyway as a community," Watts said in a recent interview at the island's emergency operations centre. "Whenever it snowed, for example, we could go around to offer help, and this is a formalization of that kind of thing."

Watts is one of six core planning members, in addition to Shelagh Bannister, Bob Kobierski, Amy MacLeod, John Newton and Jim Standen. The team shares ideas about the hits and misses in their respective pods, and keeps the hundreds of pod volunteers updated on emergency response protocols. They coordinate interagency exercises with other island-based emergency organizations and are always looking to grow the pod network across the island.

When Bannister began to knock on doors soon after joining the Channel Ridge pod, she was struck by how few people had heard of the program. She

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Preparedness Week

Access and topography make Channel Ridge especially vulnerable to forest fires, considered the island's biggest threat at this time of year.

Pod leaders can be started by burn piles, campfires and gas smokers, to name just a few sources. In the event of a forest fire, pods offer a network to make residents safe, establish multiple escape routes and mobilize neighbourhood resources like wheel-drive vehicles, generators, chainsaws and whatever else might prove useful during an emergency.

"Really is about neighbours helping neighbours," MacLeod said.

Preparedness from fires, pod leaders are prepared to help their neighbourhoods through a range of emergencies that include heavy snowfall, major rain, landslides and earthquakes.

Each pod presents unique logistical challenges on the terrain, population density, demographics, road access and participant enthusiasm. Evacuation plans for people and pets are in place

to coordinate with established emergency centres in central island locations.

Getting the word out quickly when an emergency is reported is essential to locate residents, issue evacuation advisories and keep islanders informed about specific happenings in their area.

The importance of effective communication, chain of command and rapid, effective response is familiar ground for Kobierski, a retired Canadian Armed Forces pilot. Pod participants continually train to improve their skills and capabilities to operate seamlessly when disaster strikes.

"In the military I served the country," he said. "In that sense I thought it would be nice to return to the idea of serving the community."

"There are a lot of similarities." The island's pod program operates with oversight from the Capital Regional District's Salt Spring Emergency Program. For further information about how to get involved, call 250-537-1220 or visit Salt Spring Emergency Program on Facebook.



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Pod leaders, from left, Ron Watts, Amy MacLeod, Shelagh Bannister and Bob Kobierski are among members of the core planning group responsible for the latest successes experienced by Salt Spring's community-based emergency response program.

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THEATRE REVIEW

Solo Trois-Rivières Tales show delivers full package

Humour, politics and rhyme meet in Nedjo Rogers show

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Nedjo Rogers, Salt Spring's newest poet in residence, has created a memorable method of introducing himself to the community in staging his acclaimed Fringe piece *The Trois-Rivières Tales*.

Following a month that was packed full of live theatre riches for the island, *The Trois-Rivières Tales* is kind of like the icing on the cake. As those who attended the first show at Mahon Hall on Thursday night found out, Rogers is the kind of storyteller who manages to pull all the emotional cords necessary for a great evening of entertainment: laughter, compassion, outrage and sorrow are all invoked at times.

Loosely modelled on Chaucer's structure for *The Canterbury Tales* (and told all in rhyme) Rogers' one-man play is also built on a journey and a storytelling contest. This mod-



Nedjo Rogers: actor, musician, playwright.

ern-era pilgrimage is secular in nature, though, as three cash-strapped university students take advantage of a government program to study French as a way of getting out of Vancouver on their summer break.

It's 1987 when Ned, the aspiring poet, philosophy student

Wade and activist Steve find themselves headed to the exotic outpost of Trois-Rivières. "How fully and fast horizons change," Rogers observes, especially when one gets past the Rockies. But when the Pinto dies somewhere outside Kenora and Steve suffers from malarial fevers picked up in Mexico, the guys are forced to get creative to entice passing drivers to give them a lift.

Just as *The Canterbury Tales* criticized the society of its time, especially the hypocritical practices of the church, Rogers' portrayal of the three main characters serves as a humorous wrapper for more serious fare. The tales that each of them offers is at face value an entertainment — but at its core, a deliberation on issues of social justice and human rights.

Rogers is not only a published poet, he has degrees in Latin American studies and geography and has travelled, worked and volunteered extensively in Central and South America. His Latin American experience informs the second two tales, while the first looks at the story of "Joan of Arc" through the lens

of gender identity politics. The teenaged Jeanne becomes not just a leader inspired by strange visions, but an early example of someone persecuted for not conforming to expected gender roles.

In another tale, Rogers drops the Greek myth of Persephone into the context of human trafficking in Mexico. When Hades abducts the teenage girl and brings her to a factory in Ciudad Juarez, audience members will experience a fear far more chilling than the prospect of the Greek underworld. In this telling, the girl's mother Demeter is not a goddess but a farmer. She placidly makes hand-made corn tortillas before scouring the land for her missing daughter, only to find her in a city marked by horrific violence, especially against women.

The final tale revolves around two Canadian activists who are helping the FMLN rebels of El Salvador, "a state where murder is the answer to debate." After things go wrong for their cell in Brazil, the Canadian couple is caught and made an example of. The listeners are asked to consider the tricky question

of what actions are justified in fighting the most brutal forms of oppression.

"How judge a life — except to travel through it?" Rogers shrewdly asks.

With shout-outs to giants of English literature such as Shakespeare, Shelley and Coleridge, as well as more modern classics like Phil Ochs, this is one well-rounded effort. Rogers worked under the guidance of award-winning playwright and acting teacher Karen Lee Pickett to develop the script and refine his performance. This seems to have paid off well in terms of pacing and structure.

But Rogers also has the mark of the true storyteller in that he fully inhabits each character, rapidly moving with ease from teenage girl to red-neck driver to the university students who take themselves with such comic seriousness.

Rogers and *The Trois-Rivières Tales* will return for one more night at Mahon Hall this Friday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. The evening begins with a mesmerizing performance by luthier and guitarist Evan Mann.

CONCERT PREVIEW

Salt Spring Singers explore sounds of love in next concert

Classical and modern fare on choral program

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Singers have a strong conviction that "All ya need is love" at this balmy time of year, and to prove it they are performing an eclectic program based on that theme next weekend at

ArtSpring.

With Don Conley at the helm as conductor and accompanist David Storm on piano, the 72-member-strong community choir will sing its way through the first half of the concert with classical choral pieces dedicated to expressions of love both human and divine. After intermission, the program moves toward lighter and more contemporary fare.

Conley said the singers are at a point

in their development where they are truly able to get the spirit of what each composer intended in their interpretation. They're also comfortable enough to take responsibility for bringing out the best.

"I think it's a wonderful collaboration, in contrast to the top-down, authoritarian style of conducting and directing," he said. "They have enough musical knowledge and experience now to do that."

Conley noted the Salt Spring Singers is a true community choir, representing many different ages and walks of life but united by members' love of music. (Unlike many community choirs, they are also favoured by a good balance between male and female voices, boasting strong tenor and bass sections in addition to alto and soprano.)



