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FIRE DISTRICT

Trustees declare full service

Budget discussion slated for Sept. 26

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District has voted to declare the island a full-service fire district, a decision that concludes a lengthy, complex and often frustrating process.

"I would like to see this removed from the agenda and taken off our plates," said Linda Lee, fire district chair, on Monday night. "I've probably heard about as much conversation about this issue as I care to, as far as I don't think anyone can give me any more new information that I haven't already heard which will change my decision."

The B.C. Office of the Fire Commissioner asked fire districts across the province to declare minimum training standards for staff and paid-on call members as part of its work to update firefighting training standards across the province.

According to the information provided by the Office of the Fire Commissioner, the move is designed to "ensure that appropriate minimum levels of training are established which will make firefighters effective and safe on the fire ground, while being realistic, affordable and attainable."

Salt Spring Fire-Rescue Department members currently train to a full-service standard.

The year-and-a-half debate over selecting between exterior, interior and full-service training levels has stymied fire trustees, who feared declaring full-service levels would commit the department to services beyond its capacity.

The debate persisted into Monday's 4-2 vote as

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PRETTY IN PINK: Kelly Waters expresses the softer side of the season Saturday at the 2016 Salt Spring Fall Fair.

AWARDS

Islander awarded Sports Emmy

FIFA broadcast centre faced challenges

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring resident is savouring his golden moment this week after receiving the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences' top honour.

David B. Clark, owner of Burnaby-based BC Event Management, received a Sports Emmy for his role in the design and construction of the Vancouver broadcast centre used by Fox Television sportscasters during the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup.

Judges named the two-storey, state-of-the-art temporary set the best remote studio of the year, beating out nominees that included the NFL Network's Super Bowl 50 coverage, ESPN's SportsCentre and the MLB Network's MLB Tonight.

"It's literally on the mantel," Clark said of the gold-plated statue that recently arrived in the mail.

Clark learned about the win earlier this year during an awards ceremony dedicated to honouring the best

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Winning design contained multiple components

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in sports broadcasting in Las Vegas, but the award was only shipped to Clark and his team in conjunction with the television Emmy Awards, which were announced Sunday night.

Clark said the Sports Emmy is the same as its better-known counterpart in size, shape and composition.

Though project construction began in May 2015, events were set in motion in October of the previous year when Clark received a frantic phone call from a colleague looking for advice on an "ambitious and challenging" proposal. With a 30-minute syn-



Emmy-winner David Clark.

opsis of what the client was after and decades of local knowledge, Clark confirmed his intention to bid on the job by the following morning.

"I am a healthy middle-aged

guy with a lifetime of handling work stress well, as you would have to be in the event business," he said. "My only Achilles' heel is a propensity to get heartburn if I get really stressed but never a full-blown ulcer, yet."

Having confirmed his company's intention to apply for the project, Clark had two weeks to formulate a formal bid. Stress levels were on the rise.

Clark and his firm specialize in large conventions, receptions and ceremonies. His impressive resume boasts Bill Gates' wedding reception, a gala for 20 presidents and prime ministers during the 1997 Asia Pacific Economic Forum and a Grey Cup half-time show. He also worked on many

temporary setups for organizers and broadcasters during the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Building the Fox Sports facility took 75 workers and roughly 5,000 hours of labour over three weeks. The building provided offices, a control room, a waiting area for interviewees and other guests, and a flexible set with changeable backdrops for daytime and nighttime broadcasts. The design even included a small outdoor soccer field, where on-air analysts could show viewers game tactics.

The accomplishment was no small task since Clark and team began everything with just a simple artist's sketch of what the client was after.

Clark said the project faced

multiple challenges such as building codes, logistics and space limitations at the Jack Poole Plaza near the Vancouver Convention Centre.

In the end, however, everybody was happy, and Clark has done the Sports Emmy for a job well done.

"The client was thrilled with the quality and look of the final product and with our collective services," he said. "The landlord loved having the studio there as it promoted their property, and the television broadcasts broke all viewership records."

"My ulceration healed after a few weeks, but my hairline does not seem to be coming back as thick as it was."

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Drake Road eyed for citizen-led micro-housing project

Private donors want to 'give back to the island'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of the Community Economic Development Commission got their first peek at an unprecedented affordable housing project that stands to create up to 30 units for islanders in need.

"We won't make any money from this, we're doing this as a volunteer initiative," said Fernando dos Santos, owner of the proposed project's 10.5-acre site at 221 Drake Rd. "I have a very good life, and it pisses me off that there isn't any affordable housing on the island. As I get older, I'd like to make sure there are still people here who can take care of me."

Dos Santos is in the early stages of obtain-

ing approvals to construct as many as 30 energy-efficient homes up to 500 square feet in size constructed on the site. He said the micro-homes will be supplied by onsite sewage and water, and will be built within walking distance of Ganges.

The goal is to give island residents an opportunity to buy land and a home for approximately \$110,000. He said the project has been well received based on early consultation with neighbours. Some of the units would be made available to non-profit organizations for rental purposes, according to information circulated to commission members.

"We've spoken to every one of [the neighbours], and we have unanimous support, which is unusual when it comes to affordable housing," dos Santos said.

The homes being considered for the site

are ideally suited for one or two residents, but small families could also be accommodated.

Dos Santos attended the CEDC's Sept. 15 meeting by invitation of commissioner Curt Firestone to offer a preview of the project.

"Our concern as a commission is that we need housing for people that work in the trades and service sectors, and our resident community," Firestone said.

Commission members and Salt Spring CRD electoral area director Wayne McIntyre lauded the project and dos Santos' willingness to help solve the island's chronic housing problem.

"I'm really hoping that we're going to get over the compartmentalization of this issue of affordable housing, really roll up our sleeves and recognize this as a problem," McIntyre said. "It's tough out there."

Dos Santos said a \$30,000 grant from the

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation earlier this summer was a major boost for the project. The funding will assist with preliminary planning and applications.

"A lot of things have been happening," he said. "There are still a lot of steps to go, but the initial steps have been very positive."

The land is currently zoned Rural and has zoning potential for two homes. Dos Santos said the density increase is essential to the project's success.

"That's what can make it affordable," he said.

According to Islands Trust staff on Salt Spring, dos Santos has sought information about the application process but has yet to submit a formal request. Any application to rezone the property and seek additional density will require further public consultation and a formal public hearing.

FOOD BANK

Summertime drop in donations stresses food bank supply

Requests for assistance high among families

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Volunteers are ramping up efforts to refill the cupboards and restock the shelves at the Salt Spring Island Community Services Society food bank as seasonal demand begins to rise.

The new school year and onset of cooler weather often strains families with low incomes or on social assistance, said Annika Lund, program director at Com-

munity Services.

"School is supposedly free, but it isn't. The little fees for new clothes, activities and school supplies are really stressful for families," she said.

Likewise, Lund added, people who rely on social assistance routinely struggle to stretch their roughly \$900 monthly allowance.

"There just isn't enough money to buy food. It's not a budget problem or a squandering issue, there is just no way to feed yourself if you have to pay rent every month."

She said donations drop considerably over the summer months.

Salt Spring's food bank serves approximately 180 people each week. Users received varying sizes of aid packages depending on whether they're single or representing families.

Food packages can be collected at the food bank on Tuesdays, but volunteers also distribute products to families through the Family Place drop-in centre or home deliveries for people with mobility issues.

Community Services also tends several small gardens plots, hosts a weekly brunch event and offers vouchers that assists low-income islanders buy local produce.

"We have a few different streams," Lund said.

According to Community Services, between a quarter and one-third of the food bank's users are island children from low-income families. People who don't use the food bank year round and short-term island residents comprise four per cent of the service's users, according to statistics kept by SSICS.

With demand on the rise, Lund said, the organization is always ready to accept donations from fellow islanders. A Thanksgiving food drive held outside a local grocery store earlier this month, she said,

got the fall food drive off to a strong start by collecting about 2,300 pounds of donations and \$560 in cash.

"It's a really good bump up for us at this time of year," she said.

Lund encourages potential donors to contact her for a list of specific items that are needed. She said financial contributions are also always welcomed since coordinators can take advantage of bulk discounts, weekly sales and address specific needs.

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FEDERAL POLITICS

Elizabeth May pitches electoral reform for Canada

Ongoing BDS controversy prompts shadow cabinet shuffle

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Days before the Special Committee on Electoral Reform launched its six-week, cross-country tour to engage Canadians about changing the way federal politicians are elected, MP Elizabeth May spoke to Salt Springers about what she calls the most significant change to democracy in nearly a century.

"This is a once-in-a-generation chance to reform our democracy and make sure we never ever have a radical prime minister who could destroy our country elected by a minority of Canadians," she told more than 100 people assembled at Gulf Islands Secondary School Friday night. "It's the single-biggest democratic reform since women got to vote."

The meeting was May's last stop in a series of events that saw her speak with constituents in North Saanich, Sidney and the outer Gulf Islands about the federal Liberals' move to ensure the 2015 election was the last one held under the first-past-the-post system.

Opponents of the current system say it unfairly gives political parties a majority of the seats in Parliament without a majority of the popular vote. Backers of elec-

toral reform say some version of proportional representation would more accurately reflect the wishes of Canadian voters and encourage more people to engage in federal politics.

The committee has also been assigned to examine the prospect of online voting, lowering the minimum voting age and mandatory voting.

The 12-member special committee began an ambitious 12-city tour in Regina on Monday. The committee will visit Victoria on Sept. 27 and Vancouver on Sept. 28.

"I've never seen anything like this in terms of fanning out across Canada and asking Canadians what they think about any issue," May said. "It's just like that country song: 'I've been everywhere, man.'"

Despite the enthusiasm with which May and her fellow committee members are leading the discussion about alternative voting systems, she cited a summer poll result showing only three per cent of Canadians are paying attention to the topic.

"Most Canadians probably haven't twigged on to the fact that we're changing our voting system," she said. "I really need your help. We need to educate friends and neighbours, even random conversations help."

May will focus on the electoral reform issue as the special committee works toward its Dec. 1 deadline to submit a recommen-

ation. She said a busy meeting schedule and travel requirements mean it's unlikely she'll maintain her stellar voting record in Parliament throughout the fall.

"I hate to be absent, but I'm absent with a really good excuse note, because I'm trying to figure out what the best voting system is for Canada," she said.

May devoted about a third of her Friday town hall at the school's multipurpose room to the topic of electoral reform. She used the rest of the session to provide updates and gather participants' opinions about the Trans-Pacific Partnership Free Trade Agreement and the federal government's plan to address climate change.

May defends shadow cabinet dismissals

A topic that didn't arise at Friday night's event was the ongoing fallout from the Green party's August vote to support the pro-Palestinian Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement.

Earlier in the week, the Green party "removed" three members of its shadow cabinet after they cosigned a public letter that appeared on Sept. 13 in The Tyee denouncing B.C. Green Party leader Andrew Weaver for his opposition to the BDS campaign.

A statement on the Green Party's website calls the decision by Lisa Barrett, Colin Griffiths and Dimitri Lascaris to criticize the



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Elizabeth May faces a crowded house for her town hall session at Gulf Islands Secondary School on Friday.

leader of a provincial party while using their official Green Party of Canada titles "inappropriate."

"Members are free to express their opinions, however, they are asked to do so while making explicit they are speaking as individuals and not on behalf of the party," reads the statement.

May added that she considers the former shadow cabinet members' actions as a violation of trust and solidarity.

The decision to remove the members has encouraged other signatories of the letter to raise accusations of party censorship and suggestions that May is out of touch with many members. Here in B.C., Weaver has suggested the B.C. Green Party (which is not officially affiliated with its federal counterpart) consider a

name change. Barrett, Griffiths and Lascaris supported the federal Green party's motion to formally support the BDS movement in early August. The vote revealed a sharp split among Greens and encouraged May to seriously consider whether she wanted to continue to serve as party leader.

The party will try to achieve consensus on the BDS matter at a special meeting in early December.

"I have reiterated to [Barrett, Griffiths and Lascaris] that I look forward to continuing to work with them to seek consensus at our special meeting in Calgary on Dec. 3 and 4," May wrote. "The offer to return to shadow cabinet if they are willing to apologize to Andrew Weaver remains open."

NEWS BRIEFS

Transit schedule shifts to fall

The fall service schedule on Salt Spring Transit buses will take effect starting this Sunday, Sept. 25.

BC Transit says the new

timetable adjusts for the usual changes in seasonal demand and will align with BC Ferries schedules. Among the alterations, passengers should note the Ruckle Park summer route will be suspended for the season and return next summer.

