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FATALITY

Youth killed in 'accidental shooting'

RCMP investigate weekend tragedy

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

A cold autumn rain fell over Salt Spring Monday as investigators searched for answers and community members laboured to cope with a tragic weekend shooting that killed a 16-year-old Gulf Islands Secondary School student.

In a statement issued Monday afternoon, an RCMP spokesperson said officers responded to a report of an "accidental shooting" at an island residence early Sunday morning. Officers found six youths on site, one of whom had been shot.

Alistair Hayne was immediately airlifted to a Vancouver hospital, where he died from his injuries on Sunday afternoon.

RCMP have yet to reveal what type of weapon was used in the incident or if Hayne accidentally shot himself or was accidentally shot by another person.

Tributes and condolences from friends and fellow island residents began to pour across social media and an online fundraising campaign to support the family was launched as soon as word of the tragedy began to spread throughout the community Monday morning.

"Our deepest condolences. The loss of Alistair seems so hard to comprehend, we are shocked to the core," Joanie and David Tara posted on the gofundme.com campaign.

As of Tuesday afternoon, the "Support the Hayne Family" fundraiser had raised nearly \$10,000 thanks to the generosity of more than 115 donors.

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FRONT-RUNNERS: Mia Kerrigan, left and Nina DeRoo lead a pack of runners at Sunday's Terry Fox Run, with India Hayden (in pink) coming up just behind. Salt Spring's contribution to the national fundraiser brought in close to \$7,200 for cancer research.

HEALTH CARE

Hospital foundation looks at ER expansion

Pre-feasibility study approved

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Lady Minto Hospital Foundation Society moved forward toward one of its major goals for the island on Thursday by approving funding for a pre-feasibility study on emergency room development.

Kelly Hyslop, who is vice-chair of the foundation's board of directors, said the expansion and reconfiguration of space, plus updating of ER equipment, have been recognized needs for many years, while much of the society's fundraising activity has been done with future improvements to the ER in mind.

Island Health gave its approval to the feasibility study with a memorandum of understanding signed in May. Subject to financing by the foundation, it gives the board the green light to start the preliminary steps in the process.

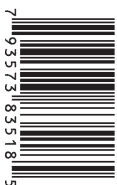
"The biggest deficit in mind is there isn't enough space," said Hyslop, a retired physician whose career included running Vancouver General Hospital's ER for a short time. "People are waiting too long, and the patients coming into emergency have to go into the middle of the hospital to be looked after, which is really a detriment to health care processes."

The foundation board approved up to \$40,000 for the pre-feasibility study at Thursday's meeting. The work will be contracted to RPG - Resource Planning Group Inc. and will in part update an earlier study prepared for the foundation in 2012.

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SENIORS HOUSING

Meadowbrook team plots expansion at new facility

Purchase agreement announced for Kings Lane property

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Fourteen years after Meadowbrook opened its doors to tenants, the Gulf Islands Seniors Residence Association has exciting news to share about plans to build a second residential complex.

Anniversary celebrations on Thursday were even more festive than usual thanks to the speech announcing the project by Janet Smith, current GISRA president.

"I am very pleased to announce that the GISRA board is in the advanced stages of securing a parcel of land for a project that many of you have heard about," Smith told a crowd of residents, friends and staff. "Some people are calling it Meadow Lane."

Smith said GISRA has reached a purchase agreement with the owners of the Kings Lane Medical Clinic for the adjoining

property that was once home to the island's bowling alley and a yoga studio. A rezoning application in 2012 changed the site's split commercial/residential zoning to a communities facilities zone. At the time, the owners planned to expand the medical clinic with five new buildings to be built in phases.

Meadowbrook officially opened its doors on Sept. 1, 2003, offering 37 accessible, affordable and supportive apartments for seniors that are close to the hospital, shopping and other services near Atkins Road. The project design for the new residence has yet to be determined, but early guidelines suggest a 36-unit multi-level complex for independent living plus a number of units for staff accommodation. Other partners, such as medical service providers, services agencies and community groups needing shared space, are invited to join the facility.

Project director Richard Walker noted the strong need for more seniors housing on the island. Those hoping to get in won't find immediate relief but



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Gulf Islands Seniors Residence Association president Janet Smith, seen at the podium at left, announces an agreement securing land on Kings Lane for a new housing facility during Meadowbrook's 14th birthday party on Thursday, Sept. 21.

can reasonably hope to see a completed project in four years. "Some people think that's ridiculously optimistic, and some people think that's a disappointment because they're on a waiting list," he said.

The facility is to be an inno-

vative one in terms of water conservation, energy use and waste treatment. The plan is to supply up to 125 per cent of the facility's water needs through rainwater catchment, for example.

"We're exploring opportuni-

ties with the Canadian Homebuilders Association for net-zero construction, which could eliminate much of our annual energy cost, as well as on-site rainwater storage so that we become the region's first water-independent, multi-unit housing complex," Smith said during her speech.

Walker added, "They're really excited about this being a showcase project."

There are also plans to use an on-site waste treatment facility rather than connecting to Ganges Sewer.

Smith reported the board has had preliminary discussions with federal and provincial agencies, and local staff from the Islands Trust and Capital Regional District. Funding opportunities are being explored at the federal, provincial and regional levels. Support from individuals, organizations and foundations is also sought.

For more information about the project or how to get involved, contact Walker at r.w@globalphilanthropic.com or 250-537-7109.

Advertising Deadlines Change

Please note that the Gulf Islands Driftwood office will be closed on **Monday, Oct. 9 - Thanksgiving** and will reopen for usual business hours on Tuesday, Oct. 10.

Deadlines for the Gulf Islands Driftwood Wednesday Oct. 12 edition will be as follows:

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WATER

Watershed supply levels still dropping

NSSWD urges ongoing conservation

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A spokesperson for the island's largest water utility service said island reservoirs continue to feel the strain from a hot, dry summer.

"Although it might seem cooler and it's been rainy, we are still declining at a rapid rate," said Meghan McKee, environmental manager with the North Salt Spring Waterworks District.

McKee was addressing participants at the Sept. 22 meeting of the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority, an island-based group that brings together local and provincial government officials to discuss, study and suggest policy about water-related matters on the island. The organization includes representatives from the Islands Trust, Capital Regional District, provincial government and various community water service districts.

Total precipitation levels for September are approximately 50 per cent of

normal rates while rates for July and August registered at a mere five per cent of normal levels, according to McKee.

"We are still at a very large deficit," McKee added. "We are certainly not out of the woods yet."

She stressed the importance of a continued need for residents to conserve water.

Islanders who live within the boundaries of the NSSWD's service area are subject to Level 3 water conservation regulations, which limit washing of vehicles and the watering of plants and gardens. Further details are listed on the NSSWD's website.

Similar concerns about the fallout from another dry summer linger among many water districts across the island. Ralph Dom, chair of the Cedar Lane Water Service Commission, said the approximately 200 households who draw water from a shared groundwater source have been living under a low-water advisory since the middle of July.

Restrictions mean residents are advised to limit laundry washing, avoid baths, take short showers, keep toilet flushing to a minimum and avoid the

watering of gardens and washing of cars "I find that as soon as the creek that runs through the neighbourhood begins to flow again usually our worries are over for another year, but that hasn't happened yet," he said.

Well-monitoring measurements taken in July showed water levels were approximately eight metres lower than the same time the previous year and five metres lower than the five-year average. Dom said Cedar Lane commissioners have asked the CRD to collect another round of well-monitoring data so end-of-summer levels can be examined.

He added that many area residents are concerned about the potential implications of water use by visitors to the nearby Cottages resort on Bullock Lake, a 50-unit development that began operating earlier this year.

"We are trying to conserve and so far so good, but we do worry about the effect," Dom said.

The extended forecast for Salt Spring Island issued on Sept. 26 calls for a mix of sun and cloud for the coming week with no significant precipitation until Thanksgiving weekend.

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UNITED NATIONS

Islanders join petition for ban on nuclear weapons

Participants chide federal government's inaction

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Lois Sprague effectively summarized the mood among islanders at a Sept. 21 rally in Centennial Park to raise awareness about the worrying global proliferation of nuclear weapons.

"I think the whole thing is insane," she said.

Sprague and about 14 other participants used the event, timed to coincide with the International Day of Peace, to add their names to a growing list of signatures from people urging world leaders to support a United Nations treaty to ban nuclear weapons.

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was passed in July following votes from 122 member nations. Sixty-nine nations, including all nuclear weapon states and all NATO countries with the exception of the Netherlands (which voted against the ban), did not attend negotiations and abstained from the vote.

"The treaty is an important step towards the universally held goal of a world free of nuclear weapons. It is my hope that it will reinvigorate global efforts to achieve it," said Antonio Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations, in a statement last week. "We cannot allow these doomsday weapons to endanger our world and our children's future."

As of Sept. 22, the number of signatures of UN member states had sur-

passed the 50 required for the treaty to take effect. Some of the treaty's notable signatories include Austria, Brazil, Ireland, Mexico, Indonesia and South Africa.

The legally binding agreement prohibits the development, testing, production, stockpiling, stationing, transfer, use and threat of use of nuclear weapons, as well as assistance and encouragement to the prohibited activities among signatory states. It's on track to take effect at the end of December.

Organizers of last week's event voiced concern over the federal government's reluctance to add Canada's name to the list of nations that have ratified the treaty.

"Given what we need to do as humans at this point, it really makes no sense not to sign it," said Jan Slakov. "When we consider the amount of resources devoted to building these weapons systems, we need to ask ourselves if we want to invest in high-stakes death or do we choose to invest in life?"

According to a 2016 report published by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, nine nations (the United States, Russia, United Kingdom, France, China, India, Pakistan, Israel and North Korea) possess a combined nuclear stockpile of approximately 16,300 weapons.

Many opponents of the new UN treaty argue that possession of nuclear weapons is necessary to deter potentially hostile nations from deploying weapons of their own. The argument harkens to the cold-war era military

doctrine of mutually assured destruction.

Salt Spring resident Brian Smallshaw told Thursday's gathering that problems with the deterrence argument include the ever-present possibility of a nuclear accident and the slippery slope of deciding which nations are permitted to possess nuclear weapon arsenals.

Ongoing tension between the United States and North Korea, a proliferation of nuclear weapons and aging stockpiles highlight the urgency to enact a global nuclear-weapon prohibition, he added.

"If ever there was a case for a ban, now would be the time," Smallshaw said.

About 30 Salt Springers have added their names to the local list of people pressuring Canada to take a symbolic stand against the prevailing sentiment among NATO nations and its nuclear weapons-wielding allies. The Salt Spring event coincided with similar "citizen signings" across the country last week.

"The world's leaders sometimes act as though they are insane, and it's time for same people to step up," said Chris Dixon.

Organizers will present the signatures to a Toronto-based online social justice advocacy group called Public Response as part of what's hoped to spur a growing movement to support the ban.

Slakov said she plans to work with Vancouver Island Peace and Disarmament and try to launch a local group through Transition Salt Spring to raise further awareness and support for the



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Salt Springers gather at Centennial Park on Thursday to recognize the International Day of Peace, which included signing a petition urging world leaders to support a United Nations treaty to ban nuclear weapons.

NEWS BRIEFS

Fall transit changes coming

A new fall transit schedule will be in effect on Salt Spring starting this Sunday, Oct. 1.

Information from BC Transit states the new schedule offers additional weekday morning trips on the Ganges Local, Vesuvius,

Long Harbour and Fernwood routes for an overall improvement over last fall's service.

Other service changes will address the regular end-of-summer drop in demand. These changes include suspending service to Ruckle Park until next summer and reduced service on Route 6, the Salt Spring Connector.

For more information on routes, schedules and ser-

vice alerts, visit bctransit.com/salt-spring-island.

UBCM votes on vessel plan

The Union of BC Municipalities will vote this week on a resolution urging the federal government to adopt a private member's bill proposed by Sheila Malcolmson to solve the long-standing abandoned ves-

sels problem.

"Oil spills and marine debris from thousands of abandoned vessels pollute our waterways and put local fishing and tourism jobs at risk," the NDP MP for Nanaimo-Ladysmith said in the House of Commons on Tuesday. "After years of neglect, the Trudeau government won't commit the resources needed to deal with the backlog of aban-

doned boats. Coastal communities can't wait any longer for legislation to fix abandoned vessels."

Malcolmson is the former chair of Islands Trust Council, which has advocated for a senior government response to the abandoned vessels issue for many years.

Voting on resolutions will take place from Sept. 27 to Sept. 29 during the UBCM convention in Vancouver.

FOR THE RECORD

A story on Isabella Point Road published last week should have said there are 200 residences, not residents, in the area. As well, MoTI had initially suggested installing a culvert during road repairs but this was not done.

