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HEARTFELT: Julia Shepansky finishes a dance at the memorial for her boyfriend Alistair Hayne, with his jersey seen in the background, at a packed GISS gymnasium on Sunday afternoon. Hayne, 16, was accidentally killed by a gun shot while with friends on Sept. 24.

PARKS & REC

Commission divided over non-park use requests

Portlock leases, laundromat not supported

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The non-park use of parkland surfaced as a major issue in Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission business Monday night, as commissioners debated and eventually turned down two long-term leases for Portlock Park facilities.

Monday's agenda came with two recommendations from staff for lease approval. One was a five-year lease for the Portlock Park portable during school days and hours, to be used by Friendship Fundamentals Inc. as a place to offer one-on-one sessions for children with autism and other disabilities. The business currently rents space at the portable using the regular booking process. The other proposal was for a three-year lease with Salt Spring's Emergency Program for Portlock office space.

Parks manager Dan Ovington observed the two spaces are either underused, in the case of the portable, or not used at all, in the case of offices left empty after the Capital Regional District moved its administration headquarters to Ganges. The revenue raised by long-term commitments would meanwhile be welcome for fixing failing infrastructure and financing new projects.

Looking at the Friendship Fundamentals proposal from several angles, Ovington said, "I think it's a win."

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HEALTH CARE

Primary care centre touted

Residents' report looks to other islands for model

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A group of Salt Springers with an interest in health care have produced a report they hope will lead to a vast improvement in services on the island, with help from local politicians and the Vancouver Island Health Authority.

Salt Spring Island Residents' Health Care Report is a new document that examines some of the shortcomings of the current sys-

tem, in which there are too few family physicians to meet everyone's needs. In answer, the group has proposed that a primary care facility run by a non-profit society similar to successful operations on Mayne, Galiano and Pender islands is the best option for filling the gaps.

The report does not have the official endorsement of any organization, but it does come from people who are well versed in the

situation. Covering two of the four chapters, Barb Aust, chair of the Greenwoods Eldercare Society, prepared the chapter on senior health care and residential services, while Rob Grant and David Norget of Salt Spring Community Services authored the section on mental health services for the homeless and hard-to-serve population.

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EMERGENCY PREP

October 25 marine disaster exercise needs volunteers

Traffic disruptions in store for Fernwood

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Islanders wanting a rare view of what would happen in the event of a BC Ferries disaster off Salt Spring are invited to volunteer for a major marine exercise next Wednesday, Oct. 25.

Dubbed Exercise Salish Sea, the

scenario involves a car-deck fire occurring on the Coastal Renaissance vessel after it has left Swartz Bay.

According to Salt Spring Emergency Program coordinator Elizabeth Zook, the vessel will anchor in Trincomali Channel near Fernwood, with military personnel being evacuated to the shoreline. Roads around Fernwood Dock will be closed.

Some 100 local volunteers are needed to be on shore representing ferry passengers during the exercise,

said Zook. Medical patients get a "medical makeover by makeup artists" and a script to follow during the course of their treatment.

Anyone interested in participating should contact Salt Spring Island Emergency Support Services at ssiessd@crd.bc.ca or 250-537-1220.

Travellers evacuated from the ship will be taken care of by ESS support teams and transported to a warming centre.

All volunteers will be kept warm

and fed throughout the exercise.

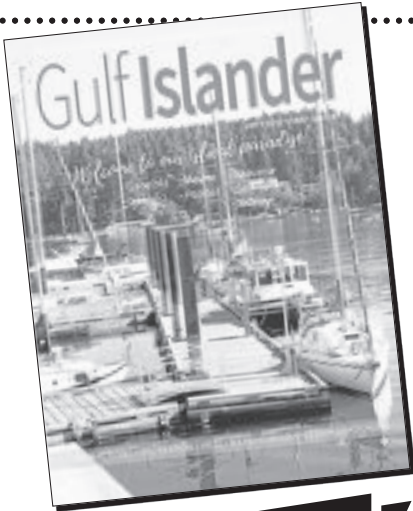
Zook said BC Ferries approached the emergency program a few months ago about Exercise Salish Sea. If such an event did in fact occur, "It would challenge us," said Zook.

"Exercise Salish Sea is an excellent opportunity for BC Ferries to practise our emergency response skills, processes and procedures," said Capt. Jamie Marshall, vice-president of fleet operations. "Safety is our first priority and we are pleased to have

the opportunity to take part in this major maritime response exercise."

The second day of the exercise on Oct. 26 will be the environmental response.

Well over a dozen agencies will be involved. Some of those are the Canadian Coast Guard and Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue, Canadian Armed Forces, Salt Spring Ground Search and Rescue, Salt Spring Fire Rescue and B.C. Ambulance Service.



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'Crisis situation' for mental health issues

HEALTH CARE

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Curt Firestone, who wrote the final two chapters on outpatient medical services and Lady Minto Hospital, is no stranger to tackling health-care concerns from the outside. He was a founding member of the physician recruitment committee and the grassroots organization it morphed into: the Salt Spring Health Advancement Coalition (now Network). His wife Gwen McDonald, who also contributed to the final report, is still an active member of that organization.

Firestone observed that during a community town hall co-hosted by MP Elizabeth May and MLA Adam Olsen in September, the availability of mental health and outpatient physical health services was one of the most frequently mentioned items requiring attention.

Firestone said although it may appear that having 11 family physicians based on Salt Spring would be adequate to serve the population, the reality is that some of them are practising part time. The departure of two international doctors earlier this year meanwhile has some patients shuttling over to Duncan (at cost to the province) and others forced to rely on the hospital's emergency room for basic services.

"We probably could use two to three full-time equivalents and then we would be fine," Firestone said.

Grant and Norget outline a crisis situation when it comes to primary care and mental health services for islanders who are homeless, at risk and/or hard to serve.

"We have no substance abuse services or supported mental health housing. Our recovery programs and case management services for hard to serve people have been weakened," they write. "Other than for acute clients, basic adult mental health services wait times are longer than ever, current services struggle to respond to the needs of the reluctant/resistant person; the only tool is hospitalization. First

responders — police, fire, ambulance — are often dealing with mental-health issues over their heads and with little or no support."

Like mental health care, the island's large and growing seniors population has been previously identified as a top health-care concern for the island. Aust points out that residential care space is limited, and provincial funding does not support the staffing required. Other immediate needs outlined in the residents' report include greater support for advanced-care planning, additional support for doctors regarding end-of-life care, designated palliative beds and the operating funds to ensure their continued use in the community.

"I think we need a clinic in Ganges that people with mental health and substance use issues could feel comfortable walking into, along with the rest of us."

CURT FIRESTONE
Residents' report co-author

In addition to having to accommodate people with non-emergency matters (who must wait for unknown periods to get something as simple as a prescription), the report finds there are issues with general hospital functions.

In part, a 2012 feasibility report on hospital expansion found the medical imaging space is too small and there is limited space for ultrasound exams; the emergency department is too small for the volumes seen and there is no privacy for patients including those with mental-health issues, assault patients or for families; there is no dedicated private interview room for psychiatry; and the psychiatric observation room for mental-health patients needs to

be upgraded.

The solution to all these problems could be rooted in a multi-faceted care facility, the authors have determined. The centrally located facility would ideally include primary care through a family doctor or nurse practitioner, as well as mental health services and complementary therapeutic and alternative care providers.

"I think we need a clinic in Ganges that people with mental health and substance-use issues could feel comfortable walking into, along with the rest of us," Firestone said.

"The other three major Gulf Islands all have multi-disciplinary health centres. They were created by residents of the islands, who recognized they needed to do something."

According to the residents' report, every person on those other islands can say they have a primary care provider. Doctors and nurse practitioners employed at the centres are not paid via the standard fee-for-service business model but are under contract to Island Health. Island Health also pays for some administration costs. Societies fundraise to pay for the rest, and have raised the money to construct the buildings and purchase equipment.

The ad hoc group is not the first or only one to be thinking about such a need. The Lady Minto Hospital Foundation commissioned its own feasibility study into a primary-care centre, which it has yet to release to the public. Stephen Roberts, who chairs the board, mentioned the need for such a facility during the spring provincial election campaign when he was the local Liberal candidate.

Firestone acknowledged it's early days to even be thinking of forming a supporting society, but he hopes to win support for the basic idea this week during a meeting with Olsen. The MLA might then be expected to advocate for the community both with Island Health and B.C. Health Minister Adrian Dix.

Firestone said he will also meet with the Salt Spring Island Foundation.

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SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Harvest Kitchen kiosk opens on Core Inn property

Program supports food security for those in need

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Casual dining opportunities appear to be popping up in the Ganges village core like mushrooms after a good rainfall, but there's one newcomer to the food truck scene that deserves special attention.

Harvest Kitchen is a new social enterprise café, operating since last Tuesday out of a container in the lot behind the Core Inn at the top of McPhillips Avenue. It is supplied by Second Harvest, a food recovery program that partners Salt Spring Island Community Services with local grocery stores, and Harvest Farm, the SSICS farm in the Burgoyne Valley. Ingredients are prepared into fresh and tasty meals by chef Brooke Winters, the force behind the BNurtured food truck in Ganges.

"This all comes together into a practical opportunity using locally

sourced ingredients that would otherwise go to waste, at the same time providing nourishment for those in need from the proceeds of the low-cost operation," explained Simone Cazabon, SSICS food security coordinator. "It reduces waste and supports local sustainability in several ways."

The menu changes every few days according to what's in season and what has lately been rescued from over-stocking or an extra bountiful harvest. In just the first week of operation, Winters has created a potato kale salad, curries, soups, stews and juices.

"It's really good food," Cazabon reported. "It's nutritious, it's delicious and there's variety."

What may be even more delicious to islanders, though, is knowing all profits will go toward feeding those in need on Salt Spring. Every meal that someone buys will essentially mean that at the same time, there's a meal provided for someone else who really needs it.

Profits from the café will be integrated into Community Services' other food programs so they're all working together. With help from



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERTS

Salt Spring Community Services executive director Rob Grant stops by the Harvest Kitchen, staffed by Sarah Peek, on the Core Inn property.

a membership database, those in need will get Harvest Kitchen meals either at a discount or for free.

"We're going into really harsh times for this island, and a lot of people really struggle. Getting a good meal, in a discrete way, can really make a difference," Cazabon

said.

She added it's not just about feeding someone, but a way of establishing community. Having the café will mean there's one more way people can check in on community members at risk and show them someone cares.

Community Services notes the program will develop a personality as a local social enterprise under the guidance of Sarah Peek. The coordinator and public face of Harvest Kitchen was most recently known as the manager of the Salt Spring Coffee café, and comes to the project with a wealth of knowledge and experience.

Harvest Kitchen is the latest addition to the SSICS building site at 134 McPhillips Ave., which is also home to the afternoon youth drop-in, the Community Initiatives day program for the developmentally disabled, youth counselling and the Second Harvest food recovery operation and refrigerated container storage unit.

Cazabon said while the café will be open over the winter, Community Services will be working to make the area into an appealing and family-friendly gathering place before the good weather returns next year. Anyone who can donate time, money or infrastructure is welcome to contact her or Rob Wiltzen at 250-537-9971.

Café hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Long-range decisions on hold during strategic plan process

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Ovington explained that having a five-year lease in place was a requirement for grant funding the group hopes to acquire. In return, the business would pay for a chain link fence around the multi-court area, which PARC has recently had quoted at \$7,500.

"Your idea of using this facility, in all the hours that it's sitting empty, 100 per cent support," said commissioner Sonja Collombin. "I think it's a really good idea, I think it's smart, and it's doing what we want to in making better use of Portlock."

Collombin said she would support the lease if concerns could be met.

Commissioners had several problems with the plan, however, leading to three tied votes on three different resolutions, meaning they failed to pass. A major stumbling block was the fact that PARC is getting ready to embark on a five-month strategic planning process. Some commissioners felt it would be wrong to guarantee access to park space for years at a time without

knowing the results of that process.

The impact on other community members wanting to use the playground or other park facilities was considered, while some members questioned whether the business truly falls under recreation use. As well, the opportunity to take a five-year lease had not been offered to the community at large through a request for proposals.

Alternate CRD director Darryl Martin, who was attending the meeting for Wayne McIntyre, noted the revenue raised would amount to \$53,000 over five years with the fence factored in.

"It's a \$53,000 decision and it's autistic children, which makes it a little tricky," Martin said.

Split votes ultimately defeated a motion to defer the matter until after the strategic plan, and to defer it until the next meeting while having staff send out an RFP for other prospective leasers.

A split vote also stopped the emergency program lease. The program currently has office space under the Ganges courthouse, which

is not seismically sound and lacks radio communication. Ovington said a three-year lease was suggested because if the strategic plan suggests reconfiguration of Portlock Park, nothing would likely start in that time period.

Commissioner Brian Webster pointed out that previously the offices were used to administer park business.

"Parkland being used for non-park activity is something I have a big problem with," Webster said, adding that Portlock is already a non-farm use of Agricultural Land Reserve land and if anything should go back to agriculture.

"I'm all for emergency services being located in a safe and accessible place. I'm not all for it being in a park."

