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THE APPLE OF HIS EYE: Mike Lane feeds a Highland bull apples as visitors to Ruckle Farm take in one of the stops on Salt Spring's annual Apple Festival last Sunday.

HOMELESS EVICTION Homeless couple forced out of 'camp'

Eviction prompts care workers to ask what's next

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The eviction of a well-known Salt Spring Island homeless couple from their makeshift camp along Ganges Harbour highlights the lack of options for those who fall through the cracks.

"It's a personal problem and a societal problem. It's your problem, it's my problem, it's everyone's problem and the question we have to ask ourselves is how to deal with it," said RCMP Cpl. Kerry Howse, watching over as Capital Regional District inspectors cleared away two truckloads of debris from underneath the Ganges boardwalk off Lower Ganges Road on Thursday morning.

Bylaw enforcement officers said they had been monitoring the situation based on a steady flow of complaints from neighbours and passing boaters since Tony and Marcie set up camp last winter.

The CRD decided to clear out the site on Thursday after bylaw enforcement officers became aware that Tony had stored several hundred cedar shingles under the boardwalk for use as kindling over the winter months.

"We don't go out and look for trouble," said bylaw enforcement officer Wolfgang Brunwieser during an interview from the site. "At this point it was becoming a fire hazard and a health hazard. This whole town could go up like that."

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ISLANDS TRUST

Trust launches vacation-rental litigation

Case hoped to end debate

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee is taking the owner of Windrifiers Cove to court to seek an injunction preventing him from using the property for commercial guest accommodation.

The Trust's decision to initiate legal proceedings stems from months of complaints voiced by neighbours near the Scott Point Drive property and evidence collected by bylaw investigators over the summer season.

"I guess it's certainly legitimate to go where there have been a lot of complaints and this is a situation where it is particularly apparent

that this is something that has been going on for some time," said Linda Adams, the Islands Trust's chief administrative officer.

The Trust alleges that property owner Greg Simmonds has rented out his property to visitors for short-term stays ranging from a few days to several weeks since he purchased the property in 2002.

Adams said the Trust targeted Simmonds among other vacation-rental owners due to the size and impact of his operation.

The Windrifiers Cove website advertises the property's two homes as "the truly unique Gulf Islands oceanfront vacation rental property." The five-bedroom main house can be rented for \$4,500 per week during the high season.

Simmonds said he fully intends to fight the allegations in court, but refused to comment on

any details of the case when contacted Tuesday morning.

"I've been getting calls like crazy and am just going to pull in my wings until there is a decision," he said. "I have no comment at this point."

With most bylaw infractions, Adams said, roughly 90 per cent of people comply after receiving an infraction notice from an enforcement officer. She said Simmonds ignored at least two such notices that he was engaged in prohibited activity: the short-term rental of homes located in residential or rural zones as outlined in Salt Spring's Land-Use Bylaw No. 355.

"This is kind of the last resort for us," Adams said, adding that a conviction could help send

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Province discovers it's easy to be green on Salt Spring

Island honoured with \$25,000 award

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

A field of environmentally friendly local government initiatives has earned Salt Spring Island one of seven provincial Green City Awards.

Premier Gordon Campbell made the presentation at the Union of B.C. Municipalities convention in Vancouver last Wednesday.

"This award belongs to the whole community, which has a longstanding and active commitment to sustainability," said Gary Holman, Salt Spring's director on the Capital Regional District (CRD) board, in a press release. "It also demonstrates that our unique form of governance on Salt Spring can meet the challenges of growth while respecting the fragile environment of the island."

While an original press release noted the CRD was receiving the \$25,000 award for its work on the Salt Spring Official Community Plan (OCP) — which didn't make sense since the OCP falls under Islands Trust jurisdiction — a later release clarified the award details.

Items included on the

award application form were:

- Development and implementation of a comprehensive community energy strategy, including a review of regulatory tools available in electoral areas for improving energy performance.

- Securing provincial funding for a public transit system to be implemented in 2008.

- Development of a pedestrian and cycling infrastructure plan for the upper Ganges village area to be funded by federal gas tax transfers.

- Completion of 160 units of seniors and affordable housing since 2001. Salt Spring is one of the first communities in the CRD to receive funding under the new Regional Housing Trust Fund.

