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HONOURING: From left, Caitlin McDermott, William McDermott and Olivia Hayne carry a wreath honouring Olivia's brother Alistair Hayne to the cenotaph during the Remembrance Day ceremony on Saturday. Alistair Hayne was accidentally killed by a gun in September.

WATER SUPPLY

NSSWD seeks funding options

Meetings with MLA, B.C. government set

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

North Salt Spring Waterworks District is looking ahead at climbing costs related to its infrastructure needs, with increases to parcel taxes and the capital construction surcharge coming to ratepayers in 2018.

A long-awaited construction project for a new water treatment plant on St. Mary Lake is now underway and ahead of schedule, thanks in part to October's good weather.

The district's board of trustees is still working out how to finance its needs without overburdening its client base, however, since improvement districts are not eligible for the provincial grants that municipal-based water infrastructure projects receive.

As the district's November newsletter released this week explains, "the NSSWD is larger and more complex than all other water systems on Salt Spring Island combined, serving an estimated year-round

population of 5,500, which is greater than 87 of the 102 municipalities in B.C."

The 2,087 properties currently on the district's parcel tax roll must fund all projects and operating costs by themselves. There is no mechanism for cost sharing with islanders living outside the district, or tourists and visitors who create an additional demand on the water supply.

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FIRE BOARD

Fire truck demo model eyed

Ladder truck deferral recommended

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
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The Salt Spring Fire Protection District's facilities and physical plant committee will recommend the board look at replacing an outdated engine with a demonstration model, while deferring consideration of an aerial apparatus until the next engine reaches the end of its life cycle in 2023.

Engine 2 (E202) is now 21 years old and is therefore one year past the date for replacement, according to the Fire Underwriters Survey, the organization that rates communities on their fire protection abilities for insurance purposes.

Committee chair Per Svendsen explained during the group's meeting Thursday evening there had been some discussion at the board level around replacing the engine with a ladder truck. However, the committee agreed the cost and the drawbacks of existing firehall capacity suggested that decision is best left for a future replacement need, as a new fire hall may be started before that time.

Svendsen gave a presentation outlining the costs of borrowing a new front-line fire engine estimated at \$500,000, compared to fairly new used models with low mileage. Comparing a 2016 demonstration model now up for sale for around \$390,000, he estimated the community could save nearly \$5,000 per year.

Salt Spring Fire Chief Arjuna George concurred with the assessment, noting demonstration models are usually displayed at trade shows so they often have many extra features and low mileage and are well maintained.

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FUS rating guidelines questioned

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"If you look at that one example, with 19 years service still, if it has all the requirements and it's there, something like that would certainly be a big savings for the community," said committee member Merv Walde, while fellow member Brian Cunningham strongly agreed.

Fire trustee Chris Budd voiced his problems with the FUS rating system, including its requirement that front-line apparatus be replaced after 20 years regardless of actual usage and the resulting devaluation of trucks after that period.

"The number of miles put on a truck in an urban fire department is considerably more [than on Salt Spring]. If I buy a brand new Corvette and park it in my garage and don't put any miles on it, it's worth more in 20 years, it's not worth zero," Budd said. "And for the number of miles we actually put on engines here, it's a bit of a quandary for me to even ask why we're buying new trucks, period, at all, if at its midway point it's already depreciated 60 per cent."

Budd added that if the board's goal is to maintain the FUS fire insurance rating, there are other areas that Salt Spring could improve first for

less cost, such as response times and water access.

The committee also questioned the value of continuing the FUS surveys at all. If the organization does not contract the organization again, the current rating will stand instead of that number dropping. George reported the Langford Fire Department, for example, hasn't commissioned a FUS report since the 1970s, although it does follow the 20-year truck replacement guideline.

George also noted the goal of the FUS rating from an operations standpoint is to improve the department's capabilities. He said having an elevated water stream

would help with many of the island's existing structures, such as the recent fire on Sarah Way, as well as its future needs.

"The current trend of multiple storey buildings is projected to increase for our core downtown area of the island. When fire strikes, gaining access to all floor levels and delivery of water from above is critical to the best outcome possible," his staff report to the committee reads.

The FPP committee recommendations must go to the regular fire board agenda for approval. The next meeting is set for Monday, Nov. 20, 7 p.m. at Salt Spring United Church.




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To permit the development of a new location for the 'Nu-To-Yu' store in the subject area of the property shown in the sketch map below, the two bylaws will:

- In the Official Community Plan: re-designate the area from Rural - R to Community Service - CS and designate Development Permit Area 9 - Commercial and Industrial Form and Character.
- In the Land Use Bylaw: rezone the area from Rural (R) to a site specific Community Services (o) (CS[o]) zone with the only allowable use being retail sales of used goods where all proceeds are donated back to the community.



How do I get more information?
Copies of the bylaws and other information is available at the Islands Trust Victoria office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays, November 10 to 22, 2017. Or: www.islandstrust.bc.ca/npendar/applications

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Have Your Say

Thursday, November 23, 2017
10:00 a.m.

North Pender Island Community Hall,
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Who should attend?
Anyone affected by the proposed bylaws

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CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

Feasibility funds return to pot

Abandoned vessel funds up for grabs

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A little-used funding reserve that has seen no action at all since 2011 will be discontinued following a Capital Regional District Board decision.

During its Nov. 8 meeting, the board unanimously approved the recommendation of the Electoral Area Services Committee to close the Feasibility Study Reserve Fund and pay amounts back to taxpayers in the form of a negative tax requisition.

The Salt Spring Electoral Area, which last accessed its reserve in 2011, will receive \$53,336. The Southern Gulf Islands has nearly \$100,000 in the pot, also last accessed in 2011. Juan de Fuca last used its reserve in 2009 and has a balance of \$31,268.

Salt Spring CRD director Wayne McIntyre said his electoral area's funds will be applied to the overall budget next year.

"If we're not using it and there are other ways to fund studies we thought we'd save the taxpayer some money for 2018," McIntyre said after the meeting.

McIntyre said he is optimistic about the CRD's vote to approve \$100,000 from the Environmental Resource Management Division Sustainability Reserve to pay for some of the tipping fee costs associated with abandoned vessels cleanup. The funds will be made available on a first-come, first-serve basis for boating-related marine debris that is not covered by the CRD's funding application under the Transport Canada Abandoned Boats Program.

"We're going to see if we have anything that would fit the application. I've been told there are at least five or six boats in Ganges Harbour," McIntyre said.

Transportation service

Salt Spring taxpayers could be contributing to a regional transportation authority beginning next year if voter assent for establishing the new CRD service is secured. A board majority voted last Wednesday in favour of creating the service, which will primarily help coordinate road infrastructure on Vancouver Island.

While transit has been recognized as a future item

to look at coordinating, it is not part of the initial plan for the service. McIntyre said he has worked to ensure Salt Spring Transit remains independent from the regional authority in any case.

"We have a strong relationship with BC Transit and the system is working well," he observed.

McIntyre said the tax impact of the new service, if established, will be minimal. The proposed bylaw includes a maximum requisition of \$2.5 million for the entire CRD area.

Options for securing voter assent include having a region-wide referendum or alternate approval process, or through consent by each municipal council with AAPs in each of the three electoral areas.

Salt Spring parks approvals

In other news from Wednesday's board meeting, the CRD approved a Community Works Fund application of \$33,000 from Salt Spring Parks and Recreation toward building a family bike park, and approved the Salt Spring Island Parks and Trails Naming Convention Policy.



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Heads up!

Restorative Justice Open House

Saturday, NOVEMBER 18

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ECOLOGY

Island women to seek voices of the Inside Passage

Documentary kayak journey set for May 2018

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Two young women from Salt Spring are spending the fall and winter solidifying preparations for a trip that will take them all the way to Glacier Bay National Park in Alaska under their own arm-power next year.

Paddling North: Voices of the Inside Passage is the name of the project being mounted by Rebecca Grim and Leonie Mahlke. Set to launch from Southey Point on May 15, 2018, their epic adventure will see them paddling kayaks for 2,000 kilometres over four and a half months. Stops are planned at research centres and communities along the way to hear from the people living and working on the coast. The goal is to raise awareness of the threats to local wildlife, ecosystems and communities, and ultimately, to help reduce or prevent those threats from doing harm.

"Howling wolves, grizzly bears, soaring eagles and killer whales are becoming drowned out by increasing marine traffic and expanding industries powered by urban demands," project material explains. "The people here, whose lives depend so directly upon nature, have become first-hand witnesses to the irreversible changes being wrought upon both their own communities and the ecosystem they are so reliant on."

The trip started with an idea planted in 2015 in the very place where

they will set forth next spring. Grim and Mahlke were at Southey Point when Grim casually mentioned that she'd like to paddle to Alaska one day. Planning for the eventual-ity started the very next week when Mahlke announced she would like to join that trip.

Though they have different professional backgrounds, each part of the duo is passionate about the marine environment and creating positive change in the world. Mahlke is a biologist who has worked with the Alaska Whale Foundation and Cetacea Lab in the Great Bear Rainforest during the past few years. Grim is a yoga teacher and avid hiker who designed her own tiny house. In the past year the friends have been involved in community initiatives such as forming a coastal clean-up group to collect and dispose of marine garbage (for which they received a Salty community award nomination), created a "ban the bag" campaign and participated in Pull Together rallies to support First Nations legal challenges to pipeline expansions.

As enthusiastic paddlers, both have completed Level One sea kayak guide certification. They're building up their strength on day trips and doing special training in rescue and rolls. They're also doing courses in VHF radio, navigation and wilderness first aid.

The bulk of their training, though, will come during the daily paddle itself. The Inside Passage route is by definition partially protected, but it also involves long unprotected stretches of coastline, most notably at Queen Charlotte Sound and Hec-



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Recreational kayakers Rebecca Grim, left, and Leonie Mahlke plan to paddle from Salt Spring to Alaska next year to create an eco-justice documentary.

ate Strait.

"You can train on the lake all you want — but when you're out on the open ocean in a loaded boat and you're cold and wet — that's where you need to be," said Grim, who knows something of the land version of this experience. She completed hiking the 4,000-km Pacific Crest Trail in September.

As well as hearing from scientists, activists, fishers, photographers and Indigenous people en route, part of the documentary aspect of the trip will be recording the women's rough but eco-friendly daily lives.

"We'll have a set of core questions aimed at addressing environmental injustices that we ask the people we meet," Mahlke said. "But we'll also

focus on the camping and kayaking aspects: what does it take and how do we deal with that — because it's not an easy thing."

The women are clearly cognizant of the many human-caused threats to the ocean's health, from fish farms, increased tanker traffic and pipelines to recreational traffic from cruise ships. Even the benign-seeming visits from non-energy reliant craft such as sailboats and their own kayaks can be an issue, with garbage and human waste tossed overboard and much of the travel passing through the sensitive intertidal zone.

Part of the women's normal routine on trips through the Gulf Islands, Broken Group and San Juans will

therefore be especially important during the longer journey.

"We practise no-trace camping and keep as minimal footprint as we can," Grim said, explaining that means packing out compost and waste as well as camping in designated spots.

As a naturalist, Mahlke is meanwhile especially aware of the harm that can come from human-animal interactions, whether that is sea star colonies being scraped by a kayak launch or groups of paddlers getting too close to whales. She insists that water-based encounters be done with a humble approach and respect for wildlife.

"Just pay attention to where you are and what's around you," she advised.

The Paddling North team has a fairly large list of equipment to assemble and has already established a strong social media presence. They're hoping to get sponsorships from kayaking companies for at least some of the gear they need. Dry suits are at the top of the list, and they are also looking for dry bags, film equipment, camping gear and solar batteries/charger.