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Part of the task will be not just figuring out how to find more space, but how all the departments in the hospital can fit together to create the most functional workspace, including admittance, diagnostic testing and other stations.

"It's an important step; it was started some time ago because we really do need to have our emergency department renewed," Hyslop said.

Diana Hayes, the foundation's

executive director, added: "Having it in the centre of the hospital is not ideal for anyone — patients or staff. You shouldn't be mixing up emergency patients with acute care. So it's hopefully going to resolve all of that. And the actual square footage space is a big deal, because as it stands now having four emergency structures that close together is not in keeping with current standards."

"They've done an incredible job to manage in that space, and I think we get all kinds of accolades for the staff and how well they work there, but I think this

is the time right now," Hayes continued. "The business of that department is such a huge part of our role."

Hayes said there have been a couple of key donors who have made contributions to the foundation's fund specifically with ER improvements in mind. The board also frequently gets testimonials and letters from people who have experienced and appreciated the local ER, and want to help make it better.

The foundation has a reserve fund of around \$6 million. It funds hospital equipment and facility needs, as well as some staffing

education, through donations and investment income averaging around \$200,000 per year.

"The importance to Salt Spring of having a hospital is huge. And I think one of the reasons the hospital is still here is the huge support of the community," Hyslop said.

The foundation will be showing its appreciation to its donors and interested community members next Thursday, Oct. 5, with a tea at Penny's Pantry on the Green from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Participants should RSVP to Hayes at 250-538-4845.

Penny's will also host the soci-

ety's annual general meeting on Oct. 19. The board has been hard at work over the summer ensuring its constitution meets the requirements of British Columbia's new Societies Act, with any amendments required by the Act due by November 2018.

The policy committee will be doing more intensive work over the next six to eight months to ensure its policies and bylaws also match up, Hayes said. Part of that work will be to define more clearly which types of community health care needs foundation funds can support and in what amount.

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Trauma support on offer

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"We are so very very sorry to hear of this tragic news," wrote contributor Laura Roveda. "Words cannot convey much comfort, but hopefully you will feel the circle of caring and love that surrounds you and your family."


Lisa Halstead, Gulf Islands School District superintendent, acknowledges this is a difficult time for the community.

"School District 64 became aware of this serious incident over the weekend, and we have put supports in place for students and staff that are impacted," Halstead said in a statement. "Parents have been notified to be on the watch for trauma that their children might exhibit."

Symptoms of post-traumatic stress related to critical incidents such as this weekend's shooting include emotions of sadness, anger, shame, guilt and fear. Physical symptoms such as headaches, irritability and muscle tension, and behaviours that include avoidance of social activities, trouble concentrating and fits of aggression or hostility are also indicators to watch for, according to information provided by AnxietyBC.

Salt Spring Island RCMP are investigating the case with assistance from the Vancouver Island Integrated Crimes Unit and the BC Coroners Service. RCMP Victim Services has also been engaged.

Details about the incident will be posted online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com as they become available.



Have Your Say

Thursday, October 5, 2017
4:30 pm Open House
5:00 pm CIM

Fulford Community Hall/Seniors Centre, 2591 Fulford-Ganges Rd.

Who should attend?
Anyone affected by the proposed bylaw

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COMMUNITY

Vital Signs launch at hand

New report examines Salt Spring by the numbers

BY LESLEY REYNOLDS
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The votes have been counted, the referendum arguments finally won or lost, and Salt Spring will go on going on. But how much do you really know about the place you call home?

For the past six months, the Salt Spring Island Foundation has, with professional help, been compiling Vital Signs, a compelling report that looks under the covers of our little island.

There are 10,557 of us (at last count) and, truth be told, we're toward the grey end of the scale. Our average age is 50.3 years old, but more than 40 per cent of us are over 60. And we're a responsible lot — 76 per cent of us turned out to vote in the provincial elections compared to a feeble 61 per cent for the rest of the province.

Salt Spring's Vital Signs report isn't just a sim-

ple survey. It is part of a national program led by local foundations and coordinated by Community Foundations of Canada. It uses local knowledge to measure the vitality of the community and will support action toward improving our quality of life. The 24-page report has 12 areas of special interest, including arts and culture, health and wellness, housing, the environment, seniors, work and the economy and more.

Some of its findings are uplifting, some depressing, and some downright weird. We live longer, and volunteerism on the island is flourishing. Compared to the rest of the province, we're mostly educated to a remarkably high level but with little prospect of furthering our education without getting off the island.

While the Vital Signs report is so much more than mere number crunching, the numbers themselves are fascinating. Would you like to know how many books were borrowed from the library? How many kilometres of public trails there are on

the island? Or how the cost of a basket of healthy food purchased here compares with the cost in Victoria? Vital Signs has these statistics and many more.

Away from the numbers, find out how islanders rate their mental health, what keeps them on the island, or which local issues most concern them.

The attractively designed Vital Signs report is free to anyone and will be available on the foundation website along with the Vital Signs survey results. But if you want to pick up a copy and learn more about how it was compiled, why not attend the Vital Signs launch at the Salt Spring Island Public Library on Oct. 3? The launch runs from 2:30 to 5 p.m., and there will be two presentations, one at 2:45 and another at 4 p.m. Foundation representatives will be on hand to answer questions about Vital Signs. Copies of the report will also be available at the foundation office, 158A Fulford-Ganges Rd. after Oct. 3.

The foundation is grateful to the generous sponsors who stepped up to help make the report a reality.

BC FERRIES

Ferry passengers dealt new rules: decks and smokes

Deck policy takes effect after Thanksgiving

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Changes to what's allowed aboard BC Ferries vessels and in its terminals starting just after Thanksgiving could have a major impact for some regular travellers.

As of Oct. 11, BC Ferries will enforce Transport Canada regulations that prohibit passengers from remaining in their vehicle on any closed deck once a vessel is underway. A total smoking ban on ships and within ferry terminals goes into effect on Jan. 22, 2018.

A BC Ferries press release explains that since 2007, the company complied with Transport Canada regulations by maintaining a continuous car deck patrol to ensure passenger safety. The two organizations

recently re-examined the policy and determined patrols were not sufficient. The decision to enforce the below-decks rule impacts the Gulf Islands' new Salish class vessels, as well as the Spirit and Coastal-class ferries serving Tsawwassen-Swartz Bay, among others. Customers aboard these vessels will still be able to remain in their vehicles on the upper vehicle deck.

News that changes were coming was first locally announced at the ferry corporation's May 11 meeting with the Salt Spring Ferry Advisory Committee. The matter was discussed again and confirmed at the corporation's annual general meeting on Aug. 18.

"I realize it could be a bit of a problem for truckers, or guys who are using the crossing time to get a few winks," said FAC chair Harold Swierenga.

The change was officially opposed by the United Truck-

ers Association but not the BC Truckers Association. Swierenga pointed out the regulation is the norm for many parts of the world, including the American-run MV Coho, which travels between Victoria and Port Angeles.

The other problem Swierenga foresees is for people travelling with pets on ferries where pet areas are located on the lower deck.

BC Ferries staff will initially adopt a soft approach to enforcement by informing customers of the Transport Canada regulation and asking them to comply. Customers with special circumstances such as mobility issues can make a request at the ticket booth to be placed on the upper vehicle deck and BC Ferries will try to accommodate the request.

"I don't think it will be much of a problem unless someone pulls up too late to get their preferred

boarding," Swierenga said.

Customers can also request an exemption to the regulation on a trip-by-trip basis.

"Exemptions to the regulations cannot be routinely granted, but employees will do their best to accommodate customers who have unique challenges or special needs that may preclude exiting their vehicle and moving up to the passenger decks," the BC Ferries press release states.

BC Ferries also announced the company will introduce a smoke-free environment on board all of its vessels and at its terminals coinciding with National Non-Smoking Week 2018, which runs from Jan. 21 to 28. The new smoke-free policy will apply to tobacco, marijuana and e-cigarettes.

Amendments to provincial regulations that went into effect last year changed no-smoking buffer zones around any doorway, intake or open window to

any public or workplace from three metres to six metres, which made it hard to enforce aboard ships.

Complaints about second-hand smoke were also a factor.

"This new policy supports the health and wellness of our customers and employees, as it helps control their exposure to second-hand smoke," said Mark Collins, BC Ferries' president and CEO. "We continue to focus on improving our customers' experience, and providing the safest working environment for our crews."

Some customers have said they are already feeling anxiety about the news. Although a 90-minute ferry crossing may not seem much for non-smokers, in some cases the duration will be much longer. A three-hour trip through the Gulf Islands plus wait time in the terminal beforehand will be difficult for some people to manage.

PROVINCIAL POLITICS

Communication is key for Green MLA

Olsen strives to put the people back in politics

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Saanich North & the Islands MLA Adam Olson can't remember his professor's full name, but he can vividly recall the teacher's words on the opening day of an Introduction to Political Science course he took many years ago.

"His first name was Ross, and back on that first day of class in early September he told us that politics exists as soon as you have two or more people in a room," Olson recalled in interview from his office at the Provincial Legislature in Victoria on Monday morning. "It's entirely about communication."

Olsen has been communicating a lot in recent months. As one of three Green Party of B.C. MLAs in a provincial government led by a minority NDP government, he is in a unique position that can be considered both a blessing and a curse. Greens hold the balance of power — a term Olsen dislikes — given that any legislation proposed by the NDP needs buy-in from the Greens in order to succeed. Conversely, the Greens need to exercise ideological flexibility to work alongside their NDP cohorts to maximize their unprecedented degree of political leverage.



ADAM OLSEN

If Olsen and his Green Party colleagues are to follow through on campaign promises such as electoral reform, housing affordability, investment in education and healthcare, and taxation reform, the opening remarks from his political science instructor may be more apropos than ever before.

Within the first 10 days of the BC Legislature's fall session, the provincial government has already got people talking about proposed changes to regulations that govern who can contribute how much to political parties. The proposal to ban corporate and union donations to political parties and impose contribution limits for individuals is said to be a much-needed step to keep "big money" out of the political decision-making process. If approved in its current form, the transition will also cost taxpayers nearly \$30 million in transition funding over the following five years.

"Frankly, I'm interested in the debate that comes forward," Olsen said. "The influence of big money [in provincial politics] has been massive."

Olsen said he believes political parties' reliance on big money has, in recent decades, fostered an accountability to donors rather than constituents. The result, he suspects, is increased public cynicism, rampant political apathy and reduced voter engagement.

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ADAM OLSEN
MLA, Saanich North & the Islands

"Low voter turnout has been, to some extent, related to the idea that decisions have already been made," he said. "In situations where I don't feel like I'm going to be heard, I'm not going to engage."

Olsen was on Salt Spring earlier this month to speak with constituents alongside Saanich-Gulf Islands MP and federal Green Party leader Elizabeth May at a town hall event. It's an opportunity to engage with locals that he hopes to turn into a habit. He's also just opened a new constituency office at the foot of Beacon Avenue in downtown Sidney, where residents are encouraged to drop by and offer their views on

any number of topics.

Olsen admits his team sacrificed visibility for spaciousness, but he's confident the new digs offer people of varying political affiliations from across the riding a space to engage meaningfully and develop sound public policy.

"It all comes down to a willingness to communicate with one another, not necessarily agree with one another, but a willingness to communicate about the issues," he said.

Olsen's constituency office is at #215 – 2506 Beacon Ave. The office is open between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. Further information is available by calling 250-655-5600.

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EDITORIAL

Big step for seniors

Vigilance without intrusion. The motto of Salt Spring's Meadowbrook seniors residence highlights the necessary ingredients for gold-standard care at the 37-unit facility on Atkins Road.

Security and independence for island elders are in high demand so it's great to hear news that the Gulf Islands Seniors Residence Association has set out to nearly double Meadowbrook's existing capacity with a project set for the former bowling alley site on Kings Lane.

The property has been largely unused since a 2012 rezoning application that developers hoped would pave the way for more physician office space to solve Salt Spring's chronic shortage of family doctors.

While we've been waiting, islanders haven't been getting any younger, and the demand for high-quality, affordable seniors housing has become more pervasive. What's more, Salt Spring's "silver tsunami" shows no signs of ebbing any time soon.