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CRD party in Victoria this Friday

The Capital Regional District will celebrate its 50th anniversary in Victoria this Friday, Sept. 23 with a community event that showcases the collaboration that

has built the region.

The formal portion of the event will include speeches and the unveiling of a number of commemorative pieces, including a CRD plaque, the CRD 50th Anniversary coffee table book and an announcement of the Regional Quilt Project. Speakers include CRD Board Chair Barbara

Desjardins and Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development.

Food trucks, live music, a special dance performance and CRD engagement booths will also be part of the festive event.

The celebration kicks off at noon in Centennial Square.

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PARKS AND RECREATION

Rainbow Road parking lot to expand

Budget increase under one percent passed

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Parking for the Rainbow Road Pool and adjacent community gardens will be expanded, after a medical emergency underlined a critical lack of space for emergency vehicles.

Speaking at Monday evening's meeting of the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission, parks manager Dan Ovington noted the organization had been "a victim of our own success" due to the increased popularity of recreation programs, in particular Aquafit.

Ovington said capacity attendance at classes has led to creative parking measures every Monday, Wednesday and Friday — a situation that could have proved dangerous when a community garden worker suffered a heart attack in July. An ambulance could not access the main pool entrance or the back of the parking lot due to the parking situation.

Commissioners passed the proposal suggested by staff to extend the gravel parking lot to the garden fence-line and directed \$8,600 from the pool capital reserve fund, including a \$2,000 contingency, toward the project. The measure will add approximately 10 parking spaces.

The pool's success also came up during the commission's budgeting session, which ended with a unanimous vote to

increase the overall tax requisition by 0.9 per cent. Pool and community recreation programs have been budgeted without any increase for 2017, while the community parks budget will increase by two per cent. Net pool revenues and expenses are expected to balance out to nearly \$100,000 under budget for the 2016.

The five-year budget also includes a mapping of future capital projects. Staff are working to increase capital reserves to fund projects such as tennis court replacement and expenditures such as new vehicle and pool mechanical equipment, although significant funding gaps remain.

Commissioner Brian Webster noted it was good to start planning for capital needs.

"It does make me a little nervous when none of the big projects can happen without some higher level of government ponying up the money," he said.

Webster also pointed out that, although the Centennial Park washroom replacement project is planned for 2017 and 2018, the five-year budget does not include any funds for other renovations that might come out of the Centennial Park Master Plan.

Ovington agreed the plan is to help guide the next 20 years.

In other PARC business, commissioners heard a delegation from Daria Zovi regarding an expanded recreation area at Cusheon Lake. With a residen-

tial property next to the public beach access currently for sale, Zovi proposed a citizen-led fundraising campaign to buy the land. She suggested PARC act as the property administration.

Commissioners voted to turn the matter over to staff for exploration.

"On the face of it, it sounds interesting and a good initiative for the community to pick up," Webster said.

Commissioners sent a community request to install life rings at PARC-maintained beach access points across the island to staff for further research. The topic follows August's double drowning tragedy at Weston Lake.

"I think it's worth looking at. Within the CRD region there's lots of beach accesses — do they have life rings? If they do, maybe we should look into it," said commissioner Matt Kellow.

Ovington said PARC would have to renew all its permits with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to do anything other than its current licence for garbage removal and washroom maintenance. As well, ongoing costs for life-ring station maintenance and replacement would need to be considered along with installation costs.

Acting chair Garth Hendren noted there are multiple locations, such as ocean beaches and trails, that could be considered as well.

"It just brings up a whole lot of stuff," he said.

Ovington will report back to the commission at a future meeting.



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

FEELING COCKY: Veterinarian Justene Tedder examines a rooster entered at the Salt Spring Fall Fair Saturday morning to ensure its health. Check out the Driftwood's Harvest Time publication next week for a photo essay of the weekend's events, plus a full listing of trophy prize winners and prize-winning recipes.

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Special meeting called for budget preparations

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trustee Derek Hill urged the board to hold off on a decision until more information is provided.

"I don't see any rush to do it, and I think we should wait. We're not being forced to do it," he said. "I'm not really prepared to support it."

Likewise, trustee Norbert Schlenker withheld support for the motion. Speaking after the meeting, he said failure to include a caveat to indicate service levels are ultimately subject to water availability and firefighting personnel causes ambiguity and false expectations among residents who live within the fire department's ser-

vice area.

Trustee Michael Craig said he agrees with the majority view that a full-service level refers only to training standards and doesn't expose the district to liability concerns if adequate resources aren't available.

Board hosts budget discussion

The fire district will hold a special meeting on Monday, Sept. 26 to give fire trustees, personnel and members of the general public a chance to learn about and comment on its proposed 2017 operating budget.

"I think, to be fair and transparent, I'd like people to be part of the conversation, where they can ask us questions on the budget, then we can have our dis-

ussion about giving the budget bylaw second reading," said Lee. "Monday will be the opportunity for the public and the board to dig into the budget, and we'll see what we can do with it."

Fire trustees gave first reading to the proposed budget at their Monday evening meeting. Preliminary figures indicate a proposed budget of about \$2.54 million, down from the current fiscal year's anticipated budget of roughly \$2.66 million.

Schlenker said savings have been realized by reducing or maintaining training, professional development, clothing, legal and consulting fees.

He highlighted these specific areas because of subsequent objections from fire department staff during preliminary budget talks held in August.

A full breakdown of anticipated revenue and proposed expenses, as well as more details about Monday's meeting, can be downloaded from www.saltspringfire.com or obtained at the Ganges fire hall during regular business hours.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT

Four-day week defended

Beddis speed-humps debated

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

School district superintendent Lisa Halstead told trustees at last week's Gulf Islands School District meeting the time may be right to review potential effects of a condensed school week on student learning.

"I think that's a delightful idea now that we've gone through an entire [11-year] cohort with the four-day school week," Halstead said. "I'm intrigued. It's not something that I've personally considered, but I think it's something that we should look into."

Her comments followed a delegation from a parent and grandparent who questioned what's been done to study the four-day week's potential consequences on island families.

"There are families who are single parents and there are families who don't have the resources," Fraser Hope told trustees. "It's not always easy for working parents . . . to provide the resources and the time for their children to participate and access opportunities."

Rob Pingle, the district's vice-chair, said he's observed a transition in attitudes among parents since the four-day week was implemented in 2004.

"I believe there has been a shift from opposition to in favour," Pingle told Hope at last week's meeting. "We now receive more emails in favour of maintaining a four-day week . . . than removing it."

"It's not to say the issues that you've identified aren't still real, it's just that

the acceptance of this for the majority of people has also become real."

School trustees adopted a condensed week to save money and preserve school programs, according to trustee John Wakefield.

A study undertaken about five years ago by independent researchers revealed no significant differences between student learning in a five-day compared to a four-day school week.

School district trustees vote to amend the school calendar every spring. Instruction time from Fridays is spread throughout the rest of the week to ensure students are getting the same class time as students elsewhere in the province who undertake a traditional five-day week.

May McKenzie, chair of the Gulf Islands School District, said parents and members of the public can voice their opinions on the matter at any of the board's monthly public meetings. People can also provide opinions online.

McKenzie said school staff and administrators have worked with and continue to help working parents who face challenges related to the condensed week.

"Very often when groups are in a position of having to make this kind of decision, it's always the hardest on those who can least manage it, and we've always been aware of that," she said. "Principals have been very involved and very aware about people with specific needs."

"There's always some people who have difficulties, that's for sure, but we do our best to try and be aware of those specific problems that the school can help them with."

Board skirts speed-hump debate

Trustees steered clear of a request from neighbourhood residents to engage in the controversial Beddis Road speed-hump issue.

Speaking in response to a letter calling upon the Gulf Islands School District to write the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and encourage removal of the speed humps, superintendent Lisa Halstead suggested the matter be left to the "appropriate authorities."

A property owner installed four speed humps near the 900 block of Beddis Road in August to slow down motorists who travel through the neighbourhood. The question of who owns the road is now a legal matter disputed by the property owner and the provincial government.

Nancy MacDonald, a Salt Spring school trustee, questioned if uncertainty about the road's ownership has any implications for district school buses that use the road.


"I don't want parents using us as their way to get around this, because that's just wedging us into the problem, but I do want to know if there is any risk or whether we are liable," she said.

Bus drivers who use the route on a regular basis have yet to report any concerns with the contentious traffic-calming devices.

"They have no trouble with speed bumps," said secretary treasurer Rod Scotvold.

Trustees agreed to take a wait-and-see position on the matter.

"The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is dealing with this, and I'm sure that we will hear where it ends up," McKenzie said.



Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee

PUBLIC HEARING & SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE PIERS ISLAND

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee would like to invite you to attend a Special Meeting and Public Hearing beginning at **1:00 p.m. on Monday, October 3, 2016** at the Piers Island Fire Hall, **Piers Island** to hear your views regarding Proposed Bylaw No. 493.

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

Date:	Monday, October 3, 2016
Location:	Piers Island Fire Hall, Piers Island
Time:	Special Meeting from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Public Hearing at 2:00 p.m.

WHAT IS THE SPECIAL MEETING ABOUT?

This special meeting is an opportunity for the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee to meet with residents of Piers Island and will include a Town Hall session.

WHAT IS THE PUBLIC HEARING ABOUT?

The purpose of the public hearing is to amend Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 51, cited as "Piers Island Official Community Plan By-law 1980" to include Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission reduction objectives, policies, and actions. It also includes a small number of housekeeping amendments, including a new map of the existing OCP land use designations. These amendments form part of Proposed Bylaw No. 493 and concern Piers Island.

Proposed Bylaw No. 493 is cited as "Piers Island Official Community Plan By-law 1980, Amendment No. 1, 2016".

HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the proposed bylaw and the official public hearing documents may be inspected at the Islands Trust Salt Spring Office at 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island up to September 30, 2016.

A copy of the proposed bylaw and project materials may be viewed on the Islands Trust website (www.islandstrust.bc.ca) under "Islands" → "Local Trust Areas" → "Salt Spring" → "Projects & Initiatives" → "Piers Island Official Community Plan Update - Climate Change".

Enquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to Planner Seth Wright at 250-537-9144. For toll free access, request a transfer via Service BC: in Vancouver 604-660-2421, in Victoria 250-387-6121, and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

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

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Claire Olivier
Deputy Secretary

OPINION



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EDITORIAL

Full service ahead

Monday's decision by fire district trustees to declare full-service training levels concludes more than a year of mixed messages, reading between the lines and rampant speculation.

The topic has been a mainstay at the board's monthly meetings since early 2015, when B.C.'s office of the fire commissioner asked fire departments across the province to declare minimum training standards.

Most Salt Spring fire-rescue personnel have been and continue to be trained to the full-service standard, but trustees and members of the public rightly feared the financial and liability impacts of a formal declaration.

Full-service levels may have always been a new way to describe business as usual in our district, but any board of trustees would be remiss if they didn't question

such a change in language and policy. Would a full-service training standard require the district to guarantee full-service delivery? No. Would the full-service standard entail higher training costs? No.

THE ISSUE:

Fire service levels

WE SAY:

Protracted decision unnecessary

Trustees had many such questions, but were left to toss ideas between one another, trust hearsay gathered from other districts, and attempt to decipher the Fire-fighter Competency and Training Playbook.

The result turned what should have been a straightforward exercise into a marathon of hypercritical hair splitting, a debate that shifted from a simple confirmation of minimum training standards into questions about the fire department's responsibility to ratepayers.

The plan's poor delivery speaks to a failure of provincial authorities to ensure a smooth and seamless transition, but it's also incumbent on trustees to follow up with the proper authorities and get the answers they need to keep the fire district's business moving along.

The uncertainty and frequent flip flopping on the issue by trustees speaks to the board's failure to get timely and relevant answers. Devoting so much time to what, in the end, amounts to little more than administrative housecleaning has resulted in an enormous waste of time and effort.

Thanks to Monday's decision, the fire district can finally get on with its regular business — but let's hope the experience has encouraged trustees to reconsider how they go about getting the answers they require next time around.



VIEWPOINT by Seth Klein

Private care won't shorten waits

After years of delay, Dr. Brian Day's case against the BC Government is now being heard in BC Supreme Court.

Day and his private for-profit Cambie Surgery Centre are challenging the parts of the BC Medicare Protection Act that prevent doctors and private clinics from directly billing patients for medically necessary procedures.