DON CONLEY

During the first half of the spring show, Conley said, audiences will find music that is uplifting to the soul, with choral pieces that have "breadth and depth and artistic beauty." The *Liebeslieder* series of waltzes by Johannes Brahms leads the way, with songs that are thought to have been inspired by the composer's passionate love for another man's wife: the concert pianist Clara Schumann.

These waltzes require four hands on the piano, so Conley will be joining Storm on the keys and conducting from the piano at the same time.

"That makes the whole set of pieces lush and rich in true Brahmsian fashion. Just the pianistic aspect will be very interesting for the audience to hear," Conley said, while the choral component will bring the whole experience to another level.

Also in the first half are works by Maurice Duruflé, Canadian composer Healey Willan and Nella Fantasia from the film *The Mission*. Soloists Steve Coopman and Don Zacharias will take the spotlight performing *Au fond du temple saint* from Bizet's opera *The Pearl Fishers*.

With the requirements of the soul fulfilled, the concert's second half will feature some "foot-stomping" and contemporary tunes, with a little humour thrown in. The traditional roof-raiser *There's A Meetin' Here Tonight* will be followed with a surprise visit from a famous Austrian guest.

The singers will also take on a trio of Beatles love songs and the theatrically silly but musically challenging *Bohemian Rhapsody* by Queen before finishing the evening with the stirring music of Leon Dubinsky.

The Saturday, May 14 show begins at 7:30 p.m. and the May 15 matinee is at 2 p.m.

"I think it's a wonderful collaboration, in contrast to the top-down, authoritarian style of conducting and directing."

DON CONLEY
Salt Spring Singers conductor

Rehearsals feature lots of fun and laughter, but also a willingness to embrace challenges in a positive way and take things to the next level.

"It's a big group, but they obviously enjoy what they do," he said.

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What's on this week



Wed. May 4

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Music & Munch.

Kathy Stack, Marianne Grittani and Valdy perform at All Saints By-the-Sea. 12:10 p.m. Followed by optional lunch.

ACTIVITIES

Move For Health Day.

PARC-organized 10-day scavenger hunt adventure on Salt Spring trails, beaches and parks starts today. Find the list of locations at the Rainbow Road Pool, CRD Portlock Park office, or online at crd.bc.ca/ssirec.

Free Genealogy Research.

Family History Library is open Wednesdays at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on Vesuvius Bay Road from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.

Bittancourt House Museum.

Open at the Farmers' Institute grounds. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Junior Golf Program.

Free after-school golf program for juniors on Wednesdays begins today at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club. First tee time is at 4 p.m. Arrive by 3:30 and check in at the pro shop.

Youth Week: Light Sabre Capture the Flag.

Fun event for youth 12 and up, or younger children with parents. Mout Park. 5 to 8 p.m. Sponsored by SS Community Services. Star Wars movie will follow.

Wed. May 4

ACTIVITIES

Hospice Film Series: Death by Joy.

Filmmaker Jim Cribb of Pender Island presents film on the escorted journey into the next world and shares some of the amazing backstory. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 7 p.m.

Poker Night at the Local.

Hosted by Rebekah every Wednesday at The Local. Sign up by 6:30 p.m. Start playing at 7 p.m.

Songjam.

Pub-style sing-along to the soundtracks of our lives. Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

Thur. May 5

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Mic Night with Ross & Dave.

Every Thursday at Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Local Trust Committee.

Monthly public meeting at Lions Hall beginning at 9:30 a.m. Town hall session at 12 noon.

Bittancourt House Museum.

See Wednesday listing.

Special Open Mic Poetry Night.

Share your time at the mic with your favourite poet. Read from your work and then stay to do a reading from the poet you admire the most! Two poems per reader. Salt Spring Library Program Room. Reader sign-up at 6:45. Poetry starts at 7.

Thur. May 5

ACTIVITIES

SS Forum Presents Adrienne Clarkson.

The Salt Spring Forum hosts the Rt. Hon. Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada 1999-2005, for a special discussion inspired by her CBC Massey Lectures, Belonging: The Paradox of Citizenship. Gulf Islands Secondary School. 7:30 p.m.



Fri. May 6

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Brent Shindell.

Live at The Local. 5 to 8 p.m.

Narnia by Stagecoach Theatre School.

Season-end show features students from Theatre Seekers, Intermediate Theatre, and Improv classes plus Onstage Theatre group's musical production of Narnia. With silent auction in the ArtSpring lobby. ArtSpring Theatre. 7 p.m.

The Trois-Rivieres Tales.

A one-man Fringe theatre hit about a rollicking cross-Canada storytelling contest written and performed by Nedjo Rogers. Opening music by GISS graduate Evan Mann, luthier and guitarist. Mahon Hall. 7:30 p.m.

Nearly Neil.

Neil Diamond Tribute at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

Fri. May 6

ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt House Museum.

See Wednesday listing.

Susan Haigh Art Show Opening.

Opening of exhibition of wildflower paintings. KizMit Galeria & Cafe. 6 to 8 p.m.

Salt Spring Butterflies Presentation.

Salt Spring Island Conservancy hosts James Miskelly, research associate in entomology at the Royal BC Museum. Lions Hall at 7 p.m.

Sat. May 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Barley Brothers.

Every Saturday at The Local. 3 to 6 p.m.

Soul Shakedown.

Soul/rock band at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

Narnia by Stagecoach Theatre School.

See Friday's listing.

ACTIVITIES

Saturday Market in the Park.

In Centennial Park. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Annual Mother's Day Bazaar.

SSI NDP Club fundraiser. Salt Spring Island United Church lower hall. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Butterfly Nature Walk.

James Miskelly, research associate in entomology at the Royal BC Museum, leads a Butterfly Nature Walk at the Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve beginning at 10 a.m. Meet at the parking lot at the end of Sarah Way.

Sat. May 7

ACTIVITIES

CFWU Meeting.

Guest speaker is Chief Vern Jacks of the Tseycum Nation on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Final Report. Public welcome. Harbour House Hotel. 10 a.m.

Salt Spring Island Emergency Fair.

Prizes, preparedness information, responders and equipment. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a Myths of FireSmart talk by SSIFR Lieut. Mitchell Sherrin at 10:30 a.m.



Sun. May 8

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Narnia by Stagecoach Theatre School.

See Friday's listing, except the time is at 2 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

14th Annual SSTR Ride/Walk-a-thon.

Fundraiser for the Salt Spring Therapeutic Riding Association. Starts from 1860 Fulford Ganges Rd. at 11 a.m.

Mother's Day Rollerblading.

Final rollerblading session of the season at Fulford Hall. 2 to 4 p.m.

Mon. May 9

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Toastmasters Public Speaking Club.

Practice skills and have fun, following the Toastmasters International program structure. Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. 7 p.m.

Salt Spring Abattoir Society AGM.

SS Farmers' Institute. 7 p.m.

Tue. May 10

ACTIVITIES

Cultural Competency and Reconciliation Discussion.

Salt Spring United Church. Call Joe Akerman at 250-818-5632 or akermanjoe@hotmail.com for time and more information.