Commissioners suggested offering a one-year lease, but Ovington said the organization would not consider moving without a long-term commitment.

The discussion built on a similar topic discussed earlier in the evening, when Ovington reported CRD administration had turned down a request from the Copper Kettle Society to

house a mobile laundromat and public shower on park property. They suggested using either the public pool property on Rainbow Road or just behind it on Kanaka Road where the CRD works yard is located. Their request came with a letter of support from MLA Adam Olsen.

Ovington explained the facility would not be a permitted use as parks are not zoned for commercial use, and there are requirements for land purchased with parkland acquisition funds. As well, both properties are needed by PARC for its own expanding needs.

"We'll continue to support the housing society in their search, recognizing there is a need for a laundry facility," Ovington said.

Martin discussed a desire to break down the "silo" effect and look at broader community needs, even if the laundry didn't fit directly into PARC's mandate. He reported that director McIntyre was supportive of the plan and had in fact brought it to the CRD for consideration.

"He very much wants the administration to find a solution that works and find it quickly," Martin said.

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ISLANDS TRUST

Galiano LTC tackles communications tower policy

Public info meeting introduces new strategy

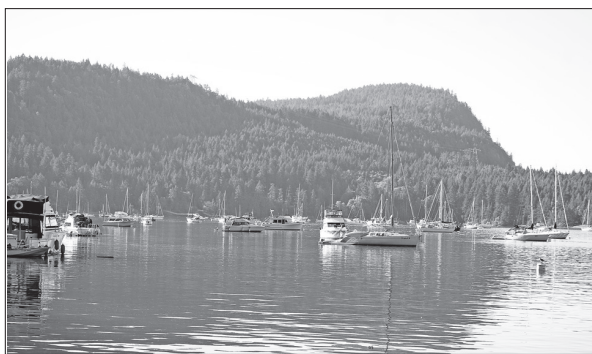
BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Galiano Island Local Trust Committee is hoping to simplify how applications for telecommunications towers will be handled after determining that previous models were both outdated and ineffective.

In a community where communication technologies can be spotty or even nonexistent, the land use authority has had a fine line to walk between those fed up with the status quo and those who prefer to limit electromagnetic transmissions as much as possible. If approved, the consultation strategy will provide some guidelines for how and where expansion might take place, although Industry Canada ultimately holds the sole power of decision-making.

The draft protocol introduced at a public meeting on Tuesday minimizes the number of new antenna sites by encouraging co-location; encourages designs that integrate with the surrounding land use; establishes when local public consultation is required; and encourages proponents to identify and resolve any potential land-use, siting or design concerns with the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee at an early stage in the process.

Forging a new telecommunication consultation strategy was elevated to one of the LTC's three top-



Montague Harbour on Galiano Island. Residents of the neighbourhood have reported extremely poor cell phone and internet connectivity.

priority projects in February 2016. A previous agreement between the Islands Trust and Industry Canada had been deemed void by the federal body. As well, Salt Spring's model, which the Galiano LTC had been using since 2002, was found ineffective during what some called a "divisive" consultation process for a Rogers Communications cell tower application that took place in 2015.

"I think there needs to be improved cell phone service, and emergency services," a Galiano resident stated in response to a survey related to the LTC project. "But when they wanted to put a tower on Stockade Hill, I sympathized with local residents who were dead set against the tower in their backyards. Why can't cell towers be placed well away

from residences? I wouldn't want one in my backyard either. A difficult choice."

Rogers is just the latest company to think about utilizing an existing tower on Stockade Hill, located between Sturdies Bay and Montague Harbour, as a report from Galiano's special advisory planning commission (SAPC) for the project explains. The Galiano Island Local Trust Committee did not concur in that proposal, while other efforts have also so far fallen by the wayside.

Although local governments have no authority in respect to antenna systems or their siting, under federal regulation they can require a specific public consultation process for structures that are more than 15 metres in height, and they have the

opportunity to provide comments on cell tower referrals. Proponents must follow the consultation process established by the land use authority where one exists. In the event a local protocol does not exist, Industry Canada's default public consultation process must be relied upon.

A survey the SAPC put out in Dec. 2016 to help inform its work developing a protocol revealed the majority of Galiano LTC households are unhappy with their existing telecommunications services and are in favour of some sort of expansion.

The SAPC survey received 455 responses, both mailed and online. Of those who submitted responses, 73 per cent said they were not satisfied with their current phone, radio, television and internet services and only 17 per cent said they did not support expansion beyond the currently served areas. As well, 91 per cent supported the expansion and upgrading of emergency radio communications services.

A sample comment reads, "An upgrade to the cell coverage and reliability is essential for safety and business viability. Telus does not have same landline service level as previously and this will likely get worse. Kids growing up on this island are at an educational disadvantage from other kids in B.C."

The neighbourhoods of Montague Harbour, Parker Island and the North End were cited as having particularly poor, or no, internet or cellular service. Some areas have no access to a landline. Most people

called for more service immediately, with poor communications at best in much of the community and a resulting risk in emergency situations.

Some residents remain concerned about the potential health impact of electromagnetic radio transmissions, a topic that was out of scope for the SAPC review. There are also other considerations. A sample of the opposing view explained, "I live on Galiano because I like rural living. I do not want any of these services."

Some of the expansion proposals that residents might wish to submit their views on cannot be addressed by the consultation protocol, according to Industry Canada's guidelines. The installment of "microcells" or mini antennas was flagged as an issue at Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee through a presentation by Oona McQuat earlier this year. The Union of B.C. Municipalities has since voted in favour of a resolution from the city of Grand Forks that seeks more local authority over microcells placed within 100 metres of homes, schools and hospitals in their communities.

However, anything deemed to be exempt from consultation at the federal level is also exempt on the local government level. At this point, the installation of internet repeaters or structures for WiFi hotspots would only trigger the need for consultation if they were on structures over 15 metres in height.

CONSERVATION

CRD steps up for St. John Point partnering agreement

Deal saves Mayne Island treasure as parkland

A 26-hectare waterfront property known as St. John Point on Mayne Island has been secured for protection as regional parkland thanks to an agreement that will see the Capital Regional District partner with the Mayne Island Conservancy Society and American Friends of Canadian Land Trusts.

A CRD press release states the regional district will contribute \$2 million towards the purchase through its Regional Parks Land Acquisition Fund. The remainder of the purchase price will be funded through community fundraising coordinated by the Mayne Island Conservancy Society and a donation by the vendor.

"The CRD recognizes the high recreational and conservation val-

ues of the property on Mayne Island," said David Howe, CRD Southern Gulf Islands electoral area director. "This purchase is an example of working together to ensure the natural areas we enjoy today continue to benefit future generations."


"The Mayne Island Conservancy Society is thrilled to partner with CRD to acquire this wonderful property. The public funding is being matched with generous contributions from Mayne Island residents and visitors," added Malcolm Inglis, president of the Mayne Island Conservancy. "Together we have assured the protection of this magnificent stretch of Coastal Douglas Fir landscape and over two kilometres of coastline while also adding to the common wealth of publicly accessible lands for everyone who loves the islands."

The CRD's participation makes possible a unique bi-national collaboration

involving Canadian and American landowners, and charities from both countries.

"St. John Point will be a model for other Canadian government agencies and conservation organizations seeking a way to acquire properties owned by Americans. The landowners' commitment to maintaining the natural character of St. John Point and willingness to donate a substantial percentage of the appraised value made this effort possible," said Sandra Tassel from American Friends of Canadian Land Trusts.

The press release explains the property will offer residents and visitors opportunities for low-impact, oceanfront recreation including shoreline bluffs and a small pocket beach, along with an existing trail network through mature forest stands. The property will also provide protection for several sensitive ecosystems and plant communities.




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HARBOUR AUTHORITY

Winter chores keep docks in service

Report from the Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island

DOCKTALK

BY PER SVENDSEN AND KATHY SCARFO HASSI BOARD

As the majority of the summer tourists have fled to warmer climes and other activities, our dock crews who have been busy all summer and into the fall greeting and accommodating thousands of visitors are now moving into winter mode.

Like all Salt Spring Islanders, we are preparing for the onslaught of the winter-weather months. Hopefully we will have a mild, pleasant winter as we did two years ago, but given the weather forecasts of late, it appears we may be in for a long winter like the last one. We are preparing for the worst, hoping for the best.

With the tourist demand decrease, Kanaka Dock has shifted to winter storage of boats. Thanks to our Harbour Authority staff for the many hours spent "taking care of business" and making this a smooth transition!

You may notice that things on the Coast Guard dock are looking pretty nice. Old sodium vapour lighting is gradually being completely replaced with LED units. Yellow painted restricted zones at all docks have been renewed. Water leaks and other unforeseen float repairs keep our handyman Brett on the go. Thanks for wielding a paint brush and revitalizing our aging wood and keeping up with the ongoing demands of these floating facilities.

A major concern for the Harbour Authority has been the increased erosion of the public road leading down to Burgoyne Bay Dock from Burgoyne Bay Road. As the winter rains come and go we find that the normal flow of rainwater, being diverted, is eroding the road onto the dock and causing some very unsafe situations. It also has the possibility of dam-

aging the dock and the access from land. Nothing good comes from water running downhill off a road onto a dock. As a temporary measure a concrete barrier has been placed that slows down the ongoing erosion while still allowing passage so that use of this dock isn't interrupted.

Ongoing discussions with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure MOTI and BC Parks about the issue have not been fruitful. The Harbour Authority has asked for assistance from the Salt Spring Transportation Commission in addressing this worsening and neglected issue to ensure access to the dock and adjacent waterfront beach are protected.

The Willard Davies memorial carving called Mother and Child in front of the Harbour Authority office was a huge hit with the visitors and locals this year.

Airline passengers were reportedly very pleased to see the new McColl waiting room and the fresh non-skid paint on the float-plane dock.

The Harbour Authority is busy preparing for our next open house. Everyone will be welcome to come. The many harbour plans and uses will be on display and representatives from some of the groups have been invited to be there to meet with the public.

A huge thank you to all the parents and children who used the Kids Don't Float kiosks (with free use of lifejackets) while boating or exploring the docks.

The Harbour Authority will be clearing vessels from the floats so that we can once again host the fire department and Halloween fireworks display. We're looking forward to seeing the crowds and this great show.

We ask boat owners to please take the time to make sure their vessels are well tied, with proper fenders and good pumps.

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Barrier placed near Burgoyne Bay dock to help reduce erosion of the road. PHOTO COURTESY HASSI

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE Bylaws No. 474 and No. 475

NOTICE is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a Public Hearing concerning **Proposed Bylaws No. 474 and No. 475** for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained therein. At the public hearing, all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaws shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions.

DATE: Thursday, November 2, 2017
LOCATION: Lion's Hart Bradley Hall, 103 Bonnet Avenue, Salt Spring Island
INFORMATION SESSION: 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
PUBLIC HEARING: 9:30 a.m.

Island Planner Jason Youmans will be available at the Hart Bradley Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. to provide information about the bylaws and to answer any questions.

Bylaw No. 474, cited as "Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan Bylaw, 2008, Amendment No. 2, 2013" (Island Marine Construction Services Ltd. - 2850 Fulford-Ganges Road).

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 474 is to amend Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 434 to change the designation of the water adjacent to the subject lands from "Marine Other" to "Shoreline Development" and to include the water within Development Permit Area 1.

Bylaw No. 475, cited as "Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw, 1999, Amendment No. 6, 2013" (Island Marine Construction Services Ltd. - 2850 Fulford-Ganges Road).

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 475 is to amend Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw No. 355 to change the zones of the water adjacent to the subject lands from Shoreline 3 (S3) and Shoreline 6 (S6) to a new zone variation Shoreline 2(a) in which the following special provision applies:

- A minimum of 87 linear metres of wharfage will be designated as temporary wharfage for transient boats.

Copies of the proposed bylaws, and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee, may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing Wednesday, October 18, 2017 up to and including Wednesday, November 1, 2017.

Enquiries regarding these proposed Bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust at (250) 537-9144 to the attention of Island Planner Jason Youmans. For Toll Free access, request a transfer to the Islands Trust via Enquiry BC: in Vancouver at 604-660-2421; elsewhere in BC at 1-800-663-7867.

Submissions may be provided as follows:

By Mail: Islands Trust, 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2N8 prior to Wednesday November 1, 2017.
By Email: ssinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca prior to Wednesday, November 1, 2017
To the Local Trust Committee: at the public hearing on November 2, 2017.

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

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

Claire Olivier
Legislative Clerk/Deputy Secretary

FIRE DISTRICT

Truck options explored

Trustees consider used ladder truck purchase

Salt Spring fire trustees will investigate the possibility of buying a used ladder truck to replace an engine nearing the end of its life.

The fire department had been planning to replace Engine 202, which is currently housed at Fulford Fire Hall, with a new truck as the apparatus is more than 20 years old.

But trustees and staff have since been made aware that multi-purpose pumper trucks with 75-foot ladders in the eight to 10-year-old range and with low mileage could be acquired from U.S. fire departments.

"We've found them for at least half the price [of a new ladder truck]," said trustee Howard Holzapfel, speaking for the district's finance and audit committee at Monday night's fire board meeting.