At the heart of the case is the contention by Day that if people were able to spend their money on private surgery or private insurance, those people would receive faster care while wait times in the public system would also shrink.

But if Day wins, those public wait times are actually much more likely to increase. Here's why:

1. If more doctors and nurses are recruited into the private for-profit system, fewer of them will be available in the public system.

2. A private system needs long public wait times to attract patients and make money. Think about it: why would anyone pay out-of-pocket if the same care was freely and readily available in the public system?

Indeed, research evidence contradicts Day's claim. Australia (one of Day's favourite examples) had a public system much like Canada's until it decided to introduce a private second tier in the 1990s. The result? The private sector reduced the capacity of the public sector to provide for patients, and wait times grew.

3. When doctors are allowed to practice in both the public and for-profit systems, it creates a harmful incentive for them to prolong their wait-lists in the public system in order to

encourage their patients to switch over to the private option.

4. Allowing multiple clinics and doctors to maintain their own competitive wait-lists gets in the way of efficient and fair management of surgical wait-lists.

5. But the most important reason that allowing private-pay health care won't shorten public wait-times is this: those with money will no longer have a stake in demanding improvements to the public system.

To see this dynamic at play, simply look at our education system. There, people are "free" to either stay in the public system or pay out-of-pocket for private school. Many of those with more money and influence have chosen the latter, and as a result the public system has also lost their advocacy voices, leading to under-funding, larger classes, and eroded supports for children with special needs.

That is not the path we want to follow for health care.

Let's be clear. The wait times for some surgeries in our public health care system remain too long. But the cure Day proposes is worse than the disease. There is a better way. A recent CCPA report, Reducing Surgical Wait Times, provides a framework for public innovations that can accomplish this.

But to see these public solutions realized, all of us — rich and poor alike — will have to advocate for them together.

Seth Klein is the B.C. Director of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

That is not the path we want to follow for health care.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you support private health care options?

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.

Yes No

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Are you sold on federal electoral reform?

35 NO 33 YES

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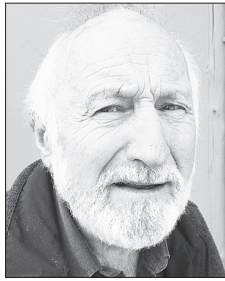
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "I've probably heard about as much conversation about this issue as I care to."

LINDA LEE, SSI FIRE DISTRICT CHAIR., ON FIRE SERVICE LEVELS

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked:
What do you like most about the fall season on Salt Spring?



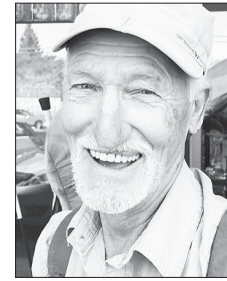
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I look forward to the special harvest and a time of abundance.



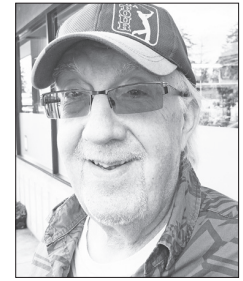
KATHRYN EMERSON
I like the lighting, it's so much softer.



ALYSON LANIER
I love the earthy smells.



JON VAN TAMELEN
Everybody smiling at the beginning of a new season drinking mead and cider.



FRED HOBBS
Just waking up every morning and getting through the day without a fall.

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

Probus club invites new members

The Salt Spring Island Probus club is a local branch of an organization with over 4,000 branches world wide. The name is a contraction formed of the words "professional" and "business."

Members find value in belonging to a non-sectarian, apolitical, international club renowned for its informality, sociability and for having interesting and informative speakers visiting us at our monthly meetings. Members are usually retired but the club is open to anyone.

In addition to the monthly speaker program, the club has a variety of interest groups, outings and activities, including a dinner club, bridge club, annual Christmas party, picnics and trips off island to interesting venues.

Our past speakers have included islanders engaged in exciting endeavours and important social causes, local authors and academics speaking on contemporary and historical issues. Part of the lineup for this fall includes Salt Springer Briony Penn, author, scholar and activist; Matt Steffich, owner of Steffich Fine Art; Jean Brouard, well-known Salt Springer and Ph.D. in forest genetics; the island's Readers' Theatre group; and Jens

Roland, a Ph.D. biologist.

Our meetings are typically held on the second Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. in Meaden Hall.

If you are retired, nearing retirement or even thinking about retirement and have spare time on your hands, drop in to our next monthly meeting.

For additional information on programs and activities, call me, Bruce Logan, president, at 250-537-4127 or John Hobbs, past president, at 250-537-8926, or drop us an email at probus.ssi@gmail.com. Find our Facebook page at Probus Club of Salt Spring Island.

BRUCE LOGAN,
PRESIDENT, PROBUS CLUB OF SALT SPRING

Great savings grant

As children head back to school across our province, it seems an appropriate time to remind parents about the provincial government's B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant.

The BCTESG is a \$1,200 grant in the form of a RESP contribution. Announced back in 2013 to help parents kick-start saving for post-secondary education, the grant is available for children ages six through nine, so long as it is applied for before the child's ninth birthday.

The grant is intended to

help families build their savings, thereby creating an opportunity for students to further their education after they finish high school. With the \$1,200 grant and an investment of \$50 a month, for example, savings could grow to \$12,000 in 13 years, a substantial boost to any post-secondary savings account.

There are no barriers to low-income families applying for the savings grant, since no matching or additional contributions are required to access the \$1,200. In addition, children and youth formerly in government care through the Ministry of Children and Family Development can access a

similar trust to help them pursue their educational goals.

A good education is the best thing we can give our children. Combined with the miracle of compound interest, the BCTESG is an investment in our children's futures that should not be missed.

Parents, grandparents, or guardians can apply for the BCTESG at financial institutions throughout the province, including Bank of Montreal, Scotiabank, RBC, TD, HSBC and any number of credit unions.

STEPHEN P. ROBERTS,
SALT SPRING ISLAND

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Syria: Yet another ceasefire bites the dust?

BY GWYNNE DYER

As the Syrian ceasefire arranged by the United States and Russia teeters on the brink of collapse, it's clear that the main problem lies in Washington. Moscow's goal has never been in doubt: it wants the regime of Bashar al-Assad to survive. The Obama administration has been reluctantly moving towards the same conclusion, but it simply can't admit it, even to itself.

The Russian government bitterly condemned the American air strike that killed sixty to eighty Syrian army personnel on Saturday, but everybody knows that air strikes sometimes hit the wrong people. It was a mistake, that's all, and the Russians really understand that – but it was a mistake that tells us a lot about how far the US has moved.

Until recently the United States, still formally pledged to overthrow the Assad regime, would not attack Islamic State troops if they were fighting the Syrian army. (That's why Islamic State captured the historic city of Palmyra two years ago: the US air force would not strike the long and vulnerable IS line of communications across the desert, because that would have been "helping Assad".)

But the US air attack that went astray at Deir es-Zor last weekend was targeting Islamic State troops who were in direct contact with the Syrian army. It's because the two sides were so close together that

the planes hit the Syrian troops by mistake. American diplomats still deny it, but the US is now willing to help Assad, at least sometimes.

The strategic calculation that has driven US Secretary of State John Kerry into this uncomfortable position is brutally simple. If Assad's regime does not survive, then the extreme Islamists will take over all of Syria. The fantasy of a "third force" in Syria, made up of democracy-loving non-Islamist rebels who could defeat both the Islamists and Assad, has died even in the US State Department and the Pentagon.

The "moderate" rebels that the United States has backed for so long make up no more than 10 or 15 percent of the real fighting strength of the anti-Assad forces, and most of them are actually allied to the Islamists. In fact, the "moderates" wouldn't survive long without their Islamist alliance – so it's time for Washington to abandon them.

The ceasefire terms show that Kerry has implicitly accepted that logic, for they demand that the Syrian government and the "moderates" stop shooting and bombing, whereupon the American and Russian air forces will cooperate in bombing the Islamists. And the targets will not only be Islamic State but also the al-Qaeda-linked group that was known until recently as the Nusra Front.

The Nusra Front saw this coming, so last

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month it changed its name to Jabhat Fateh al-Sham (Front for the Conquest of Syria) and said that it has cut its ties with al-Qaeda. (An al-Qaeda spokesman said that the terrorist organization understood the Nusra Front's need to break the public link, and wasn't angry at its Syrian branch.) But even Washington could see through this flimsy disguise, and Nusra (under its new name) is still on the hit list.

Unfortunately, the "moderate" groups are not only in close alliance with Nusra, but are physically mixed in with the Islamist forces. They will get bombed too if they do not break their links with the Islamist extremists and somehow move away from them, so the ceasefire co-sponsored by the US and Russia demands that they do exactly that. Unfortunately, they can't.

They can't do it because on their own they could never hope to overthrow the Assad regime – and also because the Islamists will start killing them as traitors if they even try to break away. So the "moderates" haven't really accepted the ceasefire either, and the Russians are quite right to complain that they have "not met a single obligation" of the truce.

Everything we know about the ceasefire argues that the Obama administration has accepted the regrettable necessity of leaving the Assad regime in power, although it still cannot bring itself to say

so publicly.

This conclusion would probably be even clearer if we knew the full text of the Russo-American ceasefire agreement, but the US insists on keeping it secret. (The Russians, naturally, are pushing for it to be made public, but so far they have respected the deal.)

So the ceasefire, as such, is probably doomed, but the crabwise, deeply embarrassing shift of American policy towards a recognition of the strategic realities in Syria will continue. There is therefore hope that the fighting will stop one day.

A year from now, the areas controlled by the Assad regime, including at least three-quarters of the Syrian population, will probably be the same as now or maybe a little bit bigger. The surviving "moderates," having detached themselves from al-Nusra, will hold little bits of territory and will be observing a real ceasefire.

The Kurds will still control a band of territory across the extreme north of Syria unless Turkey has waged and won a full-scale war to conquer it. And the Russians and the Americans will both be bombing the territories still controlled by Islamic State and the former Nusra Front, although in less than perfect harmony.

The writer is a London-based independent Canadian journalist, syndicated columnist and military historian.

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Words can't express how grateful we GLOSSI members are for the many donations, both monetary and in-kind, from our community businesses this year. These donations are invaluable to supporting our Pride celebration as well as helping us help others in our community and elsewhere who are in need and/or suffering from oppression.

We salute all our wonderful community partners in the business community. Others who went out of their way to contribute to the enormous success of Pride 2016 are The Fritz, Salt Spring Public Library, Core Inn, Moby's, and Tisha Boulder, a non-GLOSSI volunteer who gave countless hours in spearheading this year's spectacular parade/march.

BILL TURNER,
PAST-PRESIDENT, GLOSSI

Battle characterized incorrectly

I feel that it is unfair that the Brink-worthy ball park issue has been spun into an older vs. younger battle. That is not the case.

There are many parents with children in this community who would welcome a place for their children to learn about growing vegetables. The growing season on Salt Spring is one of the longest in Canada and at one time we were a bread basket and a food exporter. Why is this considered a less valid activity for land use than a ball field?

Also, the building of this amenity will not solve the needs for all the children on Salt Spring. Parents here have to jump through many hoops and feel some stigma if they want to get their children into sports. Not everyone can afford the new programs offered by PARC and while there are some subsidies, a person does not necessarily want to be put into a low-income category just so that their child can participate.

In the case of the pool that was built, there are currently many barriers to families. For example, the morning times when a mom with a young child who is not in school would like to take her child for a swim, the pool is jam-packed with Aqua Fit. That is strategic on the part of PARC as the admission fees paid help subsidize the pool's operating costs.

In general, the barriers to participation on Salt Spring are not even connected to land use, and there is a lack of listening to those who cannot already access programs here.

It is not even acknowledged that many are marginalized here based on income. Just helping the families out

piece-meal will not solve the problem.

And now we have the proposal of new recreation facilities near Brinkworthy that will no doubt need some private rentals in order to be subsidized, otherwise the taxpayers' cost will go up and Salt Spring Island will be even more unaffordable for families.

Please take away the idea that this is some older vs. younger battle, as the people who do not agree with this proposal are not like that at all.

JENNY MCCLEAN,
ATKINS ROAD

Let's do it ourselves

At the last incorporation study committee meeting members discussed whether or not the committee will have fulfilled its mandate by the end of November. Despite some reservations, it's clear a majority will be urging the provincial government to hold a referendum on incorporation. The referendum would likely happen in the first quarter of 2017.