Canadian Children's Book Week Celebration.

With YA writer Wesley King, author of the Vindico series. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 3:10 p.m.

Wed. May 11

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Historical Society.

AGM plus two topics on the program: Cyrus Wesley Peck, islands' MLA, and the history and future of Salt Spring radio. Central Hall. 2 p.m.

Hospice Film Screening: Being Mortal.

Renowned surgeon Atul Gawande challenges us all to re-examine how we think about death and dying. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 7 p.m.

Free Genealogy Research.

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Junior Golf Program.

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- **Imprints 2016**, a multi-artist exhibition of woodcuts, linocuts, etchings, engravings, lithographs and fine letterpress art books, runs at **Duthie Gallery** until May 15. Gallery open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

- **Kizmit Galeria/Cafe** shows **Susan Haigh's** acrylic and oil paintings of wildflowers through May, with an opening reception on Friday, May 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. Open Thursdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.-ish.
- **The Mardi Mob Collective** presents **Island Faces** — Portraits from Life in the **ArtSpring lobby** areas in the month of May.
- **Salt Spring Gallery** artists have work hanging in **Island Savings**.
- **Avril Kirby** has photographs at **Salt Spring Coffee Company Cafe**.
- **SOLID** shows African art by **Louise Adele**.
- **Bill Underwood** exhibits "duplex" photographs at **Fernwood Road Cafe**.

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SUSTAINABILITY

Chamber earns first Green Tourism Canada designation

Accreditation shows leadership on environmental issues

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Salt Spring Island is home to the first Canadian Chamber of Commerce and visitor centre to become accredited members of Green Tourism Canada.

The silver-level accreditation was made official on April 19, after the chamber fulfilled all the requirements of its application.

"We are proud to be working within this program to show our commitment to environmental sustainability and to promote Salt Spring Island's reputation as an eco-friendly destination where business and nature work together in harmony," said chamber executive director Janet Clouston in a press release issued Friday.

"It really is showing people that we're prepared to have leadership around this issue," Clouston added on Monday. "We as an organization are striving to show people our values."

In the fall of 2015, the local chamber board decided to look



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From left, Salt Spring Visitor Centre volunteers Bob Oudenaarden and Terri Skjaveland, and Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce executive director Janet Clouston hold printed logos of the Green Tourism Canada silver accreditation the chamber recently received. The local chamber is the first in Canada to be certified.

into ways that seek a green accreditation. Clouston did some research and discovered the local body could apply to Green Tourism Canada.

She said the chamber was already

doing most of the things required for accreditation, but ultimately completed the checklist by using recycled products and energy-efficient lighting, undertaking carbon offsetting for its visitor guide pub-

lication and using environmentally sound cleaning products, among other actions.

"We are thrilled to bring on our first chamber of commerce and visitor centre in Canada," said

Lindsay Eason, program director of Green Tourism Canada. "The Salt Spring chamber has set an example not only for other chamber and visitor centres across the country but for tourism businesses as well. They are literally 'walking the talk' by focussing on their sustainability performance, and have taken a leadership role for other businesses on the island to follow, helping to boost sustainable tourism on Salt Spring Island."

"We are working to have a thriving tourism economy and a thriving business climate and protect the environment while we are at it," said Clouston. "There's no economy without the environment. If we can't do it on Salt Spring, where can we?"

Chamber members are encouraged to get involved in the program to promote Salt Spring's eco-friendly destination. Jason Griffin of Tour Salt Spring was also recently accredited through Green Tourism Canada.

In other chamber news, Salt Spring and the other southern Gulf Islands are collaborating on marketing the area to tourists this summer thanks to a Destination BC grant.

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WORKSHOP

ESL tutors get speaking tips

Salt Spring Literacy workshop on May 13

A free workshop for tutors who want to help their ESL learners with speaking skills will be offered on Friday, May 13.

Tips for the ESL Speaking Tutor will cover simple strategies to help students learn and remember some of English's speaking challenges, such as

stress and accent, consonant and vowel sounds, and association. The workshop, appropriate for tutors of all levels of ESL learners, will be taught by Coreen Boucher using the student-centred approach of CELTA.

Boucher says those who sign up should be prepared to participate and learn something new.

Boucher has been an ESL teacher in Korea and special-

ized in speaking and pronunciation. She is an editor and writer on the island and volunteers for Salt Spring Literacy as a tutor.

The workshop takes place in the Salt Spring Library Program Room from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Opportunities for volunteer tutoring through Salt Spring Literacy will also be discussed.

To register or get more information, contact SSL at 250-537-9717.

ISLAND HISTORY

Cy Peck talk at historical society AGM

Next Wednesday at Central Hall

The Salt Spring Historical Society is getting ready for its annual general meeting set for Wednesday, May 11 at Central Hall.

After the annual business and elections for the 2016-17 year have concluded after the 2 p.m. meeting start, the group will enjoy two presentations.

The first will be an overview of Cyrus Wesley Peck, who was one of seven Canadians awarded the Victoria Cross for their actions on one single day, Sept. 2, 1918, for actions across the 30-km-

long Drocourt-Quéant Line near Arras, France. In 1924, he was elected as MLA for the islands region. A member of the British Columbia Conservative Party, he was re-elected in 1928.

In 1930, the Gulf Islands Ferry Company purchased the Canadian Pacific car ferry Island Princess and renamed it MV Cy Peck in his honour. The MV Cy Peck remained in service until 1966.

The second presentation on Wednesday will be an historical overview of Salt Spring radio and its future on the island.

The historical society will take a break from monthly meetings until September.

Everyone is welcome to attend SSSH events.



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RAISING THE FLAG: Salt Spring Sailing Club past commodore Eric van Soeren, centre, who spearheaded the club's application for Clean Marine BC certification, gets ready to raise the flag designating the club facilities as an Eco-Rated Marina at opening day ceremonies on Sunday, May 1. The club's own mini pipe and drum corps, Philippe Erdmer, left, and Rod Macdonald piped the club officers from the docks to the clubhouse for the celebration.

SOCIETAL ISSUES

Sexual assault survey launches today

Information to improve local services

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

SWOVA is asking people living in the Gulf Islands who have knowledge or experience of sexual assault to help inform improvements to local education and services by participating in an online survey.

Men and women who participate in the survey, which launches today (Wednesday, May 4) can be assured that researchers will treat their information as anonymous and confidential. What they have to say will also be considered vitally important to understanding sexual violence in the Gulf Islands, helping to prevent it through education programs and helping victims cope.

"Sexual assault is an unfortunate reality in our community, as it is everywhere, so the more support, education and awareness there is, the more I think we can address it," said SWOVA's executive director Kiran Dhingra.

SWOVA has undertaken a three-year project to address issues around sexual assault and building a culture of consent thanks to funding from Status of Women Canada. The idea to do so was inspired in part by the establishment of

a Violence Against Women in Relationships committee on Salt Spring, which allows police, social workers, health authorities and others to share records in order to protect high-risk victims of domestic violence from further injury or death.