"That's what will help us hear the voices of the Inner Passage and hopefully make a documentary film," Grim said.

T-shirt purchases supporting the trip and direct donations can be made through the website paddlingnorth.com. The website will also have more detailed routing and the names of "voices" to be interviewed as the women develop their contacts.

For more, see the paddlingnorth sites on Instagram and Facebook.

NEWS BRIEFS

Abandoned boats tallied

Islands Trust is seeking the public's help in creating an inventory of abandoned, derelict boats in the Trust area.

The inventory will aid other agencies applying for funding from Transport Canada's new Abandoned Boats

Program.

"As a land use planning agency, Islands Trust will not be removing boats," the organization explains. "Removal of derelict vessels falls under multiple jurisdictions and requires coordinated efforts. That is why we are seeking your support to participate in a multi-agency response to derelict vessels in our region."

People who know about an abandoned boat that should be removed from local waters are invited to download the electronic form, available through islandstrust.bc.ca on the Derelict Vessels Advocacy web page.

The completed form can be emailed to information@islandstrust.bc.ca, or printed and mailed to the Islands Trust head office.

Survey looks at Southern Gulf Islands

Residents of the Southern Gulf Islands have until Nov. 30 to participate in a housing needs assessment offered by the Islands Trust and the Capital Regional District.

Two confidential online

surveys have been created to gather data to help better understand the current housing situation and its impact on the community, with specific questions targeting the employers and residents in general of Galiano, Mayne, North Pender, South Pender and Saturna islands.

The housing needs assessment survey has been

funded by the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area Community Works Fund. A project advisory group with representation from each of the Southern Gulf islands is providing support by gathering data from the community and stakeholders.

Surveys can be accessed through any of the applicable Local Trust Committee websites.

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JUSTICE

Restorative Justice Week arrives

Salt Spring group holds open house event

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Restorative Justice Week runs next week in B.C., and Salt Spring's group is hosting an open house event to mark the occasion.

On Saturday, Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Salt Spring Public Library program room, community members can learn how Restorative Justice works and meet the people involved. A short presentation will take place at 11:30 a.m.

"The new NDP government is putting an emphasis on it, so I think people are going to hear more and more about it," said local RJ program coordinator Darlene Gage.

Restorative Justice is a process by which crimes that might normally be processed through the court system are handled in a different way. It involves the "responsible party" and the "affected party" getting together to talk about what happened and determine appropriate restitution.

Someone who stole from a store, for

example, would meet with store owners, management and/or staff. Those people would tell the offender how the theft impacted them and their business.

"For victims it can be really empowering and give them back more of a voice in a situation where they can sometimes feel quite powerless," said Gage.

For those who engaged in the criminal activity, she said, "People are really asked to step up, take responsibility and demonstrate very actively that they take responsibility for what they did and that they want to repair the harm they have created in someone's life."

RJ can help responsible parties learn why they made the choice they did, understand the consequences and ultimately end up less ostracized from the community.

"I think that is something we really encourage and support, that they understand why this happened and how we can help them get back into the community," said Roberta Temmel, who is also a key member of the island's RJ team.

Local RCMP support the use of Restorative Justice.

"The Salt Spring detachment is

committed to referring matters to the Restorative Justice Program whenever appropriate," said Sgt. Ryan Netzer. "The Restorative Justice process is done in a timely manner, holds the offender accountable for their actions and behaviour, and provides an opportunity for all involved to have meaningful dialogue."

"Historically, restorative justice has been used by Indigenous peoples," he explained. "New Zealand was the first to include restorative processes in law when dealing with youth. It is now included in the Youth Criminal Justice Act and the Criminal Code of Canada to deal with criminal offences."

Gage and Temmel would like community members who may be arrested or charged for a crime to be aware that they can ask the RCMP for their situation to be dealt with through Restorative Justice. Not all cases can be handled through RJ, however.

Salt Spring's nine trained RJ members are also able and willing to help in cases of neighbourhood or community conflict.

To learn more, visit the open house event on Saturday, email rjustice@ssic.ca or see the website at www.rjssi.org.

Toll rate review set

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With long-term debt repayment for the new plant scheduled to begin in 2018, the base unit Capital Construction Surcharge on parcel tax invoices will increase to \$280 next year. As well, parcel tax rates will increase by 2.5 per cent. The newsletter reports the district will continue to phase in increases to commercial class rates over the next three years. A review of toll rates and miscellaneous charges will be done in 2018 before making any further rate changes.

Since islanders voted against incorporation in the September referendum, the board is planning discussions with the Capital Regional District to investigate the possibility of converting to a CRD service area, which would open eligibility for provincial grants.

"Conversion is a highly complex issue and careful and extensive study will be necessary to determine what this change would mean to the district before any recommendation can be made to rate-payers," the board reports.

In addition, the board is hoping to change senior government policy to make things more equitable.

"A meeting has been scheduled later this month with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to inform them of our needs and strongly advocate for a change, or at least an exception, to ministry policy. It is hoped that with the recent change of government, the current policy will be reviewed," the newsletter states.

The board is seeking the active support of Saanich and the Islands MLA Adam Olsen as a catalyst for such change. A meeting with him has been scheduled for December that will include the Salt Spring Fire Protection District and other affected bodies.

The next regularly scheduled NSSWD public board meeting takes place on Nov. 23.

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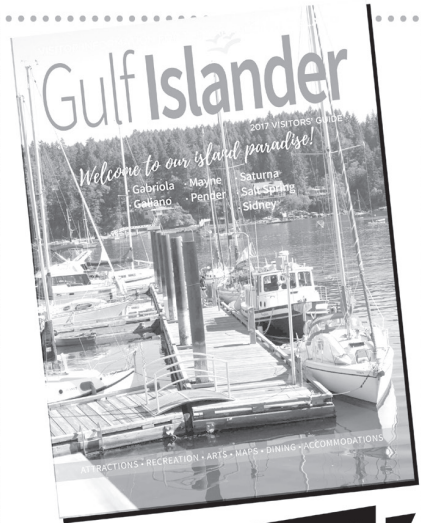
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HEALTH CARE

Nurse practitioners add to services

Salt Spring NP serves vulnerable population

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

As Nurse Practitioner Week is recognized in Canada from Nov. 12 to 18 this year, local NPs employed by Island Health are quietly going about their business providing primary health care in the Gulf Islands.

Increasing the points of access for patients in a district where physician retention can be difficult is a positive turn for local health care.

“Research shows again and again that a community is healthier when it has contact with primary care,” said Anne Desrosiers, a nurse practitioner who has been working with Salt Spring’s vulnerable population for the past 18 months. “The more often you come in to see someone about primary care, even if it’s just a simple question, can mitigate later trips to the emergency room.”

For those who are unfamiliar with the profession, nurse practitioners are educated at a masters and doctoral level following their four-year nursing degree and at least two years of full-time practice. Their education qualifies them to provide comprehensive clinical care, including the diagnosis and management of disease/illness, prescribing medications, ordering and interpreting laboratory and diagnostic tests, and initiating referrals to specialists. They provide care in both primary and acute care settings in rural, remote and urban centres.

Nurse practitioners also assist with health promotion, illness prevention and treatment, health education, awareness and counselling to address chronic health concerns such as diabetes, heart disease, arthritis, addictions and mental health issues.

As part of the nursing model, NPs take a holistic view on health when working with patients, taking care of not just physical but also the emotional and social aspects of a person’s health needs. One way of explaining their practice, according to the Cana-



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Nurse practitioner Anne Desrosiers at her Salt Spring office.

dian Federation of Nurses Unions, is they focus on wellness rather than illness.

Nurse practitioners have been permitted to practise autonomously in British Columbia since 2005 and became an important component of health care provision in the Southern Gulf Islands in 2009, when they joined shared practice settings on Galiano, Mayne, Pender and Saturna islands. Island Health and the B.C. Ministry of Health have additionally funded a nurse practitioner on Salt Spring in relation to the mental health and substance use team since May 2016.

Leanne Rowand has been part of the Gulf Islands’ nurse practitioner story ever since 2009. She recently completed her doctorate in nursing practice.

In addition to providing the full scope of primary care for patients of all ages, from before birth to end of life, Rowand manages urgent and emergent care at the Mayne Island Health Centre and the Saturna Island Medical Clinic.

Rowand said when she first started working at the outer island clinics, some patients were surprised to find she could offer the same types of care as the physicians she shares practice with, but most patients are now familiar with how nurse practitioners

fit into the system.

“The response is they have been happy with the care they receive; quite responsive and quite appreciative,” Rowand said.

Nurse practitioners and family doctors working in the outer Gulf Islands clinics are employed by Island Health. On Salt Spring, the primary care provided by family doctors is done in private practice. The salaried nurse practitioner position was added following a joint proposal by the Salt Spring chapter of the Rural and Remote Division of Family Practice and Island Health’s mental health and substance-use team.

It’s estimated that between 2,700 and 3,000 residents don’t have a family doctor on Salt Spring. Desrosiers’ mandate is to provide primary care to some of the people who have the most trouble accessing care and can’t easily travel elsewhere to find it. So far she has been taking new patients only through referral of the mental health and substances team.

“What I’m trying to do is my best in a population without resources,” she said.

With their strong focus on the determinants of health, one advantage to having a nurse practitioner serve the vulnerable sector is clear.

“We look at the impact of someone’s lived experience,” Desrosiers said. “There are a lot of pictures in nursing literature of icebergs. For nurses, everybody’s an iceberg: there’s a lot more going on than you can see at the surface.”

There are other reasons it makes sense to have a nurse practitioner attached to the vulnerable sector. People struggling with poverty, mental health or substance use issues can’t always make their scheduled appointments. A family doctor working in private practice has an expensive business to run but is paid by the ministry only according to patients seen. Doctors have to charge patients for missed appointments to make up for the lost time. With a salaried position, that’s not an issue.

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Capital Regional District 

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EDITORIAL

Justice embraced

Restorative Justice principles have been part of Canada's criminal justice system for a few decades and used by Indigenous communities for much longer.

More than 90 RJ groups now operate in B.C. Yet the practice of RJ mostly flies under the radar. Cases deemed suitable for RJ treatment do not tend to make front-page headlines. They are not played out in public courtrooms.

Restorative Justice puts the focus on repairing the harm caused by the actions of an offender. Victims have a chance to explain how they were affected by the individual's actions. Together the parties can better understand the root causes of the crime and determine an appropriate form of restitution.