The committee has asked the consultant to prepare three fact sheets, including one on alternative governance options. At a town hall last November, provincial representative Linda Galeazzi panned the Local Community Commission (LCC) option, insisting there are no governance alternatives besides incorporation and the status quo. I expect the consultant, Urban Systems, to prepare a fact sheet that will discredit the LCC option.

However, in 2010 our local elected officials asked the province for funding for a governance study that would have helped Salt Springers focus on ways to address perceived problems. The province said no, adding that one condition for a provincially-funded study would be the creation of an LCC on the island. hmm...

Just because the province has refused to fund a more open-ended study on problems and a wide variety of ways to address them, does not mean that's impossible. Salt Spring has a "do it ourselves" tradition that could come in handy here.

JAN SLAKOV,
SALT SPRING ISLAND

Clearing the waters

The article entitled "LTC Moves Forward on Watershed Protection Bylaw" that appeared in the Sept. 7 edition of the Driftwood misstates the position of the Salt Spring Water Preservation Society as to regulating farm activities in areas zoned Rural Watershed.

This zone exists only in the watersheds of drinking water lakes and was specifically created to protect those lakes; however this zone allows "agriculture" with no limits on those activities. For example, there is no limit on the number of animals that can be kept on these properties, many of which are only a quarter-acre in size and located right on the shores of drinking water lakes.

We have urged the Local Trust Com-

mittee to design a regulation that would prevent commercial livestock raising adjacent to drinking water lakes, that would keep livestock out of streams leading to drinking water lakes, would control disturbance of soil on the lakeshore, and would restrict horticultural activities within the watershed but with consideration of the size and location of the property.

Any changes proposed for the Rural Watershed Zone would not apply to agricultural activities currently taking place within this zone — nor to land in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

In November of last year and again this August we urged the Local Trust Committee to design such restrictions in collaboration with farmers, farming organizations and drinking water protection organizations. Instead the Local Trust Committee will hold a public information meeting on their proposed bylaw in the usual format.

We believe that rules can be devised that will both protect drinking water lakes and farming within the watersheds of those lakes. We continue to urge the Local Trust Committee to bring the interested parties together for productive discussions. If anyone in the farming community would like to work with us on this, please contact us at ssiwps@gmail.com or at Ganges PO Box 555, SSI V8K 2W3.

MAXINE LEICHTER,
PRESIDENT, SALT SPRING ISLAND WATER PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Genealogy group welcomes newbies

Where do you come from? Who your ancestors?

These are questions more and more people are asking these days and if you are interested in searching for some of these answers you might like to join the Salt Spring Island Genealogy Group. We are an informal group of individuals who enjoy the rapidly growing hobby, read obsession, of genealogy. You have probably heard of Ancestry.com, and may have even heard of Family Search or Find My Past. These are a few of the very helpful online programs which offer the ever increasing amounts of records available to research your family. Maybe you have already started to build a family tree and would like some help or ideas of where to go next. Please feel free to join us, the last Wednesday of each month. We meet at the Mormon Church on Vesuvius Bay Road, which has graciously offered us the use of a meeting room and their computers with links to some of the above mentioned programs, including the vast amount of records held at Salt Lake City that are available online. The meetings start at 7 p.m. and usually last about two hours. The first meeting of this season starts on Sept. 28.

Please feel free to contact Claudia at cloudie48@gmail.com if you have any questions.

CLAUDIA FRENCH,
SALT SPRING ISLAND GENEALOGY GROUP

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

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RANTS and Roses

The athletes of Special Olympics BC on Salt Spring Island are presenting a huge bouquet of special roses to TJ Beans coffee house for hosting the fun-tastic bocce ball wrap-up party for us on their veranda on Thursday, Sept. 8. Our head coach Bob Elsea and assistant coaches Ross Harvey and Jean Elder have expertly guided us along and we want to present them each with a beautiful bouquet for all the encouragement they gave us this year . . . so much appreciated! We all received our "winner" ribbons while Major Bains was the happy recipient of the Andrew Krizan Athlete of the Year trophy. Everyone feasted on pizza from Pomodoro Pizza and dessert from Harlan's. We also send individual roses to our community fire department for their assistance, and to the Driftwood newspaper for reporting on

our sports programs. To all — you're g-r-r-reat!

A garden lot full of roses to Roger Charron and Val Perkins for donating the parking proceeds from their "parking lot" across from the Fall Fair . . . your incredible generosity and tireless on-duty service is so appreciated. And a rosebud to each of the volunteers from hospice and friends of hospice for your parking attendant abilities and donation of time over the Fall Fair weekend. Our volunteers are honoured by your donation and everyone who parked there, thus giving to Salt Spring Hospice.

A beautiful basket of blooms to Luc who rescued my walking stick after it rolled off the deck at Barb's. With an attitude of gratitude, Lori.

The Salt Spring Toy Run would like to send bouquets of roses to the many business sponsors that help make our annual event happen, and to our many volunteers for registration, traffic control, games, silent auction, beer garden, dinner and dance, advertising, designated drivers, set-up/clean-up crews, and gophers. Without you, we would not be able to make this event happen and with that said . . . We are pleased to announce that we were able to donate numerous toys and \$5,000 to Salt Spring Island's own Santa's Workshop!

Bushels of Ruby Red Roses to Jill Tarswell, Patricia Hewes and Charles Alsborg for your huge support and help. I could not have managed without you. You are greatly appreciated. Leslie Corry

A bevy of the best and brightest begonias to Country Grocer, for their sustained support for the Salt Spring Pickleball Association. We

appreciate the generous donation of a gift card for our second annual picnic, and their ongoing provision of opportunities to generate a little revenue and publicity for our cause. And, of course, we have to include a Pantheon of Premium Pickles, because that's what we do!

The Gulf Islands Secondary School's Travel Program would like to thank Malcolm and Andrew Bond for their great corn and the SSI Firefighters for all of their equipment.

A large bouquet of roses to all the parents that came to help at the Fall Fair's Safe Grad fundraiser. A special thank you to Carin Perrins from West of the Moon for helping us with the toys and for the wonderful donation of the store's helium tank for the weekend. Thank you to Andy Scheres for providing us with a last minute donation from Slegg Lumber. Thank you to all the grads that came with enthusiasm and made so many children smile.

Up the creek? Kids should be so lucky

I was in the waiting room leafing through an ancient, rumbled copy of Canadian Living when I came across one of those quiz thingys editors use to fill up white space. "List Your Heroes," I think it was called. You were supposed to put down the names of people — teachers, coaches, big sisters — who had helped to shape your life.

The first hero to come to mind wasn't a He or a She, it was an It. "It" didn't even have a formal name, but for every boy in my neighbourhood it was as familiar as the sun in the sky, robins in the garden or porridge on the breakfast table. It was The Creek.

I never discovered The Creek's headwaters, but the stretch I knew meandered drunkenly through a swatch of rural Etobicoke, eventually to empty into the Humber River. It was home to crayfish, frogs, minnows, the odd heron, an occasional just-passing-through mallard, at least one fearsome-looking snapping turtle and a constant squawking chorus of red-wing blackbirds, ever-kvetching about the presence of young boys wading and shouting in the shallows.

The Creek was nothing but shallows in late summer. It shrank to a trickle in August, a mere rivulet you could hop across anywhere. But with the annual snow melt followed by spring rains The Creek metamorphosed into a raging cataract interrupted by pools deep and wide enough to float a raft that would hold those same young boys, now transformed into miniature Champlains and Captain Cooks.

That's only a small exaggeration. For those few short swollen weeks The Creek was our Saint Lawrence, our MacKenzie, and its flooded shores became our new found land.

The grand thing about The Creek is that it was unfenced. There were no gates or barbed wire or KEEP OUT signs. Nobody "owned" the creek. Consequently it belonged to all of us.

"Creek." Funny word. The British hijacked it from the French ("crique"). Then it hitchhiked across the Atlan-



Arthur Black

WIT & WHIMSY

"They have overcome cold and hunger, are disappeared . . . within the Land also along some small Creeks and Rivers . . ."

It's heartening to think that as Phillip Vincent scratched away on parchment with his quill pen, my "Creek" was even then tumbling down to the still-to-be-named Humber River — as it had been, I suppose, since the glaciers retreated.

tic with the early white invaders and by 1637, Phillip Vincent, an English chronicler, wrote of a battle between redcoats and "the Savages" in New England:

Which brings us, meanderingly, to the latest "anxiety du jour," biophobia. It means fear of nature. On average, children now spend less than 30 minutes a week playing outside, but as much as seven hours a day in front of one illuminated screen or another. Thus, biophobia — fear of the natural world. Even a flock of noisy birds or a strong gust of wind can freak out some modern kids. Getting outdoors cures that. It also boosts kids' self-esteem and teaches concepts such as problem-solving, co-operation and self-discipline.

The Creek was huge in my young life. It taught me fear. And courage. It spurred me to see and smell and hear and taste delights not found at home or at school, much less in any handheld device.

Maybe our kids don't need more screens in their lives. Maybe what they need is a creek.

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ART REVIEW

Creative juices flow at Creation: Myths and Legends



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEVY

Photographs by Michael Levy paired with ceramic sculptures by LeeAnn Norgard get to the deeper meaning of world beliefs in the Creation: Myths and Legends show.



Mashya Mashyana by Michael Levy.

FireFly
 Sat, Sept 24 7pm
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Levy and Norgard in guest show at Salt Spring Gallery

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Two artists working at the height of their creative powers have united for a joint show at Salt Spring Gallery this month, offering a beautiful take on the world's most ancient beliefs with the Creation: Myths and Legends show.

Ceramic artist LeeAnn Norgard and photographer Michael Levy have each found some of their most profound inspiration in the natural world. Creation delves into the yearning to make sense of that world, while refusing to reduce its wonders to the human scale. The result is an impressive culmination in which intellectual rigour, technical proficiency and creative expression play equally strong parts. The response has been apace: opening night was so successful it led to the show's extension to Oct. 1, and the likely transformation to book format after that.

The main focus of the show is on pairs of works the artists created in response to different myths, which were drawn from cultures on every inhabited continent. A version of the source myth is displayed alongside each duo — well worth the read, and one reason why a book is being suggested. The works are best enjoyed by considering the connection and how each interacts with its companion piece.

"We had these beautiful sto-



Birth of the Ainu by LeeAnn Norgard.

ries to work with, and these are our shared interpretations," Levy explained.

The series was two years in the making after Levy first approached Norgard with the concept. Many discussions followed as ideas were drawn out, including the intentional absence of the human figure. The stories are the launching point for the artists' shared interest in textures and form, and their pieces seek to convey the essence of what the myths are about rather than offering a literal illustration.

Natural objects are elevated in scale, both physically and in the way we perceive them. For example, in Mashya Mashyana, a work inspired by Zoroastrian/Persian mythology, the Burgoyne Bay twin oaks (photographed before their demise) replace the world's first man and woman for a plant-centred propagation worldview.

Levy's contribution to the series is considerably different from the

sharp-focused nature photography he is known for. Eschewing the Photoshop practice of cutting out elements for photo collage, he creates a gentler look by layering whole images — instead of a filter, he photographs things like ink wash on glass or the scale at the bottom of a kettle and overlays that onto shells, feathers and eggs.

For Mashya Mashyana he combines an image of the trees in winter with a floating acorn as moon above. The overlying texture is hoar frost that Levy captured on his window. In another work, a tiny wasp nest becomes the Taoist's golden cosmic egg, while in yet another, an actual egg yolk becomes the sun.

"We're both hitting our stride with our mediums, and now we can let go and have some fun."

MICHAEL LEVY
 Photographer

"I think one of the things that's really important about both our work is to keep people curious," Levy said.

"It's nice to have something that always keeps you guessing, too," Norgard added. "A piece of artwork that you can look at and never really know what it is — that freshness will keep you going for years."

The series' palette uses the soft tones found in naturalist illustrations: off-white porcelain with brown glazing is matched by the photos' white matting and natural wood frames, and muted tones prevail when there is occasional need for red or yellow.

Norgard's companion pieces include a gorgeous grapefruit-sized acorn that she imprinted with actual acorns for the cap's texture. Garry oak leaves found at the Andreas Vogt reserve were imprinted into the acorn bell for lovely and spare ornamentation.

An exquisite empty turtle shell recreated in ceramic helps Norgard illustrate the Iroquois creation myth. It balances on an inverted cup-shaped pedestal that has been imprinted with tree fronds, referencing the first helper to humans, named Sapling. Revealing more of Norgard's versatility and skill, an Ainu creation story inspires a fish-scaled vase that also references the stylized lines of Japanese tiles.