Dhingra said Canadian statistics show violence in relationships and sexual assault is most commonly reported in the 14-25 age group.

"We hope that people will see it as an important issue and use their own social networks to get the word out."

JUDI STEVENSON
Minerva Research & Communications

"I think we anticipate we will see some similar outcomes in our own community," she said.

The first phase of the three-year project has been the establishment of a working group with representation from SWOVA, the Gulf Islands School District, Island Health and other fields where professionals come into contact with victims of sexual violence. A needs assessment began with focus groups featuring community members in those fields.

The survey developed by external consultant Minerva Research and Communications will be the next step in the information gathering process.

"We hope that people will see it as an important issue and use their own social networks to get the word out," said Minerva founder Judi Stevenson. "After all, we've had a year of being reminded in many painful ways that sexual assault is an issue. We feel like it's a good time for SWOVA to address it."

The survey will include questions on a wide variety of related topics. The researchers are hoping to have people with personal experiences of assault participate, as well as those who have not experienced assault first hand but may know someone who has.

"It's a difficult issue and the people that are touched by it may be deeply damaged, so it's an issue that the whole community needs to take some responsibility for," Stevenson said. "You never know when there's somebody in your world that's going to experience it. And we need to be better equipped to know how to support others, as well as understanding consent, preventing incidents of assault, and getting a handle on the best ways to diminish the problem through education and response."

Information collected will therefore include how much

community members know about supporting victims of violence, and ideas for developing supports and programming.

"We want to hear from as many people as possible to get the best coverage and the best picture [of the situation]," Stevenson said. However, getting a good idea from just one person on how to improve matters will be a worthwhile result, she added.

Dhingra said current conversations in the field of violence prevention are about shifting to a culture of consent. While previously young people were given the doctrine "no means no," now they need to think about actually hearing a "yes."

Education around that idea could perhaps be part of the project's next phase. SWOVA and its partners will also examine what gaps there are in the services currently being provided.

"I think that's the exciting part of it. We can start to look at how we can move forward, once we have the information back from the needs assessment," Dhingra said.

The survey can be accessed at surveymonkey.com/r/8TGGPPP with a deadline to participate of May 31.

Because talking about such matters can be difficult, the survey also contains a number of resources to access for help.

the Laundry-Bell pair regaining first place. They were followed by Queen (Flo) Laundry and Lynn Thorburn, then Ted Baldwin and Catherine Gardiner in third place. AlWilke and Nadene managed fourth place in a challenging evening.

May it be emphasized that people, especially able-bodied ones, are urged to arrive at 6:30 to help set up tables and spare a couple of noble souls from doing it all alone? The more the merrier and the sooner things get started the better the sleepyheads like it.

For finding a partner, please call 250-537-1398, and for info contact George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or pastorale@shaw.ca.

BRIDGETRICKS

lowed for a change by George Laundry and Jeff Bell. Third place went to Terry Clement and Brent Vickers, with Gisela Welsh and Gillian Mouat in the fourth spot.

By April 25 the weather had changed back to normal and many of the five full tables were clubbed to death with spades digging the graves, leaving broken hearts. But diamonds went to a select few, the survivors of the unfathomable hands being

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Spades club card players during April game

Strange hands and broken hearts recorded

BY JILL EVANS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

On April 18 five and a half tables of hopefuls arrived at Seniors, and were confronted by a series of cockeyed hands.

Being that kind of optimists, the winners said, "Life is just a bowl of Jello" and appeared more intelligent and smart (thinking of "South Pacific" on that summery evening). Those winners were Liz and Oleh Mycyk by a long shot this time, fol-

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WEDNESDAY

SALT SPRING GENEALOGY GROUP meets on the last Wednesday of each month, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Mormon church. Info: Claudia - 250-538-1708.

SALT SPRING PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Harbour House Crofton Room.

SOUTH SALT SPRING SENIORS meet on the last Wednesday of each month at Fulford Hall at 2 p.m.

STITCH DIMENSION QUILT GUILD meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from October through June from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Salt Spring Island Baptist Church, around the back.

YOUTH CREATIVE WRITING GROUP for ages 9-13 runs at the Salt Spring Library led by Nikky from 4-6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

AFRO-GUINEA DANCE CLASS. Traditional & contemporary dance of Guinea & Mali, with experienced & passionate dance instructor Julia. All levels. North End Fitness. 6 to 7:30 p.m.

BOOMERFIT at Fulford Hall. Focus is on the Boomer demographic. All aspects of fitness are covered using a mindful approach in all exercises. This class is based on functional movement, and offers a low-impact, injury-free environment for any fitness level. Led by Trisha, certified personal trainer. 9-10 a.m. Info: trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com, 250-653-4656.

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

CHAIR YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at SSI Wellness Centre. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

COMPUTER DROP-IN HELP — Free help with computer, tablet, smartphone problems at Salt Spring Literacy. Drop in at 126 Hereford Ave. between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

CRYSTAL BOWLS & VOCAL VIBRATIONS with Adam Huber at SSI Wellness Centre. 7:30 to 9 p.m.

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

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY is open at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 221 Vesuvius Bay Rd. from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and from 7 to 9 p.m. Premium genealogy websites available.

HOT HATHA YOGA at The Nest hot yoga. 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and Moksha-inspired Level 1 hot yoga from 8 to 9 a.m. Info: theshotyoga@gmail.com

MEDITATION GROUP suitable for beginners meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10:10 to 11 a.m. Everyone welcome. Info: Deb Stevenson, 250-930-5333

MEDITATION MEETINGS and teachings with the Salt Spring Vipassana Society. The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. Teachings offered by donation with Insight Meditation teacher Heather Martin. 7 to 8:30 p.m.

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

PILATES CLASS with Anna Halthre at Cats Pajamas Studio, 104 Langs Rd. 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Info/register: anna@bonesforever.com Pilates is a body conditioning system that builds flexibility and long, lean muscles, strength and endurance.

SSI ROTARY CLUB meets each Wednesday for a deliciously prepared lunch with community focused speakers and presentations at the Harbour House Hotel from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SWING DANCE at SS Elementary School gym. East-Coast, West-Coast, and Lindy Hop. Everyone welcome. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call Larry Nelson or Wendy Hartnett at 250-537-4118.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.

YOGA (MIXED LEVELS) with Celeste Mallett Jason at SSI Wellness. 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

YOGA with Dorothy Price. At The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. 9 to 10:30 a.m.

YOGA with Jim Dickinson at Salt Spring Seniors at 10 a.m. Bring a yoga mat and towel.

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

ZUMBA TONING with Lee Sigmund at SS Wellness. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

LIBRARY BOOK CLUB open to all meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at the library. 1 to 3 p.m.

OPEN MIC POETRY NIGHT at the Salt Spring Library Program Room on the first Thursday of the month. Sign-up at 6:45 p.m.; one poem per reader; event begins at 7 p.m. Guest poets read at 7:30.

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

EVERY THURSDAY

AL-ANON for friends and families of alcoholics meets at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church rear annex. 12 noon.