As Salt Spring's RJ coordinator Darlene Gage explains, some people assume that having a crime

THE ISSUE:

Restorative Justice

WE SAY:

Process serves communities

treated through an RJ process means the offender is "getting off scot-free." In fact, the time and effort required to participate in Restorative Justice is generally far greater than in the court system. It's definitely not an easy process. But it is deemed

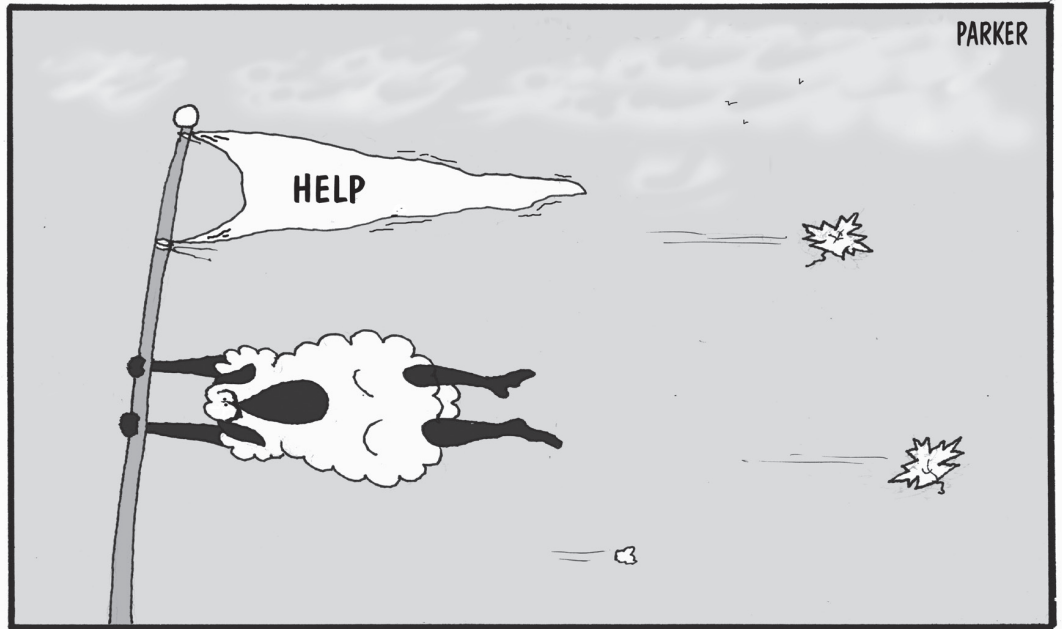
effective and healing.

Restorative Justice has strong support from the RCMP. It's viewed as part of the force's community policing philosophy.

Restorative Justice Week runs from Nov. 19 to 26 in Canada. This year's theme is "Inspiring Innovation." Organizations like the Correctional Service of Canada suggest RJ can be used to address situations outside of the criminal justice system. Those might include harm or conflict in families, neighbourhoods, schools or workplaces.

Salt Spring's RJ group is also willing to broaden its scope of activities. During the fractious Salt Spring incorporation referendum debate, community circles to process the conflict were facilitated by RJ members. The group can be approached to share its skills in mediating various types of community conflict.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, Salt Spring's local RJ group is holding an open house at the library's program room where people can learn more about the principles and practice. RJ can be a vital part of a socially healthy community. The more it is understood and used, the better off we will be.



HIGH WINDS BATTER WEST COAST

VIEWPOINT by Jan Slakov

Harbour trade-offs unacceptable

Who would like to see the Ganges Harbour boardwalk completed? I bet almost any Salt Spring resident would like that, including First Nations people who have longstanding connections to this place.

The problem is that the Trust has, so far, pursued a boardwalk completion plan that involves granting increased development potential, via Bylaw 491, to landowners who have so far declined to give permission for any boardwalk to cross their land. The proposed new C7 zoning would allow landowners along the Ganges waterfront to build up to 50 commercial guest accommodations per lot, operation or site. I am certainly not the only one who thinks this is unacceptable, especially since the Islands Trust Policy Statement expressly stipulates that "neither the density nor intensity of land use is [to be] increased in areas which are known to have a problem with the quality or quantity of the supply of freshwater."

I, for one, do not want to set a precedent that would see our community grant all kinds of development potential, simply to get a right of way for a community amenity like a boardwalk.

Friends have cautioned that some people have been working for over five years to move ahead with the boardwalk project; how do I feel about saying things that might mean the end of those dreams? Well, of course I take no pleasure in seeing people feel defeated.

But given the way our political system is structured, this kind of defeat happens to all of us who work for change. In my case, I often wake up feeling pain, realizing that we are collectively allowing the unthinkable to unfold: climate disruption that threatens so many life forms, especially future generations. The longer we wait to "turn this world around," to paraphrase one of Raffi's songs, the more difficult it becomes to make the changes we need.

And there is a wider context to this whole boardwalk initiative. The

North Ganges Transportation Plan calls for a full pedestrian/cycling pathway between Rainbow and Upper Ganges roads, paralleling the stretch where the boardwalk would be built. Perhaps the community needs to decide which project is most needed and get that built first.

There are trade-offs at other levels too. I am sure that it was not cheap to hire consultants to conduct the Nov. 4 public consultation session. Back in 2011, after a period in local politics which some of us found shocking because of the use of intimidation tactics and the divisiveness, I looked into options for a facilitated community visioning process. Along with another concerned citizen, I approached our local trustees with our ideas, but they never picked up on that suggestion. With hindsight, maybe it would have been a better use of public funds to pay for outside facilitators for a dialogue aimed at reaching common ground.

I remember once finding a "mistakes wheel," adapted from a native American medicine wheel. In the north, we find "learning from our own mistakes;" to the west, "learning from the mistakes of others;" in the centre, "learning that there is no such thing as a mistake." I find it useful to reflect on that perspective when looking at what is happening in local politics. I think the way the Trust conducts public consultation needs changing. But I can see why it can be so difficult to get helpful changes adopted. We live within a rather adversarial culture. I'm convinced it doesn't have to be this way, that we need to work consciously to create a more collegial culture, even a "culture of peace." But that's a topic for another day!

The writer is a Salt Spring resident active with a number of groups and causes.

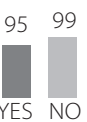
THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

As a victim would you choose Restorative Justice? Yes No

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

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should Ganges harbourwalk completion be pursued?



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "If I buy a brand new Corvette and park it in my garage and don't put any miles on it, it's worth more in 20 years, it's not worth zero."

CHRIS BUDD, SS FIRE TRUSTEE, ON FIRE TRUCK DEPRECIATION

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What do you do to make November's dark, wet days more bearable?



ALEX LYONS
I've started a band with friends called Invisible Enemy. We're almost ready for open mic.



BRUCE STENSTROM
I just created a great new movie shed.



JUDI LUCAS
Right now I'm developing my studio which gets me excited about the future — just creating things.



SUSAN HANNON
I plan a trip to Colombia.



SUSSAN YANEZ
I write, do collage and do a lot of praying, too. In the darkest month it's a good time to turn to our inner place.

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

Let waterfront issue rest

The Driftwood's online polls are interesting. They are always current and, as some believe, have their pulse on the community's concerns.

I would like to express some doubts about the most recent one, which asked, "Should [Ganges] harbourwalk completion be pursued?" (As of Monday, the responses were 90 for "yes" and 59 for "no.")

Everyone loves a boardwalk, but the way local government officials are proposing to move forward with the one here has serious down sides. It's a complex rather than easy-to-answer question.

Let's look at some of the issues. Is it a sellout to the landowners there? How much money do they stand to make if we change the zoning there, as is being proposed? Can that land really support the

densities that would be provided? How important is our present view of the harbour to us?

We are now paying for consultants and studies to determine what can take place on that small shorefront. Do we want to continue with this? Personally, I love our harbour view. I would like to concentrate on returning the marine life there to health, if that is possible. If a boardwalk is built, I want it built for community use, if that is indeed the wisest use for our resources. I want one where we can walk in a natural setting and enjoy views of the shore and the water. That's Salt Spring as we've known and loved it. It's part of our "unique amenities." I do not want one that impedes our sight with luxury buildings. I'm sure many of you will agree with me.

As the Driftwood reported, on Nov. 4 our trustees got an earful from our community

about what is proposed down there. It all begins with draft Bylaw 491, which has already had first reading.

As one person suggested at the Nov. 4 meeting, the future of the Ganges waterfront is so complex and concerning that it would be best to let candidates for the 2018 local elections describe their views so voters can learn about the issue through the election campaign and decide accordingly.

The candidates who are presently elected ran their campaign on calling for a referendum about Salt Spring becoming a municipality. They lost that vote. They now need to put Bylaw 491 and their vision for the boardwalk to a community vote. They could simply do this by campaigning on it next time. Let's let the waterfront issue rest until then.

HANNAH BROWN,
SALT SPRING

Don't kill golden-egg goose

It is unfortunate that some regard the Ganges Harbour waterfront as a piece of real estate to take advantage of for personal gain.

The owners of these small strips of land between the road allowance and the shoreline have reportedly said any rezoning should include filling in the foreshore, amendments to the OCP allowing higher densities, higher buildings, development potential where there presently is none, increased square footage, increased numbers of commercial units, increased numbers of dwelling units and even development on Mount Belcher. All this for the long-touted boardwalk which is essentially an idea

of the business community to bring more business to itself.

Proposed Bylaw 491 to amend the present Salt Spring Island land uses on the shoreline of Ganges Harbour would give the land owners of the four lots that prevent the building of the boardwalk the ability to do just about anything you can imagine. This is the proposal on the table by our Local Trust Committee to change the existing zoning of these four properties to C7. See the Salt Spring Islands Trust web page for information about Bylaw 491.

It is strange that this harbour waterfront proposal is being brought forward, as it is far from the mandate of the Islands Trust and our official community plan. Ask visitors who come here what brought them and they will say it is the natural beauty that is not obliterated by

overdevelopment, the ocean views, the artists, the artisans and the real food our farmers provide.

The iconic views of Ganges Harbour draw visitors, tourists and islanders to Ganges to spend money at local businesses. Ganges Harbour is the golden egg that reminds us we are here on the beautiful Gulf Islands protected by the Islands Trust. Let's not kill the goose.

Even if the whole community wants a boardwalk, it cannot come at such a high cost. A walking path from the corner of Upper Ganges Road to Thrifty's is already approved, is affordable and in the works. Development on the shoreline of Ganges must protect the views of Ganges Harbour for everyone.

DONNA MARTIN AND MICHAEL HOGAN,
SALT SPRING

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Hobbies appeal until the brutal endings arrive

I've been told to get a hobby.

Apparently sitting around the house, staring morosely out at the garden willing the lawn to mow itself didn't constitute a legitimate pastime. I suppose that doing the actual mowing wouldn't really shape up as much of a hobby either, unless I had later braided the clippings into something I could sell at the market on Saturday.

(I just dictionaried* "hobby," which is defined as "an activity done regularly in one's leisure time for pleasure." You can see the obvious contradictions, right? "Activity" and "pleasure" in the same sentence?)

Reading books is probably not a hobby, since turning a page is not, by definition, an activity, however vigorously you do it. Writing one could be, I guess, but that would likely involve protracted periods of sitting, thinking and then typing energetically to qualify. I'd actually been working on a novel that involved an ignorant pillock being voted into the White House who, in the course of a few months, reduces the planet to rubble, but had ditched it as implausible.

Music. That could have been a hobby.

I was offered a choice of musical instruments when I was at school and for reasons

that are now lost in the mists of time, elected to play the bassoon.

The bassoon, for crying out loud! When was the last time you were at a party and heard somebody cry: "Come on! Give us a tune on your bassoon!" or "I don't suppose you brought your bassoon this evening?" Guitarists are regularly invited to strike up. Pianists, if there's a piano in the house, are invariably gathered around. I've even been to a party where a lady entertained on a marimba, which is a xylophone with delusions of grandeur and required a truck to move it. But a bassoon, like the tuba and the bagpipe, was never intended for singing along to.

And in any case I never graduated beyond playing the "oompah, oompah" bits in the Dam Busters' March since I was handicapped by an insurmountable inability to read a note of music. I still have a guitar in the house, but after 45 years of admiring its proportions while occasionally dusting it, have never yet been able to tune it.

Cooking. That seems to be the gentleman-



Paul McElroy
AND ANOTHER THING

ly pastime de jour involving, as it does, beefy men in white pinafores shouting at their kitchen serfs, but I mastered the shouting years ago and I'm already a dab hand around the cooker. Unfortunately, cooking as a pastime also involves eating, which is something my doctor has advised me to avoid at all cost.