Ratepayer approval via an alternate approval process would be required to borrow the funds.

A ladder truck would allow firefighters to attack structure fires with water from above the building.

Trustees agreed to send the matter to the district's plant and facilities committee for further consideration. It will then be brought back to the whole board at a future meeting.

OPINION



2017 CCNA Awards
Gold - Best All-Round | Gold - Best Editorial Page | Silver - Best Front Page | Silver - Best Local Cartoon (Dennis Parker)
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Silver - Best Print Innovation (Driftwood wall calendar) | Silver - Best Print Ad (Home Hardware fall fair catalogue)

2017 BCYCA Awards
Gold - Best Cartoonist (Dennis Parker)



EDITORIAL

Primary needs

Salt Spring is suffering from a lingering condition.

A constant situation seems to exist in which the island faces a looming shortage in family physicians. Just when new doctors arrive, others announce their retirement, or, in the case of two physicians with international accreditation, disappear into another needy community overnight. According to the recent Salt Spring Vital Signs report put out by the Salt Spring Foundation, as much as one fifth of the community does not have a family doctor.

Mental health care is another area with many needs and only minor fixes. Islanders desperately need better access to regular counselling services, emergency and crisis response and substance abuse programs.

THE ISSUE:

Island health care

WE SAY:

Care clinic needs investigation

It's time for more than a Band-aid.

Grassroots efforts with good intentions have done their best to repair the situation but have had limited success.

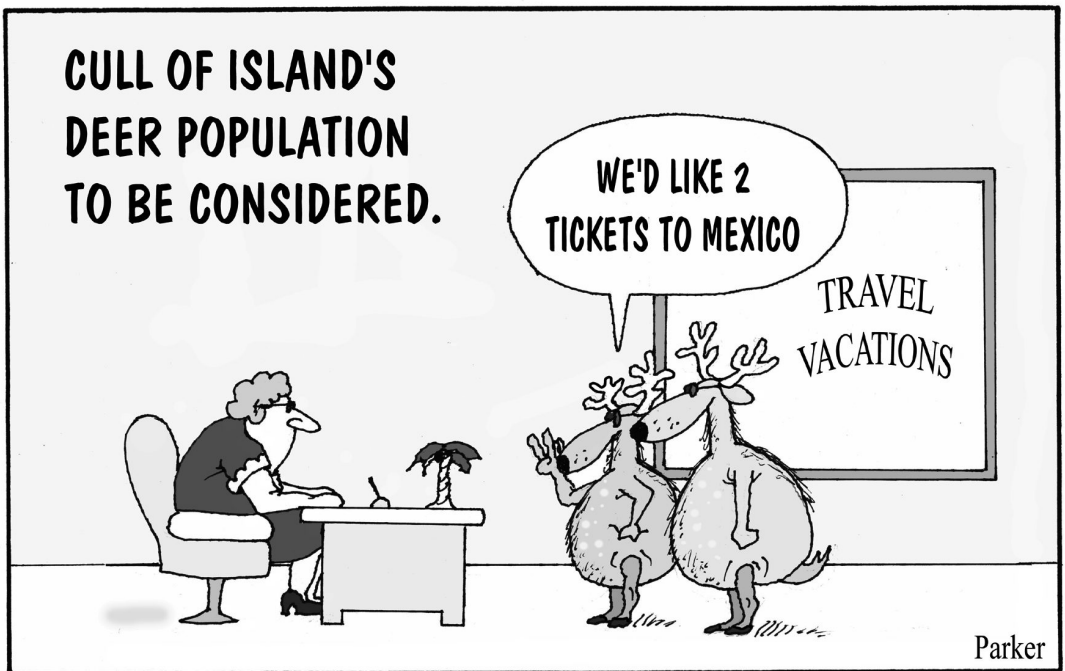
Most recently, a small group of concerned residents in the know have created the Residents Health Care Report, which points out many local shortcomings and promotes one solution: a primary care centre that unites multiple services in one central location and operates under a nonprofit society model.

A few years ago when doctors seemed to be leaving the island in droves, the Driftwood also came to the conclusion that primary care centres can have advantages for small communities. Elizabeth Nolan's 2013 series — which picked up a first place national award for reporting on rural issues that year — pointed to a number of ways that primary care providers and patients have benefited in islands with community clinics, including Pender and Gabriola.

Salt Spring's much larger population means more doctors, and potentially nurse practitioners, are needed than smaller island communities can get away with, so any community clinic would be an added resource rather than a replacement model. Private practice physicians will remain an important part of the health care system in any case.

The time has come to more seriously consider what the multidisciplinary clinic might add to Salt Spring's chart. Let's talk cure, not just symptoms.

CULL OF ISLAND'S DEER POPULATION TO BE CONSIDERED.



Parker

VIEWPOINT by Jackie Berry

Neighbours not neglected by IWAV

After reading the "Building blocks" editorial in the Oct. 11 edition of the Driftwood, I felt that IWAV had been shown to have not engaged their neighbours in discussion regarding the proposed Croftonbrook expansion.

I am a member of the strata council for Roscommon and our property borders the Croftonbrook property. However, the following are my comments and not those of the strata council.

I feel that IWAV has been very proactive with involving their neighbours in the process of the proposed Croftonbrook expansion.

I feel that if anyone is to blame for the neighbours not being properly engaged in this process it would be the Province of B.C., whose election-driven press release of March 28, 2017 announced the allocation of funds before IWAV would have had any chance of discussing this with the neighbouring properties. That announcement got everyone riled up to begin with.

I met with IWAV in October of 2016 to have a discussion regarding some trees that were between our properties that seemed to be unsafe. We were unsure at that time which property they were on, so surveys were done to determine that. On April 20, 2017, I met with IWAV to further discuss the location of the trees and we determined that they were not on either of our properties but rather likely on the roadway property owned by the Ministry of Transportation.

Two representatives from IWAV attended our April 2017 strata council meeting to outline the parameters of the proposed Croftonbrook expansion. They were very open with

the information that they had and were very clear that the project was in its early stages and that they intended to keep us informed as they moved forward through the process.

The same two representatives from IWAV attended the Roscommon May 28, 2017 special general meeting that was open to all of our owners. Again they explained what the proposed development would be and what their plans were.

They took open questions from the owners and even walked the property with some of the owners that have units bordering the property. Since that meeting they have promptly answered any further questions that have been raised by our owners.

On Sept. 20, the two representatives organized a meeting for the owners of Cottonwood Close and Roscommon to review the steps that they had taken since they last updated us and explained to us what would be presented at the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee meeting of Oct. 5.

As you can see, IWAV has been proactive in reporting to their neighbours. This proposed development has a lot of challenges that will have to be resolved at all levels of authority on the island, as well as satisfying their neighbours, but I don't think that we should be showing them to be flippant about their concern for the neighbours as well as the residents of Croftonbrook.

The writer is a resident of Roscommon strata, which borders the Croftonbrook property.

IWAV has been proactive in reporting to their neighbours.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

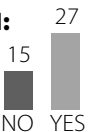
Should Salt Spring pursue a primary care centre?

Yes No

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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you have a home fire escape plan?



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "There's no fear. Remember, no fear. It's only a pie."

GERRY TRIBBLE, PIE-MAKING EXPERT VISITING SALT SPRING

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What do you think about the federal government plan to lower the tax rate for small businesses?



SUSAN HUBER

I would think it's not going far enough. Businesses face a lot of pressures, including really high rents, which means the customer has to pay more.



JASPAR IRWIN

I think it's a good plan. Small businesses are great, and on Salt Spring you probably know the people that own them.



PAUL ZOLOB

They're acting like they're giving us something new when actually they already promised it.



CORA MCCRAE

I think as far as small businesses go it's probably a good idea.



YVONNE LUCK

It's never a simple answer, especially when the government's involved.

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

Give women more access

Gaia, we've got a problem. It's the humans. We've made quite a mess of things. Threatening signs abound. Ominous deadlines are looming.

Luckily we have a way out: a vastly underutilized resource of great potential for benefit is available and eagerly waits to be tapped and developed.

Oct. 11 was the UN International Day of the Girl Child. Widely acknowledged international, cross-cultural scientific research

in psychological, social, biological, political and economic areas provides strong evidence that the most efficient and economically feasible approach to addressing the most critical issues facing the community of life on Earth lies in protecting, educating, empowering, inspiring and guiding our girls and young women world-wide.

In order to maximize our collective chance of survival, women must be given at least equal access to positions of power in politics, business and religion. Of course, for this plan to work we must concurrently sup-

port and wisely guide the essential, evolving cooperative role of boys and men. (This sub-topic will be addressed another time.)

The data are in. A logical, practical, cooperative progressive plan developed; and the necessary resources available. We can do it. Let's do it! Now!

RALPH MILLER,
SALT SPRING

Housing dilemma

As long-time owners and residents in Cottonwood Close, in fact since its inception 22 years ago,

we are faced with a major dilemma concerning the proposed Croftonbrook low-cost housing expansion plans.

Let us quickly explain that this is not a "NIMBY" situation, as we are totally supportive of the need for additional one or two-bedroom units. We cannot, however, be supportive of the intent to add a three-storey apartment complex in the midst of three communities of one and two-bedroom housing, i.e. the existing Croftonbrook complex, Cottonwood Close and Roscommon. Thus our dilemma!

A three-storey apartment complex requires rezoning plus a variance to allow for three storeys. The effect of this significant increase in current density plus the proposed location of the building will result in removal of large areas of forest coverage and its subsequent impact on wildlife, plus loss of view quality for Cottonwood Close residents.

Also, there will be increased traffic on Corbett Road, resulting in added danger to elderly people who walk daily on this roadway (with no

footpath) and, importantly, adding to the already congested and dangerous intersection of Lower Ganges Road and Crofton Road.

We urge the Capital Regional District, Islands Trust and any other authorities involved to be supportive of the increased housing for Croftonbrook but to reject the aspect of the proposed apartment building.

Please help solve the dilemma.

JULIAN & BRIGITTE ELWES,
COTTONWOOD CLOSE

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Local government talk raises cosmic questions

Our community asked itself unusually important questions this year. Ostensibly about changing our form of local governance, and often generating arguments about road costs, taxes and grants, the questions really were about how our small community can best improve itself, and how we feel about our own life. We are better for the asking.

Inevitably we played ping-pong with the words "development" and "preservation," almost as if we know what they are. I confess I don't, and I've watched, read, talked, done them, and even thought about them for 60 years.

I've encountered "development" in many contexts. They all involve an unfolding of potentials under conditions of a particular time and place. The dynamics are internal as well as external, as with seed, soil and weather producing a tree. Genes determine whether the growth results in a petunia or a pine; environmental conditions mostly determine whether it will thrive or die. Active change never stops. Every moment in the individual life has its endowment; every day, hour and instant brings new challenges and responses.

At a bigger scale, natural communities unfold in the same way. Take our farm pond, for instance, which a farmer dug 35 years ago. The excavator and 'dozer left bare clay. Pond life began with leaf fall, blown seeds, insect explorations and pollen drift. A lot of chance was involved in nature's kick-off bequest, as it was when whimsical weathers followed. Nevertheless, the process had a kind of inevitability. The sum and variety of life expanded. With each new species came more interactions, life with life and living with non-living, until some-

times there is more complexity and wonder and beauty than I can take without tears.

Human bodies likewise develop during a constant interplay of embryo and environment that starts before birth (think of fetal alcohol syndrome, for example) and stops only with death. There's a strong analogy at the town level.

Communities develop differently if begun by miners, religious refugees, or military necessity, for instance, but thereafter all are "herded about by the compelling orders of circumstance" (Aldo Leopold's phrase. I like it). Development brings fuller use of local resources and more human diversity. Communities are lives shared, and life is a verb.

We experience dimensions of development that have only weak counterparts, if any, in nature. We build socialization patterns, for example, and develop consciousness and a sense of self. We mature spiritually. Each of these has the essentials of all development: an unfolding of potentials in a particular environment.

What we talk about most is economic development. We know it when we see it — more dollars, people, cars, jobs and digital devices; more of everything measurable. We forget that economic activity is a means, not an end. When you want to dig a hole, the shovel is the tool. In the case of economic development we love the shovel so much that we forget why we dig until we are in so deep we can't get out, and the spoil we've produced has smothered treasures.

Preservation also is a tool. I've been part of attempts to preserve nature all my adult life. For



Bob Weeden

CONNECTIONS

alpine hills in central Alaska where I had spent 11 summers in the '50s and '60s. During those years the scene didn't seem to change — just the details like when early flowers bloomed and how many ptarmigan raised chicks. This summer northern slopes seemed the same, but the growth of shrubs on south slopes was astounding. If we had set up a preserve there with the idea of stopping change, we'd now either have to grub shrubs or redefine our mission.

If nature preservation and economic development are means, not ends, what are their ultimate goals? Science's view is that in nature there are no purposes, only events that have results. Earth's ecologic maturation results in bigger mass and more variety of living things, more oxygen in the air and less acid in the oceans, nothing more. Many astrophysicists say the same about the universe; neither telescopes nor math have uncovered meaning.

Does the same desolate purposeless apply to us? Atheists say it does. Theists say no. Agnostics don't know, but ask for openness to possibility.