In addition to their sensitive approach to the cultural material, Norgard and Levy each achieved high technical capabilities for the show. In her case, there were endless experiments to achieve the right textures and glazing techniques, while he feels he would not have been able to produce the images he has, working a few years back.

"We're both hitting our stride with our mediums, and now we can let go and have some fun," Levy observed.



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BC FERRIES

Salish Eagle artwork revealed at unveiling ceremony

New ferry will replace Queen of Nanaimo in 2017

BC Ferries, the First Peoples' Cultural Council and Stz'uminus First Nation have offered a look at the second of three Coast Salish artistic designs for the new Salish-Class vessels, with the design for the Salish Eagle revealed Wednesday, Sept. 14.

John Marston of Stz'uminus First Nation created a bold design of red eagles that will adorn the hull of the new vessel, represent-

ing the strength and respect the eagle carries in First Nations culture. The artwork will also be displayed inside the ship for customers to view, along with a profile of the artist.

"The eagle is highly respected within our culture. It is a symbol of our spiritual connection to the natural world," Marston said at the unveiling ceremony. "Over the years as an artist I have learned from our ancestors' old artworks. It is important to me that this design was strongly influenced by these old masterpieces."

"We are so pleased to see John Mar-

ston's stunning design revealed today," said Tracey Herbert, CEO of the First Peoples' Cultural Council. "This important project recognizes the artistic traditions of the people of the Salish Sea and provides an opportunity for all of us to learn more about Coast Salish people, including their history and living relationships with the land, sea and animals."

The Salish-Class ferries are currently under construction in Gdansk, Poland. The Salish Eagle will replace the Queen of Nanaimo by summer 2017.



IMAGE COURTESY BC FERRIES

An artist's rendering of the prow of the new Salish Eagle vessel with artwork by John Marston.



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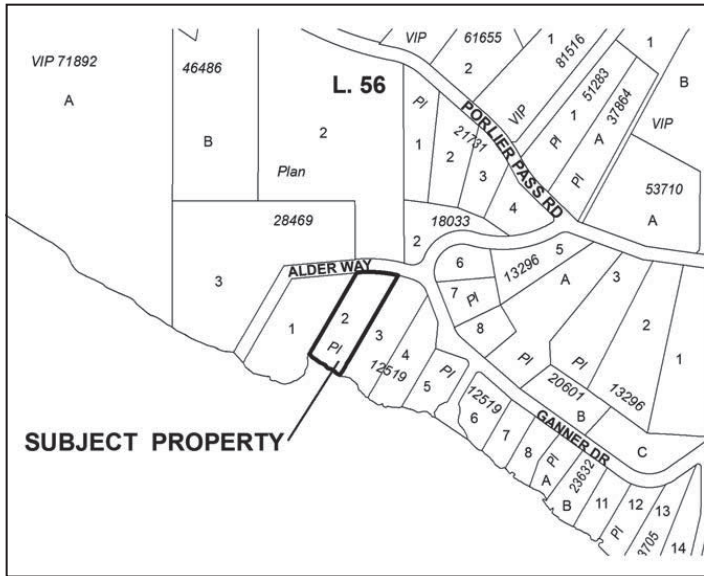
NOTICE
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GL-TUP-2016.6, GL-TUP-2016.7, GL-TUP-2016.8 & GL-TUP-2016.9

NOTICE is hereby given that the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee will be considering a resolution allowing for the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit pursuant to Section 493 of the *Local Government Act*. Proposed Temporary Use Permits would apply to the following subject properties:

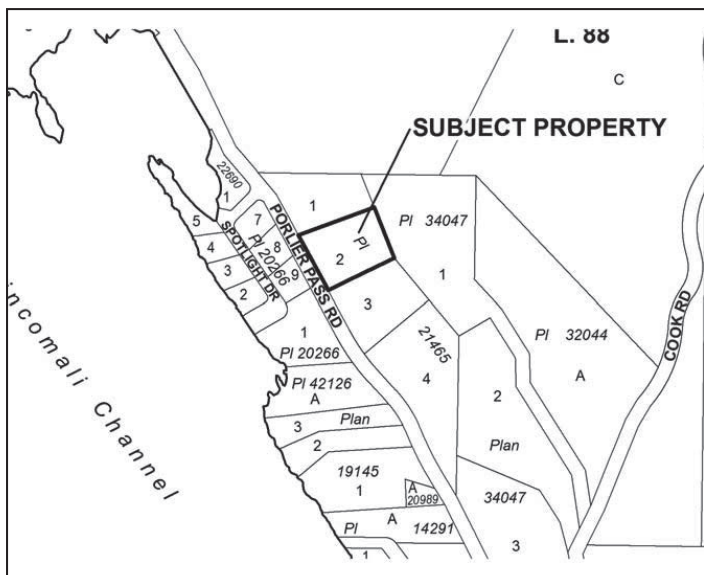
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- Lot B, Section 1, Galiano Island, Cowichan District, Plan VIP87346 (PID: 028-061-942), 350 Mary Ann Point Road (**GL-TUP-2016.8**).
- Strata Lot 10, District Lots 30 and 31, Cowichan District, Plan Strata Plan VIS5536 (PID: 025-936-492), 1541 Sticks- Allison Drive (**GL-TUP-2016.9**).

The purpose of these temporary use permits would be to permit "commercial vacation rental" on the subject properties. The establishment of the temporary use would be subject to a number of conditions specified in the permits. The permits would be issued for up to three years and the owner may apply to the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee to have it renewed once for up to an additional three years.

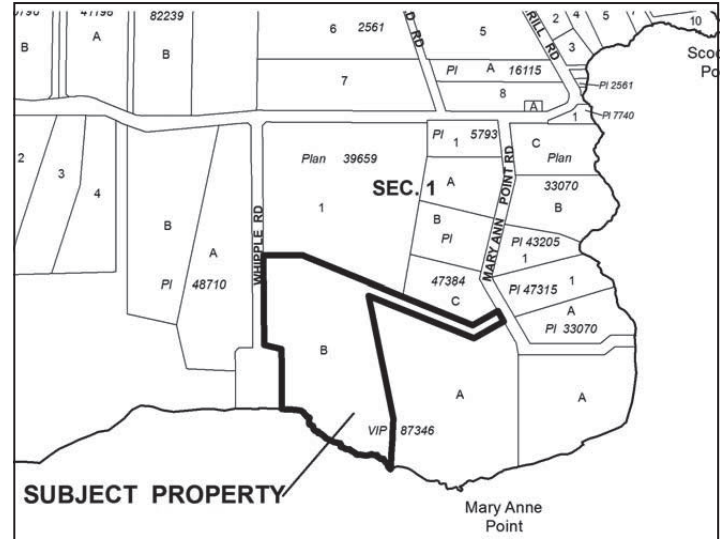
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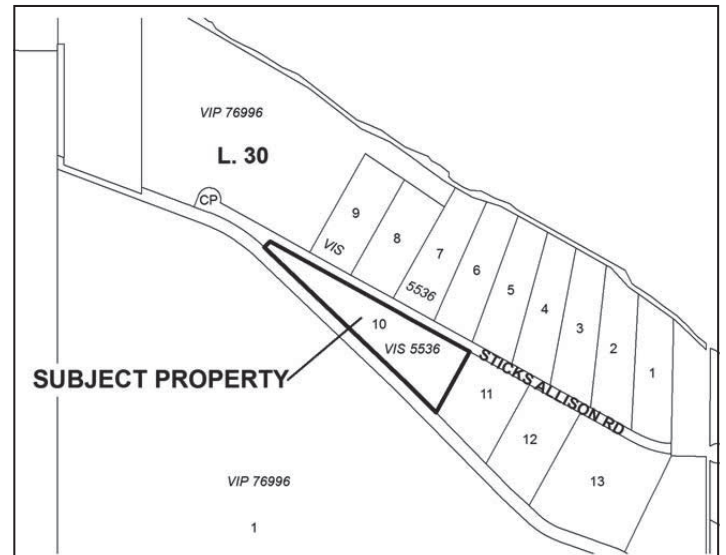
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A copy of the proposed permits may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., V8R 1H8, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays, commencing **September 19, 2016** and up to and including **September 30, 2016**.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 494(1)(a) of the Local Government Act, additional copies of the proposed permits may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Galiano Island, B.C., commencing **September 19, 2016**.

Enquiries or comments should be directed to Kim Stockdill, A/Planner 2 at (250) 405-5194, for Toll Free Access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867; or by fax (250) 405-5155; or by email to: information@islandstrust.bc.ca, before **4:30 p.m., September 30, 2016**. The Galiano Island Local Trust Committee may consider a resolution allowing for the issuance of the permit during the regular business meeting starting at **12:30 p.m., October 1, 2016**, at the South Community Hall, 141 Sturdies Bay Road, Galiano Island, BC.

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

Sharon Lloyd-deRosario
 Deputy Secretary

MUSICAL THEATRE

Local actors spread message of tolerance in Cabaret

exitStageLeft production starts Thursday

Salt Spring's exitStageLeft Productions offers an artistic argument on the need for tolerance in hard times with a staging of the iconic musical Cabaret opening at ArtSpring this Thursday, Sept. 22.

The producers are continuing on a trajectory of providing high-quality theatre that combines entertainment and profundity. Company co-leads Jekka Mack and Christina Penhale observe Cabaret is a play that "will continue to be relevant until people stop hating each other," with as much relevance in today's social landscape as its setting in 1931 Berlin. It's also an uplifting celebration of the human spirit in the lives of regular people.

"Since the founding of our company we have been dedicated to mounting productions that both inspire and challenge us as artists," Mack and Penhale explain in their directors' notes. "After working on two productions that focused on staging and musicality with



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

The cast of Cabaret fine-tunes their choreography for Thursday night's opening show during a rehearsal on the ArtSpring stage.

Rent and Into the Woods, and one delighting in words with A Midsummer Night's Dream, we wanted a show that was rooted in our other passion, dance.

"Cabaret certainly fit that bill. Not only is it one of our

favourites, but the characters and story are timeless and the choreography is very stylized, which presented us with a unique opportunity."

The play's action revolves around Berlin's Kit Kat Klub,

inside which life is beautiful. Outside the club violent political rallies, prejudice and poverty are the reality — Nazism is on the rise. The cabaret's hedonism allows willful ignorance and temporary escape but also provides a way to mock the regime. And a dingy boarding house shelters sad lives but also surprising love stories.

"Cabaret speaks to what our ancestors and family members experienced many years ago, but it also feels frighteningly relevant to what's happening in our society today," Penhale and Mack state. "Now more than ever it is important to remember what can happen when we segregate, discriminate, become intolerant of each other, and jump to judgements rather than showing acceptance and respect. Cabaret beautifully showcases the highs and lows of life and the consequences of allowing the opinions of others to sway our own integrity and values."

They add the experience is "incredibly exciting and fun and also intensely heart-breaking."

The producers note the stage

play differs in many ways from the movie Cabaret, though both are derived from Christopher Isherwood's 1939 book The Berlin Stories, and the play I Am a Camera by John Van Druten. In this version, the music is by John Kander with lyrics by Fred Ebb.

"Instead of focusing on star power and the seductive lives of the rich, the play deals with people who are just trying to survive. It examines the pressures that shape their decisions, and even their dreams."

The show runs for an extended weekend from Thursday, Sept. 22 to Sunday, Sept. 25 and again from Wednesday, Sept. 28 to Saturday, Oct 1. Pre-show entertainment and refreshments begin at 6:30 p.m. and showtime is 7:30.

Audience members are encouraged to wear 1930s clothing, with a prize for best costume. Those who select an aisle seat should be prepared to become a participant in the bawdy cabaret. Guests should also take into account that the band will be located immediately in front of the centre front seats. The show is recommended "PG13" for adult content.

LIVE THEATRE

Award-winning comedienne makes visit

Festival of Fools presents Windy Wynazz in Rich and Famous

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island is once again benefitting from the festivals taking place just beyond its borders by snapping up proximate visiting talent for its own enjoyment purposes.

The Vancouver Fringe Fest is the latest occasion attracting innovative theatre professionals from around the world to the West Coast, and Salt Spring Festival of Fools is the local entity that is happily cannibalizing its program in the form of Windy Wynazz: Rich and Famous. Local festival founder Bob Twaites was thrilled by Wynazz's work when he saw her perform in Victoria's Intrepid Festival and has been wishing she could perform on Salt Spring ever since.

"Now she's in Vancouver so she could come," Twaites said.