And I learned that cooking stuff that's good for you isn't half as much fun as serving up a dish that will clog your arteries just thinking about it. Vegetables, in my opinion, are forever the also-rans of the menu and if it doesn't have butter and a bucket of cream in it, I'm not much interested.

Stamp collecting? Really? That makes as much sense as collecting ear wax ... Building model aeroplanes? I tried that when I was a schoolboy and where my contemporaries built 1/60th replicas of Spitfires and Messerschmitts I never got beyond balsa wood kindling. In metalwork classes, my gate latch wouldn't latch and my artfully beaten copper bowl looked as if it had been beaten with a pickaxe.

And so, I've taken up fishing. Well, not fish-

ing per se, more buying fishing equipment and reading books on fishing. After much research, I've acquired enough gear to outfit the Icelandic trawler fleet and have only one or two more books to get through before I'm ready to challenge my first fish.

I don't mind admitting that I'm nervous. I've practised my knots until I could probably tie them blindfolded like a heart surgeon, I can talk knowledgeably about line weights, hook sizes and lures and have even, somewhat optimistically, obtained a fishing permit.

But I have a few concerns. Well, one really. What happens if I actually catch an actual fish and have to, you know, administer the coup de grace. Among my recently acquired fishing tackle is a small truncheon ("It floats and glows in the dark") which doesn't come with instructions, but I'm pretty certain it's intended to terminate fish. I'm used to battered fish, but draw the line at assault and battering them.

*"Dictionaried," for our younger readers, is what we did before Google. It involves turning the pages of a large paper book full of useful words.

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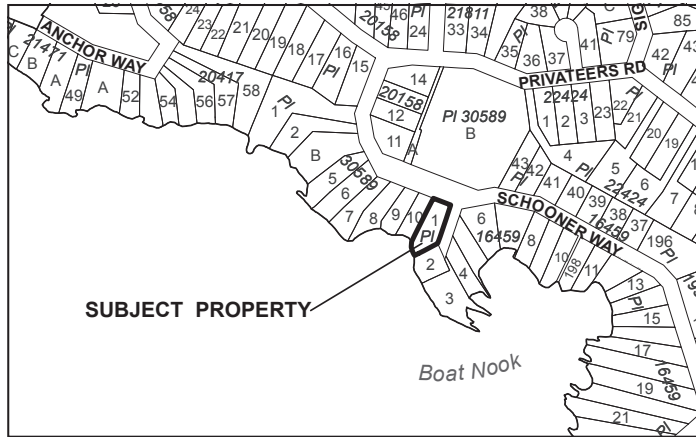
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NP-TUP-2017.1, NP-TUP-2017.3 & NP-TUP-2017.4

NOTICE is hereby given that the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee will be considering resolutions allowing for the issuance of Temporary Use Permits pursuant to Section 493 of the *Local Government Act*. The proposed Temporary Use Permits would apply to the following subject properties:

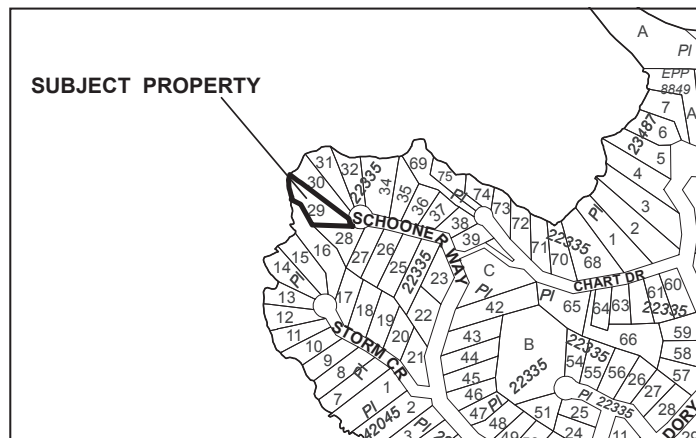
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- Lot 29, Section 9, Pender Island, Cowichan District, Plan 22335 (PID: 003-275-434), 1603 Schooner Way.
- Lot 8, Section 11, Pender Island, Cowichan District, Plan 22618 (PID: 003-299-961), 4703 Scarff Road.

The purpose of these Temporary Use Permits would be to permit Short Term Vacation Rentals within the existing dwelling units. The establishment of these uses would be subject to the conditions specified in the respective permits. The permits would be issued for three years and the property owners may apply to the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee to have it renewed once for an additional three years.

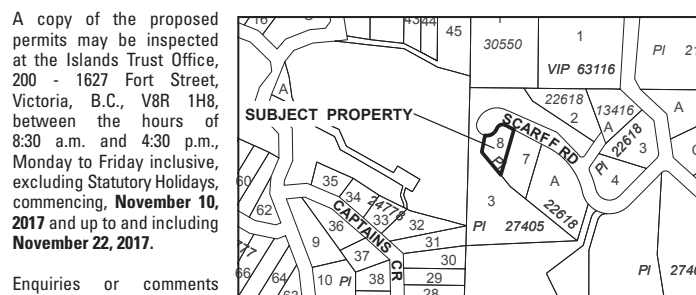
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A copy of the proposed permits may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., V8R 1H8, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays, commencing, **November 10, 2017** and up to and including **November 22, 2017**.

Enquiries or comments concerning NP-TUP-2017.1 should be directed to Planner Phil Testamale at (250) 405-5170. Enquiries or comments concerning NP-TUP-2017.3 and NP-TUP-2017.4 should be directed to Planner Jason Youmans at (250) 538-5603. For Toll Free Access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867; or by fax (250) 405-5155; or by email to: information@islandstrust.bc.ca, before 4:30 p.m., **November 22, 2017**. The North Pender Island Local Trust Committee may consider a resolution allowing for the issuance of the permit during the regular business meeting starting at **10 a.m.**, Thursday, **November 23, 2017**, at the Pender Community Hall, 4418 Bedwell Harbour Road on North Pender Island.

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

Sharon Lloyd-deRosario, Deputy Secretary

Book sale secrets revealed



Gail Sjuberg

OTHER WISE

After several years of being involved with the Giant Book Sale in one way or another, I sometimes feel I could write a book about it.

Every year it's a fascinating process from start to finish. First there's the collecting of donations, mainly through bins at Salt Spring's three financial institutions. Then the books are given some TLC at our sorting depot. They are cleaned inside and out, any discount stickers are removed by various means, and personal notes and bookmarks gently extracted. Then they are placed in one of about 40 categories and expertly packed in labelled boxes — about 1,000 of them this year. It takes a solid group of dedicated volunteers to do a lot of heavy lifting and not-so-glamorous work for the cause.

Doors open for the Giant Book Sale at the Farmers' Institute hall at 10 a.m. this Friday, Nov. 17 and stay that way until 4 p.m. The sale continues on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For the third year running, the Jewels for Literacy Sale of affordable, mostly used jewellery will take place at the same time in one beautifully adorned part of the hall. A small but mighty group of volunteers does all of the work for the JFL sale.

All book and jewellery

book and it has appeared magically before me at some point on the collecting, sorting and sale spectrum. It happened just last week. Thinking my spouse had no further use for a novel called *On the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford, I donated it to the sale early this year. A couple of months later, he wanted to lend it to someone. Uh oh! With sorting and packing of books well underway at that point, there was no way to track it down.

However, contained in one of four boxes of last-minute donations I happened to receive was a pristine copy of that book.

For more information about the book and jewellery sales and the preview event for Salt Spring Literacy Society members, see the www.saltspringliteracy.org website.

The Salt Spring Island Rotary Club has for the second year stepped up to sponsor the sale with a \$2,500 donation. That amount pretty much covers the sale's expenses, and club members will be participating in the event as well.

Thank you to Rotary, our many other sponsors and supporters, and the cheerful, indefatigable volunteers.

The writer is the Driftwood editor and chair of the Salt Spring Literacy Society.

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Bring book back

To the person who picked up the copy of *The Tiger* and the *Ruby* from Cafe Talia on Wednesday, Nov. 8 while a friend and I were having lunch there: It was a gift and one that I was really looking forward to reading.

Read it by all means, but can you return it to the restaurant from whence you took it? My friend picked it up in India especially for me and it is not available here. Thank you.

GREG MIDDLETON,
SALT SPRING

Legion thanks

It is readily argued that Remembrance Day is the most significant date on the Canadian calendar. Nov. 11 is a secular and apolitical day on which we should and do join Canadian communities worldwide to pay homage to those who have served at home and abroad, in war and peace, to observe a moment of silence, to mark the sacrifice of so many who gave their tomorrows for our todays, to reflect and remember.

Remembrance Day events are the purview of the Royal Canadian Legion. Although there is a small committee that produces the occasion, there are scores of contributors — too many to name specifically here — that have significant involvement in the success of Remembrance Day.

Whether by commercial or personal monetary donation, in a uniformed group, as individual or "tuneful" performers, Legion-mem-

ber and other volunteers, or simply one of hundreds of solemn faces in the crowd at the cenotaph, they are all deserving of gratitude.

All their efforts are appreciated by Branch #92 and especially by veterans.

Lest We Forget.
CHRIS SIMMONDS,
PRESIDENT, RCL BRANCH 92

Lights out?

This is the beginning of the darkest time of year, and a friendly reminder to all motorists here on Salt Spring to make this week the time you pay attention to your vehicle and its lighting.

Proper vehicle maintenance should regularly include checking that your headlights, brake lights and signal lights are all working. Duh! You should also have your local mechanic check this for you whenever your car is in for service.

Driving on Long Harbour Road every day I am totally amazed at the number of cars that have only one operational headlight. Daily after dark, I encounter people leaving on their high-beams constantly because of a lack of light to see by with their single operational headlight. It is totally ignorant to have high-beams on unnecessarily, and especially when following a vehicle. I can't believe how often this occurs!

Go to the auto parts store today and get a new bulb, which is very inexpensive and easy to replace yourself. Often this is the only issue, so stop putting it off and get it done! You will be able to see better, and stop being a hazard to other drivers.

SHARON BOUTLER,
LONG HARBOUR

Asking the right questions crucial

BY OLIVER BELISLE

Do you ever feel like you're being bombarded with information? Like everywhere you turn, so-called facts are being shoved in your face, many of them contradictory, many of them non-sensical?

Yeah. Me too.

What are we supposed to do when faced with so many different accounts of events, so many versions of truth? What source can we trust when perspective is monetized and reality so easily distorted?

I suppose we could trust no one. We could tune out, avoid traditional forms of media, and stay off the internet — or at the very least, off news sites and their toxic comment sections.

Could this work? Might it transmute feelings of helplessness into peace? Outrage into joyful indifference? Maybe.

But at the same time it would restrict our access to valid and potentially useful information as well, reducing us to a state of worldly ignorance.

Are these our only options then? To absorb information indiscriminately or bury our collective heads in the proverbial sand?

I don't believe so.

I believe there is an alternative that yields the best of both worlds: access to sound and use-

ful information and, at the same time, immunity to fake news, biased reporting, alternative facts and conspiracy theories.

In my personal experience, this alternative is hard to find and harder still to embrace.

Why? Because it requires a radical shift in our mindset and methodology, a shift that goes against much of what we have been conditioned to think, feel and do since childhood. Once embraced, however, this approach leads through layers of deception and half-truth into the realm of reliable insight.

Are you ready to hear about this radical "new" approach? Here it is, laid out step-by-step for your convenience.

First, abandon certainty and set aside what you think you know about yourself, your fellow humans and the world in general.

As one of my favourite philosophers encouraged his students: "Behold the world afresh — as it is, on its own terms — through the eyes of a beginner."