THE ISSUE:

Seniors housing

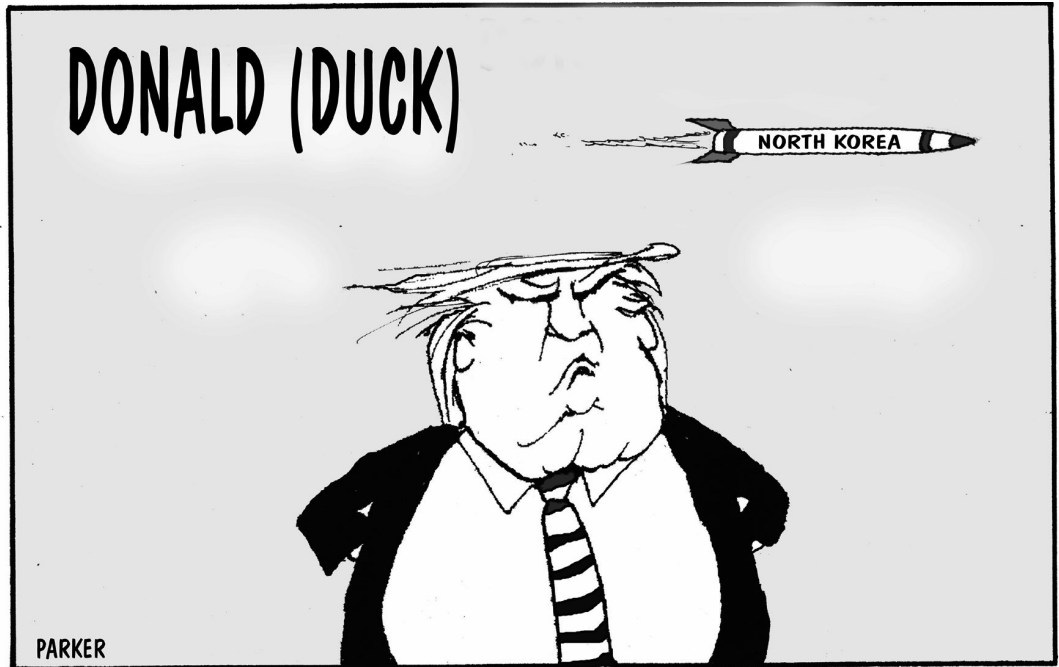
WE SAY:

Project supports community

The Meadow Lane project will offer 36-units for independent living with room for medical service providers, services agencies and community groups needing shared space. Even better is that the building will include several units for staff accommodation, and it may be complete within four years

The news coincides with the eagerly anticipated Oct. 3 release of the Salt Spring Island Foundation's Vital Signs report. Early snippets from the survey of island life confirm that Salt Spring's senior citizen population is active and growing. According to the report, the average age of the island's 10,557 residents is 50.3 years. More than 40 per cent of islanders are more than 60 years of age.

The Vital Signs study also stresses the relatively high level of education, civic engagement and volunteerism among these seniors. Thanks to Meadow Lane, such vital sparks in our community can look forward to calling Salt Spring home for years to come.



VIEWPOINT by Doug Donaldson

Let's celebrate our future forests

Here in British Columbia, forests have always been a vital part of our way of life — anchoring our economy, and providing both recreation and tourism opportunities.

As we near the end of what has been an unprecedented wildfire season, when our precious forests were under constant threat, I hope you'll join me in celebrating National Forest Week, Sept. 24 to 30. It's a great way to truly appreciate the value of our forests and how important it is to manage them sustainably.

We are about to plant our eight billionth tree, clear evidence that we care about the future of our forests.

National Forest Week has a special significance for British Columbians this year. The theme of the week is Our Stories, Our Future: Celebrating Canada's Forests. It's a chance for us to speak to the importance of forests from our past and into our future — from the cedar trees that have been central to the lives of coastal First Nations people for thousands of years, to the advanced wood products used to build the Brock Commons student residence at the University of British Columbia, the world's tallest modern mass-wood structure.

As we move into wildfire recovery, our government is working with First Nations and local communities to help them rebuild local economies, as well as co-ordinating support for land-based activities to restore so many forest values — from timber to habitat.

Premier Horgan's government has committed to building

a sustainable economy that works for all British Columbians and the forest industry will play an important role. We're committed to working with industry, local governments and First Nations to do everything we can to ensure our forests remain an important part of our lives and support our sustainable economy.

We will address regulatory and capital barriers so we can gain more value from our forests by expanding innovative wood product manufacturing.

We will also modernize land-use planning, so we can effectively manage the incredible ecological diversity in our forests, from wildlife habitat to old growth. And we will invest more in reforestation — especially important after this summer's wildfire season.

I represent the Stikine riding in northwest B.C. where we have an especially close connection to our forests and our land. Regardless of where you live in B.C., I encourage you to mark National Forest Week by taking the time to appreciate

the immense value of our forests and join me in thanking all of those involved in responding to this year's wildfires.

National Forest Week began as Forest Fire Prevention Week in about the 1920s and was renamed in 1967. It invites Canadians to learn more about Canada's forest heritage and raises awareness about this valuable and renewable resource.

The writer is B.C. Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

Our government is working with First Nations and local communities to help them rebuild local economies.

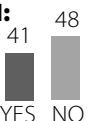
THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Are pro sports suitable venues for political dissent? Yes No

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

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Will you make efforts to see the SSNAP exhibit?



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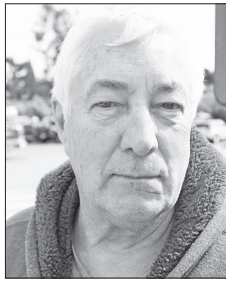
ISLAND VOICES

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "It takes a certain kind of person to stay here at the school working until 2 a.m."

THOMAS BOLAND, GISS ROBOTICS TEAM MEMBER

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: How would you like to see cannabis sold in B.C. when it's legalized in 2018?



ROGER MICHENER
Generally, if they're going to do it, it ought to be as free and easy as possible.



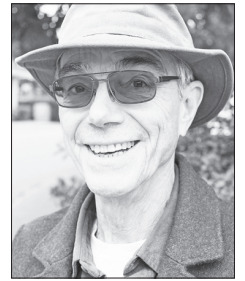
TED BOWLAND
It's not the government's business to sell it like liquor and cigarettes.



EDWARD SAUVÉ
I like the system as it is. I prefer to see private distributors.



SUE EARLE
Not through liquor stores.



MICHAEL COOKE
Through mom and pop stores, kind of along the lines of the craft brewery model.

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

Fair thoughts

Just a little thought put into words: As I was eating my toast this morning with the first place-winning blackberry jelly entered by my granddaughter Elisa at the 2017 fall fair I felt full of gratitude to all the organizers, participants and volunteers to make this event happen every year. It was my granddaughter's wish to pick blackberries on the Labour Day weekend and learn how to make jelly. As she made it step by step I was thinking about the ingredients. It actually takes four cups of inspiration, four cups of

perseverance, one tablespoon of magic and lots of love added at a full rolling boil, stirring gently for a full minute.

Ladle into prepared jars and seal.

Thank you, Salt Spring Fall Fair, for all this magic you inspire. Thank you, Driftwood, for expressing interest. It is all so very much appreciated.

INGRID KORNER
SALT SPRING

Governance next steps

Now that we are in post referendum mode, I applaud (1) the Driftwood

for their balanced presentation of the Yes and No positions, (2) the Yes people for having so clearly outlined what is dysfunctional about our current system, (3) the No people for having vowed that we must address these issues after the vote, and (4) I take particular delight to read in the Sept. 13 issue of the Driftwood that there seems to be widespread agreement in our community with respect to all this.

One important thing, in my opinion, is that the right answer doesn't so much lie in reforming the system of governance we have but in reforming some of the dysfunctional policies that

have developed within that system over many years.

It has been acknowledged that because of our fractured system, policies have been developed by the Islands Trust, the CRD, and the various commissions independently of each other. There is no overriding council to coordinate these important policy decisions. Perhaps one possible solution would be for the Salt Spring representatives of these independent bodies to confer with each other from time to time on the policies they are developing, and determine the extent to which coordination might be possible. This may not be quite as effi-

cient as a municipal council would be, because each body would of necessity retain their independence, but it might avoid at least a few of the more blatant problems that have arisen over the years.

Anyhow, I think the first step should be to dissolve the camps of "Yes" and "No." There are many well-meaning folks in both groups, and they should now become one. The important thing is that those who are informed on both sides should now team up to produce a list of the major issues that should be addressed by those who govern us, and to collaborate with our elected rep-

resentatives to improve what we have. The public at large should definitely be encouraged to share their ideas of policies that need to be reconsidered.

But this new team will need a new name to replace the "Yes-ers and No-ers." I was about to recommend something like "Yes-sirs and Know-sirs". But Jan Slakov in the Sept. 13 issue proposed a much better slogan: "Yes(s), Positively Onward." Maybe Jan can humour me by modifying that slightly to "Yessir, Positively Onward!"

REUBEN KAUFMAN
SALT SPRING

MORE LETTES continued on 8

Controversy options spice up post-referendum

Just for old time's sake, let's take one last look at the incorporation referendum. Just kidding. I wouldn't do that to you.

After months of this yes/no, yes/no debate, you've probably turned the page and are ready to get on with your life. Besides, you know from past experience that these shenanigans are going to inevitably resurface in about five years.

So, what now? No more public information forums. No more town hall meetings. Gone are the advance poll planning sessions and the seminars aimed at showing us how much it actually costs us to maintain our pot holes. Suddenly, we have all this time on our hands.

Is there life after the incorporation referendum? Of course there is. It's all just a matter of waiting for the next controversy to come chugging around the corner.

Now what could that be? Perhaps it's about time that Salt Spring had its own traffic light. After all, we've made the jump to a four-way stop sign with only the odd fender bender to show, so why not graduate all the way to traffic signal lights?

I know, I know, we already have a couple of traffic lights so what's the big deal? The deal is that these aren't real lights but wimpy substitutes. They are like training wheels on a bicycle; they make you feel like you've got the actual thing under your control, but they are only feeble facsimiles for that sense of freedom you get when you know you are making it on your own power.

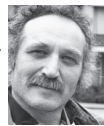
No, real lights come in red, amber and

green and switch back and forth between the three colours. When you as a driver have to come to a complete stop because the light has turned red (even though there's nobody in sight wanting to cross the road), that's when you know you are living in a real, bona fide town.

And while we're stirring up some more controversy, how about spiffing up our downtown core with a few dozen parking meters? After all, how did Salt Spring ever get this far through its history without paid parking? Everybody complains about the lack of parking in the downtown hub and at the ferry terminals, so why not paint some numbers on the existing parking stalls and make people pay to use them? The Saturday market alone could raise enough funds through parking that we could probably afford to buy our own traffic signals.

Don't stop me now; I'm on a roll. Another concept that would be sure to rile up the masses on Salt Spring would be the introduction of fast food chain franchises. You might remember the last time one of these suckers tried to make a go of it here. It was that ill-fated Dairy Queen/Orange Julius enterprise that seemed to last only as long as it takes to turn a DQ blizzard upside down.

How do you suppose a McDonald's or a Burger King would fare on Salt Spring? For any kind of success here, these business-



Shilo Zylbergold

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

es would have to become "rockified," which means they would have to trade in some of their corporate marketing identity for a little bit of island pizzazz. The Golden Arches could easily be morphed into a pair of golden geodesic domes marking the presence of McSalty's.

Menu items might have to be renamed and so the Big Mac might now be called the Big Mount Max. If you order something from the breakfast menu, you might select the Free Range Egg MaxMuffin. Similarly, our new Burger Spring would have to customize its hamburgers to accommodate Salt Spring idiosyncrasies. For example, you might be asked at the counter if you want to "under-size" your order so that eating less will keep your waistline trim and fit. Don't be surprised if your server says something like "would you like GMO-free alfalfa sprouts with that tofu Whopper?" or "for an extra loonie, I can throw in a 40-ounce wheat grass juice blizzard as part of the Karma Kombo." And, of course, if you are in a hurry, you can avoid the indoor lineups by placing your order while running in place in the jog-through lane.

Another issue of contention that might spark controversy in the near future would be the invasion of big box stores. A Walmart or a Costco, with their acres of retail floor space and shopping carts the size of SUVs might just want to expand their markets by

getting a toehold on the Gulf Islands. Can't you just picture yourself entering the island's very own Saltmart, and being accosted at the door by one of the professional greeters who wishes you a good shopping day and wonders if you would be interested in signing one of a handful of petitions aimed at saving everything from seaskick whales to moulting vultures?

Similarly, the huge building supply outlets and Do-It-Yourself centres such as Home Depot and Rona might also be interested in expanding onto these salty shores. Were this to happen, don't be surprised if, when you ask where you can find the plumbing department, you are directed to "Aisle 13B, right across from the hemp bales and the simulated rammed earth panelling."

You realize that we have only touched the tip of the iceberg when it comes to possible controversies that will eventually see islanders line up on one side or the other. It doesn't take a fortune teller to peer into the future and realize that it looks a lot like the past. People on Salt Spring are as passionate about their causes as some rowdy Brits are about their football teams. We might be hiding in the woods, but give us something to quarrel about and we'll slither, slide, creep and crawl out into the sunshine (or rain) to put in our two cents' worth. Hell, with all due credit to Monty Python, we'd probably even pay for a good argument! Nobody asked me, but with all dissension aside, isn't it good to live in a community where people care so much?