BINGO at Meaden Hall. 6:30 p.m.

BRIDGE runs at Salt Spring Seniors at 12:45 p.m.

DANCE TEMPLE at Beaver Point Hall from 7 to 9 p.m.

FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT® CLASS with Alice Friedman at The Gatehouse, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Info: Alice Friedman, 250-653-4332, alicef@saltspring.com.

MEN'S YOGA with Ken Katz at Salt Spring Wellness Centre. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

NIA at Fulford Hall Annex. 10 to 11 a.m. (See Tuesday description.) Info: Arleen, 250-653-9235. Call Donna at 250-653-9985 for fee info.

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

SALTY WHEELS SQUARE DANCE CLUB meets at 734 Upper Ganges Road. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Info: Marilynne, 250-537-5356.

SENIORS LUNCH runs at Salt Spring Seniors at 12 noon.

SEVEN STARS TAI CHI CLUB beginners class at 210 Cedar Lane. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Info: 250-537-5667.

STAY AND PLAY DROP-IN for parents and caregivers and their children aged 0-6. Family Place. 12:30 to 3 p.m.

TAOIST TAI CHI for beginners at All Saints By-the-Sea, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with beginners until noon. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.

VINYASA YOGA at The Nest hot yoga. 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. PLUS Warm Hatha from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Info: theshotyoga@gmail.com

YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at SS Centre of Yoga from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

EVERY FRIDAY

BOOMERFIT at Beaver Point Hall. Focus is on the Boomer demographic. All aspects of fitness are covered using a mindful approach in all exercises. This class is based on functional movement, and offers a low-impact, injury-free environment for any fitness level. 9 to 10 a.m. Info: trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com, 250-653-4656.

BRIDGE GAMES run at Salt Spring Seniors at 12:30 p.m.

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

EVERYBODY STRETCH — Everyday stretches for the everyday body to classical music with Catherine Bennett. SSI Wellness Centre. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

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

MEAT DRAW at the Legion. 5 p.m.

STAY AND PLAY DROP-IN for parents and caregivers and their children aged 0-6. Family Place. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

STORYTIME — Ideal for kids aged 3 to 6 and their families. SSI Library. 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

TANGO PRACTICES for newcomers and old. Top floor of the Core Inn. 8 to 10 p.m. Facebook: Por El Amor del Tango-Salt Spring Tango; Terri at ssi.tango@gmail.com

YOGA (MIXED LEVELS) with Celeste Mallett Jason at SSI Wellness Centre. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

EVERY SATURDAY

BELLYFIT with Trina Aspinall at SSI Wellness Centre. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

DAD 'N' ME PANCAKE BREAKFAST at Family Place. For dads and kids aged 0 to 6. 8:30 to 10 a.m.

MEAT DRAW at the Legion. 5 p.m.

RESTORATIVE YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at SSI Wellness Centre. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Open practice. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.

TECH TUTORING WITH JOHN at the Salt Spring library on Saturdays on the hour from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. All topics, including Macs. Please sign up at the library for the appropriate date and time, complete with contact information and tutoring topic.

TODDLERTIME at the library for children under four and their families. 10:30 a.m.

VINYASA YOGA at The Nest hot yoga. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Info: theshotyoga@gmail.com

ZUMBA DANCE FITNESS with Lee Sigmund at SSI Wellness Centre. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

SUNDAY

SENIORS' QUIZ NIGHT runs on the first and third Sundays of each month at SS Seniors Centre. 7 p.m.

UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP meets on the first three Sundays of every month at Salt Spring Seniors at 10:30 a.m. For weekly program, visit www.saltspringunitarians.com for info.

EVERY SUNDAY

DANCE TEMPLE SACRED SUNDAYS. A family-friendly opportunity to dance. Lightly facilitated, conscious dance event. Core Inn third floor. 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

SEVEN STARS TAI CHI CLUB — All styles at 210 Cedar Lane. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info: 250-537-5667

MONDAY

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC on the last Monday of each month at SS Seniors. 10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

SSI PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION usually meets on the third Monday of each month at the Portlock Park portable. 4 to 6 p.m. Public welcome. Confirm meeting date at 250-537-4448.

SSI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION meets on the fourth Monday of each month at the Portlock Park portable. 4 to 6 p.m. Public welcome.

TWO TWONINE LUNCH at Salt Spring Seniors on the second and fourth Monday of each month. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 250-537-4604 to reserve your spot in advance!

ZUMBA DANCE FITNESS with Lee Sigmund at SSI Wellness Centre. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

EVERY MONDAY

ACTIVE LEARNING group meets at Salt Spring Seniors. 2:30 p.m.

CHESS GROUP meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Salt Spring Seniors. Info: George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or pastoralae@shaw.ca.

EVERYBODY STRETCH — Everyday stretches for the everyday body to classical music with Catherine Bennett. SSI Wellness Centre. 1 to 2 p.m.

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

HOT YOGA for beginners at The Nest hot yoga. 11:45 a.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL. Mondays at the GISS gym. 8 to 10 p.m.

MOKSHA-INSPIRED FLOW HOT YOGA at The Nest hot yoga. 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Info: theshotyoga@gmail.com

READERS' THEATRE meets at Salt Spring Seniors at 10 a.m.

SEVEN STARS TAI CHI CLUB — Applications at 210 Cedar Lane. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Info: 250-537-5667

TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. With beginners until 8 p.m. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.

TECH TUTORING WITH CONRAD at the Salt Spring library. iPad, Tablet and eReader Tutoring with Conrad Koke. Sessions available at 12 and 1 p.m. Sign-up sheets are found in the Info Desk Programs binder.

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

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

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL. All ages and levels of play. Clean non-marking shoes required. SIMS gym. 5:30 to 7:10 p.m. Info: Annette at aodurukwe@yahoo.com.

YOGA WITH CELESTE MALLET JASON at SSI Wellness Centre. Mixed Level, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.; Level 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Seniors Yoga, 3 to 4 p.m.; and Mixed Levels from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.

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

EVERY TUESDAY

AFRO BODY MOVEMENT FOR ALL. Gentle work-out, pilates & yoga inspired, proper breathing techniques, primal body functionality, exploration through Afro-movement structure. Interesting way to reconnect with our primal body. North End Fitness. 7 to 8 p.m.

ARTS & CRAFTS GROUP meets at Salt Spring Seniors at 1 p.m.

CHAIR YOGA WITH CATE at the Fulford Hall Seniors Room. 2 to 3:15 p.m. c.mcewen@shaw.ca, 250-653-9148

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

FLOOR HOCKEY. Drop-in floor hockey at Fulford Hall. 7:30 p.m. Info: Normand, 250-653-9798.

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

MOKSHA-INSPIRED FLOW HOT YOGA at The Nest hot yoga. 5:30 to 7 p.m. (Level 2) and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. (Level 1) Info: theshotyoga@gmail.com

NIA. The original fitness/fitness program that offers the joy of dance, the power of martial arts, the flexibility and mindfulness of yoga and more. Blissful, sweaty fun that will completely change how you feel about your body and exercise. 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. at SS United Church hall, and 5:45 to 7 p.m. at the Core Inn. Info + pre-register with Arleen at 250-653-9235.