Adopt the heart of a child — innocent, curious, full of wonder — and the mind of a scientist — open, methodical, skeptical — then proceed to filter the world through your newfound lens.

Setting preconceived notions and assumptions aside allows you to ask questions you might not have considered previously.

Pick any topic you like — say happiness, for example. Filtered through your regular perspective, you might be inclined to ask things like, "What will make me happy?" or "Why am I not happy?"

Filtered through this radical new perspective, you'd avoid such questions initially, burrow directly to the heart of the matter and ask the right question: "What is happiness?"

How can anyone find happiness who doesn't know what it is? And how can anyone learn what it is who assumes they already know?

By starting from a position of avowed ignorance and proceeding carefully in the manner described above, I have found a compromise between blind acceptance and willful ignorance.

This approach has led me to numerous life-changing epiphanies and revealed a universe of degrees rather than absolutes.

It allows me to live in an informed and carefree way. I hope it serves you as well as it serves me.

Join us for a Unitarian Fellowship service on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 10:30 a.m. at Salt Spring Seniors.

For more information, see www.saltspringunitarians.com.

The writer is guest speaker at the Salt Spring Unitarian Fellowship gathering this Sunday.



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

CENOTAPH SCENE: Ganges cenotaph with wreaths and a certificate of service placed on and around its base. For more Remembrance Day photos, see the Driftwood's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/gulfislandsdriftwood.

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WATER RESOURCES

Expert probes Salt Spring's real lake water supplies

Don Hodgins says far less water available than licence limits imply

BY PAT BURKETTE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The quantity of water available from St. Mary and Maxwell lakes was the topic of a recent Salt Spring Water Preservation Society talk by Don Hodgins.

Hodgins, who has a Ph.D. in water resources engineering, is a former North Salt Spring Waterworks District trustee and currently co-chairs the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority Technical Working Group, shared information from his independent investigation into the island's lake water supply.

"My goal was to estimate the reliable amount of water available in our two [major] lakes and understand the implications of future consumption," he said at an Oct. 26 presentation at the Salt Spring Public Library.

The lakes currently supply water to about 5,500 residents.

Hodgins focused on determining "safe yield" levels for the lakes. Safe yield is the amount a reservoir can provide under the most severe drought.

"It's a conventional approach in the U.S.," he said.

After examining rainfall data from 1976 to 2016 for St. Mary Lake, Hodgins found six extreme drought events. He deemed 1987 to be a benchmark year, with a 60 per cent below normal level of summer rainfall, followed by the third driest winter in 100 years. He also examined other factors affecting water supply.

"St. Mary Lake has a very small watershed area, about 3.8 times the lake area. This makes it vulnerable to dry summers when water stored in the lake must provide drinking water supply, with little in the way of replenishment. Sixty to sixty-five per cent of that storage is lost to evaporation over summer. So, under dry conditions the amount available for withdrawals reaches its lowest level, limited by how far the lake can be drawn down," he noted.

Maxwell Lake's watershed is about 3.3 times the lake area. It has two sources of inflow, its own watershed and an adjacent watershed providing diversion water into the lake from November to March. The diverted water can be used to increase the drinking water supply.

"Diversion, though," Hodgins said, "must be carefully managed as it can result in higher nutrient loads."

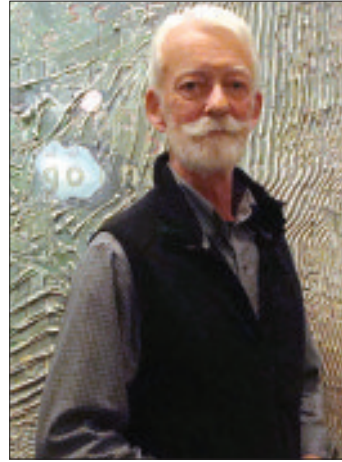


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Don Hodgins at Salt Spring library water talk.

He pointed out that reducing winter outflow via the spillway due to insufficient refill could also lead to worsening water quality. Dry winters rather than dry summers limit supply.

Using 1987 as the severest drought in 100

years, Hodgins estimated safe yield numbers for both lakes.

He determined that about one million cubic metres or a little more provides a prudent number for planning purposes. He noted that this would satisfy the water demand for roughly 4,000 single-family dwellings at current levels of water use.

Hodgins looked at last year's water demand for both lakes using NSSWD and CRD information, and estimates for other licence holders. Total demand is about 3,400 dwelling units. That leaves a reserve of 15 to 20 per cent of safe yield, far below the amounts implied by licensed limits.

Talk attendee and Islands Trust trustee Peter Grove put Hodgins on the spot about the current moratorium on new NSSWD water hook-ups.

"Do you then support the current moratorium?" he asked.

"I do," said Hodgins. "But we need to look at the worst case scenario of a safe yield of about a million cubic metres, instead of using license limits to determine allocation of water supply for future growth."

In his concluding remarks, he also stressed the need for serious water conservation measures targeting the largest consumers of water.



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BOOK LAUNCH

Dive Into Colours book explores coral reef ecosystems

Retired teacher releases first children's book

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

A retired teacher with a passion for scuba diving has released a children's book called Dive Into Colours that features colourful images of sea creatures.

Ann Donahue's book takes young readers on a tour of coral reefs, focusing on the colours found there.

Throughout some 20 years of diving in different spots around the world, Donahue and her husband Ken Sutherland have accumulated a stellar collection of underwater images. Donahue chose Sutherland's photos to use in Dive Into Colours.

One reason she decided to create the book is to raise awareness of the beauty of the coral reef habitat "that may disappear in the not-so-distant future. We feel that it is our responsibility to share these images to raise awareness about the fragility of this ecosystem."

Through the portholes of a submarine, readers meet 12 different animals of various colours and learn amazing facts about them. The text is easy to read and com-

bines visual cues matching the colours represented.

"It is a great read-along book for young children and a parent or adult, as well as a good book for beginner readers to tackle on their own," said Donahue.

A special launch event is set for Salt Spring Public Library on Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 1 p.m. Donahue will share photos and videos, along with stories about creatures from the reef habitat. A brief colouring activity will follow.

Besides an impetus to share awareness about endangered coral reefs, Donahue wrote the book to help reach reluctant readers. When Donahue taught Grade 2, she helped a student improve his skills by reading the captions of a book on animals of a much higher reading level.

"Science books were the only thing that interested him, but most of the books were too difficult to read. As a teacher, I realize the importance of having non-fiction books accessible to young readers."

She also shared that when she gave a slideshow presentation on coral reefs at the Salt Spring library a few years ago, one of the children attending asked if she had a book with her photos in it and where



PHOTO BY KEN SUTHERLAND

Coral reef fish swim near a giant purple anemone.

could he find it.

"I answered that I did not have one yet but would work on it!"

Dive Into Colours is published in paperback or hardcover format, and an ebook

version is also available.

Donahue is also happy to do school and community group presentations about coral reefs. She can be reached at diveintocolours@gmail.com.

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ON STAGE

Puppets share beauty of humanity

 21 Ways to Make the World
 Last Longer is for all ages

 ArtSpring's next show features puppets
 on a mission to make a difference in a trou-
 bled world.

 In the hopeful and heartwarming all-
 ages show called 21 Ways to Make the
 World Last Longer, five puppeteers expertly
 maneuver 30 puppets and 10 characters
 during a funny and dramatic tribute to the
 beauty of humanity. The show tantalizes
 the audience's imagination through sto-
 ries, memories, songs and conversations,
 enchanting the viewer to imagine a better
 world.

 The Runaway Moon Theatre show runs
 on Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

 "Inventive and talented puppeteers
 expertly depict regular folks who are try-
 ing to make a difference in a world that's
 in trouble," explains ArtSpring market-
 ing manager Jessica Beck. "Sally is a bird
 watcher, Peter is trying to help his 99-year-
 old mother with public transit, and Greg
 grumbles about the internet — just three
 of the voices that share their personal wis-
 dom."

 Not an ordinary performance by any
 means, 21 Ways to Make the World Last
 Longer combines different sizes of pup-
 pets with live actors on the same stage to
 explore the dramatic and comedic possi-


PHOTO COURTESY ARTSPRING

A scene from 21 Ways to Make the World Last Longer, which runs Tuesday at ArtSpring.

bilities of scale differences.

 "The line between real and imaginary
 is easily blurred when person and pup-
 pet interact, and with the addition of the
 simple magic that brings an inanimate
 object to life, they remind us that the pos-
 sibilities for transformation are all around
 us," said Beck.

 Audience member Rachel Wyatt said the
 humanness of the puppets, the subtlety

 and intimacy of the relationships, the radi-
 ant meaning behind the story and the deep
 listening of the performers combines for "a
 fulfilling and life-reviving experience."

 Created by Cathy Stubington and James
 Fagan Tait of Runaway Moon Theatre, a
 post-show talk-back with creators and
 puppeteers will follow the 7:30 p.m. perfor-
 mance. The bar opens at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are available through ArtSpring.

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 Bylaw 506 for
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PUBLIC HEARING

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What is the Bylaw about?

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- Defines additional legal terms



How do I get more information?

 A copy of Bylaw 506 and relevant information can be reviewed at
 the Islands Trust office at 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring
 Island from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding
 statutory holidays. Or:

 Planner Seth Wright will be available at the Hart Bradley Hall,
 before the public hearing, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. to answer
 any questions about the bylaw.

EXHIBIT

Burton and Beckett artwork at new Upstairs Valley Gallery

 Seasonal show at
 Fulford venue next
 weekend

 Yantara Walker and her
 Upstairs Valley Gallery is
 hosting a show featuring
 the works of Jacob Bur-
 ton and Joshua Beckett
 next weekend.

 Both Burton and Beck-
 ett are long-time Salt
 Spring residents, gradu-
 ates of Gulf Islands Sec-
 ondary School and Emily
 Carr University of Art
 and Design, and have
 been pursuing their work
 on the island for the past
 15 and 20 years as they
 raised their families here.

 Burton will be show-
 ing smaller bronze sculp-
 tures, suitable for a home
 feature or garden display.
 Walker said many have
 a whimsical bent, and
 all evidence the sophis-
 ticated techniques Bur-
 ton has been employ-
 ing in his successful
 Burton Bronze Foundry

 for a growing group of
 Canadian artists. The
 Driftwood's most recent
 Aqua magazine contains
 a story about Burton
 Bronze Foundry.

**"Both of these
 artists create work
 that is
 accessible and
 satisfying . . ."**

 YANTARA WALKER
 Gallery owner

 Beckett is present-
 ing a series of Salt
 Spring paintings. As he
 describes the collection,
 "The paintings are exam-
 ples of 'plein air,' a rig-
 orous yet spontaneous
 form of painting recall-
 ing the haiku."

 Walker said most of the
 work featured has a small

 format, offering suitable
 sizes for home display.

 "Both of these art-
 ists create work that is
 accessible and satisfy-
 ing, and an exceptional
 opportunity for collec-
 tors," said Walker.

 The seasonal show and
 sale of art and antiques
 will run from 11 a.m. to
 9 p.m. on Friday, Nov.
 24 and from 11 a.m. to
 5 p.m. on Saturday and
 Sunday, Nov. 25 and 26.

 Burton and Beckett
 will be in attendance at
 the gallery from 3 p.m.
 onward for the first day
 on Friday, Nov. 24.

 The Upstairs Valley
 Gallery is located at 2123
 Fulford-Ganges Rd.

 On the main floor of the
 gallery, Walker is featur-
 ing a "pop-up" antique
 and collectibles sale, fea-
 turing a large collection
 of 19th-century cameos
 in gold. Many jewellery
 pieces from the antique
 to modern are available,
 as are numerous other
 objects.