Sunset Drive residents urged to back name change

BY MARY MURAKAMI KITAGAWA
AND ROSE MURAKAMI

The following appeal to the residents of Sunset Drive was submitted by Mary Murakami Kitagawa and Rose Murakami, who have initiated a campaign to rename the road. They would like to recognize the island's history by renaming it Iwasaki Drive for the Canadian family that owned most of that area of the island before being interned during the Second World War. To be successful, all Sunset Drive residents must agree to the change, and the proponents must get the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for new signage.

In 1942, Canada's federal government invoked the all-powerful

War Measures Act, which stripped Canadians of Japanese descent of all civil rights. Torazo Iwasaki and his family were summarily stripped of their rights to continue living on their 640-acre property.

In early 1942, the agent for the Custodian of Enemy Alien Property approached Iwasaki with a document that guaranteed that the government would hold his property "in trust" until his return after the war. However, in January 1943, the passing of Order-in-Council P.C. 469 reneged on that promise. The custodian was now given the powers to sell Iwasaki's property without the landowner's consent. Iwasaki was offered \$5,000 for his land, which he had absolutely no desire to sell. When he returned the cheque, he was told to take it or

he would receive nothing. Since he had no means of earning an income due to being imprisoned in an internment camp, Iwasaki reluctantly accepted the money. He was destitute. The choice was starve his family or keep on fighting. The money was deposited in a "frozen" bank account, which he could not access. The government doled out enough money for the Iwasaki family's meager subsistence.

On Salt Spring Island, there were 77 Canadians of Japanese descent at the time of internment. Only five men were Japanese nationals. These men were denied citizenship when Canada forced Japan to sign the Gentlemen's Agreement allowing only 150 men to enter Canada each year. These five men were torn away from their families and sent to

work in prison camps. Seventy-two people were Canadian-born or naturalized citizens. Iwasaki and his family were all Canadian citizens.

The Japanese-Canadians on Salt Spring were model citizens: hard working, law abiding, community minded and loyal citizens of Canada. They helped to build the Anglican Church and the Consolidated School on Rainbow Road. The organ in the church was also a contribution from the Japanese Canadian community. Iwasaki's family also contributed to this effort.

The community's generosity included helping the island's less fortunate who arrived during the Great Depression. These were not Japanese-Canadians. Iwasaki looked upon them as fellow human beings in need of help. When the

Pacific War began, only a handful of islanders stood up to defend our community from the merciless attack on our rights as Canadian citizens. We were exiled from the island with only two suitcases for each adult and one for each child.

No one from the island returned after we were given freedom in 1949, four years after the war's end. Only one family, the Murakamis, returned in 1954 and stayed. They met vile racism but persevered and survived.

We ask the people living on Sunset Drive to advocate for us by signing a document agreeing to have the name changed to Iwasaki Drive to honour a family who suffered immeasurably at the hands of human failings and a cruel greed for land.

MORE LETTERS

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Leadership needed

After this third referendum campaign, our community has yet again overwhelmingly rejected incorporation and reaffirmed support for our present governance within the Islands Trust's unique "preserve and protect" mandate. As an electorate, we now find ourselves in the anomalous position of having two of our three elected representatives definitively stating their opinions that our current system is structurally dysfunctional. Our third elected official declined to take a public position supporting the governance system in which he also was elected to serve.

Challenging times! There are many achievements that we have accomplished over the years: library, pool, affordable housing, bus service, water and sewage treatment upgrades, etc., etc. However, as in any other governance structure, community problem-solving depends on the political will of those elected to office.

Like most communities in B.C. we are experiencing a serious housing crisis. If our two trustees and regional direc-

tor choose to remain in their positions, it is incumbent upon them to not only address our most pressing issues but to act with initiative, creativity and commitment. The current list of priorities of our LTC includes "completing the boardwalk," and "industrial zoning." While these are laudable projects ... we are in a water/housing crisis.

At the next LTC meeting, our community needs more action on water and housing. Addressing our housing crisis requires multiple approaches: in addition to legalizing guest cottages for long term rentals, it requires enforcing the illegal STVR stand alone houses, creating zoning for tiny homes on private property with sufficient potable water, etc. Our LTC could instruct the planners to give these matters priority at the next meeting on Oct. 5 and do so before they leave the Lions Hall. (The cancellation of the September LTC meeting only served to prolong hardship for many islanders in search of housing.)

Trustee Grams, trustee Grove and regional director McIntyre: your constituents need you to exercise your governance authority with alacrity and leadership.

SHARON MCCOLLOUGH,
SALT SPRING

Fritz love

We want to express our gratitude for the Fritz Movie Theatre. We feel really fortunate to have a movie theatre on our island. We camped recently on Gabriola Island. A woman we met expressed that same feeling about Salt Spring. (Gabriola doesn't have a movie theatre.)

We would like to encourage people to support the Fritz. If you have never been there, or you haven't been for a long time, try taking a break from Netflix and checking it out. Dave, the manager, brings in many good films (many are first-run). They now have comfortable seats, a good heating and cooling system, new digital equipment and good popcorn with real butter (and yeast and other toppings)! Prices are reasonable and it's a nice way to spend an evening (or Sunday afternoon) out. We, personally, love seeing movies on the big screen.

Watching movies with others helps foster a sense of community connection. It feels important to us to support this valuable island resource. We want to ensure its continued existence.

CORRIE HOPE FURST & WENDY JUDITH CUTLER,
ROLAND ROAD

Drought - Rainwater Harvesting

We have had a dry year and it is time to start thinking rainwater harvesting as we enter the fall and winter seasons.

Rainwater harvesting is simply the collection and storage of rainwater. Collecting rainwater from your downspouts to use on your lawn and garden helps to slow stormwater runoff and encourage infiltration. Rainwater harvesting is a perfect fit with other natural yard care techniques, such as going pesticide free, building healthy soils, using native plants, using plants appropriate for your soil type and sun exposure, and using water wisely.

For more information on rainwater harvesting go to: <https://www.crd.bc.ca/education/low-impact-development/rainwater-harvesting>

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RANTS and Roses

We are presenting a bountiful bouquet of rainbow roses to Tim O'Connor and John Dolman of TJ Beans for hosting our bocce ball wind-up extravaganza on their veranda. Another rose bouquet goes to SSWater Taxi for purchasing the fabulous Uptown pizzas, and the local fire department for supplying tables. Our hosts also presented the Andrew Krizan trophy to athlete Jason Newport for bocce ball player of the year. Individual roses are also presented to our head coach Bob Elsea, assistant coaches Ross Harvey and Alfie Luke, and the volunteers who worked to encourage us on our journey "to be the best we can be" in our sport. You guys all "rock"! Athletes, Special Olympics BC, on Salt Spring

Sending a bushel full of country roses to the wonderful people who took such good care of us at the fall fair

volunteer refreshment centre and the seniors' rest area. The hot tea was refreshing, and the baked goods were absolutely delicious. Thank you for such thoughtfulness. With gratitude, Helga Bagnell and Brenda Plaxton

Sending Dr. Morse a beautiful arrangement of gladiolus for his superb care given to me at Lady Minto Hospital. Thanking you and appreciated greatly. Dozens of long-stemmed roses go to Susanah Devitt for her continuing support and love. Thanks a million from my heart; your kindness is beyond words. And sending Dr. Butcher a huge variety of flowers with sprigs of heather. His compassion and dedication are really appreciated. Thanks a million. M. Gosnell

A big thank you to the over 100 participants and 80 reli-

able and generous volunteers who brought forth this year's Terry Fox Run. The run raised over \$7,173 for cancer research. We appreciate the sponsors who for nourished our tired and hot participants. The entertainment by the SS Concert Band and Nicky Mackenzie was perfect for the occasion. We also want to recognize the contributions of the many island business sponsors. Finally, thank you so very much to Melanie Morris, Leslie Barclay and Drew Stotesbury for their cooperation, dedication and efforts as part of the core organizing team. Janine Fernandes-Hayden

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped at the Salt Spring Hospice fundraiser during the fall fair weekend. Many thanks also to all who donated to our wonderful Salt Spring Island Hospice. V & R

Driftwood Readers' Survey



SALT SPRING SAYS...

Driftwood Gulf Islands Media conducted a comprehensive survey earlier this year that reveals readers' media and shopping habits. The survey provides strong evidence that local residents are doing most of their shopping off-island or online, though not on local store websites. It also confirms the Driftwood and its wide variety of print and online advertising options continue to be the strongest vehicles for businesses to communicate to their customers.

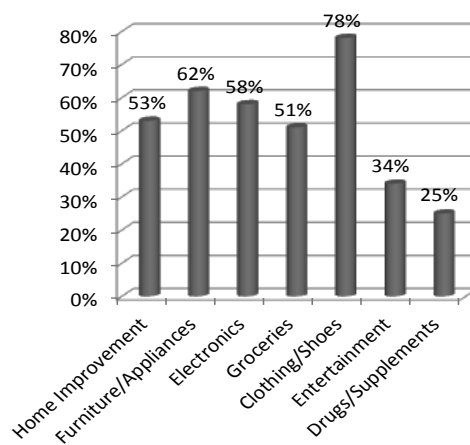
Methodology -

- In March 2017, 5,000 in-paper surveys were mailed via Canada Post to virtually every household on Salt Spring Island via the paid Driftwood and free Extra.
- 519 fully completed questionnaires were submitted, primarily through an online survey supplier.
- Sample size compares favourably to those employed by Canada's largest newspaper survey companies – NADbank and ComBase. Some examples:
 - Vividata (newspapers & magazines) – national sample = 40,000 for a Canadian population of 35.85 million.
 - Toronto sample NADbank – 4.5 million population, 3,000 interviews
 - ComBase – 100 – 200+ depending on market size.

Off-Island Shopping -

All respondents reported going off-island to shop on a regular basis.

- All respondents reported going off-island for a variety of products
- Fully one-quarter go off-island every two weeks, with a surprising 5% going more than once a week
- Main products purchased off-island are:



Media Consumption and Demographics -

We were pleased, though not surprised to learn that **83%** of respondents are Driftwood readers, and they most want to see local news, local arts and entertainments stories, and our letters to the editor.

Respondents overall are older, better educated and enjoy a higher-than-average income than other BC residents. Over **70%** of our readers have attended university, and **26%** have completed post-graduate degrees.

Media Habits -

Though nearly half of respondents reported they are retired, a significant majority of those working are self-employed (**29%** of respondents), and **30%** own a home-based business.

In the section of the survey looking at the media landscape, the Driftwood found it dominates the local print market, with **85%** of respondents having read the newspaper in the past week. The next two highest rates were the Times Colonist at **44%** and the Fishbowl at **39%**. Driftwood publications such as Aqua and the Gulf Islands Real Estate magazine also show strong readership.

The Survey -

With **519 fully completed questionnaires submitted**, the survey reached a fair sample of the entire island community that stretches beyond our most faithful newspaper readers. The sample size compares favourably to Canada's largest newspaper survey companies such as NADbank and ComBase.

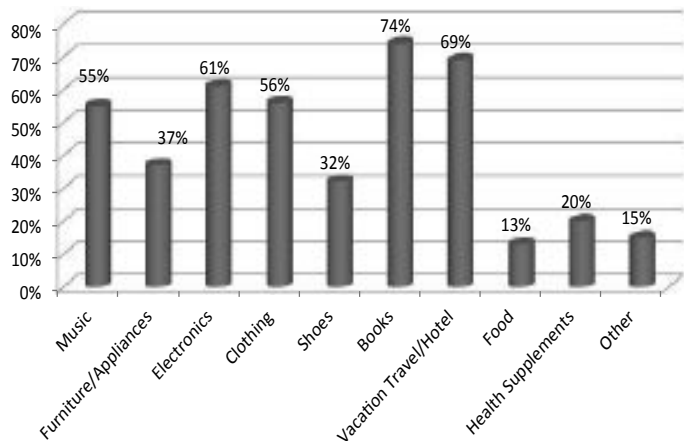
We ensured every household had the opportunity to respond through paid copies of the Driftwood or the free Extra we send to non-subscribers, but an online survey option proved to be the most popular option.

Summary -

The results show that residents need to be educated about the benefits of shopping local so that shopping dollars stay in the market. Many of the products that are being purchased online or off-island are also available at local stores, yet residents are finding reasons to spend elsewhere – the extent of which came as a surprise to us. The longer this continues, the weaker our local economy will become.