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

SMARTSOMATICS classes with Nelly Kosteljik at North End Fitness from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Info: 250-537-2056 or http://smartsomatics.shawwebspace.ca/

STAY AND PLAY DROP-IN for parents and caregivers and their children aged 0-6. Family Place. 12:30 to 3 p.m.

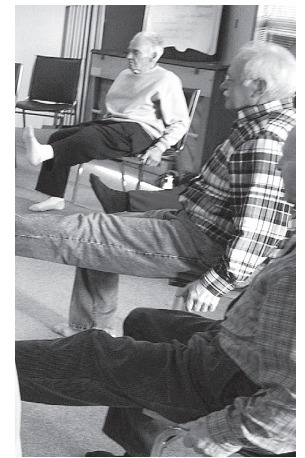
SEVEN STARS TAI CHI CLUB — Yang Style at 210 Cedar Lane. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Info: 250-537-5667

TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.

UBUNTU sacred chants with Barb Slater. SSI Wellness Centre. 1 to 2:30 p.m.

VINYASA FLOW at The Nest hot yoga. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Info: theshotyoga@gmail.com

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



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ECOLOGY

The kindness of throwers and rescuers

Many ways to love the world

People are peculiar. The one I know best is, for sure.

For example, I have this thing about rescuing earth-worms. In late winter the ones that dove deep to escape last summer's drought feel the new rain and come out to play. They worm their way onto the damp concrete of our open-air carport, stranding for lack of lubricating moisture. Come morning, I find them gasping for water. Gently I pick them up, one by one, and toss them onto the wet lawn where they belong.

It's a dim back-trail, but I think it began with a boy wishing his dad had time to play. Imagine the Great Depression, five kids, a heroic mother in the house, a dad either fixing cars for wages or gardening for food.

No time for play. Once in a rare while in summer he would say, "Bobby, if you can find some worms we'll go fishing together tomorrow after supper." You never saw a lazy nine-year-old move so fast! Trouble was, by midsummer Massachusetts worms burrowed deep like Salt Spring ones do. I'd dig where a flower-bed was watered, or turn over long forgotten planks, or find a



Bob Weeden

CONNECTIONS

mouldering pile of compost — anything to get my passport for time with dad.

Paleontologist Loren Eiseley once encountered a man on a beach after a storm, throwing stranded sea stars as far into the waves as he could. Eiseley made no comment, but silently scoffed at the thrower's foolishness. Sea creatures that venture into the zone of tumbling surf should die for their mistake, the biologist thought. That's what evolution is all about.

He had a restless night, the incident darting in and out in his mind, accompanied by phantasmagorical images. Evolution is Truth, the scientist in him insisted, but then he recalled the tricksters ready to negate every myth, the shadows that leaped after every brilliant discovery.

Survival of the fittest? Try holding onto that, in the face of the pure randomness of mutations and the chaos of probabilities in zillions of sub-atomic events. Caught in a

web of despair by the demonic implacability of the universe and the futility of so many self-centred lives, he muttered in half-sleep, "One cannot love the world."

Immediately he rejected that pitiless logic and the utter loneliness, which is its shadow, and thought, "But I do love the world. I love the lost ones, the failures."

He rose and went to find the star thrower. Coming to him, Eiseley said, "Call me another thrower." "I cast slowly, deliberately, and well," he wrote, "... for it was men as well as starfish we sought to save ... Somewhere the Thrower knew."

My thought here is that if our whims are so consequential, we should do more of them from love.

And, together, the star throwers gave the doomed sea creatures another chance.

Writing in 1969, Eiseley could not have predicted the extent to which other life,

today, depends on human whim as much as on the ponderous rationality of Darwinian evolution. Our whims may improve other lives or diminish them. Though the net result of centuries of whim — or self-centred decision — has been the extinction of thousands of species and the reduction of Earth's life-giving fertility, that's another story. My thought here is that if our whims are so consequential, we should do more of them from love.

I will toss stranded worms onto the wet grass again next winter, and among beach walkers a few will stoop to pitch sand-choked sea stars into the farther waves. A bird lover will put out warm sugar water for overwintering Anna's hummingbirds. A hiker will kneel to replace a turf of stoncrop that careless boots knocked from a ledge.

Somewhere a subdivision builder will leave a small marsh alone because swallows swooped so gracefully over it; somewhere else a pod of bathers will tow a helpless dolphin off a beach.

Somewhere, perhaps, in the welter of universes unveiled by astrophysicists' math, there is a Thrower who, on loving whim, tosses this stranded universe back for another chance.

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Roses

Kudos and high tails to all of our 76 volunteers who, in one way or another, help the BC SPCA with our mission to protect and enhance the quality of life for animals in British Columbia. Certainly, with over 6,000 volunteer hours logged in 2015, we acknowledge the work done by people freely sharing their time, skills, and hearts, is what makes a difference for animals in our community. It is true selfless service that helps these animals have a safe, low-stress, healthy experience in our care. Thank you for all you are for the animals!

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To all the folks at the Anglican parish, thanks for your help! It takes a village to grow food for the folk in need. Thanks for helping our community garden do that. And to Marsha G and friends, too. The Copper Kettle folk

Giant bouquets of blue tie-dyed roses to Mme. Wiigs, Mme. San-Martin and Anne Garneau for making the Québec exchange possible for us. We had so much fun in Beauceville and with all our twins on Salt Spring. We are very grateful for all your hard work and dedication that made these trips possible for us. Merci, merci, merci! With love and thanks from the Grade 7 French Immersion class at SIMS and our families.

Salt Spring Literacy gives teapots of roses to everyone who supported our Spring Tea fundraiser by attending, plus performance poets Taryn Muldoon and Nedjo Rogers, and Braeden Crouse for the flower arrangements. Thank you to the donors of silent auction and door prize items: Oystercatcher, Island Savings, SALT Pure Goods, Wilco Construction, Thrive Lifestyle, North End Fitness, Spa by Lenice, Mouat's Home Hardware, Salt Spring Clothing, Pharmasave, Salt Spring Books, Cafe Talia, Stella Weinert, Grassroots Press and Patti Field of

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A shower of rose petals for the eight rugged guys who came to the rescue of an old granny on Upper Ganges Road last Friday. Guy power to warm the heart!

Roses, in lieu of sweet violets, for all who participated in the Gumboot Gala: Bill, Valdy, Dave, Jose, Ian, Norman, Harry Gillian, Rob, Greg, Krista, Don, Lisa and Charley.

Thank you to the Driftwood for alerting our community so effectively about our missing greens flags. And thank you to those who returned these flags. This not only saved our club money but these flags are very helpful for the many new golfers who visit our club and try to master this wonderful game. It has renewed our faith in Salt Spring as a community that all support each other.