THEATRE REVIEW

Laughs and truths in one-act comedies

Community theatre at Mahon

BY PAT BURKETTE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Salt Spring Community Theatre's fall double bill, playing at Mahon Hall this weekend, features original one-act comedies that offer up truths about Salt Spring alongside the laughs.

Mother's Nature, written and directed by Scott Merrick, is a half-hour collection of vignettes staged as telephone conversations between a mother living in West Vancouver and a son, named Rich, living on Salt Spring.

"I actually lived all these events. They are true," said Merrick as he introduced his play at last Friday's premiere.

Actors Daniel Squizzato, playing the son Rich, and Lynne Terry, playing the mother, tell us about their lives in 10 conversations, on a set depicting side-by-side living rooms.

Rich, who mom insists on calling Dickie, is consistently irritated when call display identifies mom. It's obvious that Salt Spring was a planned escape, like it is for so many. Squizzato shows good timing as the straight man for Terry's comic turns. Terry does a fine job of portraying an uber mama, expert at instilling guilt in her son.

In one scene, she tells Rich her Siamese cat Josie, a known snake hunter, is trying to kill her because she found a snake in her open mailbox. An exasperated Rich replies, "Josie's a Siamese cat. You mean nothing to her. Nobody does!"

But we don't just laugh at the pair; we cry a little too. When mom thanks Rich for coming to her birthday dinner, he reminds her that staff had to rope off their area of the restaurant because she and his dad were so drunk.

In the play's final vignette, mom spills the beans about a mystery man, Danny, who has hovered over some phone calls like a ghost. She helps her son, and the audience, understand why she is who she is, with Terry ably handling the transformation from caricature to authenticity.

Salt Spring Blues, the second play on the bill, was written and directed by Sid Filkow.

Main characters Phyllis and Allen are a long



PHOTO BY PAT BURKETTE

From left, St. Clair McColl, Rosita Larrain and Vera Algoet survey the scene where a separated Salt Spring couple has literally split their house down the middle with caution tape.

married couple. Phyllis wants to separate while Allen clings to the marriage.

As they tell their story, long-time islanders will recognize patterns from Salt Spring marriage and real-estate culture with roots in hippie days. Newer, younger residents may look upon the play as an entertaining lesson in Salt Spring history. Either way, Salt Spring Blues has things to tell us about how today's beautiful dreamers can become beautiful losers when economic realities intrude.

The play's set has yellow police tape, representing a wall, dividing Phyllis and Allen's house in half. Allen, played by Dave French, goes out the window on his side, and comes in the door on Phyllis' side to access fridge and stove.

When the couple arrived on Salt Spring, they were going to make children's books together.

"We lived out our myth for awhile," says Allen.

Now, Phyllis wants to sell the house and leave. Allen wants to rent it out and live in a renovated garden shed aka "studio." Then there's his "crop"

to consider, which he says is "so close to harvest."

Realtor Helen, very well portrayed by Rosita Larrain, eyes the walled-off quarters, and says, "All we need is a couple of visionary clients." Potential buyers Molly and Marvin soon arrive, while Allen talks renos with Lola, played by Amy Haysom, a sexy designer who confesses to affairs with clients' husbands.

Vera Algoet's truth-talking character Molly calls Marvin "Captain Cook" and screeches, "He wants to buy a boat!" She and Marvin, played with hammy hilarity by St. Clair McColl, keep the laughs coming.

But Phyllis and Allen turn seriously philosophical, unable to decide between their options. Likely most of the audience understood that leaving an island home, even when it seems practical, is harder than it seems.

All shows run at Mahon Hall on Nov. 16, 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m., with doors at 7 p.m.

Tickets are at Mondo Trading and at the door.

FUNDRAISER

Cariboo Express show set to entertain crowd

Barney Bentall's cool crew returns

On Monday, Nov. 20, the Salt Spring Folk Club presents Barney Bentall and the Cariboo Express at Fulford Hall in a fundraising concert for the Salt Spring Food Bank.

"The past success of this popular event and the generous community cash donations and business sponsorships have motivated the folk club to present this 'best-ever' show again in hopes to meet or beat previous funds raised," said co-organizer Trish Nobile. "In 2015, \$10,000 was donated to the food bank and that amount was doubled last year."

The Cariboo Express is a one-of-a-kind variety show hosted by Canadian music icon Barney Bentall. Some of Canada's finest roots and country musicians, such as Ridley Bent, Kirby Barber, Dustin Bentall, Kendel Carson, Wendy Bird, Matt Masters, Leeroy Stagger and the Gold Rush Allstars, perform.

"This stellar showcase of performers is all about laughter, storytelling and the timeless sound of contemporary songwriters with great

respect for tradition," said Nobile. "The show is a heartfelt set of roots, folk and rock favourites."

This year the Cariboo Express tour is raising money for food banks in several B.C. locations. Through an inventive sponsorship model, local businesses are featured in song introduction monologues, using humour and sentiment to showcase the sponsor.

Funds raised on Nov. 20 will be matched by the Bentall family's Hawthorne Foundation. Donations are eligible for a charitable tax receipt from Salt Spring Community Services Society and can be made at the hall on Monday night or directly to SSCSS. The Salt Spring Food Bank relies entirely on donations and so the fundraiser is a timely way to stock up for the Christmas food hamper program.

The Cariboo Express has become a sought-after event across western Canada. It makes a significant impact on each community it touches with both its fundraising model and highly engaging show.

Tickets are available at Salt Spring Books. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and showtime is 7 p.m.

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Wed. Nov. 15

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Mother Goose.
Join Nomi and Hannah on Wednesdays in the Salt Spring Library Program Room for Parent-Child Mother Goose, with songs, rhymes and play-time. 10:30 a.m. to noon.



Salt Spring Digital.
Meeting at the Legion. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Info: www.saltspring-digital.org

Art Talk: Japanese Canadian Internment from Salt Spring Island.
Presentation by Brian Smallshaw at the Salt Spring Public Library. 7 to 9 p.m.

SongJam.
Pub-style sing-along to the soundtrack of our lives. Moby's Pub. 7:30 p.m.

Thu. Nov. 16

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Salt Spring Community Theatre Production.
Two one-act comedies: Mother's Nature (telephone conversations with my mother) + Salt Spring Blues. Mahon Hall. 7:30 p.m.



Thu. Nov. 16

ACTIVITIES

Deepening Into Aging.
Workshop facilitated by Jayalinda Cole dedicated to contemplation, inquiry, meditation and writing-drawing to deepen into the all-important meaningful questions that arrive at the end of life approaches. Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Salt Spring Weavers and Spinners Guild Meeting.
Topic is "Taking it over the edge - how to expand your creative focus." Salt Spring Baptist Church meeting room. 10:30 a.m.

Preview Night for Giant Book Sale & Jewels for Literacy Sale.
For Salt Spring Literacy Society members. (Annual memberships can be purchased at the door.) SS Farmers' Institute. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Live from Broadway to Cinemas: Cyrano de Bergerac.
Special film at The Fritz. 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Email thefritz@hotmail.ca for tickets.



Have Fun Learning Squash.
Drop-in introductory sessions at the new squash court at the Golf Club (805 Lower Ganges Rd). Bring clean non-marking shoes. Thursdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Open Mic Night.
Thursdays at Moby's Pub starting at 8:30 p.m.

Fri. Nov. 17

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Salt Spring Community Theatre Production.
See Thursday's listing.

ACTIVITIES

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.

Giant Book Sale & Jewels for Literacy Sale.
Salt Spring Literacy's famous 11th annual Giant Book Sale and 3rd annual Jewels for Literacy Sale. Three-day extravaganza at the Salt Spring Farmers' Institute from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Cultural Perspectives on Health in Community.
Learn how concepts around health and community align with traditional teachings of Indigenous peoples in workshop with Courtney Defriend. SS Elementary School. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Family Movie Matinee.
Free event Fridays at the library, for families with kids ages six and up. Today's screening is Labyrinth. 2:30 p.m.

Satsang with Desthein.
In the Satsang Room at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 7 to 9 p.m.

Sat. Nov. 18

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Salt Spring Community Theatre Production.
See Thursday's listing.

SALT and Soul Shakedown.
Live music at the Legion. 8 p.m.

Interchill DJ Night.
Interchill presents Bassos Rancheros, Adham Shaikh and Andrew. Moby's. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Giant Book Sale & Jewels for Literacy Sale.
See Friday's listing.



Anglican Parish Christmas Bazaar.
Christmas Bazaar at All Saints By-the-Sea features baking, crafts, preserves, jewellery, treasures and a delicious lunch. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Restorative Justice Salt Spring Open House.
Salt Spring Public Library program room. 10 a.m. to noon with short presentation starting at 11:30 a.m.

MET Live in HD: The Exterminating Angel.
The Met presents the American premiere of Thomas Adès's The Exterminating Angel, inspired by the classic Luis Buñuel film. ArtSpring. 10 a.m.

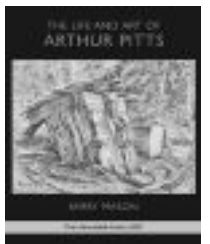
Death Cafe.
Discussion about death and related matters returns to ArtSpring by popular demand. 2 to 4 p.m.

Satsang with Desthein.
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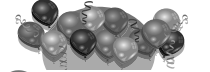
Sat. Nov. 18

ACTIVITIES

Book Launch: The Life and Art of Arthur Pitts.
Book Launch and Illustrated Talk by Kerry Mason for #10 in The Unheralded Artists of BC series. Salt Spring Public Library. 3 p.m.



Abattoir Birthday Bash.
The Abattoir Birthday Bash celebrates the successful fifth year of the abattoir. Enjoy an all-local dinner, cash bar, entertainment and silent auction. Fulford Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m.



Sun. Nov. 19

ACTIVITIES

Giant Book Sale & Jewels for Literacy Sale.
See Friday's listing.

Satsang with Desthein.
See Saturday's listing.

SS Unitarian Fellowship: Wisdom and the Human Condition.
Guest speaker Oliver Belisle asks What Does It Mean To Be Wise? at SS Unitarian Fellowship. Salt Spring Seniors Centre. 10:30 a.m.

Mon. Nov. 20

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Barney Bentall & the Cariboo Express.
The Salt Spring Folk Club presents Barney Bentall and the Cariboo Express at the Fulford Hall in a special fundraising concert for the Salt Spring Food Bank. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Music is at 7 p.m.



Tue. Nov. 21

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

21 Ways to Make the World Last Longer. Runaway Moon Theatre all-ages puppet and live actor show. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m. Bar opens at 6:30.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Probuc Club.
Probuc meeting speaker is Ken Lee with the topic of Understanding Your Brain. Lions Hall. 10 a.m.

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

Tue. Nov. 21

ACTIVITIES

Book Launch: Dive Into Colours.
Ann Donahue children's book takes readers through the wonders of coral reefs using underwater photography. During a special launch event Donahue will share photos and videos along with stories about creatures from the reef habitat. Salt Spring Public Library. 1 p.m.

Learn to Spin Yarn With a Drop Spindle.
Free lesson with materials supplied through the Salt Spring Weavers and Spinners Guild. Careers room at GISS. 7 p.m.

Register at saltspringweaversandspinnners.com

Salt Spring Forum AGM.
Annual general meeting at Cafe Talia. 7:30 p.m.

Wed. Nov. 22

ACTIVITIES

A Better Man - Film & Discussion.
Salt Spring Film Festival and SVOVA present documentary film illuminating a new paradigm for domestic-violence prevention. Join in the post-film discussion, including Q & A film clips with filmmaker Attiya Khan. ArtSpring. 7 p.m.