Online Shopping -

Many local businesses rely on their websites for generating sales, however respondents do not appear to use these sites for purchases, despite a willingness to shop online for a variety of products. **84%** of residents indicated they had not accessed a local store site to shop yet online shopping is extremely popular and residents are very comfortable with online purchasing. A surprising **13%** of respondents purchase food that way. Other merchandise purchased online includes:



We are grateful to all those who took the time to give us this valuable feedback! More information is available through the Driftwood at 250 537 9933.



EXHIBITIONS

SSNAP gains sophistication in second finalists' show



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN



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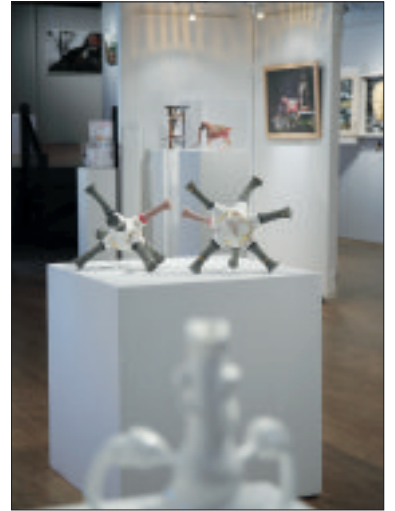


PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

From left: An early crowd peruses the finalists' exhibition while it's still possible to see the work through the people at Friday's opening; SSNAP founding director Ron Crawford makes a short speech; a few of the 49 artworks in line for prizes.

National art scene represented on island

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Arts Council and Salt Spring National Arts Prize steering committee have made great strides to secure the island as a bona fide player in Canada's contemporary art scene.

SSNAP's inaugural event in 2015 was a success by any measure, attracting more than 1,300 submissions and some top-notch gallerists and curators for the jury. Friday's opening of the second biennial event proved that was no one-hit wonder. Thanks to the hard work of founder Ron Crawford and the committed volunteers who work with him, crucial momentum was not lost during the intervening "year off," even with the unexpected death of key figure David Cook.

As the 2017 exhibition catalogue states, "In order to do good work, an artist needs to be able to see good works." The 2,160 submissions received for the 2017 show gave the jury a strong field indeed from which to pick the 49 finalists. Six Salt Spring artists are, once again, among them – a particularly impressive share of the total given that jurors were making their selections "blind." The submissions from Peter McFarlane, Janet Dwyer, Eric Klemm, Gary Kaye, Sibéal Foyle and John David James prove Salt Spring artists can stand toe-to-toe with the best. The remaining 43 finalists, meanwhile, offer something that local artists may not have seen at home, or perhaps something that affirms they're on the right track.

As photographer and former CBC radio host David Wisdom observed, this year's show feels darker and more mature than the first round, and there does seem to be a wider range of participants, from emerging to established. It was evident that at least some of the finalists had done their homework by looking at what SSNAP's

first grand prize winner, Corrie Peters, produced.

Many of the statements outlined complex concepts and social messages, while the artworks themselves incorporated interesting choices in material. A great many sculptural and multimedia media pieces are part of the show, with artists making statements and aesthetically pleasing works with woven cassette tapes, cured fish skins and three-dimensional sewn paper forms, to name but a few.

This year's show is also more diverse than the last, with quite a few First Nations artists working with traditional materials or themes in non-traditional ways. Port Alberni's Dave Parsanishi has a devastating comment on the legacy of residential schools. A window frame is set with black and white photos, over which a carved mask representing evil is set. Its hollow eyes are backed by mirrors, inviting the viewer to inhabit that uncomfortable space. Cree artist Judy Anderson uses tanned leather, furs and beading to honour her son's love of hockey with a uniquely decorated helmet, while Nicole Paul's aptly named installation Resonance is a collection of shallow hand-made drums with painted skins. Brandon Cotter, a non-Indigenous artist, meanwhile asks a question many were feeling during Canada 150. Can There Be Catharsis for Colonizers? is a bleached and drooping Canadian flag.

Some of my favourite pieces from the show involve glass: powdered glass cast into deeply textured, striated layers in Cheryl Wilson-Smith's trio sculpture Granite and Lichen, which was inspired by her home in Red Lake, Ont.; Vancouver artist Brad Turner's seductively sixties modernist shapes and colours in his paired Redundant Vessels; and Quebec's Carole Pilon with her uncanny but beautiful cast-crystal foot turned forest, Pied Nu (Barefoot). Other intriguing three-dimensional works include an assemblage by Victoria artist

Samantha Dickie, who impressed judges at the first Salt Spring Islands Ceramics Awards show last fall. Salt Spring's McFarlane transforms logging's trajectory with Reclaim Saw, a giant chainsaw in steel and aluminum with a coastal fir forest cut out along the blade.

The two-dimensional arts are also well represented, of course, including those who are focused on the art of painting. Kaye's meticulous hand captures an immense richness of colour and texture in his masterful acrylic work Roadside. Kae Sasaki hearkens back to the Baroque with her scene of glorious golden cathedral columns, but her treatment of oil and pigment over metal leaf softens and diffuses the lofty architecture so the light is the primary element. Light is also key in the impressionist Melting. Gillian Richard's excellent colour sense produces a winter sunset of pinks and blues. Combined with the soft brushwork, it allows the Vancouver Special dominating the street scene to actually look appealing.

Dwyer transforms her customary scanner-bed photography by applying pigment ink in Crossing. The unique natural history tableaux becomes more delicate and yet more defined with an intriguing mix of mythology, botanical study, historic hand-tinting and modern technology embroiled into one image. Catherine Beaudette of Toronto sets a beautiful bouquet of green and purple seaweeds against a glossy black background – simultaneously modern and classic. Toronto's David Brandy demonstrates an expert eye for colour and composition in Lifesavers, another very modern photo whose winter beach and empty fire pit epitomizes the loneliness of the place outside its intended season. Eszter Burghardt, a Canadian-Hungarian artist based in Vancouver, has a more expressive and dreamy mood in her photo. This is really a multimedia work, depicting a scene and set with a man in woolen wolf costume (made by the artist) as he

escapes over a treed bluff.

With the excitement of opening weekend now behind us, viewers have the opportunity to go back again and again to take it all in and attempt to make their selections for the People's Choice Award. The ticket price is also good for the entire month, aside from the gala awards night on Oct. 21.

Free artist talks scheduled so far include Burghardt on Friday, Oct. 6 at noon, and SSNAPy Saturdays offer art fun for all ages through to Oct. 14. A drop-in art play session is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Make it SSNAPy! workshops with Gillian McConnell for ages 10 and up take place Saturdays from noon to 1:15 p.m. and 1:30 to 2:45 p.m.

Other events include the SSNAP Parallel Art Show opening at ArtSpring this Friday (reception Saturday evening from 6 to 8 p.m.), a book launch and art talk with Kerry Mason on Oct. 12, and a panel discussion about creativity on Oct. 14.

See saltspringartprize.ca for complete schedule details.

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Wed. Sep. 27

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Vetta Presents Piano Quartet Favourites. Classic chamber music program of Schumann, Brahms and Adaskin with Arthur Rowe, piano; Joan Blackman, violin; Yariv Aloni, viola; and Eugene Osadchy, cello. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m. First of Vetta's three-concert series at ArtSpring for the 2017/18 season.

ACTIVITIES

Mother Goose. Join Nomi and Hannah Wednesdays in the program room for Parent-Child Mother Goose, with songs, rhymes and playtime Wednesdays to November 22. 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Bittancourt House Museum. Museum is open at the Farmers' Institute on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. through September and October.



SS Garden Club. Guest speaker is Bob Duncan of Fruit Trees and More near Sidney, presenting Growing Citrus and Sub-tropical Fruit Trees in South Coastal B.C. Meaden Hall. 7 p.m.

Songjam. Pub-style sing-along to the soundtrack of our lives. 8 p.m.

Thu. Sep. 28

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Gift. John Aitken presents The Gift, a theatre and dance piece about a boy growing up in a First Nations family struggling with violence, alcoholism, dysfunction and tragedy. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m. Not suitable for children. There will be a discussion with the audience after the performance.

ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt House Museum. See Wednesday's listing.

Greenwoods Eldercare Society AGM. Members vote on revised constitution and other business. Lions Hall. 10 a.m.

Lunch at the Seniors Centre. Weekly Thursday lunches for members of the Salt Spring Seniors Services Society offered at Salt Spring Seniors Centre. 11:45 a.m.

Nia - Thursday Morning. Wellness/fitness movement practice with classes each Thursday at Antler Ridge Dance Studio from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Info/register: arleensadler@telus.net.

Library Book Club. Meet other book lovers and have fun discussing an interesting read. This month's pick is The Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery. Salt Spring Public Library. 1 to 3 p.m.

GISS Senior Boys Soccer. First home game of the season. Kick-off 3:30 p.m. at GISS.



Thu. Sep. 28

ACTIVITIES

Green Drinks. Monthly social and networking mixer hosted by Transition Salt Spring Society. This month's session includes an informal opportunity for all people interested in the newly created SSI Community Forum, which is exploring ways Salt Spring Island can move forward to address today's challenges. Penny's Pantry at the Salt Spring Golf & Country Club. 5 to 7 p.m.

10,000 for Change. IWAV farm-to-table fundraiser with Julian Obererlacher, former sous chef at Toque in Montreal and Sooke Harbour House. Tickets include an elegant supper, entertainment, a drink ticket and a raffle ticket. Business casual dress is suggested. Bullock Lake Farm. 5:30 p.m.

Book Launch: William Deverell. Pender Island resident William Deverell launches Whipped, the latest book in his award-winning Arthur Beauchamp series. Salt Spring Public Library. 7 p.m.

Classic Rock Bingo. At Moby's Pub. 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Fri. Sep. 29

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Salt. Salt Spring band, live at Moby's. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt House Museum. See Wednesday's listing.

Fri. Sep. 29

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Forum: In Defence of Science with Nancy Baron. Nancy Baron, one of the most influential defenders of science in the United States, joins the Forum for an inspiring conversation about science, communications, and changing the world. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

Sat. Sep. 30

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Andy + Wesley. Live at the Legion. 7:30 p.m.

Happy Daze. High-energy 50s/early 60s dance band. Moby's. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Saturday Market in the Park. Locally produced crafts, foods and produce at famous event in Centennial Park. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CD and Vinyl Fundraiser Sale. Gulf Islands Community Radio Society sale of CDs and LPs to raise money toward getting an FM licence. SSI Seniors Centre. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SSNAP-Y Saturdays Drop-in Workshops. Part of Salt Spring National Art Prize events. People of all ages can drop in to the annex art room and have fun exploring, or create art related to your experience of SSNAP. Mahon Hall. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Paws for a Cause. Annual walk benefitting the BC SPCA on Salt Spring Island. The event starts at 12 noon with the walk at 1 p.m. Participants will be able to enjoy fantastic entertainment and activities, a barbecue and community vendor booths.

Market StoryTime. Last event of the season hosted by the Salt Spring Public Library at Centennial Park gazebo. 12:30 p.m.

Sat. Sep. 30

ACTIVITIES

SSNAP Parallel Art Show. Opening reception for show of Salt Spring artists running Sept. 29 to Oct. 22. ArtSpring. 6 to 8 p.m.

Book Reading: Women Essayists. Theresa Kishkan's reads from her new book of essays called Euclid's Orchard and Sarah de Leeuw, (Prince George) has a new book of essays Where It Hurts. Salt Spring Public Library. 7 p.m.

Sun. Oct. 1

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Apple Festival. The 18th annual event runs from 9 to 5 p.m. at Fulford Hall and around 20 participating farms. Get tickets and the map on the day of the festival at the Ganges info centre or Fulford Hall. <http://saltspringapplefestival.org>



Finding a Sustaining Spiritual Practice. Salt Spring's Unitarian Fellowship hosts speaker Amanda Tarling at Seniors Centre. 10:30 a.m. New members' service; visitors always welcome. Childminder available.

Tue. Oct. 3

ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Farmers' Market. Local, organic food producers and food artisans offer goods every Tuesday from June through October. Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.

Trivia Tuesday. Tuesdays at Moby's Pub. 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Art Show Opening: A Journey into the Minds of the Artists. Meet the artists from the fringes of Salt Spring society at the Salt Spring Public Library program room. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Art will be on display during the month of October.

Wed. Oct. 4

ACTIVITIES

Book Launch: Ghosts, Grime & Sublime. Angie Abdou and Kara Stanley present new work at the Salt Spring Public Library. Kara Stanley's new novel, Ghost Warning, navigates Toronto's underbelly of urban grime. Angie Abdou, a Canada Reads finalist, launches her fifth work of fiction In Case I Go. 7 p.m.

Mother Goose. See last Wednesday's listing.

Bittancourt House Museum. See last Wednesday's listing.

Songjam. See last Wednesday's listing.



The Salt Spring National Art Prize finalists' exhibit continues daily at Mahon Hall through to Oct. 22.