Such questions run too deep for me. I find intermediate goals to be where the excitement and hope are, beyond minute-to-minute stock market positions or the dangerously slumping road, but still connected closely enough with

many years I didn't question why. I loved the wild outdoors, and so did friends. That was enough. Many colleagues had a vague conviction that preserving acreage kept things as they were. A biologist, I avoided that trap. Nature never rests.

I got an eye-opening example this July when I visited some

reality to be worth working for.

Economic development and preservation both are full of goals of that sort. In economics, for instance, the old approach to rich nations helping poor ones, in which rich ones gave money to leaders of poor ones and trusted to the demonstrably untrustworthy trickle-down, should be turned on its head: help local communities achieve their own goals and let trickle-up support the national elite.

On the preservation side, the goals of preservation — a vigorous, bounce-back nature — sometimes can be gained not by locking people out but by partnering with landowners so that their goals of a sustainable ranching or forest-harvesting income can also produce an ecosystem prepared for most anything.

Paul Simon wrote, "So I'll continue to continue to pretend/ Life will never end. / Flowers never bend/ With the rainfall."

"Continue to continue." Sometimes it seems that we need our best knowledge, our cleverest technology, our deepest humility and our fullest love, just to continue.

I'm sure of only one thing. If I choose life for myself and everyone else — and I do — I will protect nature both in its being and in its becoming. Nature can get along without us, but we can't go it alone. Earthly nature is essential life-giver, companion, wellspring of creativity, awesome infinitude, ever-enticing mystery and more. There may be other planets we could survive on, but we wouldn't long be human there.

Editor's note: Bob Weeden says he is "taking a break from writing his monthly Driftwood articles to see if he can make a book out of them worth reading."

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Croftonbrook tenants raise concerns

BY JO-ANN FERRIMAN AND LYNNE TERRY

INDEPTH

While much publicity has been given to the new 54-unit plan for Croftonbrook, nothing has been published which covers the perceived downsides from the point of view of current tenants, or those living in condo complexes bookending Croftonbrook.

No one has addressed the impact four years of continuous construction will have on 1) the quality of life of those living at Croftonbrook, nor their neighbours who have paid significant sums for the privilege of living in a quiet senior community, 2) the dangers created by construction vehicles that will have to travel a long and circuitous route to service the project — without any egress on the property, 3) the gutting of the once proud community garden which has fed numerous tenants, along with mature trees, 4) or the destruction of wildlife which currently abounds on the property.

The latest site plan seen shows a once verdant Croftonbrook being replaced by a lot of pavement. Add to the above, deforestation of a large piece of property beside Cottonwood Close, plus the noise, diesel fumes and construction debris to be endured by those in the

vicinity. All construction trucks will have to travel up the road to the hospital, down Corbett Road past multiple homes and converge at the juncture of Roscommon, Cottonwood Close and Croftonbrook. Meanwhile, the considerable foot traffic at this juncture and up Corbett Road where many people walk, includes elderly individuals who valiantly plod using their walkers for support on high-traffic roads totally devoid of sidewalks.

At some point, the quality of life of those who live on or near Croftonbrook should be perceived as equally important or moreso than those who are already working and have current earning power, or those with such complex problems they could surpass the ability of existing services to contain them.

Tenants at Croftonbrook have spoken positively about utilizing the already zoned green space for 20 more housing units for seniors, those with disabilities or those experiencing financial challenges — their longstanding 32-year mandate — and which entails a construction schedule of two years. But instead, it appears Croftonbrook could be moved away from being primar-

ily a seniors affordable housing complex into a situation which is redefining the definition of the term “affordable housing” altogether, and which hangs over the heads of those now living in anxiety waiting to see how it “shakes out.”

When it comes to supplying housing for those families with children who are working, plans are already underway to provide lower-cost housing at Dragonfly Commons. That’s one possibility. They can also look to property owners, businesses who employ them and our local government, which can loosen up the 25 per cent level now allowed homeowners to rent out suites in their homes.

With regards to chronically homeless individuals, their needs are so complex and desperate (as previously outlined in the Driftwood by Community Services) that it is feared they could lead to serious problems not heretofore existing at Croftonbrook.

The Copper Kettle organization has worked long and hard for years to develop a model they have recommended as ideal for the homeless, but has been bypassed to house a considerable number at Croftonbrook.

While on the topic of resolving tenant problems, it is strongly felt that a non-partisan, volunteer

mediation group is long overdue in the community to address them. Currently, some have simply gone unanswered. Others are painfully slow in even being addressed. Tenants are members of the community, and a long, drawn-out arbitration process that has been written about scathingly in the media is no longer deemed the appropriate route to take to deal with them.

For those Croftonbrook residents who are now dealing with anxiety about the proposed program, it is deemed cruel and without precedent. Just because there is an extra piece of land at Croftonbrook doesn’t mean its mandate should be done away with, or that one needy group should supersede the needs of another needy group.

The term “affordable housing” is morphing into something undesirable due to wordsmithing and highly speculative possibilities. But Pandora’s box is already open and some tenants are talking about panic attacks and sleepless nights spent worrying about where they may end up.

As Joni Mitchell wrote: “They paved paradise and put up a parking lot.”

The writers are residents of the current Croftonbrook complex operated for BC Housing by Island Women Against Violence.

Jim Pattison Subaru victoria

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Salt Spring Island deer cull makes sense

Thank you for your excellent Oct. 11 article on deer overpopulation and the need for a cull ("Forest ecologist calls for deer cull").

I have lived and worked in the woods on Salt Spring for the past 10 years and have personally witnessed the destruction caused by deer and rabbits. The undergrowth is indeed disappearing, and this has resulted in a great loss of biodiversity.

It's clear that Tara Martin has a Ph.D. in common sense. Let's listen to her advice!

VINCENT THERIAULT,
WOODLAND DRIVE

Ticks wanted for research

Another tick season on Salt Spring has now begun. Unlike eastern Canada and the U.S., the high season here for encountering ticks spans the autumn through the spring. I would like any ticks that you may have come across. Here's why:

I spent my academic career at the University of Alberta, my research concentrating on the physiology of ticks. When I retired here in 2012, Dr. Justene Tedder most kindly offered me space at the Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic to set up a laboratory so that I could continue my research on the mechanical properties of the tick's cuticle (its outer "skin"). The predominant species of tick found locally on Salt Spring is capable of transmitting Lyme disease.

Over the past five years, I have

received many more ticks from Salt Springers than I am able to use for my research. However, a colleague at the University of Alberta is conducting research on the Lyme disease bacterium and other tick-borne nasties, so most of the ticks that I'm given here are forwarded to her for further analysis.

I can use ticks at any stage of feeding, so if you notice ticks on your pet or domestic animal, would you please contact me for further information? I can be reached at rkaufman@ualberta.ca.

Here is a link to further information on ticks, tick-borne diseases and my project: http://www.biology.ualberta.ca/faculty/reuben_kaufman/index.php?Page=8930.

REUBEN KAUFMAN,
SALT SPRING

Playground project efforts pay off on Galiano

Galiano Community School truly is a community school. Our playground project epitomizes what community can, and will do, when hearts and passions are united. What started off as a seed of a dream has blossomed in to an amazing reality.

Almost two years ago a mom of a little guy in kindergarten came in to the school with the idea of maybe trying to improve our original standing playground. That mom brought her idea forward to a small group of dedicated, hard-working folks who not only embraced her dream, but in their enthusiasm, grew the dream even bigger.

The British Columbia Automobile Association (BCAA) introduced a competition for dollars to support the construction of playground

facilities, and the Galiano community jumped right in. The passion, energy and commitment that started with a group of keen parents grew and grew until it became an entire island holding close a vision and working tirelessly for months to bring the dream to life.

Galiano, with a population of approximately 1,000, brought in 100,000 votes! That in and of itself was a monumental victory. Even before any announcement was made, our school and community felt we had already won so much. In the spring of 2017 it was announced that Galiano Community School won the BCAA Play Here \$100,000 campaign!

Last week, with the sun shining down, we watched the fruits of all our efforts. Over 50 volunteers a day poured in to bring two brand new spectacular playgrounds to life.

The gratitude that we at Galiano School have for so many is immense.

Thank you to Kate Emmings for sharing her dream.

Thank you to the core "playground team" that took Kate's dream and grew it to include a second playground.

Thank you to the kids, parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, friends, neighbours and strangers who believed in the dream and found the most creative ways to capture hearts and capture votes.

Thank you to Todd, Mark and Suttle Recreation for bringing our penciled imagined vision to life.

And a giant, giant, thank you to BCAA for showing us that dreams really do come true with a lot of hard work, a lot of deep care and commitment, and a whole lot of island heart!

SHANNON JOHNSTON,
PRINCIPAL,
GALIANO COMMUNITY SCHOOL

RANTS and
Roses

Rants

Regarding the Vital Signs report: No data on traffic on Salt Spring? A serious omission. This is vital! I do know that there are over 9,800 registered vehicles here. Myna Lee Johnstone

Roses

Bouquets of roses from the Salt Spring Island Women's Institute (aka the Pie Ladies) and so much gratitude for helping us have such a successful year making and selling our pies at the 2017 Heritage Day, Fall Fair and Apple Festival. We could not do what we do without your help and we sincerely thank each and every one of you who bought a slice of pie or donated fruit or helped at our pie bees or any other innumerable kind and helpful actions. We love our community! We especially want to thank the following this year: Don Maierhoffer, Patty Thomas, Stan Webb, Jean Davis, Zelly Taylor, Sandra Jansen, Lesley Crystal, Esther Sufrady, Alan Coupland, Carrie Oloriz, Country Grocer (for generous donations and discounts on pie-making supplies), Salt Spring Cheese (for our pizza boxes at cost). Roses to the Women's Institute members who donate fruits from their orchards, and make and sell the pies! Lori Hudson-Fish, Liz Mycyk, Milly Sinclair, Vera Algoet, Apple Luscious Organic Orchard (Harry Burton), Leanna Boyer and Mark Lauckner of The Glass Foundry, Bright Farm, Norm Elliot and Don Meirhoffer, Dawn Hogarth, Conrad Pilon, Jan Smith, Jackie Somers, Victoria and David Woodman, Sylvia Ommanney, Jan Hudson. I hope I remembered everyone, but know that we appreciate you, whether you are listed here or not. And thanks to the Driftwood for letting us thank you here!

Farm-to-table life in focus at event

BY JANET CLOUSTON

As we get ready to host Sip & Savour Salt Spring Harvest Food and Drink Festival — the 7th installment of this annual event — we realize that the farm-to-table way of life we are promoting has a long, proud history on this island that is worth sharing.

First Nations peoples have been living here, harvesting, fishing and foraging on the island for thousands of years. We are proud to be supporting the initiatives in Xwaaqw'um (Burgoyne Bay) and their exciting plan for clam aquaculture could produce sustainable seafood within a few years.

As early as the 1870s, settlers joined them here and purchased land through a special agricultural program for \$1 per acre. Much of this land has been farmed ever since. The oldest continuously operated farm in B.C. is in fact here on Salt Spring Island: Ruckle Heritage Farm, which is located in the provincial park at the south end of the island.

We also are home to the newest of its kind in Canada: the olive farm in Fulford Valley

just produced delicious olive oil — the first in our nation's history. From the oldest to the newest, here on our fertile Gulf Island.

We are proud of the over 200 working farms on the island that are managed by seasoned farm families and those new to farming. The vibrant farm community is on display through both the Saturday and Tuesday markets, at honour box farm stands and through local grocery stores and restaurants, who are eager to use local food and drink on their menus throughout the year.

The recent Salt Spring Apple Festival was also a great celebration of our agricultural history, showcasing the 450 apple varieties grown here.

Using top-quality ingredients leads to top-quality food products, where the "Made on Salt Spring Island" label brings an understanding that under the lid, inside the wrapper and in the bag you will find the best this region has to offer. Our lamb is coveted, mussels are "first in class" and our cheese is, well, it's in a class of its own, really!

Sip & Savour Salt Spring not only provides a way for us to honour our wonderful farmers, food producers and chefs. It is also showcasing our award-winning beverage producers, including wineries, breweries, cideries and distillers from our island, Vancouver Island and invited guests from B.C.

Add to the mix our great restaurants featuring harvest-themed dinners — with a focus on local producers — and you have a recipe for success.

We are back at the Farmers' Institute on Saturday, Oct. 21 for an afternoon of food and drink lovers' bliss.

Proceeds from ticket sales are going to support the GISS Culinary Program, which is creating the next generation of farmers, chefs, food producers and vintners.

You can learn more about the event and how to get tickets at www.sipandsavoursaltspring.com.

The writer is executive director of the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce and Salt Spring Tourism and a passionate local economy booster.

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ART REVIEW

Four Gallery 8 artists exhibit uniformly strong work



Sculpture by Kathy Venter, foreground, with pieces by Deon Venter, Gillian McConnell and Bill Boyd at Gallery 8.

PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Artwork from quartet makes for impactful show

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Gallery 8 is showing some of its strongest artists this month, with a quick fall show called “Four” featuring a quartet grouped together by deep experience and masterful execution.