Mother Goose.
See last Wednesday's listing.

SongJam.
See last Wednesday's listing.

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EXHIBITIONS

• **She Said: This is Who I Am** — work by 14 women artists — **Selena Baldwin, Sam Barlow, Isabelle DeLauniere, Erin Fawcett, Odette Graham, Beulah Gordon, Jane Mackenzie, Nikki Menard, Meghan McKillop, Ahava Shira, Julianna Slomka, Aria Squire, Charlene Wolff and Emily Surbey** — runs at **ArtSpring** daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Sunday, Nov. 19.

EXHIBITIONS

• **Aura Arindam** exhibits new acrylic paintings of seascapes and landscapes at **Fernwood Road Cafe** through November.

• **Cinda Helm** presents a painting series called **Coffee Girls at Salt Spring Gallery** until Nov. 22.

• An exhibit titled **150 Years and Counting: Fighting for Justice on the Coast** is in the **Salt Spring Public Library Program Room** through November. See What's On events above for special events related to the exhibit.

• **Salty Pear Gallery** on Rainbow Road hosts **Damaz Studio** - Natural Tendencies on Thursdays through Saturdays until Dec. 1.

• **Gabrielle Jensen** shares new work at **Gulf Island Picture Framing**.

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

If you have information on any of our streets, please contact us at: 250-537-9933 or dwsalty@driftwoodgimedia.com



THERAPEUTIC RIDING

Riders taught with care and compassion

SSTRA instructors share perspectives on program's impact

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Rain or shine, the weather has no dampening effect on the smiles of the Salt Spring Therapeutic Riding Association riders or the compassion and enthusiasm of their amazing instructors.

SSTRA employs a team of trained instructors who are certified through a two-year course that covers all aspects of the therapy, as well as horse and stable management. Lynn Thorburn has been with the association since inception. Instructors Jacqueline Sutton and John Herbert started as volunteers in 2006 and became instructors in 2008.

We asked the SSTRA instructors to share their perspective on the program and the value it brings to the community.

"The experience has benefitted so many children in this community," said Lynn Thorburn. "These children, who have challenges with fine motor skills, balance and social interactions, get a boost in confidence. We see improvements in all three functions from their time with the horse, both in the ring and in the stable.

"Teaching so many different children and adults over the years has been the most rewarding aspect of the program for me," she added. "Watching a new rider come and meet a horse for the first time, maybe overcome a fear of such a big animal, then fall in love with that same horse is a magical moment. The riders learn so much it is amazing. They learn from their interactions with us instructors and the volunteers, they learn about how to care for another being, as well as learning riding skills."

Due to the one-on-one aspect of therapeutic riding, the riders get the full attention of at least two people for an hour, which helps accelerate their learning. This level of attention is not possible at school due to classroom size and may not even be available at home very often, depending on the number of siblings they have.

SSTRA provides development on physical, mental and emotional levels. Riders gain knowledge in horse grooming, care, tacking up and unpacking, as well as riding skills. As most of our students fall somewhere on the autism spectrum, this multi-level approach is invaluable as their muscles get stronger, and the riders improve their balance, reduce spasms and increase relaxation of body and mind. Attention spans increase and focus improves over time and the riders learn to manage their emotions with respect to other people and the horse.

Parents have reported that their children are calm for several days after riding and this is invaluable to families and parents in their day-to-day of managing their families.

"It is very important for community to support SSTRA because there is literally no other way that riders can benefit on so many levels to improve their quality of life. Having a warm living being to passively and actively stimulate physical and mental capacities is not possible any other way," said Sutton. "The program helps people on emotional, physical and psychological levels. Being around and having hands on the horses brings a real awareness and a necessity to 'be here now.'"

"I've had an autistic rider in a heightened stage of agitation almost instantly transform into a state of calmness when he came into the presence of the horse. Another rider was terrified to sit on a bench or go anywhere near the school playground, and now he will climb and jump off anything. Lots of people come to us with varying mobility issues and the riding helps with their balance, flexibility and muscle development. The benefits are endless. It's very rewarding work," instructor Herbert said.

In the 16 years since the program began, hundreds of individuals have participated from kindergarten age to seniors. Currently SSTRA is looking for a new home and is asking the community of Salt Spring to help out financially so we can continue to offer this important service to those in need and their families.

People wanting more information or to support SSTRA can visit www.sstra.ca or call Erika Ponsford at 250-653-9925.



PHOTO COURTESY SSTRA
Instructor Lynn Thorburn, right, leads a riding session for seven-year-old Vienna Brinks, along with volunteer Roberta Shortreed.

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Who should attend?
Anyone affected by the proposed bylaws

Enquires?
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Rezoning for a **Picnic Shelter - Thieves Bay Park**
Bylaw 213

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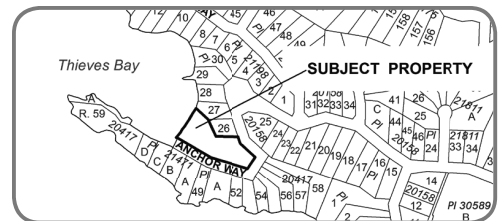
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Note: this is a second Public Hearing for this application. Changes were made to the Bylaw based on feedback at the first Hearing.

What is the bylaw about?

To permit the construction of a picnic shelter on the property shown in the sketch map below. The bylaw will rezone the property to a site specific Community Park 1 (a) (CP 1 [a]) zone that will:

- Allow picnic shelter as a use.
- Limit the maximum size for a shelter to 80.2 m² (863.3 ft² -[roof area]).
- Limit the maximum height to 4.6 m (15 ft) and create setback regulations.



How do I get more information?

Copies of the bylaw and other information is available at the Islands Trust Victoria office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays, November 10 to 22, 2017. Or:

www.islandstrust.bc.ca/npende/applications

Written submissions?

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SOCIAL ISSUES

Film fest and SWOVA team up for event

A Better Man film, Q&A and panel discussion

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

A new Canadian documentary film that takes a unique look at domestic violence is set to screen at ArtSpring next Wednesday, Nov. 22.

A Better Man, co-written and co-directed by Attiya Khan and Lawrence Jackman, is a co-presentation of Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse (SWOVA) and the Salt Spring Film Festival.

Khan was abused by her partner, "Steve," for two years after she moved in with him when she was 17 and he was 18 years old. More than 20 years later they meet by chance on the streets of Toronto. As a filmmaker and counsellor, Khan asks her former partner to participate in a film examining their past relationship and its violence. Toronto Film Scene magazine calls A Better Man "one of the most socially vital Canadian documentaries of the year."

Sharyn Carroll, the coordinator of SWOVA's Consent and Sexual Assault project, said the film's approach to a difficult topic is unique.

"This hasn't been done before, in terms of a man sit-



Filmmaker Attiya Khan meets with her former abusive partner "Steve" in a scene from A Better Man.

ting and talking in this way with the person he abused. It's discussed without shame or blame, but they just go over the past and see where growth can come from it."

"I think what struck me about it and why SWOVA wanted to be a part of it is because it is about that conversation of the role of men taking responsibility for their past actions, while recognizing that they have their own histories and probably trauma," said SWOVA executive director Kiran Dhingra.

"Watching this man, I think it was very courageous [of him to participate]. There were moments where I really felt he was very uncomfortable and a lot of emotion was coming out of him, and yet he was there and he went through that process with [Khan]."

Dhingra said she was also

impacted by how witnesses to the violence, including neighbours and high school teachers, did not intervene or address the situation.

"I think this film is a good conversation piece because what do we do when we are witnesses to domestic violence?"

Dhingra and Carroll said the awareness recently raised by the #MeToo social media campaign has been valuable, especially in eroding the stigma and shame women feel when it comes to sexual assault.

"I think this is a start of just getting rid of that shame," said Carroll. "This is happening to all of us and we need to be able to talk about it."

A video question and answer session about A Better Man will be shown after the film and before a panel

discussion.

Joining Carroll on the panel is SWOVA's David Norget, Dianne Evelyn from Island Women Against Violence and GISS student Ava Powelson.

SWOVA is grateful to the Salt Spring Film Festival Society for partnering with them for the Nov. 22 event.

"When we came up with the idea we approached them and they were very open and enthusiastic, very supportive," said Dhingra. "They have been true partners in putting this event together."

Film festival manager James Cowan explained the group's willingness to participate.

"Salt Spring Film Festival as an organization is always on the lookout for great documentary films, and especially films that take on tough topics in the social justice realm. A Better Man has had extensive coverage on CBC as well as other media in the country, and it's an important conversation to have. This is a very well-made film, and it's very courageous of the filmmaker to take on this topic in such a personal way. We're honoured to work with SWOVA on this project."

A Better Man begins at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available through ArtSpring, at the box office and online.

CHRISTMAS

Santa's Workshop gets rolling for the year

Project's success depends on wide-ranging community generosity

SUBMITTED BY SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Santa's Workshop is up and running now with the help of many volunteers and the kind generosity of island businesses, individuals and non-profit groups.

The toys and gifts collected and bought with your donations will be given to needy families with the Christmas food hampers distributed by Community Services.

The program requires monetary donations, as well as new (or like new) unwrapped toys and gifts, to operate. The monetary donations by cheque can be made out to Santa's Workshop and given to "head elf" Wendy Eggertson (contact at 250-537-2658). Gifts can be left in marked drop boxes at Country Grocer, Uptown Pharmasave (next to Country Grocer) and West of the Moon toy store (downtown), or at CIBC under their Angel Christmas tree. The final day to drop off gifts in toy boxes or under the CIBC Christmas tree will be Dec. 13.

The success of Santa's workshop has been hugely dependant on the large

cash donation from the Salt Spring Toy Run motorcycle group. You can see this group on motorcycles adorned with toys parade through town led by Santa in the summer. They also have several barbecues throughout the year. They are hardworking and our most reliable donor; without them Santa's Workshop could not function.

[The Salt Spring Toy Run motorcycle group] are hardworking and our most reliable donor; without them Santa's Workshop could not function.

Non-profits such as the IODE, Burgoyne United Church, South Salt Spring Women's Institute, Rotary, Spirit Point Dragons dragonboat club and various others have also kindly donated in the past. Local businesses who collect and donate gifts include West of the Moon (who provide our art supplies at cost), Uptown Pharmasave (who always add kind donations to our collection box), Country

Grocer, Island Variety Shop and others. We are most grateful to the folks at Central Hall who have given us work space for many years.

But by far the most touching gifts are those given by individuals who at one time had received the gifts given by Santa's Workshop and now, in better times, are giving back to Santa's Workshop. Last year a woman came in with six lovely gift bags full of overflowing with age-appropriate gifts for our hard to buy for teens. When asked why she did such a thing she said, "You were there for me when I most needed you, and now, when I am able, my family and I would like to give back to my wonderful community." Those words of gratitude give Santa's Workshop volunteers the energy to carry on year after year.

This year the gift bags will be delivered with the food hampers by Community Services on Dec. 17. For those needing Santa's Workshop gifts (only open to children and teens aged 16 and under) please pick up a request form from Community Services. The last day to submit this form back to Community Services is Nov. 28.

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Ken passed away after a brief battle with cancer, at home surrounded by his family. Born in England, Ken emigrated to Canada in 1980. After spending 5 years in McBride, B.C. he moved to Salt Spring Island to continue practicing medicine. Although he spent time working in Port Alberni and New Zealand he always called Salt Spring Island home.