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EXHIBITIONS

- The SSNAP Parallel Art Show**, featuring local artists, opens at ArtSpring this Friday, Sept. 29. An opening reception takes place Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. The show runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily to Oct. 22.
- We are Salt Spring... We are Canada**, a community art installation by Greg Klassen opens this Friday, Sept. 29 with an open air reception at Peck's Cove Park from 3 to 5 p.m. The photo banner will be displayed along Lower Ganges Road to Oct. 29.
- The Artists From the Fringe** group shows art and poetry produced at a weekly drop-in program at the United Church with an exhibition at the Salt Spring Public Library from Oct. 2 to 31. A reception called "A Journey Into the Minds of the People Under the Stairs" is set for Tuesday, Oct. 3 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

- The Salt Spring National Art Prize** finalists' exhibition continues daily at Mahon Hall from Sept. 23 to Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Salt Spring Potters Guild** presents the Harvest exhibition at Salt Spring Gallery. Show runs until Oct. 10.
- The Point Gallery** on South Ridge Drive presents "gr(i)ève," work by 2015 SSNAP winner Corrie Peters, and "collecting salt spring," art from the home of SSNAP donor Joan McConnell. Open Thursday-Monday, 1 to 5 p.m. until Oct. or by appointment at 250-653-0089 or pointgallery@telus.net. Anna Gustafson's Snow Fence labyrinth is open any time, any day until dark.
- Kizmit Galeria/Cafe** hosts Coming Together, a paper collage exhibition of work by students of Bly Kaye, through September. Open Thursdays through Mondays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.-ish.
- Larry Melious** has a photography exhibit titled Off the Wall in the Salt Spring Library Program Room through September.
- Duthie Gallery** hosts Second Growth — drawings and paintings by Sibéal Foyle and furniture by Peter Pierobon through Oct. 1.
- Salty Pear Gallery** is open at 279 Rainbow Rd. with an exhibition of recent work by photographer Stasia Garraway.

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EXHIBITIONS

Artists From the Fringe have library show

Opening reception at library Oct. 3

BY LYNNE JOHNSON
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The group called Artists From the Fringe is inviting the community to their latest show, which will be in the Salt Spring Library's program room through the month of October.

An opening reception at the library takes place on Tuesday, Oct. 3, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come and enjoy the hidden talents of this eclectic and authentic group that meets every Sunday at Art Jam, a grass-roots drop-in program at the United Church for people on the fringes of our community.

Back in the summer of 2015, some folks who had been staying at the winter shelter asked if I could find a place for them to come together and do art. By November, the United Church had opened their doors to us on Sunday afternoons, local artists had donated lots of art supplies and the program Art Jam was born. It provides an opportunity for people from the fringes of our community to come together and share ideas and art in a non-judgemental and caring environ-



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Examples of some work by the Artists From the Fringe group for sale at Wintercraft last December.

ment. The group has chosen to call themselves Artists From the Fringe.

Since then we have joined the Arts Council and received support from a number of local artists and businesses. Joan McConnell has been a generous donor of funds, which we are using judiciously.

All of this support has enabled and encouraged us to put on three previous, successful exhibitions and this month's show at the

library. We will be having our final show of the year in December at Mahon Hall during Wintercraft.

The benefits of this grass roots program are many. During the winter months we provide a warm, dry welcoming place to do art. Many have never painted before and are finding their creative voice for the first time. Others are exploring new mediums and techniques. A core group continues through the summer months augmented by travellers

who sometimes fall in love with the island and remain a part of our program.

Art Jam promotes self-esteem through acknowledging these creative endeavours, and public exhibitions serve to reinforce the value of their work. By being recognized as artists rather than being defined by the challenges these folks face on a daily basis serves to both help and heal.

We are also breaking down barriers and stereotypes in the community by bringing together people who might not otherwise meet – to share ideas as well as art. Some of our group have begun attending art openings at the local galleries for the first time, developing an appreciation for art done outside their group.

For some it also means having an occasional income through the opportunity to exhibit and sell their work. We have seen that creating art in a supportive group setting is a positive and validating experience. Having sold over 40 pieces of art by at least 20 different artists, we appear to be on to something.

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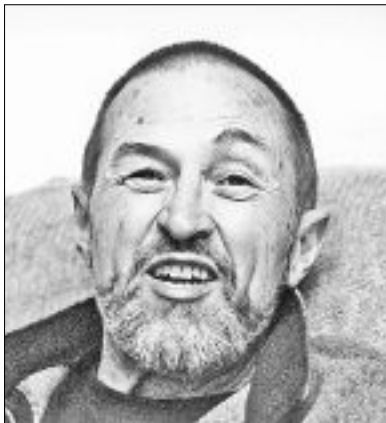
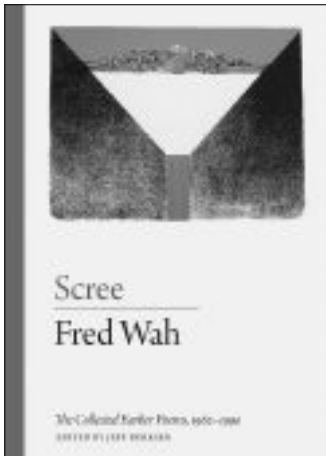
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POETRY

Poet Laureate visits open mic



Fred Wah.

Fred Wah gives reading Oct. 5

Former parliamentary Poet Laureate Fred Wah will read at the Salt Spring library on Thursday, Oct. 5 as part of the library's monthly open-mic poetry series.

A press release notes Wah's poetry, fiction, and non-fiction have received numerous literary awards, including the Governor General's Award and the Dorothy Livesay Prize for poetry. His essay collection, Faking It: Poetics and Hybridity, won the Gabrielle Roy Prize for Literary Criticism in English Canada. He has mentored dozens of Canadian poets, and was made an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2013.

Wah's recent books include Sentenced to Light (his collaborations with visual artists), and "is a door," a series of poems about

hybridity. High Muck a Muck: Playing Chinese, An Interactive Poem, is available online (highmuckamuck.ca). Scree: The Collected Earlier Poems, 1962-1991 was published by Talonbooks in the fall of 2015. His current project involves the Columbia River.

Wah grew up in the West Kootenays where his parents ran several Chinese-Canadian cafés. He studied music and English at U.B.C. (BA 1962) and took an MA in linguistics and literature at SUNY Buffalo in 1967. From 1967-89, he taught at Selkirk College and David Thompson University Centre, Nelson, while raising a family (with teacher and literary critic Pauline Butling), and writing more than a dozen books of poetry. They moved to Calgary in 1989, where he taught English and creative writing until his retirement in 2003.

The open mic begins at 7 p.m., with sign-up at 6:45, followed by Wah's reading at 7:30.

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GULF ISLANDS SECONDARY SCHOOL

High school robotics team gears up for more action

Cyber Scorpions look for community mentors

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

When the GISS Cyber Scorpions lined up their robot against some of the best teams at the 2017 FIRST Robotics Competition in April they had good reason to hope for a graceful defeat. That's because victory would have clinched them a place at the championships in Houston, Texas, a trip many team-

mates would have had to miss due to a lack of valid passports.

Reaching the semi-finals against a field of 48 other teams from across Canada, the United States and Mexico was in itself a remarkable feat for the team's inaugural showing at the Calgary event. Good enough, in fact, to rank the Cyber Scorpions as the competition's top rookie team from British Columbia.

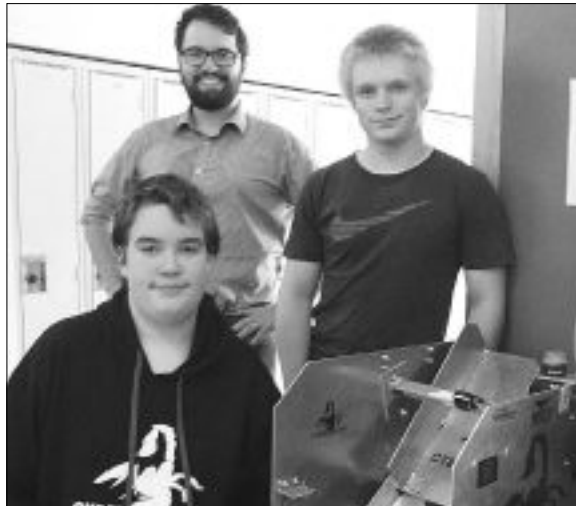
Veteran team members returned to the drawing board last week at Gulf Islands Secondary School to welcome new students and attract community mentors ahead of the Cyber Scorpions' second season.

"We had loads of people," said Grade 12 student Thomas Boland.

Though impressed with the number of prospective recruits who attended the Sept. 19 event, Boland added that more adult mentors with an interest in engineering, computer programming, marketing and fundraising are always welcome.

Though GISS students are able to enroll in robotics courses for credit under the school's curriculum, work spent on the Cyber Scorpions team is entirely extra-curricular.

"It takes a certain kind of person to stay here at the school working until 2 a.m.," Boland said.



GISS teacher Roland Kerr prepares for a new season with robotics team veterans Jaysen Williamspeel, left, and Thomas Boland.

The team has about six months to design and build a mobile robot capable of fulfilling a series of tasks in a timed event against other competitors. The team hopes to compete in events being held in Victoria and Alberta next spring.

Seventeen-year-old Jaysen Williamspeel said he'd barely ever touched a power tool and had never worked with metal

before he joined the team last year. He said participants need not be apprehensive about not knowing what to do.

"I had no idea what this was and had never seen it before," he said. "It's all about learning."

Alexandria Delaney LeBlanc applied her interest and skills in social media, marketing and fundraising to generating widespread interest in the group.

She and her teammates raised the whopping \$30,000 that was required to attend the Calgary event. She also leads a Facebook page for the group that boasts nearly 150 followers.

Delaney LeBlanc said participants can expect to meet twice a week after school during the first few months and should expect to spend up to 20 hours per week on the project as the competition draws closer.

Members are split into sub-teams devoted to programming, building and business. Members of each section work independently during the school year to plan, budget for and build their robotic device.

Returning members said their rookie season taught them many important lessons about the importance of communicating among each other, plotting a winning strategy and working toward a common goal.

And the most important lesson of all for a robotics team with high hopes of success?

Ensuring all competitors have valid passports before this year's event, just in case they make it to the championships.

For more information, contact the Cyber Scorpions' program director at rfitzzaland@sd64.bc.ca or visit the Cyber Scorpions GISS team page on Facebook.



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FESTIVALS

Salt Spring Apple Festival on for 18th year

Fulford Hall centre for Oct. 1 tour

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Harvest season is once again upon us, and despite the long, dry summer just past, the island's apple growers are getting ready to pick a fine crop just in time for the 18th annual Salt Spring Apple Festival.

Fulford Hall is once again the centre of apple festivities, which run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. this Sunday, Oct. 1. Every year, local farmers and community members create a huge display by bringing every apple variety grown on the island under the hall's single roof. Around 400 organic varieties are regularly assembled. Last year the festival hit an all-time record of 430 varieties, making it a Canadian record-breaker.

The entire collection is labelled by variety and grower, and is available to take home to the highest bidder after the event ends. The apples on dis-

play also help direct participants to how they might want to arrange their personal self-guided tour of island farms.

"The people can see an apple they want and go right to the orchard that grows it. So we're connecting people to the orchards — that doesn't happen at many festivals," said Harry Burton, the island's long-time coordinator.

Also at Fulford Hall will be food vendors and the always popular apple identification experts. Islanders who have an unknown tree on their property are invited to bring in a sample and learn what type of apple they have, and whether it's good for baking, eating fresh or storing. This year the experts will be staying overnight on Salt Spring so they can get through all the samples submitted, instead of confining their work to festival hours.

One of the top highlights of the festival for many is the range of food available. Delicious chef-prepared meals will be available at the Fulford Hall



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Part of the 2016 festival's record-breaking display of organic apples at Fulford Hall.

kitchen, as well as many of the farm tour stops. Somewhere between 16 and 20 farms, vineyards and food producers will be revealed when the festival map is released on Sunday morning. These are also the locations to find bulk apple and apple tree sales, tastings and tours. Many of the participating venues are historic properties that have long ties to the island's farming tradition.

Funds raised through the

event help support various community and international organizations, including an ongoing high school scholarship and a number of one-time disbursements.

Tickets and maps will be available outside the tourist info centre in Ganges and at Fulford Hall starting at 9 on Sunday. For more information including photos and video of past events, visit saltspringapplefestival.org.

MARINE SEARCH AND RESCUE

RCM-SAR searches for recruits for water rescue ops

Volunteer opportunity stresses education and safety

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Mike Murphy moved to Salt Spring from the Lower Mainland because of the island's natural beauty, but his day-to-day island routine wasn't doing enough to satisfy his yearning for a coastal lifestyle.