San Francisco's Comedienne of the Year for 2014, Wynazz will perform her current show Rich and Famous for two nights at Mahon Hall on Saturday, Sept. 24 and Sunday, Sept. 25, at 8 p.m. The show is directed by Deanna Fleysher, herself no stranger to Salt Spring as the gender-bending noir detective Butt Kapinski.

Although her show is still not meant for children, Wynazz falls on the less-scary side of the clown arts spectrum. And for those who didn't get

enough sequins at Pride this year, Twaites promises Rich and Famous will be the place to find them.

"This show is lighter and sweeter than audiences are used to seeing from the clown festival," Twaites noted.

"Her show is a dichotomy of manic madcap humour and tender moments all stirred into an extraordinary performance."

INDYFRINGE REVIEW

Wynazz is an artistic associate with Ragged Wing Ensemble, a physical theatre company located in Oakland, Calif. She is a graduate of the Circus Center of San Francisco's Clown Conservatory and has trained with The San Francisco Mime Troupe, Naked Empire Bouffon, Naked Comedy Lab, Berkeley Repertory School of Theatre, and with Hiroko Tamano in butoh dance.

She is renowned for her special blend of camp, seduction and insanity, and in Rich and Famous offers "an extraordinary new comedy cabaret of wigs, lipstick, puppets and the harsh reality in making dreams come true."

The Orlando Sentinel report-



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Windy Wynazz comes to Mahon Hall this weekend.

ed Wynazz is "very talky, perhaps manic" in her portrayal of an energetic, aspiring Broadway actress. "Think Molly Shannon as Liza Minnelli."

As an IndyFringe reviewer reports: "This show was a mixture of showgirl, improv, adlibs, acting, audience participation, clown, sex goddess and organizational consultant, all in less than one hour . . . Her show is a dichotomy of manic madcap humour and tender moments all stirred into an extraordinary performance."

Tickets can be purchased ahead of time at Salt Spring Books or at the door.

Wynazz will also be offering two red-nose clowning workshops while she's on Salt Spring: one for GISPA students and another for adult members of the public. Interested parties can contact Twaites on Facebook or at 250-537-5453.



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what's on this week



Wed. Sept 21

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Vaughn Fulford.
Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Drop-in Pickleball.
At Portlock Park. 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

SSI Painters Guild Art Activities.

The Painters Guild holds an art workshop and life/portrait drawing each Wednesday. See www.ssipaintersguild.wordpress.com for details. ArtSpring. 9:30 a.m.

Salt Spring Island Incorporation Study Committee Meeting.

Public welcome. Lions Hall. 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Road Condition Assessment Public Meeting.

The Salt Spring Island Incorporation Study Committee will host a meeting to review and discuss the Road Condition Assessment at Meaden Hall. 5 to 7 p.m.

Central Community Hall Society Board of Directors Meeting.

Public welcome. Central Hall. 7 p.m.

Poker.
Hosted by Albert and Rebekah every Wednesday at the Legion lounge at 7 p.m.

Thur. Sept 22

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

L-Vine.
Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

Cabaret.
Presented by exitStageLeft Productions and Graffiti Theatre at ArtSpring. Pre-show fun at 6:30 p.m. Show at 7:30.



Open Mic With Dave & Ross.
Every Thursday at Moby's Pub beginning at 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Weavers and Spinners.

Software for Weaving Design talk by Bob Keating. ArtSpring. 10:30 a.m.

Book Reading from Kem Luther.

Kem Luther reads from new book *Boundary Layer*, exploring the science of wild mushrooms. Co-sponsored by SS Conservancy. Salt Spring Public Library. 7 p.m.

Viva Chorale! Society AGM.
Annual general meeting of Viva Chorale! Society at the Salt Spring Baptist Church. 8 p.m.

Fri. Sept 23

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Marianne Grittanni.
Live music at The Local bar. 5 to 8 p.m.

Greg Drummond.
Folk/rock music at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

Cabaret.
See Thursday's listing.

ACTIVITIES

Local Trust Committee.
Public hearing on Bylaw 492 at 9:30 a.m., followed by regular business meeting at Lions Halls. Reports and town hall session at noon.

Stay & Play Drop-In.
A parent-child drop-in program for families with children ages birth to 6 years. Family Place. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Storytime at the Library.
Stories, songs and interactive activities, suitable for children 3 to 6 years old. Salt Spring Public Library. 1:30 to 2:15 p.m.

Sat. Sept 24

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

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

Synergy.
The Bare Foot Thieves. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.

Sat. Sept 24

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

YogiTunes and Interhill present Equinox.
Live and DJs with Naomi Jason, Matsya, Andrew, and Rara Avis. All ages. Beaver Point Community Hall. 9 p.m.

The Coalition.
Rock/dance band at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

Cabaret.
See Thursday's listing.

ACTIVITIES

Saturday Market.
Famous Salt Spring Saturday Market in Centennial Park every Saturday through Oct. 29. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Choral Musicianship Course.

First of 8-week session starts today. Portlock Portable. 9 to 10 a.m. Preregistration with PARC required, 250-537-4448.

Crazy Ukulele Course.
First of 8-week session starts today. Portlock Portable. 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Preregistration with PARC required, 250-537-4448.

Canadian Federation of University Women.

Group meeting and potluck lunch at the Salt Spring Sailing Club. 11 a.m.

FireFly Lantern Festival Workshops.

Lantern-making workshops at the Saturday Market from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in preparation for the night's procession.

Sat. Sept 24

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Westcoast Work Boat Association Fall Rendezvous.
Group meets at Kanaka Dock in Ganges Harbour. Public welcome to view boats from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Mod 'n' Lavender: Salt Spring Island in the '60s.
Book launch for Mod 'n' Lavender: Salt Spring Island in the '60s. Author John Grain revisits teenage life on Salt Spring in the 1960s. Salt Spring Library. 2 p.m.



Contra Dance.
With the Merry McKentys at Bullock Lake Farm. Tour, potluck and dance: farm tour 4 p.m., potluck 5 p.m. and contra dance 7 p.m.



FireFly Lantern Festival.
FireFly Lantern Festival will light up in Centennial Park at 7 p.m., with procession led by Samba du Soleil. Please bring a donation to support the ongoing event.

Sun. Sept 25

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Gwen Gagne and Adam.
Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 p.m.

Cabaret.
See Thursday's listing.

ACTIVITIES

Terry Fox Run.
Participants can run, walk, blade or bike and most of all have fun while raising funds for cancer research. Registration opens at 10 a.m. at Rainbow Road Park.

Westcoast Work Boat Fall Rendezvous Sailpast.

Watch beautiful boats leave Ganges Harbour at 11 a.m.

Mon. Sept 26

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Toastmasters Humorous Speech Contest.

Salt Spring Island Toastmasters invite public to hear the funny speeches their members have prepared. Our Lady of Grace Church. 6 to 8 p.m.

Mindfulness Program.
With Dr. Candace Cole. Pre-register: info@saltspringlibrary.com. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 12 noon.

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Tue. Sept 27

ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Farmers' Market.
Every Tuesday in Centennial Park from 2 to 6 p.m.

Wed. Sept 28

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Cabaret.
See Thursday's listing.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Garden Club.
Club resumes for fall season with talk on Beautiful Roses by Brad Jalbert. Meaden Hall. 7 p.m.

SSI Painters Guild Art activities.

See last Wednesday's listing.

Drop-in Pickleball.
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- Romeo & Juliet** — Kenneth Branagh Theatre Company: Recorded live at The Garrick Theatre. The stage play of Shakespeare's heartbreaking tale of forbidden love. Thursday, Sept. 22, 3 p.m. matinee and 7 p.m. only. Advance tickets at the cinema from Fridays through Tuesdays, 6 to 7 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

- Creation Myths and Legends** — Expressions in Ceramic and Print by LeeAnn Norgard and Michael Levy runs at Salt Spring Gallery Mondays through Saturdays until Oct. 1.

EXHIBITIONS

- Alchemic Exit** — Exploring Themes of Escapism & Isolation is an exhibit of work by Anne Griffiths and Cole Bazin at Dutchie Gallery, Thursdays through Mondays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Margie Morrison** presents Colour Story: Once More With Feeling in the Salt Spring Library Program Room through September.
- Dirk Heydemann and Cimarron Corpe** show *Haida Gwaii* photography at Kizmit Galeria and Cafe through September.
- Photographers Jen MacLellan and Melinda Divers present *Pride: community images and portraits in the ArtSpring lobby* through September.

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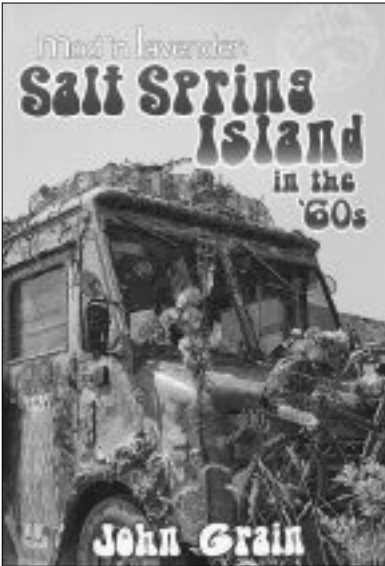
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BOOKS

John Grain revisits 1960s Salt Spring in new book



Salt Spring's counter-culture of the 1960s is the theme of John Grain's book *Mod 'n Lavender*.

Author event Sept. 24 at the library

John Grain lived on Salt Spring during what was arguably the most turbulent decade in history: the 1960s.

Grain's observations of his life as an oblivious teenager growing up on the island, and the impact of world events happening at the time, form the basis of his new book *Mod 'n Lavender: Salt Spring Island in the '60s*. The author will be on Salt Spring to introduce the book at a special event at the Salt Spring Public Library this Saturday, Sept. 24 starting at 2 p.m.

As promotional material for *Mod 'n Lavender* observes, Salt Spring was a virtual microcosm of the California experience, evolving into the Canadian equivalent of San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury district and emerging as a trendy hub of Canadian counter-culture. Grain's book is named for a unique gifts and crafts boutique that his mother Hilda Grain and her business partner

Mary Miller opened in Ganges, an apt symbol of the cultural shift that embraced British colonial roots and modern pop culture trends all at the same time.

Mod 'n Lavender takes the reader on an emotional voyage through Gulf Island life during a most memorable era. With a liberal sprinkling of quotes from the newspaper of record — the *Gulf Islands Driftwood* — Grain helps the reader experience Salt Spring's transition from what some once called "the land that time forgot" into the innovative, eclectic and close-knit paradise that it has become today. He deftly supplements his personal memories with the archives, after combing every *Driftwood* published from 1960 to 1970 to situate the context.

"Through the magic of the written word, I traveled back in time and re-lived some of the carefree days of my youth, an experience my fading memory could never have duplicated," Grain writes in his introduction. "Even more extraordinary, however, was the epiphany that I had

lived in blissful ignorance ... As a teenager, although I was certainly aware of the momentous events, I was almost totally unaware of their impact — the social metamorphosis and the cultural upheaval that shattered the very fabric of Western civilization ... It wasn't until I opened up a dusty box marked 'carrots' many years later, that all the pieces suddenly clicked into place."

Islanders who were around during the '60s are invited to come out, share a few memories and get re-acquainted with Grain, while more recent residents who are curious about island life during that turbulent decade are also warmly invited. Grain will share a few stories from the book and will welcome comments and questions afterward.

GARDENING

Rose expert returns to Salt Spring

Garden club resumes for fall season

The Salt Spring Island Garden Club is ready to reconvene after the summer break, promising a lively first meeting back with the return of speaker Brad Jalbert on Wednesday, Sept. 28.

Jalbert is an author, the owner of Select Roses and a rose expert. He has owned and operated his large display nursery in South Langley since

it opened in 1990. To date he has hybridized and registered over 100 roses to the world rose market. This year one of his roses won a top fragrance award in Barcelona, Spain—making Jalbert the first Canadian plant breeder to ever win an international award.

Rose enthusiasts will likely have seen and probably own the two books Jalbert co-wrote with Laura Peters: *Roses for Washington and Oregon* and *Roses for British Columbia*. His roses now sell on four continents, which is also a Canadian

first in plant breeding.

Jalbert finds that gardeners on Salt Spring are keen and knowledgeable. He looks forward to presenting his talk on "Beautiful Roses."

The meeting takes place in Meaden Hall at the Royal Canadian Legion starting at 7 p.m. Come early to allow time for socializing prior to the business meeting and presentation and to check out the library, meet with mentor gardeners and participate in the parlour show. It is also time to renew memberships for the year.