Kathy Venter, Deon Venter, Gillian McConnell and Bill Boyd are in the spotlight in the upstairs showcase gallery, revealing new paths for some and a continuing perfection of technique for others.

Kathy Venter received some of her due in 2013 when a large installation of her ceramic sculptures formed a showcase exhibition at the Gardiner Museum in Toronto. Both she and her husband Deon have received international acclaim, with their work found in major galleries and collections.

After many years of working on separate floors of the same studio, it’s not surprising there is some cross-pollination between two otherwise very different artists. Both employ texture to express life and emotion that surges above and beyond the surface — she with a lumpy slip that partially obscures her life-sized terra cotta figures, and he with large-scale paintings in which oil paint extends off the linen and into the viewer’s space in thick ridges and crevasses.

Kathy Venter concentrates exclusively on the female form, referencing and transforming 4,000 years of Western art with her unique perspective, and her relationship with the models. She has the ability to almost magically translate close observation of real women into hand-built forms. The splatters of slip, which can be left white or coloured, both obscure and heighten the strong anatomy beneath.

Four includes some fine examples of busts from Venter’s Ostraca series. Ostraca is an archeological term for broken pottery shards marked with writing, usually rough notes, perhaps referring to the fact that these ceramic forms don’t fully represent the human model; or perhaps they are shards of the full-sized figures the artist usually created. (More ominously, it can also mean the ballots used to ostracize someone from ancient Athens, although the victims were high-placed men.) The multiple layers of meaning are typical of the range of intellectual query that underlie Venter’s work.

Deon Venter has often addressed a topical aspect in his work, diving into themes such as Vancouver’s missing and murdered women in one memorable example. The paintings currently at Gallery 8 are less directly political, but carry such force that a message feels like it’s being delivered nonetheless. This is especially true in Avatar, a stunning 72-inch-high painting of the once-threatened grove, centred by a magnificent old-growth cedar.

“In Canada, landscape influences all

of us. It’s one of the reasons we live here on the West Coast,” as Venter told the Driftwood back in 2011. “And when one observes something one starts to feel something. There’s an interaction.”

Venter’s paintings are full of gesture and movement. He layers on pigment in a seemingly abstract way that actually is a careful building of the composition from the micro level. Characteristically, his paintings here are broken up and abstracted through the removal of thin vertical lines of paint in even sections across the entire work.

Other pieces in the series are more domestic in nature and employ a palette based on dove grey highlighted with soft pinks and greens. Bromeliad is a robust house plant. A bit of the pot is shown but mainly it’s a riot of branches and leaves that fill the square field. The strokes are big and gestural; extra daubs of white form heavy bars and circles on the background and over the plant’s top, adding a sense of life-force energy as opposed to a serene still life. Two Willows, where a taller tree is skirted with a weeping shrubbery, also carries that strong sense of life, with its jumble of browns and yellows.

Gillian McConnell takes an entirely different track with her series The Resurrection of Dead Letter/Post Marks. These carefully collaged multi-media works reference several lost arts, such as cursive handwriting, stenography and that of writing letters. As well, “Dead are memories that letters record, shared by sender and receiver, both long gone,” McConnell writes in her statement.

The multiple layers of meaning are typical of the range of intellectual query that underlie Venter’s work.

The works include elements both personal and institutional, with a stenography textbook forming the backdrop for graphic elements such as a motif of folded letter and envelope, and actual letters and stamps from the artist’s younger years. The textbook’s sample letters often have parts that are circled or crossed out, with added notes.

The series works both compositionally as a collection of elements, and conceptually as a reflection on an increasingly mysterious part of our recent past.

Ceramic artist Bill Boyd needs no introduction, having been a cornerstone of the gallery for its entire reign. His crystalline glaze is always spectacular — so much so that the skilled production of his underlying forms can sometimes be overlooked. There’s no mistake he has mastered form as well, however, and this show makes that clear with many oversized vessels and lidded jars produced on the wheel.

Four continues to Thursday, Nov. 2.

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What's on this week



Wed. Oct. 18

ACTIVITIES

Mother Goose. Join Nomi and Hannah on Wednesdays in the Salt Spring Library Program Room for Parent-Child Mother Goose, with songs, rhymes and playtime. 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 October.

Salt Spring Poultry Club. Planning meeting for 2018. Bring your ideas for workshops or requests for poultry. New members welcome. SS Farmers' Institute. 1 p.m.

SS Seniors Centre Anniversary & Open House. Come see what the Seniors Centre is all about and help celebrate 25 years in their building and 30 years of community and service to seniors. With cake, and performances by the Readers' Theatre and The Lost Chords. SS Seniors Centre. 2 p.m.

Poetry Reading Group. Poetry reading group meets in Room 103 of the Salt Spring Public Library from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. New members welcome.

Central Community Hall Society Board of Directors Meeting. Meeting at Central Hall. Public welcome. 7 p.m.

Live Painting Performance. Stefanie Denz and J Robert Moss at Fault Line Projects. 7 p.m.

Film Screening: Maudie. The true story of Nova Scotia folk painter Maud Lewis. Presented by the Salt Spring Film Festival and SSNAP. ArtSpring theatre. 7:30 p.m.

Wed. Oct. 18

ACTIVITIES

Book Reading: Merilyn Simonds and Kathy Page. Merilyn Simonds (representing the San Miguel Writer's Conference) discusses books and reading in her latest book *Gutenberg's Fingerprint*. Plus reading by two-time Giller Prize nominee Kathy Page. Salt Spring Public Library. 8 p.m.

SongJam. Pub-style sing-along to the soundtrack of our lives. Moby's Pub. 7:30 p.m. (Note earlier start time.)

Thu. Oct. 19

ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt House Museum. See Wednesday's listing.

National Theatre Live: Saint Joan. Bernard Shaw's classic play shows at The Fritz. 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. shows. Email thefritz@hotmail.com for tickets.

GISS Senior Boys Soccer. GISS senior boys play against Cowichan High in the lower GISS field. 3:30 p.m.

GISS Junior Boys Soccer. GISS junior boys soccer team hosts Brentwood at the upper field at 3:30 p.m.

SSI Community Economic Development Commission. Regular business meeting at Portlock Park Portable. 4 to 6 p.m.

Rainbow Road Allotment Gardens AGM. Everyone is welcome. 5:30 p.m. Call 537-0880 for more information.

Salty Business Awards. Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce awards event at Meaden Hall. 6 p.m.

Have Fun Learning Squash! Drop-in introductory sessions at the new squash court at the Golf Club. 7:30 to 9 p.m. Bring clean non-marking shoes. First time is free.

Thu. Oct. 19

ACTIVITIES

Art Show Opening: Damazu Studio - Natural Tendencies. At Salty Pear Gallery on Rainbow Road from 5 to 10 p.m.

Open Mic Night. At Moby's Pub. 8:30 p.m.

Fri. Oct. 20

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Sounding Seven: Live Soundscapes & Video Performances. With 9GHT4ALL (AKA: J Robert Moss) and RDX (AKA: Roderick Shoolbraid). Fault Line Projects. 7 p.m.

Falling Awake. Surrealist physical comedy from Ragmop Theatre returns to ArtSpring by popular demand. 7:30 p.m.

Jazz Duet Concert with Caroni Young and Bill Coon. Concert at All Saints By-the-Sea. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt House Museum. See Wednesday's listing.

PARC Friday Adventure Camp. Every Friday when school is not in session. For ages 5 to 12 years at SS Elementary School gym. 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Today's theme is Halloween Hunt.

StoryWalk. Walk from the library to Moutat Park and to the pool, following a story along the path. All day, with crafts and activities at the library at 10 a.m.

SafeTALK Suicide Alertness For Everyone. Half-day alertness training that prepares anyone over the age of 15, regardless of prior experience or training, to become a suicide-alert helper. Presented by the Salt Spring Local Action Team. SS Elementary School. 12:30 to 4 p.m. Coffee and treats at 12:30 p.m. Training begins at 1 p.m.

Fri. Oct. 20

ACTIVITIES

Family Movie Matinee. At the Salt Spring Public Library at 2:30 p.m. for families with kids ages six and up. Kids under 10 must be signed in and out. Today's screening is *The Muppets* (2011).

Sat. Oct. 21

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Falling Awake. See Friday's listing.

Damasco Soul System. Latin inspired afro-beat reggae at 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.

Salt Spring Basketry Guild Demo Day + Weaving Workshop. Guild members will demonstrate basketry techniques at the library from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. From 1 to 3:30 p.m. there will be a Come and Weave workshop where everyone from ages 5 and up are invited to make a basket. All materials will be provided.

Sip & Savour Salt Spring Grazing Experience. Sip fine beverages from the Gulf Islands and Vancouver Island region and savour samples of delicious local and regional foods prepared by local chefs and food producers. Salt Spring Farmers' Institute. 1 to 4 p.m.

Salt Spring Baha'i Community Celebration. Events marking the 200th birthday of Baha'u'llah. Lions Hall. Opening ceremony at 2 p.m., with Persian chanting, music by Wesley Hardisty, Jim Cribb documentary and keynote presentation by Bevan Wrate. Spirit Cafe musical coffeehouse opens at 7 p.m. with the Rolling Scones, Barb Slater, Kevin Wilkie and friends.

SSNAP Awards Night & Closing Gala. Presentation of eight awards and the SSNAP 2017 closing celebration. Mahon Hall. 6 p.m.

Sun. Oct. 22

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Baha'i Community Celebration. Day 2 of celebration at Lions Hall features flute player Craig Paterson guiding people on a soulful journey in prayer beginning at 9 a.m. Children's program of music, art, story and devotion begins at 11 a.m.

Old Boys Men's Soccer. Old Boys play against SSFC Powers75 at 10:30 a.m. at GISS.

Women's Soccer. Salt Spring United hosts Juan de Fuca United at Portlock Park at 12:30 p.m.

SS Forum: Graham Kerr, Former Galloping Gourmet. Internationally renowned television personality and award-winning author, now an expert in nutrition, healthy eating and the locavore movement, joins the Salt Spring Forum for a wide-ranging conversation about all things food-related. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

Mon. Oct. 23

ACTIVITIES

Grief 101. Salt Spring Hospice presents a discussion exploring what grief is and what supports are offered. SS Public Library. 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Harvest Gathering Dinner. Farmland Trust fundraiser for The Root hosted by Graham Kerr. SS Sailing Club. 5:30 p.m. Advance tix at Salt Spring Books.

SSI Transportation Commission Meeting. Regular business meeting. Portlock Park Portable. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Salt Spring Toastmasters. Special meeting to review the leadership aspects of Toastmasters International training. This training helps members in any sort of project management, from completing home improvement projects, to managing complex work projects. Guests welcome. Salt Spring Public Library. 7 p.m.

Tue. Oct. 24

ACTIVITIES

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

Youth Book Club at the Library. Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month with Anna and Monika, for everyone ages 9 to 12. This month's pick is *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*. Room 106. 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Have Fun Learning Squash! See Thursday's listing, except time is 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Yoga for Beginners. Dorothy Price leads an 8-class session of yoga for beginners. Tuesdays at SS Centre of Yoga. 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. Pre-register at 250-537-7675.

Wed. Oct. 25

ACTIVITIES

Exercise Salish Sea. A major marine disaster-preparedness exercise involving BC Ferries takes place in the Fernwood area and Trincormi Channel all day today. Don't be alarmed! If you want to volunteer to be a "patient," email ssiesd@crd.bc.ca or phone 250-537-1220.

Wed. Oct. 25

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Golf Club Fall General Meeting. Upstairs in the club house. 5:30 p.m.

Salt Spring Garden Club: Connie Kuramoto. Horticulturalist Connie Kuramoto will talk on the subject of *The Lazy Gardener* at Meaden Hall beginning at 7 p.m.

History of Central Hall & Surrounding Area. Don Cunningham presents a talk about the history of one of Salt Spring's oldest settlements. Central Hall. 7 p.m. A fundraiser for Central Hall.

Eleventh Century Propaganda: The Bayeaux Tapestry. First in a new speakers series at Salt Spring Seniors. Presented by Jean Elder, retired UBC Medieval Studies professor. 2 p.m.

Mother Goose. See last Wednesday's listing.

Bittancourt House Museum. See last Wednesday's listing.

SongJam. See last Wednesday's listing.

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CINEMA

• **Kingsman: The Golden Circle** — Kingsman headquarters is destroyed, and Eggsy, Merlin and Harry Hart (Colin Firth) have to figure out who is responsible. Also starring Channing Tatum, Jeff Bridges and Halle Berry.

• **National Theatre Live: Saint Joan** — Bernard Shaw's classic play follows the life and trial of Joan of Arc, a young country girl who declares a bloody mission to drive the English from France. Showing Thursday, Oct. 19 only, with a 3 p.m. matinee and 7 p.m. show. Email thefritz@hotmail.ca to reserve seats.

EXHIBITIONS

• The **Salt Spring National Art Prize Finalists' Exhibition** continues daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at **Mahon Hall** until Oct. 22. The Gala Awards Evening is on Saturday, Oct. 21 at 6 p.m.

• The **SSNAP Parallel Art Show**, featuring local artists, runs at **ArtSpring** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily until Oct. 22.

• The **Young at Art** youth art show hangs in the **ArtSpring** lobby through October as part of SSNAP events.