Ken leaves behind his wife Denise, children Moya, James, Paul, Robert and Kira as well as his grandchildren, Thomas, Emily, Elizabeth, Charlotte and Sam.

Ken was a keen golfer but his real passion was gardening, we would like to invite you to join us by planting a living memorial to him in your garden.

He was much loved and will be sorely missed. A celebration of life is planned for the future.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

Capital Regional District CRD

NOTICE of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

All meetings will be held in the CRD Electoral Area Office Meeting Room Located at Suite 108 121 McPhillips Avenue, Salt Spring Island

- Beddis Water Service Commission** - Monday, Nov. 20, 2017 from 10 am - 12 pm
- Ganges Sewer Local Service Commission** - Monday, Nov. 20, 2017 from 1 pm - 3 pm
- Fulford Water Service Commission** - Monday, Nov. 27, 2017 from 10 am - 12 pm
- Highland Fernwood Water Service Commission** - Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2017 from 10 am - 11 am
- Maliview Sewer** - Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2017 from 11 am - 12 pm
- Liquid Waste Service** - Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2017 - 12:30 pm
- Cedar Lane Water Service Commission** - Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017 from 10 am - 12 pm
- Cedars of Tuam Water Service Commission** - Thursday Nov. 30, 2017 from 1 pm - 3 pm

INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED??

We are seeking volunteers for a term which begins on January 1, 2018. These Local Service Commissions advise and make recommendations regarding the supply, treatment, storage and distribution of water and or sewer within the service area. These volunteer positions are open to a resident or property owner within the Service Area and have a two year term. The Commissions include the CRD Regional Director and are supported by local CRD Staff Members. Nominations will be accepted at the Annual General Meetings as shown above for two year terms beginning in January 2018.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE ISLAND ARTS CENTRE SOCIETY

WILL HOLD ITS AGM ON

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- Annual Financial Report
- Election of Board Directors
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Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District

Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

MEETING NOTICE

19 November beginning at 4:00pm

Trustees of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District have scheduled a special meeting of the Board of Trustees to be held November 19th, 2017 at the Training Room Fire Hall No. 1 beginning at 4 p.m.

The business of the meeting concerns Human Resource matters and will be conducted in an In-camera session.

Board of Trustees
Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District

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INFORMATION

Capital Regional District CRD

INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED??

Volunteers wanted to serve as members of various Commissions

Terms are for two years, starting January 1 each year.

Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission - includes 8 members of the public, plus the CRD Director for Salt Spring. The PARC serves in an advisory role to the CRD and is responsible for the establishment, ongoing operation and maintenance of facilities, community parks, trails and recreation services.

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Salt Spring Community Economic Development Commission - includes 7-9 members of the public, plus the CRD Director for Salt Spring. The Commission works cooperatively with adjacent local governments on economic development projects.

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INFORMATION

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Contact Regan at rsrumm@gmail.com or 250-896-8266.

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNIVERSARIES



Sofia Nivi Langer
October 25th, 2017 at 9:52 am, 9th

Phoebe new mama, Sofia Langer would like to announce the joyful and north birth of her baby girl Sofia, born at the Roundstone Mother's birthing cottage in the park, with enthusiasm and strength.

Olivia Anne Shaw in Burlington, Ontario, Uncle Nathan Langer in Burlington, and Spu Ray Langer in Dundas are all excited about this new addition to the family. 100% USPH family's associated!


The 'village' has truly arrived to help soothe mama and sweet baby; thanks to the many, many friends who have offered a great start to Sofia Nivi's life. Sofia Nivi is already enjoying adventures on the trails of Salt Spring, and Sofia is expected to spend time in nature with her new campaign.

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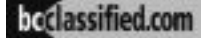
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This Week's
Noroscope
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TIP OF THE WEEK

2017, year 1 of a new round has proven transformational for pretty much everyone. The number 1-Year, which is based on the addition of the numbers in the year (2 + 0 + 1 + 7 = 1), tends to be like this, raw, assertive, aggressive even, boldly pushing us to go where we have not been before. Thus, 1 is the number of new beginnings fresh starts and pioneering initiatives. Of course, these invariably entail endings. Both ends of the deal can be difficult, transformational and life-altering. As well, as is true of new beginnings, they set the tone, themes for the 8 years to follow.

Pushed out of the familiar, secure comfort zone, people commonly react and resist, or are challenged to rise to the occasion and participate cooperatively. This is how our ego is - security oriented - and that is valid. But, the river of life has a strong current and some of its twists and turns quickly become rapids. But, there are and will invariably be calmer stretches in between. Altogether, these are a reminder to be grateful for the joyful windows and humble and compassionate and supportive with the experiences of others because some have much harder lessons and destinies than others and the tables can and do turn quickly.

This general indication of larger themes affecting us all may seem simplistic, but it works quite well indeed. It actually represents the fact that we are all engaged in a co-creative process, whether we know it, like it, believe it, or not. Yet, skepticism falls hard when evidence piles up into heaps, like now. The measuring abilities of Numerology and Astrology work very well and can help you in your personal life too. These are just samples addressing collective themes and trends, but upon reflection, you may recognize that they work well indeed.

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Some very exciting and powerful momentums are underway for you. The stakes are quite high and this invariably attracts players and perhaps predators too. The process of negotiation is ever a complex affair and can inspire strategy and cunning. Remember that things can and usually do change quickly once signatures officially seal the deal.
Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20): Wow, a veritable vanguard of elite players is gracing your stage right now. To this end, you are challenged to work hard to stay in the game. You yourself have expansive and lofty ambitions brewing. You are determined to go big now and secure your position and, if you have it your way, for the long-term.
Gemini (May 21-June 20): Changes in your lifestyle are underway. The overall state of affairs is changing and this may be the source of some anxiety. The challenge to be faithful in it is all high. One of the keys is to give more. This can occur by gathering tools and learning new skills to leverage your position. Focus to be decisive and committed to following through.
Cancer (June 21-July 22): You have entered an important time period inviting you to make important investments. These could come in the way of energy output of a variety of kinds and not necessarily just financial. The main thing is that you are working to forge a brighter and more secure future. While the prospect of holdings and dividends is sensible, be sure to include a foundation for a purpose.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22): Financial interests, concerns, and considerations are under way for you. The stakes are quite high and this invariably attracts players and perhaps predators too. The process of negotiation is ever a complex affair and can inspire strategy and cunning. Remember that things can and usually do change quickly once signatures officially seal the deal.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Big energies are building. This is an expansive time for you and you may feel somewhat intimidated by the prospects. New turns have begun and they require all the faith, courage and strength you can muster. You are probably wise to take an experimental approach for now and avoid final decisions until you are more confident in your approach.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): There is something very big brewing in the back of your mind. But, because it is back there, you may not be as fully aware or conscious of it as you might like. However, you probably do feel punchy and rebellious. Certain situations need to change, perhaps especially close to home. It might prove worthwhile to check in with yourself to sound your depths.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): This is a powerful time for pretty much everyone and not least of all you. Changes that have been brewing for many months are entering their final stages before the bigger shift occurs. Changes on relationship fronts affecting both your personal and professional life are featured. Positively, a fresh start is indicated.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Some big changes are brewing close to home. Your sights are set on the future but you have a lot of work to do. Creating an inspiring environment to work in represents an important cornerstone. Any other measures you can take that will give you confidence will prove to be a good investment. Focus on inspiration and confidence.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22): If you were not good at multitasking before, you learning how to be now. Focus, concentration, and organization are keywords for this cycle. Your ambitions are on the rise to realize your dreams, the movies in your mind's eye that represent your destiny. This trend will continue so set the stage so that you can have a super productive year.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Something big is brewing in your public and professional life. This may be the foundational stage so the returns may not yet be evident. Gathering tools and learning new skills implies efforts and requires a good attitude. Acknowledge that everything is happening 'for' you, even it does not always seem that way. Whistle while you work.
Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): This is a busy time but also a creative one. A vision for the future is steadily unfolding. So, a part of your busyness is to forge a realistic vision for the future. It is ever important to cultivate a sense of purpose. This seldom amounts to merely making money as it is more a means than an end. Ask yourself how you would like to make meaningful contributions and to perhaps get paid for them as well.

Christmas Story Writing Contest

- Write a story of 500 words or less whose topic relates to Christmas or the Christmas season.

- All Gulf Islands students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 are eligible.
- Stories will be judged by retired teachers and librarians on quality of writing, clarity of presentation and originality of theme.
- Winning entries will be published in the Driftwood in December.
- The name, age, address and telephone number of the writer must be written on the back of each entry.
- Send entries to the Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3, email to news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com or fax to 250-537-2613.
- For more information, call 250-537-9933.

The deadline for our annual writing contest is Friday, December 8th. Win a cash prize for a story of up to 500 words about Christmas or the Christmas Season.



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BOYS SOCCER

Scorpions finish 4th at islands



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Gulf Islands Secondary School's AA senior boys Scorpions team after a strong season that saw them just miss qualifying for B.C. championships.

Last games for Grade 12 players

Gulf Islands Secondary School's senior boys soccer team finished fourth at island championships last week, narrowly missing out on making provincial finals.

"The boys had a fantastic tournament, tying top-seed Carhi 0-0 in the first game, before beating Stelly's 1-0 with a wonderfully taken goal by Drayke Young in the second," said coach Ciaran Ayton. "In the final pool game against Brooks, the boys hit the crossbar twice and were unable to eke out the win to finish top in the pool. The boys then faced a powerful, mostly Grade 12 Brentwood team in the game for third place. Brentwood took it, but

the boys can be proud of a very successful season."

Player of the tournament was Bradon Nordine, who is in Grade 10. He was the key man in a defence that conceded no goals in the first three games. Grade 12 athletes Brennan Shaver, Ty Davies, Yashua Love and Ryland Donaldson all played their last tournament for GISS and played with much heart and pride, said Ayton.

"They will be missed next year."

However, he said, the 2018 team also looks promising, with many current Grade 10 players having had the experience of being so close to a provincial berth.

"The boys would like to thank Mike Brown for our wonderful school fields," Ayton added.

RUNNING

Sneakers take on UBC fall classic

Sneakers founder bemoans aging process

The Salt Spring Sneakers' contribution to Sunday's Fall Classic races at the UBC Mall, billed as the last great races of the year, featured the good, the bad, the young and the old.

Lynn Thompson, a Sneakers founder and mentor, ran what was for him a disappointing race.

"I am suffering from an acute

case of aging," he said of his 35-minute, 44-second five-km performance, which saw him finish second in his 75-79 age group, 108th of 170 males, and 274th of 515 competitors.

One of the four oldest competitors in the race, he beat 274 runners, all of whom were younger than him.

Joining Lynn for this race was his grandson, Ben, whose 21:18 5-km timing earned him a fourth of 15 in his 15-19 age group; 30th of 170 males and 37th of 515 competitors.

In the Thompson tradition, Ben would have also been disappointed in this performance. Eight days ago, Ben ran an 18:31 5-km race at the B.C. High School Cross Country Championships at Jericho Beach Park, contributing to his team's provincial first place finish in the junior division. That performance earned him third place on his team and 27th place of 271 competitors, continuing the Thompson family running tradition (along with his aunts).

TENNIS

Players embrace indoor tennis game

Smaller court option offered

Red ball tennis season has returned to Centre Court. Every Sunday from November through March, adults and older teens can play red ball tennis — which takes place on a reduced-size court — from 3 to 5 p.m.

Centre Court is the indoor tennis facility located on

the Salt Spring Golf Course property.

"Come and meet some of the tennis club members and get back into tennis," said Laura Moore. "There can be up to four mini courts on the one court. It is lots of fun while improving coordination and reaction time."

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