FUNDRAISER

BC SPCA walk registration underway

Paw for a Cause set for Oct. 2

Fighting animal cruelty is as easy as a walk in the park.

Animal lovers across the province are already registering and fundraising for the annual Scotiabank & BC SPCA Paws for a Cause walk, which is being hosted in 30 B.C. communities throughout September and October.

Salt Spring's annual event benefitting the local BC SPCA branch will be held at Heiwa Peace Park on Sunday, Oct. 2 starting at noon, with the walk starting at 1 p.m. People and dogs will be able to enjoy fun activities, for fantastic door prizes and gift baskets. Nail trimmings and pet ID microchipping will also be available,

provided by Gulf Island Vet Clinic.

"This is the largest single event to raise funds to fight animal cruelty in British Columbia," Krista Constantineau, BC SPCA manager of fundraising events, stated in a news release. "We are overwhelmed by the participation each year — it's so great to see thousands of people come together across the province to help B.C.'s most vulnerable animals. Our amazing supporters not only raise essential funds, the events are tons of fun for two-legged and four-legged participants."

Human participants still have plenty of time to get involved by visiting www.spc.bc.ca/saltspringislandwalk.

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LIBRARY SHELF

BY MAGGIE WARBEY
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Looking for specialized information? Look no further than the Reference Desk at the library. While many major sources of information are now digitalized and available on line, we continue to have dictionaries, legal documents, even who's who in hard copy.

We subscribe to many services that bring patrons the most up-to-date codes, laws and regulations, including building codes, wiring codes, health information and automotive guides. Go to our library website and click on REFERENCE to see what's available.

Having shared tea on the beautiful China Cloud, I was curious to know what Barrie Farrell has to say about his family and the many splendid vessels they designed and built here on the West Coast. Boats in My Blood tells the story behind the Farrell name and lives; years spent in island coves and on the water building, sailing and fishing. Without doubt, the best known and most talented of local shipwrights, father and son have left a profound stamp on West Coast history. If this book brings back memories, lucky you, and if it is all new to you, you are about to touch on some of the real his-

tory that makes these waters so special.

Tom Brown's Field Guide to Living with the Earth was written as an attempt to make the earth our friend again, and the author does just that. The book is full of information about how indigenous peoples survived and flourished: arts, crafts, weapons, shelter are all covered as are a number of useful plants, as well as cultural and spiritual insights. The book goes beyond survival to help readers unlock the secrets and skills of adaptation and living as an earthling.

Whales, Dolphins and Other Marine Mammals of the World is a field guide to marine mammals the world over. Beautiful photos, illustrations and maps make this a go-to-guide for those looking

for detailed information about these creatures. The text provides identifying and location information as well as additional points such as habitat, activities and habits. From to polar bears to whales, this handbook is a practical field guide for everyone.

Wondering how to entertain the grandbabies or any baby? What'll I Do with the Baby-O? is for you. With more than 350 rhymes and songs to use in play with the tiny ones, this book is sure to have something that will entertain. There are rhymes and songs in three languages; illustrated suggestions for how to set the music to actions; also ideas for programs and presentation tips. You'll find lots of specific ideas for

early childhood educators, students preparing for infant/toddler care careers, and parents (and grandparents!)

Jill Dawson's The Crime Writer is the eighth in her list of novels that keep readers turning pages. This story, set in England of 1964, takes fans to the very heart of an author's being. Surrounding herself in intrigue, mystery, and atmosphere, the heroine recreates her own fantasies as they seem to come to life around her. Supposedly seeking escape from fans, Patricia Highsmith finds herself the centre of interest and mystery as events unfold, and she, and we, find that things are not as they seem. This turns out to be a thoroughly engrossing read for lovers of crime and mystery.

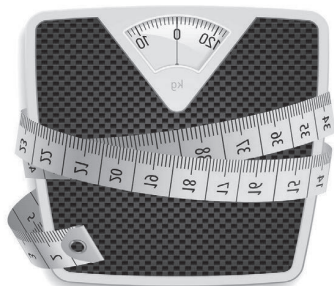
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WILDLIFE

Cougar sightings still unverified

Conservation officer weighs in on wildlife reports

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Capital Regional District wildlife conservation officer said he's yet to see any evidence of cougars or bears on the island despite a flurry of recent sightings reported online and through social media.

Having said that, however, Wolfgang Brunnwieser said he suspects the island is home to at least one cougar.

"There is the possibility, but there hasn't been any livestock killed yet," he said. "At this point I cannot verify it, but I do believe there is a cougar on the island."

Plenty of forest cover and abundant deer, he added, make Salt Spring an ideal location for cougars, which frequently go undetected by humans because of their elusive and stealth-like nature.

In his 20 years as a wildlife conservation officer on the island, he's yet to see a picture of a cougar on Salt Spring, though he did once see an image of one on Galiano Island.

A spate of online reports of cougar sightings on the island's north end on social media and reports of bear sign spotted in the Burgoyne Valley have given outdoor enthusiasts and livestock owners cause for safety concerns.

"To see a cougar in the wild is almost like winning the lottery," Brunnwieser said. "There could be a cougar sitting in a tree and you wouldn't even see it."

Brunnwieser recommends anyone who suspects a cougar is in their neighbourhood to keep a watchful eye on pets and livestock, especially around dusk.

Anyone who encounters a cougar should never approach the animal. Cougars are especially unpredictable when feeding on a recent kill. Always leave the animal an escape route, stay calm and pick up small children to avoid any sudden movements. Back away slowly while facing the cougar, and do all you can to make yourself appear bigger and more intimidating.

"Never run," Brunnwieser said. "The moment you start running the cougar's hunting instincts start to kick in."

Cougar and other wildlife sightings can be reported to Brunnwieser by calling 250-537-9414.

ECOLOGY

It's playtime! Humans not only ones who have fun

The grizzly had its snuffle-up-agus in the short tundra greenery when I first saw it. It reached for something I couldn't see, then lifted the object with its claw. It was a tire. Lots of tires end up in ditches along this remote, graveled Alaskan road.

My first thought was that voles had nested in the tire rim, well-hidden and gaining warmth from the black material. (Biology types have an explanation for everything.) Maybe voles had, but I'll never know.

The grizzly, probably a two- or three-year-old in its first summer away from mom, lifted the tire until it almost stood on its rim before flopping back. Its curiosity not satisfied, the bear lifted it again. This time the old tire, catching the beginning of a long slope from this ridge to the creek, rolled for half its circumference before toppling again.

It seemed like a light bulb went on in the bear's mind. It ambled to the tire and batted it. This time the tire went almost 50 feet before a bump upended it. Bear galumphed over and gave the tire a good whack. This time it built up speed and bounced a time or two before it



Bob Weeden

CONNECTIONS

caught in some brush. The bear shambled after it. The process was repeated twice more before bear and bounce disappeared into tall willows near the creek.

Maybe bears have no imagination, no sense of fun. Maybe their life is just a string of savage instincts. But you know what? I think this bear and a kid with a stick and hoop would have understood each other.

Play! Ah, play's the thing!

These days there are two really different kinds of human play. There's the play-for-fun youngsters love and adults stick with until their bodies give out; and our more recent invention, play-for-profit. (Maybe the latter isn't all that recent. Did customers have to buy tickets to see lions play with gladiators in the Coliseum?) Child's play interests me more. The biologi-

cal and social meaning of play is clearest there, and it's where human and animal play are most alike.

A lot of animals play, especially the pampered young of long-lived, social mammals. Dolphins, orcas, chimpanzees and wolves are examples. Play trains the young in moves they'll need as adults for hunting and in-group cooperation. It helps to establish ranking and makes citizens instead of revolutionaries out of the raw juvenile clay.

Juvenile play in these mammals is strikingly like that in human kids before they talk. Participants know they are playing. They follow rules for joining, participating and leaving. Play isn't wholly instinct-driven. It requires imagination and spontaneity, with quick adjustments to the varied character of the players. Youngsters play for fun, not reward.

A few other animals seem to play, although the farther you get from the mammalian evolutionary line the more argument there is among experts as to whether the behavior should be called play. People watching an

octopus in an aquarium recently saw an example of something at or beyond the edge of play. Discovering a ball in its tank, an adult octopus repeatedly squirted a jet of water at it, following it as it swirled erratically around the tank. Maybe the eight-legged was having fun, but I find it hard to believe. (I find it hard to believe that the universe squeezed through a dark hole with a big bang, too. But then, mom told me I was born with a not-dissimilar entry; with loud voice at one end and no responsibility at the other. I practice suspension of disbelief regularly to prepare for more surprises—for example, if a trump wins all the cards in the American election. But I digress.)

There's no doubt about ravens, however. They love to play. A para-gliding friend of Bernd Heinrich (Mind of the Raven) told him about being joined by 10 ravens while he soared above a 3,000-foot cliff. The birds swooped and barrel-rolled around him. Another raven joined them, carrying a 20-foot length of what looked like surveyors' tape. It plunged

through the flock, then passed the streamer to another raven, which zipped around with it before passing it to another. What else can you call 20 minutes of that, except fun?

Schiller once observed that animals and people work when urgent needs must be met. They play "when the fullness of strength is the mainspring, when superabundant life is its own stimulus to activity." Nowadays, scientists refer to these times as "relaxed fields." Then, the animal or person is encouraged to use imagination, to play, test options, and innovate—to be spontaneous. Modern society has produced more such times that ever before, at least for a good fraction of people. The catch is that there are no rules for what happens during this leisure. By its very nature, the relaxed field gives every aspect of humanness a chance to be expressed; from silliness and mischief to great art and remarkable creativity. When an animal society suffers from a wrong-headed innovation, Darwin's enforcer steps in. It isn't that simple among humans.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Toastmasters extend invite to humour speech contest

Weekly sessions held Mondays

BY SALT SPRING TOASTMASTERS

Did you know that by having a good belly laugh, you will realize tangible physical health benefits of lower stress hormones, relaxed muscles and even reduced probability of heart disease?

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When is the last time you had a really

good chuckle over a good story? Was it a piece you heard on the radio, or perhaps a tale that someone was telling at a summer barbecue?

Salt Spring Toastmasters is preparing for the annual Humorous Speech contest, and we invite you to come and join the fun. This event will feature several of the club's members who are preparing material to entertain and amuse the audience.

Salt Spring Toastmasters has been meeting regularly on Monday evenings since 2004. The club follows the Toastmasters International program for devel-

oping communication and leadership skills, and provides a great opportunity for getting together with other Salt Springers who enjoy practicing their speaking skills in a supportive and fun environment.

Life is better when you're laughing! Come out and enjoy watching our members compete at the Salt Spring Toastmasters Humorous Speech Contest on Monday, Sept. 26 in the lower lounge of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church on 135 Drake Road. The evening's events will begin at 6 p.m. sharp and will end

by 8 p.m.

If you are interested in attending a regular club meeting, you will be warmly welcomed. Meetings begin at 7 p.m., and run for two hours. Starting Oct. 3, we will be meeting at our new location at the Shared Space facility at #1-315 Upper Ganges Road.

For more information please visit the club's facebook page under Salt Spring Toastmasters or our website at <http://614459.toastmastersclubs.org>. You can also send an email to karen@kobierski.com.

IDEAS

Powerful new voice visits Salt Spring Forum

Former Crown prosecutor opens "Canada 150" series

BY SALT SPRING FORUM

Last March, Jian Ghomeshi — the former host of the popular CBC radio show Q — was acquitted of four charges of sexual assault and one charge of choking to overcome resistance.

The trial judge, William Horns, said the verdict did not mean the allegations were false, but that the reliability of the complainants was uncertain. In May, the one remaining charge against Jian Ghomeshi was dropped, after he apologized in court for abusive behaviour.

The Ghomeshi trial cast a Canada-wide spotlight on the topic of sexual violence, and raised the question of whether Canadian law needs to be modernized.

On Friday, Sept. 30 at Beaver Point Hall, the Salt Spring Forum hosts Sandy Garossino, a former Crown prosecutor turned journalist. Garossino's articles in the National Observer have become "must reads" for anyone interested in law and policy in Canada today.

This is the first event in the Forum's "Canada 150" series, which explores the many great challenges and opportunities facing Canada today.



SANDY GAROSSINO

"People are often uncomfortable talking about sexual assault, even though it is widespread," said Salt Spring Forum manager Julian Paquette. "The Ghomeshi trial ignited a necessary conversation in this country, but much remains to be done."