EXHIBITIONS

• **Woven Together:** Celebrating the Basketry Guild's 20 Years, an exhibition of new work by the SSI Basketry Guild is at the **Salt Spring Gallery** until Oct. 31.

• **SSI Basketry Guild** holds a demo day on Saturday, Oct. 21 at the **library program room** from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. A Come & Weave Workshop runs from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Members' work is also in the library's display case through October.

• **Gallery 8** presents Four: Autumn Exhibition 2017 featuring **Kathy Venter, Bill Boyd, Gillian McConnell, Deon Venter** daily through Nov. 2.

• **Fault Line Projects** presents **J Robert Moss** — Painting, Photography, Video Soundscape Live Performance until Nov. 3. On Wed., Oct. 18 at 7 p.m., **Moss and Stefanie Denz** will present a live painting performance. Two live soundscape and video performances called *Crossing Seven* with Moss and **Roderick Shoolbraid** are scheduled at 7 p.m. on Fridays, Oct. 20 and Oct. 27.

• **Salty Pear Gallery** at 279 Rainbow Road hosts **Damazu Studio - Natural Tendencies** with a show opening on Thursday, Oct. 19 from 5 to 10 p.m. Show continues Thursdays through Saturdays until Dec. 1.

EXHIBITIONS

• **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

• **We are Salt Spring** . . . We are Canada, a community art installation by **Greg Klassen**, is displayed along Lower Ganges Road near Park Drive until Oct. 29.

• **The Artists From the Fringe** group shows art and poetry produced at a weekly drop-in program with an exhibition at the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room through Oct. 31.

• A new release of work from 1971 by the estate of **LeRoy Jensen** can be seen at **Gulf Island Picture Framing**.

• **David Borrowman** shows photography from the **Broughtons** and **Melanie Thompson** shows lamps and vessels from barks, seeds and other natural substances at **Kizmit Galeria/Cafe** through October.

• **Kathy Dryden** shows collage and acrylic paintings in the cafe at **Country Grocer** through October.



Former Galloping Gourmet Graham Kerr attends two events on Salt Spring this week.

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FILM

Canadian arts icon feted in Maudie

Oct. 18 at ArtSpring

BY JAMES COWAN
SS FILM FESTIVAL SOCIETY

With the Salt Spring National Art Prize exhibit underway, and the Salt Spring Film Festival gearing up for its pre-festival film screenings at ArtSpring, the two organizations have teamed up to show an incredible art film.

Maudie is a Canadian/Irish film, based on a true story, about Maud Lewis, who was a painter from Nova Scotia known for her folk-style paintings.

It is on the screen at ArtSpring tonight, Oct. 18, at 7:30 p.m.

Set in the 1930s, the story is about Maud Dowley, an arthritic woman who in the beginning of the film lives with her aunt in a disagreeable situation, in which Maudie is keen to break free of. Maudie answers an ad to be a housekeeper for Everett Lewis, a local fish peddler with a temper and a modest

house. Initially Everett is cruel and impatient with Maudie, but within weeks they marry. They acknowledge that in their own way they are both social outcasts and that they need each other.

Maudie's passion and place of peace is in painting. She starts to paint a few flowers and birds on the wall, which get spotted by a neighbour named Sandra, who is a customer of Everett's. Sandra from New York City is intrigued by Maud's paintings and buys cards Maud has decorated. She later commissions Maud to make a larger painting for \$5.

Maud's paintings find an audience in places she never sees, and she starts to receive bigger orders for cards and paintings. Vice-president Richard Nixon calls the couple to purchase a painting. Print media coverage boosts sales at the house and their life is then turned into a public spectacle.

The couple appear on the TV news and Everett fears he was seen

as cold and cruel. Maudie's failing health and the unwanted attention of the media cause Maudie and Everett to separate. There is also the strains of an unraveling story of Maudie's distant pregnancy and presumed death of the child. The film finishes with reconciliation, illness and ultimately Maudie's death.

Filled with majestic images of maritime landscape and light, the director Aisling Walsh focuses on character, drawing performances of emotional complexity and a depth of physical detail from the leads.

Ethan Hawke and Sally Hawkins deliver stunning performances in complex roles, resulting in awards nominations and accolades from the film community.

Maudie was the People's Choice Awards recipient at the 2016 Vancouver International Film Festival and received standing ovations to sold-out crowds, with the filmmakers present.



COURTESY ARTSPRING

RAGMOP TREAT: Nayana Fielkov and Matthew "Poki" McCorkle of Ragmop Theatre return to ArtSpring on Oct. 20-21 by popular demand to present their original award-winning surrealist physical comedy *Falling Awake*. Shows, which are suitable for all ages, begin at 7:30 p.m.

ART RELEASE

LeRoy Jensen series released

Previously unseen works capture man at sea

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Collectors who are familiar with LeRoy Jensen's career will be excited to learn a new series of previously unseen work has just been released.

The artist's daughter and the executor of his estate, Gabrielle Jensen, has uncovered nine charcoal drawings that are both familiar for their strength of line and heavy, emotive charcoal strokes, but also fairly unique for concentrating on the male figure.

Well known for his empathetic connection with female models, the newly revealed series from 1971 celebrates the coast's rugged world with one man's immersion with the surrounding resources. He works the oars, pulls nets and is otherwise engaged with making his living on the water.

All but one drawing puts the male in partnership with a small skiff, as if both man and boat were of equal importance to the scene. A lone drawing has the man line-fishing over a small cliff-top.

Jensen was raised in China and Japan and travelled to Europe to study art in Copenhagen and Paris before moving permanently to B.C. in 1954. He eventually settled on Salt Spring with his family in 1982.

Gabrielle Jensen explained that while his parents decided to wait it out in Japan, they sent her father and his brother away to Canada when Japan entered the Second World War. Jensen went to sea and became a stoker at age 14. He carried on working on ships for years, giving him a strong connection to men like the figure he later recorded.

Jensen was also an environmental activist and sailed in support of the first Greenpeace mission, which left Vancouver in 1971 to protest U.S. nuclear testing on the Alaskan island of Amchitka. Because of the timing and the subject matter, his daughter theorizes that trip also could have informed some of the subject matter of the series.

The new release can be viewed at Gulf Islands Picture Framing, upstairs in Grace Point Square.

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FAITH

Salt Spring community invited to Baha'i celebration

Two days of events for all ages at Lions Hall

SUBMITTED BY THE SALT SPRING BAHAI COMMUNITY

The Salt Spring and Gulf Islands Baha'i communities are celebrating an historic event along with millions of Baha'i around the globe.

On Oct. 21 and 22 at the Lions Hall, islanders are invited to join in the celebration. Baha'u'llah, the prophet and founder of the Baha'i faith, was born in 1817 in the city of Tehran. This year's bicentenary

commemoration of his birth will be honoured at four unique events: the opening ceremony, Spirit Café coffeehouse, prayers and flute devotional and children's program. Bold graphics highlighting Baha'i history, its teachings and community life will be on display at Lions hall throughout the weekend.

Salt Spring artist Carol Evans will emcee the opening ceremony, which gets underway at 2 p.m. on Oct. 21. Persian chanting, music by Wesley Hardisty and Gulf Islands filmmaker Jim Cribb's documentary of Baha'u'llah's life set the stage for Bevan Wrate's keynote presentation. A Vision for the Future is a fast-forward look at humankind's inherent potential to create a just and unified world society.

Saturday evening at 7 p.m., the Spirit Café coffeehouse will infuse the hall with music and song designed to "open your heart and fill it up." Salt Spring's own "Rolling Scones," along with Barb Slater, Kevin Wilkie and friends, take over the stage.

Sunday morning at 9 a.m., flute player Craig Paterson will guide people on a soulful journey in prayer. Prayers for healing, children and unity will be among those presented in word and song.

The children's program, which is the celebration's closing event on Sunday at



PHOTO BY GAIL SJURBERG

Stringing beads to make beautiful bookmarks as gifts for guests to an Oct 21-22 Baha'i celebration at Lions Hall are, clockwise from left, Ryleh Campsall, Fenwick Campsall, Bryn King, Daniela Marshall, Debbie Wrate, Aileen Neish, Carol Evans, Jemaica Campsall (standing) and Emeena Niazi. Everyone is welcome to attend weekend events marking the 200th birthday of Baha'u'llah, the prophet and founder of the Baha'i faith.

11 a.m., invites the young to nurture their spirits with music, art, story and devotion. Other family members are encouraged to join in as well.

Following each event, guests

are invited to enjoy a diverse selection of savoury and sweet refreshments. They are also welcome to linger for a visit or to view our stunning visual displays which continue the story

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Program explores elements of aging

Star of the Sea Centre event on Oct. 26

SUBMITTED BY STAR OF THE SEA CENTRE FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING AND PRACTICE

Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice continues its fall series of events on Thursday, Oct. 26, with a program facilitated by JayaLynda Cole titled Deepening into Aging.

The later adult years can be a time of profound personal and spiritual evolution and of contribution to society. Aging has come out of the closet and is being redefined. Death is now a hot topic and people are wanting to discuss it.

The day will be dedicated to contemplation, inquiry, meditation and writing-drawing to deepen into

the all-important meaningful questions that arrive as the end of life approaches. Cole will guide participants in a personal reflection of aging as a catalyst to deeper meaning, purpose and self-transformation, while touching on their divine nature.

They will journey with others to discover the many gifts of the second half of life, explore experientially a variety of spiritual practices for aging well, and listen to one's inner truths while respecting and perhaps learning from others. It will be an opportunity to celebrate the transformational gift and fullness of life that aging provides.

Cole has worked for decades with



JAYALYNDA COLE

individuals and groups, guiding them to discover the hidden pearl or gift within their perceived struggles as their portal to inner peace: private practice in transformational counselling therapy, teaching, meditation, satsang, including several years with Eckhart Tolle Teachings, intuitive energy and body healing. Recently her focus has been volunteering with Salt Spring Hospice, facilitating individual and group sessions with the dying and the grieving as well as facilitating Death Cafes.

The event takes place at Star of the Sea Centre in St. Mary's Church, Fulford, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants are asked to bring a notebook or journal, pen, paper, yoga mat and blanket, snacks and a bag lunch.

Registration is limited and must be made in advance. For further information or to register, email staroft-heseassi@gmail.com.

BOOK LAUNCH

G2G joins national launches

Stephen Lewis Foundation book

Salt Spring's Grandmothers to Grandmothers group will launch a highly anticipated new book from the Stephen Lewis Foundation next Thursday, Oct. 26.

Powered by Love: A Grandmothers' Movement to End AIDS in Africa will be celebrated at part of nation-wide events at the Salt Spring United Church from 7 to 9 p.m.

Two women featured in the pages of the book will be special

guests. Dr. Tesfaneh Belay is a staff member at Developing Families Together Ethiopia, and Etabezahu Wolde Beyene is a participant grandmother in the program. Photographer Alexis MacDonald will also join them.

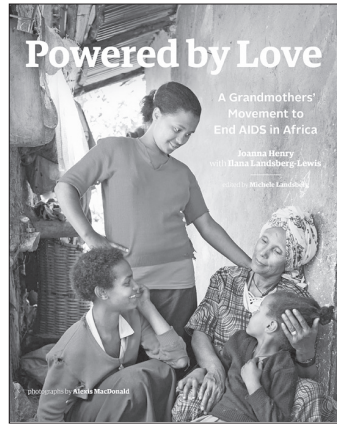
"Powered by Love tells the story of these indomitable women and the social movement they created," explains a Salt Spring G2G press release.

Book writer Joanna Henry and photographer MacDonald, with Ilana Landsberg-Lewis, have documented the story by visiting eight African countries to inter-

view and photograph hundreds of grandmothers (including Sarah Obama, Barack Obama's grandmother).

Proceeds from these events and royalties from sales of Powered by Love will be directed to the Stephen Lewis Foundation to support organizations run by and for African grandmothers who are raising their grandchildren orphaned by AIDS.

For additional information on the book and the grandmothers to grandmothers movement, visit www.grandmotherspoweredbylove.com.



Cover of Powered by Love book to be launched next Thursday.

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HAPPENINGS,
SEE OUR **WHAT'S
ON CALENDAR**
ON PAGE 12.

FUNDRAISER

Operation Christmas Child campaign opens

Shoobox donations welcomed

Island churches are once again preparing to help international relief organization Samaritan's Purse with its annual campaign by packing up shoeboxes full of gifts to send around the world in Operation Christmas Child.

This year shoeboxes will go to children in Central America, West-

ern Africa and the Ukraine. Some of the recipients may have never received a gift before.

Islanders are invited to find a shoebox or pick one up at a local church and pack it by selecting a "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal. They can then fill the box with other fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies, plus a personal note and a photo.

Donors should label the box

to state whether for a boy or girl and the approximate age of the child. Anyone who would like their shoebox to go to the Ukraine should include warm socks, gloves or a hat and mark the box with "Ukraine."

Completed shoeboxes should be delivered to the Community Gospel Chapel at 147 Vesuvius Rd., or Salt Spring Baptist Church, 520 Lower Ganges Rd., by Nov. 12.