A whole bunch of us would like to send a huge thank-you bouquet of baby's breath, tiger lilies, yellow roses and columbine (eagle and dove) to Kathy Hafting, a generous mother, fabulous friend, travel advisor and fun companion extraordinaire who made our trip to Seattle the best time ever. Hugs from all of us. We sure couldn't have done it without you!

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EARL JOSEPH PARKER

1920 - 2016

With sadness we announce the passing of Earl Joseph Parker peacefully on April 24 at Heritage Place for Seniors on S.S.I.

Born in Moose Jaw SK. he moved to Campbell River in 1947 where he worked as an accountant till he retired in 1985.

He was a long standing member of the Masonic Hall & Shriners & the North Island rep for crippled children.

Earl was predeceased by his wife Audrey (2001) and is survived by his 2 children Linda Herman & Leigh Parker, 1 sister Doris Stansfield, 6 Grandchildren, 4 Great-Grandchildren & Nieces & Nephews.

Special thanks to the staff at Heritage Place & special thanks to Sandi Muller.

"The song has ended, but the melody lingers on..." Irving Berlin



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MICHAEL JOHN LOURIM

May 19, 1941 - April 27, 2016



Michael John Lourim, 74 of Saltspring Island B.C. passed away suddenly at home on April 27, 2016. Mike was born May 19, 1941 in Detroit Michigan to the late Frank and Blanche Lourim. Following high school he entered the Benedictine religious order.

Mike arrived in Canada in 1967, working as a research officer at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), where he received his Masters of Education (MED) from the University of Toronto and completed all the coursework for a doctorate. More recently he graduated with a Diploma in Christian Studies from Vancouver School Of Theology at University of British Columbia.

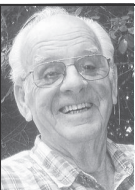
It was Mike's love of natural materials and architecture, combined with his creativity and critical eye for design that pulled him into his next career, where he was owner and operator of Lourim & Co. renovating both in Toronto and on Saltspring Island.

He had a wonderful eye for proportion and design, whether he was arranging stones inside a pool of light on a hall table, or constructing a garden gate, his "patented" potting shed or a new kitchen (his favourite being IKEA). His strong intellect drew from his love and study of many disciplines, including the classics, sociology, architecture and design, theology and social justice.

Mike had an easy warm manner and an enchanting smile for both friends and acquaintances. In conversation he had a lovely dry wit but not at anyone's expense.

Sue and Mike moved to Saltspring Island in the early 90's. Mike is survived by his wife Sue, his son Sean, Sue's son Dylan (Colton, Ayden) and in-laws Debbie, David, Sarah, Becky and Graham, cousin Bruce and Deb. He will be remembered fondly by many friends and acquaintances and deeply missed by many.

A memorial service will be held at 11am, Wednesday, May 11th at All Saints by the Sea Anglican Church, Saltspring Island, B.C.



Robert Lindsay Kyle

March 24, 1927 - April 29, 2016

On April 29th we said goodbye to our beloved husband, father and grandfather, Robert Lindsay Kyle. Lindsay died peacefully with family by his side and embraced in their love.

Predeceased by son, Gavin Lindsay on January 1st, 2008, he leaves behind his loving wife of over 61 years, Dorothy, and his children Ian (Sandy), Warren (Jaimie) Linda (Gordon) and grandchildren Aaron, Sarah, Emma, Alastair, Connor, Sabrina, Jordan, Rebekah and Charissa. Lindsay was born in Vancouver and quickly developed a love of the sea. A merchant career on the ocean led him to meet his wife Dorothy in Australia. Beginning a family together with Dorothy brought Lindsay back to the coast and after the family moved to Salt Spring Island in February 1964, Lindsay worked with B.C. Ferries until his retirement. Lindsay loved to read and history was his passion. During his retirement Lindsay enjoyed annual family trips to Mexico and summers of camping, mainly on Vancouver Island. Lindsay and Dorothy traveled extensively throughout Europe and the South Pacific. True to his love of the sea Lindsay enjoyed cruising with the highlight being a cruise through the Panama Canal. When Lindsay was not traveling he would often be seen having coffee with the lads at Dagwoods followed by hours of passionate grass cutting on this riding mower. Lindsay's evenings often found him in his workshop repairing the many little things his family would bring him. He was a talented artist and craftsman.

A gathering of family and friends will take place at a later date. Flowers gratefully declined.

The family would like to thank everyone at Greenwoods Eldercare Facility who cared for and loved Lindsay during his two years there. We would also like to extend thanks to those who specifically supported us in word and deed during Lindsay's final few days. Your compassion was felt and appreciated.

*God saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb,
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, "Peace be thine."*

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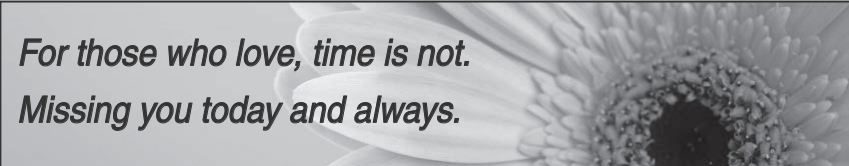
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TIP OF THE WEEK

The Aries New Moon cycle was a stormy one, but now it is complete. It hosted a conjunction with the Sun, Moon, and Uranus. Positively, like a powerful storm complete with lightning and thunder it has served to clear the air. Then, it culminated in a Full Moon in Scorpio which was destined to manifest the potent charge of 'energies' implied.

Now the Moon is new in Taurus. While not as evidently potent, it too must be regarded from a holistic perspective to be fully appreciated. This New Moon contains within it what may be deemed the aftershock effects of the initial detonation. In some respects, it is this powerful 360-degree wave that produces much more noticeable and protracted effects. Get ready, the energetic output over the next several weeks will be big, very big.

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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Balancing a feeling of restlessness with a desire for stability is a central theme now. Expect your concentration levels to deepen. You will effectively plant your feet on the ground more firmly as if to push a heavy object. If successful and a momentum builds, your resolve will increase and you will push harder with each step.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21) You are ready and determined to advance your position. Looking back over the past few years, you will notice that you have and continue to change both inside and out, noticeably. You will also be aware that turning back is not an option. So, forward it is and while your resolve may be shaken, it is hardly broken.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21) Stepping back to rest and re-center continues. What is implied is the likelihood that you are contending with outer obstacles, situations, and people, some of whom may well be described as antagonists. Accepting responsibility for your part in this episode of your life, avoid reaction and minimize response even, allowing time to work for you.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22) The time has come to express yourself, to invest your energies in new ways. A process of re-evaluation is indicated as well, call it unlearning. Some may describe it as unraveling. Either way, the natural urge to move forward requires that you let go and leave behind stuff, attitudes, perspectives... that have served their time.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23) A process of rebuilding your confidence is underway. Some cycles simply support us to be more in our mojo, some call it the flow, others the zone, in other traditions, the Tao. Yet some cycles require more patience, more inner work, like now perhaps. Review, revise and refine, slow down and take your time, yet be precise.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22) You are in something of a philosophical mood. Looking both inwardly and stepping back to see a bigger picture is featured. In some respects, you want to get to the bottom of things. In other regards, the need to confront lingering fears head-on feels important. Friends may not be so easy to come by, pushing you to access your sense of self-worth.

Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22) Getting clear can occur in a variety of ways and on numerous of levels and on any of a number of fronts. Whichever ones are active for you, spring cleaning is on your mind. On the other hand, this can refer to knowing what you want and need and who represents a realistic connection, a viable prospect.

Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21) Sometimes our relationships with others get shaken and stirred. This may be one of those times. The good news is that something new is being conceived. The catch is that you may have to pay another round of dues. These may not necessarily be money, but learning, effort and/or commitment.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21) A breakthrough period continues. You have to persevere now to succeed and this implies extra efforts. Yet, you will have to pace yourself lest you go hard and burn out prior to realizing your goals. Patience and trust are two of the timeless champions that you may especially need by your side.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19) Your creative juices should be flowing steadily now. You are in the mood to play, to entertain and be entertained. Like art class in high school, the pressures are not so high. Your main challenge is to be present in the moment and to be free from the thoughts, feelings and possibly regrets of past experiences.

Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19) Establishing a secure and satisfying foundation close to home continues. Spring cleaning makes sense but you want to go the extra distance and raise the level of beauty as well. The inspiration you seek from your uplifted living space is quietly motivated by practical goals and considerations as well.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) You are learning to see the world as with new eyes. The future beckons and requires that you incorporate strategies that you have not tried before. These will likely require new perceptions, interpretations and philosophies altogether. Activate a new set of reliable principles into your thoughts and actions, especially in your public and/or professional life.

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Sevannah Byron recreates the reaction of her father Josh Byron after he scored a Salt Spring United team goal as depicted in a Driftwood photo last week, while Kate Dunbar plays the part of the defeated Coastal Peace Arch goalie and Ryen Dunbar looks on. The fun was part of the youth soccer season-ending jamboree at Portlock Park on Saturday.

KAYAKING

Kayaker seeks 'fitness paddlers'

Training group members urged to paddle with intention

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A south-end kayak enthusiast has launched a mission to find dedicated paddlers who want to improve their fitness and refine their technique.

Ken Katz is a veteran racer and kayak builder. His routine includes doing workout paddles to stay fit and deliver a truly full-body workout. A strong, well-executed forward stroke, for example, begins near the paddler's foot and travels through the body until it reaches to the torso, shoulders and arms.

"I love doing workout paddles," he said.

Katz wants paddlers to refine a concept he calls paddling with intention. By recognizing the series of interrelated events that comprise each stroke, Katz hopes participants can appreciate the connection between a paddler, their craft and the water.

"There's a kind of synergy that happens," he said. "Paddling is almost easy to do mindlessly. However, this type of paddling focusses on making the boat move, being a more efficient traveller and moving more efficiently so the boat and body work together."

Katz said anyone who wants to improve their technique is welcome to join the group. Paddles may occur on lakes or the ocean, depending on participants' wishes and goals.

"Not everybody has to be a top-notch paddler. I wouldn't exclude anybody," he said.

Katz, who used to live and train with a group in the San Francisco area, knows the benefit of training with a group firsthand. By setting communal goals and sharing the highs and lows of workout sessions, he said, paddlers can push themselves to achieve results not often possible when paddling solo.

"I just noticed that when I get together in these groups, good things happen," he said.

For more information about the group and how to sign up, call Katz at 250-653-4909.

MARATHON

Salt Springers take on Vancouver race

Runners post impressive results

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
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More than 10 island runners represented Salt Spring at a series of running events held as part of Sunday morning's annual BMO Vancouver Marathon.

Susan Gordon won first place in her F55-59 class by finishing the eight-kilometre event in a speedy 35:07. She placed 25th among more than 2,300 participants registered for the event and ninth out of the more than 1,500 women who ran.

"Another banner day for the Sneakers," said Lynn Thompson, spokesperson for the team. "Susan ran a sterling race and finished three minutes and 30 seconds ahead of the second-place runner in her category."

For his part, Thompson crushed the eight-kilometre event in 51:48. He finished second in the M75-79 race group. Thompson's 13-year-old grandson Ben earned an eighth-place finish in his M0-19 group and ranked 32nd overall.

"It was a beautiful day for a run in Stanley Park, though a bit warm for the final

uphill kilometre of the race," Thompson said.

Billed as Canada's most scenic running event, events like the eight-kilometre run, half marathon, marathon and relay snake their way through the city's streets between Queen Elizabeth Park and Stanley Park. About 16,500 runners participated in four events.

The race drew many Salt Spring runners unaffiliated with the Sneakers running club.

Paul Ceyskens was the lone islander listed in the 42-kilometre marathon. He crossed the finish line in 4:49:10. Wayne Pagens led the

island's strong contingent of half-marathon participants with a time of 1:46:30. He placed 32nd in the M55-59 group. Karen Madro (1:51:47) finished ninth in her F55-59 class, and Lynn Steiner (1:54:47) nabbed 11th spot in her F55-59 category. Other runners included William Steiner, 1:56:48; Karen Mouat, 2:12:20; Lisa Sayer, 2:38:20; and Cathy Lenihan, 2:38:20.

Walt Madro finished the eight-kilometre course in 46:27 to claim ninth place in his M55-59 group. Barbara Elliot finished in 1:08:12 and Carolyn Morgan followed soon after in 1:09:31.

GOLF

Junior golf program starts again this week

Men win first Bambrick Cup round of the season

Salt Spring Golf Club offers a free after-school golf program for juniors on Wednesday afternoons. The first tee time is at 4 p.m.

This is a drop-in format, so players should arrive by 3:30 p.m. and check in at the pro shop. Tee times will be organized while the juniors warm up. Parents are welcome to accompany a foursome.

This year club pro Steve Marleau will assist with drive, chip and putt lessons throughout the season. Usually the juniors play seven

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holes, and then meet for a burger or hot dog cooked up by our junior coordinator David Honour.

The popular summer golf and tennis camps for juniors 10 to 16 years of age will run July 4-8 and July 11-15. Future Links programs for golfers only will be announced soon.

There are two course advantages for the ladies clubs now. No. 13 green has been closed due to the grass being used to repair Hole 2. Hole 4 is currently being played twice. Holes 6 and 15 now both play as Par 3s.

Last week the 18-hole ladies played

the game of Ts and Fs. Scores were compiled from the nine holes beginning with the letter T or the letter F, such as Two and Four. Winners with gross scores of 45 and 47 were Dora Reynolds and Jane Hickie. Net winners with scores of 35.5 and 37 were Lynda Joyce and Gladys Campbell.

The PGA men's league played the first round of the Bambrick Cup with Salt Spring taking team high points, low gross and low net over second place Ardmore and third place Pender Island. Captain Tom Brown led the team of Brian Dunbabin, Jordan Haenen, Todd Erickson, Chad Little, Mike Winter, Colin Lawler, Don McMahon and Tony Faulkner.

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