Why are so many instances of sexual violence unreported, and when reported, why are conviction rates so low? How well does Canada's legal system manage sexual assault claims? Are legal reforms needed, and if so, which ones?

Sandy Garossino is a powerful new voice in Canadian public affairs. Please join the Salt Spring Forum for a

highly engaging, respectful, thought-provoking discussion of a difficult but all-important issue.

Please note: this event takes place at Beaver Point Hall on Friday, Sept. 30 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale through the ArtSpring box office.

Also, a few community groups will have information booths set up 30 minutes prior to the event to share community resources with attendees.

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4:00 pm Thursday, Sept. 29, 2016
Community Gospel Church
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SSICS provides a broad range of community services including early childhood, family development, child and youth mental health, youth drop in, victim services, recycling, community housing and emergency shelter, seniors wellness, developmental disabilities and food security. AGM agenda includes reports from the Chair, Treasurer and Executive Director and election of Directors.

All residents of the Southern Gulf Islands are welcome to attend. Only paid members may vote. Annual membership fee is one dollar. Your support is appreciated. For information contact SSICS at 537-9971

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Greenwoods Eldercare Society Annual General Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 28, 2016
Time: 10:00 am
Where: Lions Hall, 103 Bonnet Avenue (Note change in location this year)
Membership: Persons who have reached 19 years of age, who reside in the Gulf Islands, who have made written application for membership in the Society. Applications available at Greenwoods office.

Voting Privileges: Member in good standing who annual renew their membership (fee \$5.00 - can be paid at the door), are entitled to vote. Persons who have applied for membership during the past membership year (Sept 24, 2015 - Sept. 28, 2016) are eligible to vote providing their membership application was submitted by August 31, 2016.

Notice of Motion: "Any relative or legal representation of a person residing in or having resided in the past fiscal year in any buildings that come under the society management, will be entitled to join the society with full member privileges. Under these terms, a relative or legal representative will not be subject to zone restrictions for residency. They will be subject to all other bylaw membership rules."

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Dec. 7, 1943 - Sept. 10, 2015

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THANKS to a wonderful, generous man who on Saturday Sept 10 rescued our Subaru from a ditch somewhere outside of Ganges. We didn't get his name, but he drove a dark Ford Bronco and said he was a pipe fitter by trade. He saw us stranded, stopped to help, and towed our car out of the ditch. We're very grateful for the kindness he extended to us as two hapless tourists and sorry we didn't get his name. We hope someone who reads this will recognize him and pass on our thanks.

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TIP OF THE WEEK

Autumn Equinox this year arrives on the heels of some very exciting momentums. This marks the start of the sign of Libra and occurs on September 22nd at 7:22 am just short of a day before the Last Quarter Moon, which occurs on the 23rd 2:56 am PDT, stemming from the Solar Eclipse on September 1st. It so happens that this phase of the moon is symbolically linked to Equinox. It marks the final turn of the annual cycle which is largely that of the Sun's light on the planet in direct relationship with Polaris, the pole star. From the standpoint of our relationship with the celestial realm, this is a sacred time. Autumn Equinox is also symbolically linked to the setting Sun which is traditionally considered a spiritual time, a time of the day and year which calls the spiritually aware to meditation and prayer. Meanwhile, Jupiter in Libra remains the other big story on the astrological campus. On September 25th the Sun will conjunct Jupiter, the emperor giving the king its blessing and an inspirational boost. Any conjunction activates a new cycle between the two planets involved, of course, the Sun is a star, but the principle remains essentially the same. In my coming newsletter I will bring attention to this cycle. Venus entering Scorpio on September 23rd brings its own special flavor to the recipe. It might be deemed a fine blend of sweet and sour which can be just exactly what is desired. Altogether, this is an exciting moment and will manifest as a definite turn in people's lives. With awareness and free will choice we can make this turn an auspicious one.

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Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)
Relationship opportunities are presenting themselves now and this trend will continue. Venus is Scorpio lends an erotic element, for you especially. But it might be best treated as red hot chili peppers; which means be careful how much you consume at any given moment. Enjoy the flow blending black and blue in your dress code and proceed slowly.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)
A rich exchange of energies could prove particularly provocative over the coming weeks. There could be a lot of give and take with the scales leaning to the latter. The question is: which end of the scales will you be on? Either way, you have work to do to make efforts to keep things healthy and balanced.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)
A creative, exuberant and perhaps romantic energy pattern is yours to enjoy and now and will continue for several weeks. However, it will require that you give more than you might otherwise feel inclined to. Accessing new tools, tricks and strategic methods that can support your efforts will keep you inspired.

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22)
A lot of attention continues to be directed to the home front or however else you are connected to your roots and core. As well, a particularly romantic wave is washing in now. More lead the lead impulse of a tide, it will continue well into November even. Quality time shared with family and friends now especially will add to feeling fulfilled.

Leo (Jul 22 – Aug 23)
With new knowledge and understanding come new perceptions and interpretations. The opposite is true as well and includes shifts in your priorities too. Deciphering what constitutes your best direction, however, likely remains to be finally decided. Clearing clutter and other stale stuff from yesteryear will help you to advance more smoothly.

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22)
Acquiring new knowledge, especially the kind that includes deep insights about your self will prove especially inspiring now. These may feel like good karmic returns and stand to leave you feeling empowered and abundant. Together, these could even lead to increased prosperity in the months to come.

Libra (Sep 22 – Oct 22)
The impulse to expand, to reach out and to broaden your horizons should be evident by now. This trend will continue too. The will, courage and initiative to take pioneering leads, is the price. Fortunately, there are indications that your energy levels are running especially high these days. This is your cue.

Scorpio (Oct 22 – Nov 21)
A time of retreat is upon you. Yet, the urge to express your self is also present. This could produce the perfect blend for doing art. Yet, you may simply want to escape from it all, dream and recharge your batteries. The danger now is that idle moments could lead you to dark places and to engage in questionable activities.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 – Dec 21)
What is fair, right and true? These and other such questions are on your mind. Engaging with others to both ask the questions and get answers is likely. At worst, too many conflicting opinions will leave you scattered and confused. You want to be heard. Not wanting to inflict or incur injury is a call to listen deeply as well.

Capricorn (Dec 21 – Jan 19)
Desires to be seen, heard and heeded are running strongly in your now. Engaging with others who you deem powerful and leaders in their own right will prove important. Summoning the courage to break through insecurities that could otherwise hold you back is extra important. Engage with others with position and power.

Aquarius (Jan 19 – Feb 19)
The time has come to see a bigger picture and yourself in it. Doing so may require new knowledge and skills. A rather dynamic learning curve is implied. Fortunately, you are in the mood to learn. Pushing through limiting beliefs and even familiar relationship patterns, personal or professional, may prove necessary.

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)
Destiny has sent you an invitation to dive into the deep end. This could well take you to places you have not been to before. Like crossing the river Styx, you may have to pay what amounts to the silver coin the boatman requires. The good news is that rewards await you on the other side. Have faith, this is a 3-D storyline.

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

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TERRY FOX RUN

Islanders prepare to celebrate iconic Canadian event

Fox's legacy still inspires

As Salt Springers enjoyed the annual antics of the island's beloved fall fair over the weekend, hundreds of thousands of runners, walkers, rollerbladers and cyclists hit the road in communities large and small across the country to honour the legendary Terry Fox.

Fortunately, islanders can catch up with all the inspiration and good times on Sept. 25 at the Rainbow Road Pool. This year's event features one-, five- and eight-kilometre courses for runners, cyclists, walkers and rollerbladers.

"Terry's Marathon of Hope in 1980 heralded a new age in fundraising," reads a press release about this weekend's event. "Terry was an innovator, raising funds for a disease that was still referred to in whispers while attempting to run across Canada, an athletic feat few able-bodied athletes would even consider."

Fox undertook his run with an exposed artificial leg, spoke to countless Canadians along the way about living with cancer and offered hope to patients living with the disease.

"Terry's grassroots approach was a direct reflection of who he was – and Canadians embraced him with an intensity rarely seen before," states the release.

Though health concerns forced Fox to abandon his cross-country journey near Thunder Bay, Ont. after nearly 150 days and 5,400 kilometres, the effort has since inspired millions of people around the world to participate in Terry Fox events and raise funds for cancer research.

"There is no doubt that Terry's example of courage and perseverance lives on today in Terry Foxers of all ages," said Janine Fernandes-Hayden, organizer of this year's run. "Terry Fox Runs wouldn't happen each year on Salt Spring Island without our residents' commitment to continue Terry's dream to find a cure for cancer."

Registration for the non-competitive, inclusive, family-oriented event opens at 10 a.m. at the Rainbow Road Pool. The event begins at 11 and is expected to wrap up by 1 p.m. Dogs are not permitted in the event.

For further information, contact Fernandes-Hayden at janinefernandeshayden@gmail.com or 250-537-8314.



Susan Gordon strikes a pose at Salt Spring's 2015 Terry Fox Run.

GOLF

Gail Sharp takes over from Jane Hickie as ladies' captain

Scotton wins Parsons Cup

Salt Spring Island Golf Club was an active participant in our popular fall fair once again this year.

Representatives of the junior program managed all the garbage and recycling collection on the grounds for the entire weekend. Under the direction of coordinators Shelly Vermeulen, Tamara Lemke, Kerry

GOLFTEES

Marshall and David Honour, they cleared the bins at the various stations and delivered it all to the main pick-up location. SSSIC also offered a putting contest at their information booth.

The 18 Hole Ladies announced Gail Sharp will succeed Jane Hickie as Ladies Captain for the upcoming season. Hickie

increased participation and provided excellent communication with the ladies during her term of office.

Finalists in the Banks Cup, Susan Russell and Franki Johnstone, will square off this week, following wins over semi-finalists Kathy Luke and Dora Reynolds.

Recent competition in the Thursday Ladies League saw Linda Overholt take the Kennedy Cup in net play for senior ladies.

Runner up was Connie Hardy.

In Men's play, Barry Scotton defeated Alan Maynard to win the Parsons Cup. The final round of the Matson Championship will take place this week as Zak Cutshell takes on Jordan Haenen.

The inaugural Salt Spring Chamber & Salt Spring Tourism Golf Tournament will take place at the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club on Wednesday, Sept. 28.

SOCCER

SS Old Boys kick off 2016-17 season

Students resume school, Old Boys hit the pitch

BY FRASER HOPE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

As students flock to purchase school supplies, the Old Boys search for the best deals on non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs in preparation for the long season ahead.

Coach Graham Tweddle, unable to sign any big names on loan or as free agents during the offseason, had many a sleepless night trying to provide a team list for the first game of the season against the Fighting Perch of Saanich Fusion at Lochside on Saturday afternoon.

Tweddle's new tactical plan cast aside the traditional 4-4-2 favoured by England's new manager, Sam Allardyce, in favour of a setup of 4-3-2-1, or was it 4-2-3-1, or maybe even 4-1-2-3? Whatever it was, it took the Old Boys some time to figure out which positions they were supposed to play.

The referee's whistle began

a new season of hope for both teams, but it soon became obvious that all the preseason training was a poor substitute for match fitness. Old Boys and the Fighting Perch were evenly matched in their early attempts at puffing and panting, mistime passes, shots and clearances. Old Boys had most of the early pressure in that they managed to string enough passes to enter the final third of their opens and have several shots on goal but none successful. A Perch corner kick was successfully headed to safety by Scott Howe leading to an Old Boy attack down the wing with Mark Aston providing David Toynbee with an opportunity that Perch goalkeeper scrambled to safety.

Henry Braak, guesting in goal for the Old Boys, was called upon to make a reaction save on a glanced Perch header. Braak brought the crowd to its feet when he rushed out of his penalty box to challenge for a 50/50 ball with an onrushing attacker to avert danger. After a promising start Old Boys and Fighting Perch seemed to vie for who could give

the ball away to their opponents as a series of errors slowed down the pace of the action.

A long through ball from Aston found Toynbee running perfectly to split the defence, and showing early season ball control rounded the keeper to cut back a pass to Mike McCormick, who had time to bobble the pass, let it settle and calmly roofed it past the flailing keeper for a 1-0 lead.

Old Boys cleared a dangerous corner but not far enough to prevent a speculative shot/ come cross travelled through the box untouched by 11 or 12 players of either team to squeak in at the far post to level the score.

A Perch breakaway soon gave an unmarked attacker an easy shot on goal to take the lead and win the match.

Old Boys play the GISS Senior Boys on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 5 p.m.

The above is an abridged version of Fraser hope's game report. The unedited version is available at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com.

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