Salt Springers may be surrounded by water, but it's not always easy to access and appreciate the ocean's full potential. That difficulty becomes even more pronounced for people like Murphy, who had little or no boating experience.

"I had nothing other than riding the Queen of Nanaimo," he said in a recent interview.

It's been about a year since Murphy attended his first Thursday evening meeting with Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue, and he's come a long way. Since he joined the group, Murphy has participated in roughly 50 training sessions and seven emergency taskings.

"The water is my backyard now,"

he said. "I've learned so much in just a year, and that's a testament to the quality of the training and experience that other members have shared."

With the group in the midst of its fall recruitment campaign, now is the perfect time for anyone who seeks to get out on the water with RCM-SAR to take a closer look and determine if the group is right for them. Volunteers meet every Thursday evening at the SAR Hall on Fulford-Ganges Road for weekly training, and the group hosts up to three additional opportunities each week for members to rehearse practical search, rescue and recovery skills. Exercises can include anything from man-overboard scenarios and navigation challenges to towing vessels in distress and first aid refreshers.

The group supplies much of the necessary gear and covers any training expenses that may arise. Potential recruits need only pass a criminal background check, live within a 15-minute drive of the team's base at Vesuvius Bay and pass a colour blindness test.

Mary Beall began sailing in Calgary and stayed active on the water while working as a community nurse in rural northern Ontario. Now retired



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Salt Spring's Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue unit participates in a training exercise with the Canadian Coast Guard in the Salish Sea.

and living on Salt Spring, she joined RCM-SAR after a friend introduced her to the group and a subsequent encounter with volunteers at the fall fair.

In spite of her extensive sailing experience, Beall said, she's learned an entirely new skill set from working

in a search-and-rescue environment. She said she appreciates volunteering alongside a solid group of people who are constantly watching out for one another, training and striving to ensure the safety of all members.

There's also the speed factor. "I'm not used to doing 30 knots,

I'm a sailor," she said. "It's much different on a sailboat than it is on a power boat."

Lochinvar Roome, a software engineer and father of two young boys who moved to the island from Victoria, joined the group soon after his wife pointed out that he was spending too much time seated in front of a computer screen.

He got his first real exposure to RCM-SAR during a training mission in the open waters of the Strait of Georgia during a dark and damp February night.

He admits to being terrified at the time but knew right away that he'd found a way to curb his excessive screen time.

An experience sailor who grew up on southern Vancouver Island, Roome said he's been continually amazed by all the new information he's learned since he signed up.

"In the process I have discovered that I knew absolutely nothing," he said. "It's been a wonderful but huge learning experience."

Further information about RCM-SAR and volunteer opportunities is available by calling Mike Murphy at 778-888-0492 or contacting Sar25recruiting@shaw.ca.

SALT SPRING FORUM

Forum hosts Nancy Baron for talk 'In Defence of Science'

Sept. 29 event at ArtSpring

A war on science is underway in the United States, where President Donald Trump has fired government scientists, rolled back environmental protections and withdrawn from the Paris Climate Agreement.

Nancy Baron, one of the most influential defenders of science in the United States, will join the Salt Spring Forum at ArtSpring for a conversation on the issue this Friday, Sept. 29 at 7:30 p.m.

A press release explains Baron is director of science outreach for COMPASS, a Portland-based organization that was originally called the Communication Partnership for Science and the Sea.

"She helps scientists working on pressing issues, from climate change to fisheries to endangered species, to engage with the public and policy-makers. She also helps academic and government scientists speak up for evidence-based decision-making.

"Since 2000, Baron has worked with thou-

sands of scientists, who are increasingly compelled to reach out to larger audiences to share their research—and defend its relevance."

Baron's book *Escape from the Ivory Tower: How to Make Your Science Matter*, is widely used by scientists worldwide as a self-help guide. She also leads workshops in the U.S., Canada and many other countries empowering scientists.

Baron began her career as a naturalist in B.C. parks. She worked as a biologist in Banff

National Park and as director of education at the Vancouver Aquarium. She then spent years as an award-winning magazine writer and journalist.

"Baron provides a superb start to the Salt Spring Forum's fall series. Please join us for an important and inspiring conversation about science, communications and changing the world," the Forum's directors state.

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WINNER'S SEAT: Greenwood's Foundation board member Pat Low demonstrates relaxation techniques on a garden bench handcrafted by Luke Hart-Weller while Greenwood's resident Tony Van Dyke draws the winning raffle ticket. This year's winner is longtime island resident Sean Logan, who played for the Greenwood's Rockers baseball team in the 1970s. The raffle is part of Greenwood's annual fundraising efforts, with its annual appeal campaign set to kick off on Nov. 1.

TRAIL & NATURE CLUB

Fall schedule gets community active



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Steller's jay.

October outings and bird count presentation

Daniel Donnecke, an expert birder living in Saanich and Salt Spring's contact for the Audubon Christmas Bird Count will give a presentation for the club on Friday, Oct. 27 from 7 to 9 p.m. He will be speaking about his experiences with birding with some lovely photos he has managed to catch of his favourite birds. The public is welcome to attend.

Hikers

Oct. 3. Barry and Sheila Spence will lead a moderate loop hike on Maple Mountain trails (some steep sections). Lunch stop will be later than usual. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. for carpooling to Osborne Bay Park near Camp Qwanoes on Smith Road.

Oct. 10. Join Ashley Hilliard on a hike into the northern portion of Ruckle Park. This is a moderate hike but sturdy foot-

wear and poles are recommended. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or join at the start at the foot of Meyer Road at 10:05 a.m. (left off Beaver Point Road onto Bulman, then right at junction with Meyer).

Oct 17. Gale and David Buffett will lead a moderately strenuous hike up Mount Maxwell exploring various trails. Park at the corner of Armand Way and Seymour Heights; start at the trailhead at the end of Seymour Heights. Plan for a lunch stop at the summit before descending to Armand Way and back to the cars.

Meet at Artspring at 9:45 a.m. Those traveling from the south end can meet at 10 a.m. at the corner of Dukes Road and Fulford-Ganges Road.

Oct. 24. Hike the Hope Hill trails with Carol Melton and Jean Attop in the lead. Moderate ups and downs with good view points, if weather permits. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or Drummond Park at 10 a.m.

Oct. 31. Blackburn loops: Explore the area around Blackburn Road with Marc and Karen Munro, walking a series of loops including some roads and one steep climb. It's about 12 k.m. Meet at ArtSpring at 9.45 a.m. or at the parking lot at Blackburn Nature Reserve, Blackburn Road 10 a.m.

Walkers

Oct. 3. Doreen Fenton will lead a walk up Mount Erskine from the trailhead up from Juniper Place. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet at the trailhead at 10:20 a.m. There are some rocky steep sections but walkers will take it slow and easy, and enjoy the incredible view points along the way. Take Rainbow Road, turn on Juniper and follow it up to Spring Gold Way and follow that up to Trustees Trail. Turn right and continue on to the end of the road and the trailhead.

Oct. 10. Kathleen Maser will lead a walk back through history — the fascinating story of Cusheon Cove. Meet at the Meyer

Road trailhead and enjoy the Chris Hatfield trail to Cusheon Cove. Hatfield will greet walkers there and lead them around the site, which was recently acquired by BC Parks as an addition to Ruckle Park. The land is steeped in history, from extensive middens to the archaeological findings of Salt Spring's largest saw mill operating in the early 1900s and through to its recent history, a salmon fish farm and hatchery. Time will be spent with Hatfield in his museum, where he has collected a number of artifacts. Lunch will be on the property before the hike back to Meyer Road. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet 10:20 a.m. at the trailhead at the southeast end of Meyer Road.

Oct. 17. Join Jenny Meyer walking along the trails, pathways and roads in and around Ganges, with a few special stops along the way. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m.

Oct. 24. Jacqueline Thomas leads a walk on the Tsawout First Nation reserve. Walk down Bridgeman Road and onto the upper trail of the reserve, looping around the west boundary and returning along the beachside trail, with lunch on the beach, and back up the road. A few short steep rocky sections. Carpool at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to meet at Beaver Point Hall parking lot at 10:20 a.m.

Oct. 31. Wendy McLean will lead a walk in the Blackburn/Frazier area with some road walking before and after the trail. The trail is steep but only about 0.75 km long and mostly stairs. Lunch will be eaten on Wendy's deck. Carpool at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to meet Wendy at the junction of Blackburn and Fulford-Ganges Road at about 10:15 a.m.

Ramblers

Until further notice ramblers will meet at Centennial Park and go from there.

New members in all sections are always welcome: see the website at www.saltspringtnc.ca for details.

RECYCLING

Islanders passionate about recycling

High participation on Salt Spring

BY FRANTS ATTORP
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Salt Spring Islanders may not have a blue box program, but that doesn't prevent them from being fully committed to recycling. Peter Grant, manager of the local recycling depot, estimates that the participation rate on the island is close to 100 per cent. To say that business is booming may be an understatement.

Grant gives islanders full credit for their commitment to environmental protection. He adds that since landfills no longer accept a wide range of materials, the only option left is to recycle.

"Items such as paper, cardboard boxes and appliances are no longer accepted at landfills," he explains. "We take them all and much more."

The variety of materials accepted at the depot is indeed amazing: everything from batteries and computers to light bulbs, paint and pesticides. And recently added to the list is used clothing, including worn-out textiles, shoes and purses.

Despite the wide array of accepted items, there are some that remain problem-

atic: materials such as crinkly plastic, bubble wrap and laminated coffee packaging. It is also important to note that only plastic that is actually classified as packaging is accepted, meaning that other plastic items such as laundry baskets and garbage cans cannot be recycled at the depot.

Grant emphasizes that materials from commercial outlets such as restaurants and offices are strictly forbidden and must therefore be dealt with by a commercial recycler. The depot's materials are audited, and any infraction can result in huge penalties. (For a complete list of accepted materials, refer to the depot website.)

So how is all this even possible on a Gulf Island? According to Grant, who has been at the depot since the early 1990s, a "big shift" occurred in 2014 when the provincial government mandated manufacturers and first sellers to pay the cost of collecting and recycling the packaging and printed paper they produce. (End-of-life regulations pertaining to other materials such as tires, used oil and electronics were introduced earlier.) Accordingly, the local recycling depot now receives industry funding through Recycle BC to collect, bale and

ship everything to the main sorting plant in New Westminster. Only scrap metal is sent to a separate processing plant in Victoria.

The funds from Recycle BC do not cover all expenses, so the CRD tops up the budget to keep the Salt Spring and outer Gulf Islands depots in operation. The depot's current contract with Recycle BC expires in 2019, at which time Grant is hoping the non-profit organization will boost funding for the Gulf Islands.

"We are in a unique situation as the usual city formula does not work here. We are doing residential recycling equivalent to curbside as well as taking additional materials such as plastic bags, styrofoam and glass."

At the present time, the depot has an annual budget of approximately \$350,000. Those funds cover the salaries of the three to four people who man the depot during the day, and some of the students who help out during the summer. They also pay for hydro, propane, advertisements and other expenses.

Although the latest statistics are not currently available, Grant indicates volumes at the depot have been rising steadily, due largely to a growing population and an increase in the use of plastics.

For example, cakes that used to be packaged in light cardboard are now sold in large, plastic clamshell containers. Similarly, roasted chickens that used to be sold in foil wrapping also come in the ubiquitous clamshell containers. One conundrum is that, while volumes are increasing dramatically, weights are not. Plastics are getting lighter, and items such as styrofoam are practically weightless yet extremely bulky.

Grant acknowledges that there can at times be congestion problems at the depot. On a busy day, several hundred vehicles arrive at the facility.

"Tuesdays are usually quite crazy, as are Wednesdays after a long weekend," he says. "We're looking at expansion, but it will probably be quite some time before that happens."

Despite all the challenges that come with solid waste management, Grant believes there have been many positive developments: "The key is not to produce anything that can't be recycled. Of course we also have to continue to be strong advocates for recycling here on the islands. We have a good thing going, but because of our special circumstances, nothing can be taken for granted."



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Farm to table dinner supports women

Event at Bullock Lake Farm this Thursday

Island Women Against Violence is organizing a unique fundraiser to support the women and families who have experienced violence and abuse and have come to IWAV for help.

A farm to table supper called 10,000 for Change taking place indoors at Bullock Lake Farm this Thursday, Sept. 28 aims to raise \$10,000 to support IWAV's programming. The meal will be prepared by Julian Obererlacher, former sous chef at Toque in

Montreal and Sooke Harbour House. Entertainment will be provided by the Double Johnnies (John Bateman and John Herbert). Tickets include an elegant supper, a drink ticket and a raffle ticket. Business casual dress is suggested.