The Mothers of Preschoolers

Group is planning to host a shoebox packing party on Nov. 6 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Community Gospel Chapel. Everyone is welcome to participate either by bringing a completed shoebox or by supplying extra goodies to help fill shoeboxes.

More information about the program including how to pack a shoebox is online at www.samaritanaspurse.ca/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child.

SENIORS

Seniors embarks on new programming

Speakers series to engage minds with historical topics

BY JEAN ELDER
SS SENIORS SERVICES SOCIETY

And now for something entirely different... the Seniors Centre is about to embark on a new program which will have nothing to do with aging, symptoms of aging or any disease, except possibly the Black Plague or, as one of my students once wrote, "the Black Plaque."

We are going to have a series of speakers, mainly borrowed from the University of Victoria Speakers' Bureau, who will, we hope, engage our minds about different kinds of problems.

We are starting with four historical topics. The first one to be offered by me, Jean Elder, on Oct. 28 will be about a long stretch of embroidery, wool on linen, probably made in the 11th century, possibly at Canterbury. I will try to justify my view that the tapestry is a piece of propaganda designed to support William the Conqueror's title to be king of the Eng-

SENIORS CENTRE NEWS

lish, as well as duke of the Normans — a claim certainly not supported by very many of the Anglo-Saxons in 1066.

On Wednesday, Nov. 22, we hope to entertain UVic professor Andrea McKenzie, who will speak about the Great Fire of London in 1666. The great fire began in Thomas Farriner's bake shop in Pudding Lane during the night of Sept. 2 and swept through the major part of the City of London until it was finally stopped on Sept. 5. By that time most of the old city within the Roman walls had been destroyed. Some estimates indicate about 70,000 out of the city's 80,000 lost their homes.

How do people survive such a devastating experience? Do they all turn on their neighbours and/or any foreigners among them? Was there a failure of civic government? A failure of neighbourliness? What about the allegation that papal agents had started the fire in an attempt to restore Catholics to the English throne as witness the inscription on the monument? We hope to hear more.

HEALING

Grief 101 provides info in safe environment

Intro to upcoming course

SUBMITTED BY SS HOSPICE

Grief is a natural response to loss. Grief is sometimes described as a wound that we might cover and try to ignore, to avoid the sorrow. Opening to grief can be painful. Over time wounds do heal with care. Healed wounds can leave a scar that can change us in some way.

Grief has often been described as coming in waves. There are times when the waters are calm and then there are times when the seas are more turbulent. We can experience these waves long after our loss, triggered by a date, an event, or a song on the radio. We can learn eventually to live

with these triggers as we integrate our loss. We can gradually heal the wound and begin to experience life more fully.

On Monday, Oct. 23 from 2 to 3:30 p.m., Salt Spring Hospice invites you to join us at the Salt Spring Public Library as we explore what grief is and what supports we can offer. We call it "Grief 101." It will be an opportunity for those experiencing grief to learn more about what they are going through. Those in the community who choose to attend will have a safe environment to talk about their experience, if they wish to.

Two or three weeks following this event we will begin our Grief Support Group. Grief 101 provides the chance for those

curious about our programs to not only meet the volunteers who will facilitate the group but to also get an idea of what the process will look like. By attending Grief 101 they may determine if hospice has a program that may be right for them, if they feel ready to proceed.

Thanks to the sponsorship of Salt Spring Public Library, event attendance is free. Salt Spring Hospice is a volunteer organization that supports individuals, families and our community with compassionate care through end of life and loss.

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CULINARY ARTS

Expert teaches no-fear pie approach



PHOTO BY PAT BURKETTE
Ready to enjoy the fruits of pie-expert Gerry Tribble's labour after a workshop at Hedgerow House are, clockwise from bottom left, Beverly Brown, Peter Lloyd-Jones, Jayne Lloyd-Jones, Gerry Tribble, Patrick Tribble, Jaqueline Sutton and Anna Wilkinson.

Visiting apple fans share pie-making magic

BY PAT BURKETTE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Salt Spring's autumnal apple bounty can result in overflowing boxes of fruit, juice jugs and jars of sauce and chutneys, but for apple hunters Gerry and Patrick Tribble, the pinnacle of apple power is pie.

The California couple spend their holidays searching out heritage apples. They visited the Salt Spring Apple Festival this year after hearing about it at Brogdale, home of the U.K.'s National Fruit Collection. Gerry, a hospice nurse, has been a competitive amateur baker for over 25 years and Patrick, a chiropractor, also bakes.

Of course, apple is Gerry's signature pie. In 2013, she won second place for her apple pie at the National Apple Pie Baking Contest at the National Apple Harvest Festival in Pennsylvania. Gerry also teaches pie making in Sonoma. So when Hedgerow House owners Jayne and Peter Lloyd-Jones invited their guest to teach an apple pie 101 class, she was happy to share her passion.

Right away, Gerry got to the core of the "what, me, bake a pie, but it's so hard to make the pastry" syndrome.

"People are often intimidated by pie making," she said, "but in the end, it's just a pie, right?"

Her eyes scanned the room. "There's no fear. Remember, no fear. It's only a pie."

We looked at her big smile, and her

crisp white baking apron, with "What a Ride" embroidered on a pocket, and we believed.

Gerry's nimble fingers cut butter cubes and shortening into unbleached all-purpose flour.

"Butter provides flakiness and flavour," she said, "and shortening makes it tender. You always want to stop cutting in your fat before you think it's time to you. You don't want to work the gluten for pie dough, and keep the pastry on the cool side. I've made pie in Hawaii, on a bed, in front of an air conditioner."

But the "less is more aha moment" really came when Gerry began tossing the mix with a fork, while drizzling in ice water containing cider vinegar. As clumps of dough developed, she lifted them out, keeping them from being overworked, and placed them on a sheet of parchment. When the last bits of dough in her bowl held together, she added that to the clumps, and folded the parchment to press everything together.

Dough was flattened into a six-inch disc, wrapped in plastic, refrigerated, then rolled out to an even 3/16-inch thickness and placed in a Pyrex pan. She prefers dowel-type rolling pins, but said, "I've used a wine bottle."

Gerry bought 84 varieties of apples at the Salt Spring Apple Festival, using about 10 for the pie. Soft-fleshed, quicker-cooking apples were sliced thick, and firmer apples thinner, then tossed with lemon juice and coated with brown sugar, cinnamon and cornstarch.

When she filled the crust, we saw an artisan who crafts, rather than makes,

pies. She meticulously set slices upright all around the crust, then laid a flat base of slices flat inside that ring. She continued layering slices as if they were tiny tiles, then covered them with a top crust.

Craftsmanship continued during baking. Gerry produced a ring and disc she'd cut from aluminum foil to protect pie edges and centre, as oven temperature was varied from 425 degrees to 400 degrees in 20-minute segments. She gave us each a template for our own pies.

So like, if it's just a pie, why all the fancy stuff?

It wasn't just a pie. It was a delicious work of art with flaky pastry and perfectly stacked apple slices suspended in rich dark juice.

"I bake," said Gerry, "for the joy of it and the pleasure of others."

Now, where's that paring knife?

GERRY TRIBBLE'S FLAKY PIE PASTRY

(Double it for a two-crust pie)

- 1 ½ c. unbleached all-purpose flour
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- 8 Tbsp. cold unsalted butter cut into ¼ inch pieces
- 4 Tbsp. cold vegetable shortening cut into ½ inch pieces
- 1 tsp. apple cider vinegar
- 3-4 Tbsp. ice water

Read the story for the method!

GAMES

Proud men make tricky angels weep

Shakespeare's words prove apt

BRIDGETRICKS

BY JILL EVANS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

"But man, proud man," wrote Shakespeare in Measure for Measure. He continued with "... plays such fantastic tricks earned them second place, with Al Wilke and Nadene McCoy coming third and Isaac Garuda in the fourth spot, leaving all the

And so it was on Oct. 2

among five full tables of bridge, when proud men Jeff Bell and Prem Margolese came first again. Then Brent Vickers and Oleh Mycyk's fantastic tricks earned them second place, with Al Wilke and Nadene McCoy coming third and Isaac Garuda in the fourth spot, leaving all the

other angels to weep.

Monday, Oct. 9 was Thanksgiving Day, and again it was five full tables (full of turkey?) showed up at Seniors in the evening. This time the dramatis personae changed and it was George Laundry with Terry Clement who were thankful for reaching the pinnacle, followed by Ian Thomas and Zelly Taylor. The Vickers-Mycyk pair were third, and there was a

tie for fourth when the Wilke-McCoy partnership earned the same score as Bob Morrisette and Patricia Hewett.

Shakespeare had a few words in The Winter's Tale for those not among the winners: "What's gone and what's past help, / Should be past grief. . . ." Cheer up; there's always next time.

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Peter Martin Stoddart Longcroft
May 17, 1936 - Oct. 14th, 2017

With much sadness, Mary Longcroft, (Tanti) wishes our friends on Saltspring to know that Peter passed away peacefully on Saturday morning at our home in Sidney.

The best man in my life will be sorely missed by his wife, stepchildren, and caregiver Jazzie, as well as his first family

A celebration of his life will be held in the spring.

Antonia (Tonny) Gijssen
April 16, 1928 - Oct 7, 2017



The family of Tonny Gijssen are saddened to announce her passing October 7, 2017 at Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, BC. Tonny died peacefully surrounded by family. She was 89 years old and had recently celebrated her 60th wedding anniversary to Edward (Ed) Gijssen.

Born April 16, 1928 in de Bilt, Netherlands, the 2nd of five children to Arnoldus and Francina Stekelburg, Tonny and Ed immigrated to Canada in 1957. Tonny was integral to all of the Starline businesses co-owned with Ed - leaders in their fields. She was a bright, determined, caring, active spirit who was adored by many. She loved her husband, children, family and friends very much. Gifted in her relationships with both people and animals, Tonny was often surrounded by her cats, dogs, horses, various farm animals and her ever present flower and veggie gardens.

Tonny is survived by her husband Ed, children Jacqueline (John Nightingale), Kenneth (Gabrielle Steinburg), Marcel (Maria Josenhans), and family members in Holland, Australia, Switzerland, Belgium and England.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the Drivers Program - Salt Spring Seniors Centre, 379 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2V4.

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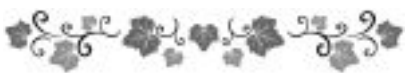
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JAN YEB YPMA

Oct. 17, 1940 - Oct. 5, 2017



Jan Yeb Ypma at the age of 76 passed away due to a lengthy illness on Salt Spring Island, British Columbia on Thursday, October 5th, 2017.

Jan Yeb was born October 17, 1940 in Utrecht, Netherlands to Yeb Jan Ypma and Charlotte Cornelia (Gelens) Ypma.

Jan emigrated to Canada in 1959 and became a Canadian citizen in June 1964 after enlisting with the Canadian Military. Jan served in the Canadian military from January 1962 until he retired as Captain in May of 1983. During his military service he was stationed in many places throughout Europe, Canada and the US, upon his retirement he lived in Calgary and Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, and then finally on the West Coast. In his years of retirement Jan enjoyed playing the piano, painting, writing and living by the sea in Dodge Cove, Digby Island.

Jan was not only a true gentleman, but a unique individual who impacted everyone he met in some way or another with his fine sense of humour. To quote a military comrade when toasting Jan's military retirement: "Jan's personal code is one of uncompromising loyalty and honesty and genuine concern for the welfare of others; he had an easy going personality and a sense of fairness." Jan was a loving and caring husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend; he will be dearly missed by all of us.

Jan Yeb is survived by his wife Cheryl Kaye (Loeffler) Ypma, his previous wife Marilyn Welburn and their children: Kathleen (Ypma) Carefoot and her husband Trevor, Dana (Ypma) Peace and her partner Andrew, Nathan Yeb Jan Ypma, his grandchildren: Amanda McCormick (Rob), Brandon Ypma, Logan Van der Westen, Desiree Van der Westen (Levi), Aria Ypma-Wollen (Evan), Durham Peace, Mimi Peace, his sister Miep (Ypma) Van de Heiligenberg, his brother Adriaan and wife Charlotte, his sister Annelies Ypma and her husband Rammy Haramban, his brother-in-law Henk Van Heezik and his nieces and nephews.

Jan's family wish to thank the Lady Minto Hospital staff on Salt Spring Island for their excellent care in his final days.

Celebrations of Life to occur at a later date.

If I had a flower for every time I thought of you, I could walk in my garden forever.

- ALFRED LORD TENNYSON

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READING

Eclectic books get moment in the spotlight

New library additions

BY MAGGIE WARBEY
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Every month the book selection committees at the library add approximately 80 to 100 new books from fiction, non-fiction, youth, children, travel and reference categories, a range of interest-specific materials. Our intention is to be eclectic and contemporary, selecting the best and most interesting of current publications. My choices this month certainly are just that: eclectic and interesting!

• **Powered by Love: a Grandmother's Movement to End AIDS in Africa** is the beautifully illustrated story of the on-going battle to eradicate AIDS and to help the courageous grandmothers who have stepped up all over Africa to save children from sure starvation and death. Based on first-hand accounts of the horrors of this pandemic that has swept away more than 35000

ON THE NEWSHELVES

lives the story of loss, hope and enduring courage inspires readers. Starting out in Canada, The Grandmother Movement, under the auspices of the Stephen Lewis Foundation, has raised millions of dollars to effectively empower survivors to build new lives for the future generations of their homelands.

• **Grow Your Own Wedding Flowers** is full of photographs that look so real you can almost smell the sweet peas and roses! The book provides very specific instructions on all aspects of flower growing, harvesting, arranging and preserving. Choosing and buying seeds, folklore, important tips on arrangements, indoor and outdoor growing, skin reactions, seasonal ideas and availability,

equipment and storage are all covered in the text and photographs. This is the book for you if you love flowers and want some exceptional ideas about how to include more of them in your life.

• **Always welcome, The Thrive Diet: the Whole Foods Way to Losing Weight, Reducing Stress, and Staying Healthy for Life**, offers a 12-week eating and lifestyle plan that will result in long-term positive results. The book includes 100 easy-to-make, plant based whole food recipes that are all gluten, wheat, soy, corn, refined sugar and dairy free. There are also suggestions for healthy eating when travelling, as well as suggestions for foods and exercise pairing. An appendix explaining the roles of vital nutrients and vitamins is included.

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This Week's Horoscope

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TIP OF THE WEEK

The Libra New Moon occurred on October 19th at 26 Libra 35. If you have planets at this degree you will feel the impact more strongly. It will activate new beginnings synchronizing either by your own initiatives or, depending on the details of your Natal Chart, will manifest as apparently coincidental external events.

Synchronicity works this way. There is ever a deeper meaning and purpose in every event, but they are not always recognized as such since they do not produce sharp spikes on the graph. Yet, everything is a feature of a seamless flow that is can be described as the 'great continuum'. How we choose to interpret them is our individual choice and privilege.

The Sun in Libra will yield to Scorpio this week (October 22nd MDT & westward and the 23rd everywhere else) joining forces with Jupiter and Mercury. Given the steady pace of tragic and devastating natural disasters occurring everywhere, desecrating and scorching the land and leaving death and carnage in their wake, one might think that we are in the Age of Scorpio, not Aquarius. Well, in its foundational structure, Scorpio holds a prominent position in the Age of Aquarius and whether these events are interpreted as natural, deliberate or otherwise, they will likely continue.

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)

Your relationship life is undergoing an important activation. It is touching upon both your personal and your professional life. Questions of love are weaving with financial considerations and the health and quality of your overall lifestyle. Deciphering what makes you special or what are your greatest talents are featured.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20)

Your relationship life is opening up wider than it has for some time. This could prove very good for business. Cultural interests will also take on additional appeal. Your love life is experiencing fresh sparks yet it may be difficult to feel confident regarding the long term. Establishing your home base remains central.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

A playful and romantic cycle is underway. The romance could well be directed to creative pursuits and mini-adventures too. Closer to home, a repair and renovation cycle is underway. This could prove literally true or include more abstract and psychological themes. Finding your voice and sharing your message is an important background theme.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Creating more harmony and flow close to home is in the spotlight. Attending to many fronts and angles is indicated. Bringing fresh design and innovation to the fore is a new and important theme. It could include new tools and technologies. Increasing your health levels is part of the plot and the time is right to activate a new momentum.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Things are starting to come together, perhaps after a prolonged period of delay and frustration. Your creative juices have been flowing strongly over the past six months and this trend will continue. The time has come to activate a momentum that can see you through the next six months and allow you to make up for lost time.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)

Activating a reliable momentum continues. Financial considerations are central to your motivation. Your focus will be to diversify, which is ideal, and you are ready to advance. There is the danger that you could scatter your focus so you will have to be extra organized and clear with your goals.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

The New Moon in your sign signifies action. A build-up of energy to take make some important moves will now turn to action. Part of your process has and continues to be linked to clearing blocks of fear and doubt regarding your ambitions. But this cycle ends this week and you will take a more assertive approach.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You are in an expansive mood. This includes breaking making key moves to break through any and all blocks and barriers. This inner work process, which may also manifest as continued patience will likely continue for a while. Yet, something big is brewing and will take time anyway to fully manifest. Stay with it and focus on working to clear the corners and work the angles.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

The soul-searching process mentioned last week is underway, yet this is just the beginning. If this process was illustrated as entering an enchanting and mysterious cave, it would now be within your sights, yet still at a distance, albeit a short one. Yet, you will come one major step closer this week. Positively, you are encountering companions destined to play key roles.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Much is happening in your world. Many changes and new beginnings are already underway. Some of these may be bringing you attention, prominence, and promotion. Endings of certain relationships and/or relationship patterns are indicated. These are destined now, so focus on cooperation. Resistance will likely cause unnecessary pain and may be futile anyway.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Sometimes expansion comes with contraction. This can be understood as the discipline required for achieving great feats. This theme will continue well into 2018. Yet, it is important that you get things moving now. Planning and organizing are usually the first things to do and is probably your best bet now.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

The past couple of weeks have likely been transformational for you somehow. It may be that your perceptions, interpretations and/or attitudes have changed or perhaps it is your plans, but possibly the changes have occurred externally as well. One way or another, certain things have significantly changed and this process will continue. Trust this flow and cooperate.

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SOCCER

Women keep rolling; Old Boys falter

United holds first place

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Salt Spring United women's soccer team was looking for its fifth win of the season when players travelled to Victoria to play the Castaways on Sunday.

Play was slow in the first half until United's Lorna Walde volleyed a long shot over the keeper to make it 1-0.

In the second half, the Castaways scored on a scramble in front of the net off a penalty shot and then quickly followed up with a second goal off a corner kick.

Walde said Salt Spring decided to kick it into gear and sent Alexa Matheson on a break-away to tie up the game, shortly after newcomer Melanie Penner received a great cross and buried it into the corner.

"Sue Anne Connolly out-ran the Castaways defence and had two beautiful break-away goals to finish with a 5-2 win for Salt Spring United," said Walde.

Another newcomer, Nicola Shipman, played a great game in net in the second half.

"Salt Spring women's United team is really shaping up," said team spokesperson Walde. "We have great new players joining and we are always open to accepting more ladies."

Salt Spring is in first place in Division 3 of the Lower Island Women's Soccer Association league.

United's next game is on Sunday, Oct. 22 against Juan de Fuca United at Portlock Park at 12:30 p.m.

Old Boys make the most of disappointing loss

BY GRAHAM TWEDDLE
SS OLD BOYS

It looked promising: a sunny, almost balmy Sunday morning, and then Martin Thorn lost the coin flip.

It was downhill from then on. It could have been so different.

Sometimes it's hard to put a positive spin on an 8-2 loss, but the optimistic Old Boys, after a meeting at the refreshment centre, always seem to manage. Losing to a skillful and classy Juan de Fuca team, the consensus was that the game had some good moments.

Kerry Walker, after a few years on the sidelines, scored his first goal of the season. Mike Davis, returning to the line-up after injury, was denied by the post. A well-taken penalty kick by Mike McCormick made the score almost look respectable.

So it's back to the drawing board. Maybe the new tactics (tricks) are too much for old dogs.

The team will hold a cardio practice this week and a home game where we can redeem ourselves against SSFC Powers7s at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday at GISS.

BASKETBALL

Harlem Crowns set to entertain

SIMS athletics fundraiser

On Thursday, Oct. 26, the Fabulous Harlem Crowns basketball team will take on the GISS Senior Boys Scorpions in the SIMS game.

"The Crowns combine razzle-dazzle ball handling, precision pass-patterns, trick shooting and comedy to give the crowd a great evening of fun for all," states a press release.

The doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the show starts at 6 p.m. A full concession will sell pizza, hot dogs, chips, sweets and drinks. The event is a fundraiser for the Salt Spring Island Middle School athletics program and the French Immersion Quebec exchange trip.

SIMS has hosted the Harlem Crowns a number of times and the event has always sold out. People should be sure to get tickets early, as seating is limited. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at Salt Spring Books, Mid-Island Co-op and at SIMS.

RUNNING

Sneakers enjoy 'good life' in running events

Salt Spring broadly represented in Victoria

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Sunday, Oct. 8 dawned clear, cool and with only slight winds — ideal running weather rarely seen at this time of year — for the Goodlife Victoria running events: the marathon, half marathon, 8K and Thrifty Foods Kids Run. No Salt Springer entered the marathon this year, although Lise Fraser's time last year has qualified her for the 2018 Boston Marathon.

At 8 a.m., 1,066 participants in the marathon and 2,623 participants in the half marathon jammed Menzies Street on the west side of the provincial legislature grounds to trample each other as they jointly began their races.

The Hayden-Fernandes family distinguished themselves, entering the half-marathon couples competition, with Richard Hayden finishing the half marathon in 1:23:20, 42nd of 2,623 overall, third in his age group and 30th of 1,021 men. Janine Fernandes-Hayden finished in a time of 1:40:39, a personal best, for 311th place, 13th of 210 in her age group and 108th of 1,609 women. Later, their son Emmerson finished third overall of 1,100 kids in the Thrifty Foods Kids Run.

The Salt Spring Sneakers entered eight in the half-marathon. Eric Ellis led the way at 487th place with a time of 1:46:09, a personal best, second of 20 in his age group, and 302rd of 1,021 among all men. Eric van Soeren shortly followed at 625th place in a time of 1:49:38 for seventh of 49 in his age group of 384 of 1,021 men.

Next came Nevan Young and his mother, Marion Young, finishing in 724th and 725th place overall. Nevan and Marion finished in 1:52:03. Nevan's time earned him 21 of 42 in his age group and 398th among men, while Marion earned 13th of 146 in her age group and 291st of 1,609 women.

The next Sneaker was Greg Taylor in a personal best time of 1:53:14 for 780th overall, 26 of 79 in his age group and the 456th man.

Keith Cloete finished in 1:57:40, his best post-injury time, for 1,007th place, 11th of 49 in his age group and 551st man.

Catherine Bennett followed in a personal best time of 2:00:19 for 1,141st place overall, 13th of 85 in her age group and 541st woman.

Next, Drew Stotesbury finished in a time of 2:05:44, 20 minutes better than last year for 1,378th place, 54 of 106 in his age group and 673rd man.

Last but not least for the Sneakers, Conrad Bowden had his finish processed two days after the finish and has now been certified as finishing his first half marathon in 2:23:24 in 1,988th place, 59th of 80 in his age group and 860th of 1,024 men. A remarkable feat for a first timer.

Two other, unaffiliated Salt Springers entered the half marathon. Duncan Eley finished in 1:50:19 for 653rd overall, 48th of 130 in his 45-49 age group and 398th man.

Phil Ritson finished in 1:56:17 for 915th overall, 47 of 116 in his 50-54 age group and 512th male.

At 8:50 a.m., 2,115 competitors began the Goodlife Victoria 8K. The first Salt Springer and Sneaker across the finish line was Pat Peron, whose personal best time of 34:32 earned him 99th place, third of 65 in his age group, and 78th of 768 men.

Next Salt Springer across the finish line was Lise Fraser in 35:17 for 117th place overall. Her time was a personal best at the distance, earned her first place of 95 in her age group, the course record for her age group, and 28th place among the 1,353 women in the race.

Next Sneaker was Janice Dickie, whose time, 37:46, earned her 193rd overall, second in her age group of 109 and 54th of 1,353 women.

Sabine Georgy was the fourth Sneaker across the finish line. Her time of 41:33 earned her 367th place, sixth of 129 in her age group, and 121st of 1,353 women.

Anna Ford was the fifth Sneaker to finish. Her time of 45:38 earned her 649th place, 12th of 95 in her age group and 270th woman.

Kerri Thompson was the sixth Sneaker across the finish line in a time of 46:10 for 699th place overall, 20th of 135 in her age group and 303rd of all women.

Donna Cloete was the seventh Sneaker to finish, her time of 49:29 earning her 785th place, fifth of 52 in her age group and 351st among women entrants.

Karen Clark was the eighth Sneaker to finish, achieving a time of 51:19 for 1,049th place, 23rd of 95 in her age group and 536th woman.

Five other Salt Springers completed the race, two unaffiliated runners and a team of three. Ted Grand crossed the finish line in 41:09, earning 337th place, 16th of 66 in his 45-49 age group and 230th male. Mandy Upshall crossed the finish line in 58:44, earning 1,488th place, 118 of 163 in her 35-39th age group, and 856th woman.

The Salt Spring team called "Wunners," consisting of Jacqueline Reider, Laura Sheppard and Mary Rose MacLachlan, finished 1,552, 1,553 and 1,554th place of 2,115 runners in respective times of 1:00:15, 1:00:16 and 1:00:17. Reider achieved 21st of 52 in her 65-69 age group. Sheppard earned 49th of 95 in her 60-64 age group. MacLachlan achieved 72nd of 129 in her 55-59 age group. They achieved respectively 911th, 912th and 913th places among all 1,353 women.

Salt Spring was well and broadly represented at the Victoria Goodlife events.

In other news, Sneakers alumnus Melanie van Soeren placed second overall and first woman in the 2017 Trapline Marathon on Oct. 8 in a time of 3:15:08.2. It's a one-way course from Northwest River to Goose Bay, Labrador.



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