The dinner will be salad of fennel, frisee, cucumber, French radish, roasted shallot vinaigrette, with a choice of grass fed sirloin tip steak, Sauce Shorron, roasted Salt Spring mushrooms and corn, or delicata squash stuffed with lentils, mushrooms, kale, pumpkin seed sauce. Dessert is an apple/pear Tarte Tatin, brandy/calvados and

vanilla creme. Tickets can be purchased at the Transition Thrift Store, SALT, or at the office of Wilco and Co., one of the event's sponsors. Other sponsors include Windsor Plywood, Slegg Lumber, The Rental Stop, and many more. Raffle prizes include art lessons for six, a helicopter ride, gift certificates and more.

IWAV provides services for women, children, and seniors who have experienced violence and abuse. The organization's current focus is to provide more housing for some of the Gulf Island's most vulnerable people.

SELF-CARE

Star of the Sea program continues Oct. 6

Candace Cole workshop on mindfulness

Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice, a multi-modal platform for exploring spiritual matters centered at St. Mary's church in Fulford, is set to begin the fall season with a two-day workshop with Candace Cole.

The program initiated by the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring resumes with Cole's Introduction to Mindfulness, taking place over two two-hour sessions from 2 to 4 p.m. on Oct. 6 and Oct. 13. The open sessions are intended to bring experience and awareness of the value of mindfulness into everyday life.

As Cole explains in a press release, "Mindfulness is the awareness that arises from paying attention in a particular way: on purpose, in the present moment, and nonjudgment-

tally to things as they are. It benefits to reduce depression, anxiety, pain and harmful responses to stress.

"We've known for years that mindfulness can rewire the brain. Now, intensive scientific and medical research confirms that it can actually build it, along with a healthier body and mind."

During the two sessions participants will learn more about mindfulness and experience brief periods of mindfulness practices.

Cole is a certified mindfulness facilitator through the Engaged Mindfulness Institute and also a physician who maintains her home and complementary medicine practice on Salt Spring.

Registration is limited to 15, and must be made in advance, with the understanding that both sessions are necessary for the full benefit of the course. For further information and registration, contact staroftheseassi@gmail.com.

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Andy had a wide circle of friends and admirers who appreciated his work and are deeply saddened by his loss. He was a wonderfully kind and generous person, a great storyteller too, with a fine sense of humour.
He is survived by his wife Annick on Salt Spring, and by family in England and the US.

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This Week's **Noroscope**

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TIP OF THE WEEK

As September gives way to October and autumn builds momentum, I am moved to reflect on how dramatic and pivotal the past several weeks have been. It all began with the Solar Eclipse, the 'Great American...'. Well, it certainly did leave its indelible mark. Despite the devastation and casualty, perhaps it and such events serve to bring people together. Still, it remains tragic and very sad that so many lives have been so significantly ravaged and ruined.

It should be noted that the path of the Solar Eclipse actually started pretty much exactly where Hurricane Irma began and both traced a path through all of the major Caribbean islands

and countries and then on to the mainland of the Southeast corner of the United States. True, that area is notorious for the generation of hurricanes and it is also true that the Caribbean Islands are not the U.S.A., but then, the eclipse path does not yield to names and labels, it simply traces a line somewhere in the world and one that closely parallels that of this year's record-breaking hurricanes in terms of size, strength, and frequency.

I also mentioned earlier this summer that Uranus occupying the position of 'planet of highest degree' in Aries appeared suspect in terms of the 'synchronicity factor'

regarding the many aggressive weather anomalies these past several months. Uranus can be described as unpredictable and chaotic. Aries, the first sign of the Zodiac, symbolizes pioneering and can be raw and brutal, at worst. Well, many are indeed confronted with starting again. Uranus is not currently the planet of highest degree, as of September, Jupiter took its place where it will remain until entering Scorpio on October 10th. Uranus will, however, reclaim that top dog position, intermittently, between now and early March 2019 when it begins its 7-year cycle through Taurus — the builder of the Zodiac...

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)

Making concerted efforts to move into harmonious and productive relationship agreements is in the spotlight. There are some good indications that these will prove fruitful and rewarding. However, in the short term, at least, going the extra distance to give to the situation is required. Aim to discuss everything thoroughly leaving little room for assumptions.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20)

Love in the air, or perhaps it will simply amount to some satisfying affection. It may be said that you are open and willing to the possibilities. You are and have been looking to the future. This continues but you also want to be more fully present in the moment, aware of and in harmony with what is. Optimism is on the airwaves.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Making some bold moves close to home is revealing your passions. You are especially in a creative mood and are excited about the prospects. Travel and adventure both near and far are on your mind. Your mind is open and your thoughts are with philosophical hues. It may also be your turn to receive so be open say 'yes, thank you!'

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Creating a new state of balance close to home for the sake of harmony is a central theme now. Atmosphere is a keyword. Setting the stage for increased flow and satisfaction is at the root. This may be especially true in your love life. Working together to achieve this end is ideal, yet will require extra efforts, patience, and determination, as well.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Many thoughts and ideas are floating and, hopefully dancing, in your mind. Positively, these are the source of creative inspiration. Indecision is the main issue to overcome. Your willingness to work diligently and with discipline is extra important now. The good news is that if you can push yourself into action, you may discover just how exciting hard work can be.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)

The time has come to give, big. This give may simply amount to the need to work long and hard. It is extra important that you do now. At least you need to get things started and moving. Attending to a variety of fronts may even prove better than a single focus. Either way, use this impetus to create a promising momentum.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

The Sun in your sign signifies initiative. Yet, the first measure required is clearing what is blocking you. This may be too many dreams and not enough action. This tends to produce insecurity. Action is the key to confidence. At least something is happening, even if mistakes are made. Confront the current and swim upstream.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Your key to success now is to do something you love. The twist in this plot is that it implies both initiative and revolutionary action. This may be described as 'going big'. Yet, this big effort is more within or behind the scenes than aiming for exposure and outer attention. In fact, social activity may prove strained and unsatisfying. This is just a phase and will end soon.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Some important shifts have begun. The impetus may have come about suddenly and strongly. It may be that you are extra busy and must attend to a variety of fronts. Positively, you are full on in a process of learning new skills and gathering needed tools and supplies. If you have the spirit to whistle while you work, now is a good time.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Your social and professional focus is taking on a whole new dynamic. You are excited to make the extra effort to take a few risks. Yet, you will focus to make these calculated moves. You are not interested in a mere luck-of-the-dice approach. Deliberate communications with key players are likely and ideal. Focus to get all the help you can.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You are beginning to see a bigger picture. Whether you feel inspired by visions of possibility and/or are gaining exposure to larger realities, you are more awake and aware. This trend will continue but, for now, includes foundational efforts. Focus to get organized and to establish a reliable and systematic approach.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

Whatever began a couple of weeks or so ago is now entering a much deeper phase of action. Work is implied and includes cooperative efforts. Giving to situations and focusing to be diplomatic and cooperative is extra important. If and when the word or notion of 'should' arises, accept it as your cue to lead by example.

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TRACK & FIELD

Sneaker prevails in Vernon

Thompson returns home with seven golds

While some say the over-65 set are getting over the hill, participants at the BC 55+ Provincial Games in Vernon proved they're actually getting better.

Salt Spring's Lynn Thompson was at the four-day event as Vancouver Island South's track coordinator, and also as a competitor, coming home with seven gold medals.

On Wednesday, Sept. 13, Thompson entered the 300-metre hurdles, but due to the lack of competitors in the 75-79 age group was placed in the event class of three other competitors in the next youngest age group, winning a gold medal in his age category with a time he described as "a bit slower than earlier this year."

The next day he entered the 100-metre sprint and the long jump. Running against 12 competitors in track's premier event, he won the gold medal in a time of 16.66 seconds, his personal best for the year. He also

achieved a best jump of 3.33 metres, another personal best of the year, for a gold medal in a field with seven other competitors.

Thomson competed in the triple jump and 200-metre sprint on Sept. 15. He achieved a combined leap of 7.21 metres in the triple jump, a foot better than second place in a group with four other competitors, although he complained that it was not his best performance of the year. In the 200-metre, he competed against five other competitors, one of whom beat him in the Winter Games.

"He had a two-metre lead coming out of the bend but I managed to get up beside him and he eventually folded with 20 metres to go — 35.70 seconds," Thompson said of that gold medal.

The final day of the event saw Thompson finish his tour de force with the 80-metre hurdles and the 50-metre sprint. In the hurdles, he finished in 19:52 seconds — his usual time, but without any competition. In the 50 metres competing against seven others, he exceeded his personal goal with an 8.99 seconds, beating his closest competitor by .09 seconds.



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Old Boys extend unbeaten streak

Cermak named 'Man of the Match'

BY FRASER HOPE
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The big issue for National Football League players last weekend may have been whether to kneel or stand, but for the Old Boys that conundrum is always less a question of politics than being able to come off the pitch in form to face the upcoming work week.

Inside sources report that many players have upper- or lower-body injuries, which can seriously impair their on-field performance. Similar to Arsenal FC history of training related injuries, Old Boys FC intensive training methods appear to be taking their toll on the squad.

Among the 18 players who were victorious versus Zgoda FC last week, only 13 walking wounded made the trip to Mill Bay to face old rivals Duncan 48s. One player managed to miss the Vesuvius ferry and, in desperation of losing his spot on the team, made the circuitous route via Swartz Bay in time for the kick-off. Manager Graham Tweddle inspires dedication or fear in his players.

Under blue skies and verdant field, the Old Boys quickly set out to pressure Duncan with an early attack down the left flank that kept the hosts off balance and unable to play their strong possession game. After several free kicks, a Mike Davies perfectly weighted pass across the face of the penalty area allowed Matt Johnson to race and shoot powerfully under the goalkeeper for an early one-goal lead.

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Duncan, shocked into action, quickly attacked from the midfield and saw two carefully calibrated shots come off the Old Boys crossbar to the relief of a stranded Henry Braak. Some play-

ers and supporting fans felt Braak was lacking his usual confidence in goal, putting this down to his socks. Socks you ask? Braak was forced to wear "civilian" socks as a result of a sports bag malfunction. Would this simple matter decide the course of the match?

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The Old Boys responded with several attacks that kept the Duncan keeper busy with shots and corner kicks. Unfortunately, the corners resulted in goal kicks, and the Old Boys' pressure dissipated. A Rainer Funk pass to Mark Aston saw an onrushing goalkeeper thwart a possible goal chance. Old Boys still provided all the pressure, but Duncan stayed dangerous on the counter-attack. Did I say counter-attack? Old Boys' defensive four were caught a bit flat-footed by a flighted through-pass caught by two Duncan strikers who sent one past Braak to even the score.

Old Boys, unsettled by the goal, failed to close down a Duncan midfielder who blasted a well-time shot past Braak from 25 yards to take the lead.

Halftime discussion centered on the need to combat Duncan's strategy of luring the Old Boys defence high up the field, leaving them susceptible to the fast counter-attack.

Old Boys were quickly on the attack with several opportunities that had the Duncan keeper at full stretch to keep his team's lead intact. The line adjustments on defence seemed to nullify much of the Duncan counter-attack threat, and the game revolved on whether Old Boys could equalize or Duncan would increase their lead.

The Old Boys, hampered by injuries to Davies and Funk, had to harness what energies were left to mount an equalizing attack. All credit to those on the field led by the energy and speed of Stefan Cermak, who rotated from central defence to midfield attack, helping the Old Boys maneuver into a siege on the Duncan goal.

Confident and calm defensive work by Martin Thorn, Tweddle and Cermak saw a fine long touchline pass from Aston connect with David Toynbee on the left flank. Toynbee provided an accurate cross for Andrew Haigh to slide an inside pass for a galloping Aston, who sidestepped a defender and shot low under the keeper to equalize the match at 2-2.

Energized by the score, the Old Boys camped in the Duncan end of the field, and one sequence had the Duncan defence scramble three successive shots to safety.

Despite the last 10 minutes of pressure, the Old Boys were unable to find the winning goal but had the guile and fitness advantage over Duncan 48s to successfully handle any home-team attacks. Is this the "new" Old Boys as they maintain an unbeaten record home and away? A great fight back for the Old Boys and a gritty draw at Frances Kelsey is as good as a win. Although all were ready to "kneel" to recover from the exertion, they could all "stand" proud of their team effort. A match-side opinion poll of travelling fans (admittedly from a small sample size) gave Cermak a well-deserved MVP.

The Old Boys will attempt to keep the unbeaten streak alive with a visit to Tyndall Turf and the Gordon Head Gunners on Saturday, Sept. 30 at 4 p.m. BC Ferries is assessing the feasibility of adding an extra sailing to cater for an expected surge of islanders desperate to hop aboard the Old Boys' bandwagon.