- Establishment of an island water council to coordinate various agencies in protecting water supplies, including development of drinking watershed management and groundwater monitoring plans. Construction of an aeration system for St. Mary Lake to improve water quality.

- Upgrading of two sewage treatment plants and constructing new water treatment facilities for six water

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GARY HOLMAN,
CRD director

districts. Progressive water and sewage rate structures to encourage water conservation. The B.C. Building Code requirement for low flush toilets was initiated in CRD electoral areas by Salt Spring.

- Composting of septage and sewage sludge (at Burgoyne Bay liquid waste site) and water reclamation at Ganges sewer plant. CRD is the only regional district in B.C. funding recycling programs solely from landfill tipping fees. Salt Spring is the only community in the CRD where garbage collection is entirely user pay-

based, discouraging waste disposal.

- The island's OCP, described as "one of the most progressive in B.C.," is being reviewed to strengthen climate change and other sustainability measures, such as an affordable housing strategy, densification of island villages and greenspace protection.

- Salt Spring has purchased over 4,000 acres for public greenspace since 1996, which now exceeds its OCP target of 15 per cent of the island.

- Construction of a new recreation centre and purchase of land for a new library within the Ganges area to keep the village compact.

- Development of an area farm and food security plan and several community gardens.

Holman said he would confer with trustees Peter Lamb and George Ehring on the best use of the \$25,000 award.

"We'll try to get the biggest bang for the buck," he said, adding that islanders are welcome to make suggestions for its use.

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FOR THE RECORD

Trophy winners in the Salt Spring Fall Fair basketry classes were incorrectly printed in last week's Harvest Time fair round-up publication.

The 2007 winners were:

- SSI Basketry Guild Trophy, (Judge's Choice) — Denise Bachman, and;

- Pacific Basketry, People's Choice Award — Carol Dodd.

- The Salt Spring Harbour Authority's annual general meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Lions Hall on October 15, not October 11 as indicated in last week's Driftwood.

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NEWSPAPERS

Weekender hits mailboxes this week

Salt Spring newspaper readers have more reason to look forward to the week-end beginning on Friday, as the Driftwood replaces its TGIF publication with the Driftwood Weekender.

In addition to a weekly feature story, Weekender will alternate First Person Singular, a Q&A feature put together by Driftwood columnist Peter Vincent, with lifestyle and issues columns by Driftwood writer Meghan

Howcroft, high school contributors and other original thinkers.

Arthur Black's column will continue to run, along with Derrick's Island Pic, the weekend events calendar, classified ads and more.

The Weekender will be mailed to all Salt Spring households for the next three weeks, and continues to be available free at outlets all over the island.

Neighbourhoods for neighbours, says Trust

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a message to other operators of illegal commercial accommodations on the island.

Salt Spring Island trustees voted in 2006 to suspend a moratorium on enforcing the vacation rental ban. Vacation rental owners argue the properties are an integral component of

the island's tourism-based economy.

Despite the ban, Islands Trust bylaw enforcement officers have yet to issue any violation tickets to property owners.

"The community has said time and time again that neighbourhoods should be for neighbours and we want people to be aware that we will enforce the community's bylaw," said Miles

Drew, an Islands Trust bylaw enforcement officer, in an official statement released September 28.

The bylaw does not affect legal bed and breakfasts, resorts, hotels and motels in commercial zones or the rental of residential properties for more than 30 days.

Islands Trust legal counsel anticipates a resolution of the issue by the start of the 2008 tourist season.

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FIRE DISTRICT

Salt Spring's fire service at a turning point

First responder service centre of debate

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island Search and Rescue coordinator Chuck Hamilton may not have been surprised when he heard about the fire district's plans to hire 14 full-time firefighters as outlined in the fire district's 10-year strategic plan, but he certainly had his share of questions.

"Where is the system of checks and balances here?" Hamilton asked. "As a taxpayer, I say 'wait a minute' because I've seen this before and there's no end to it."

Under the proposed staffing model, fire department expenses would increase by \$1.2 million within five years. That's more than double the fire district's 2007 operating budget and does not account for new buildings, vehicles or training expenses.

According to the fire trustees, additional firefighters will be required if volunteer ranks continue to plummet.

Without adequate volunteers, the department cannot guarantee a rapid response to Salt Spring's aging and growing population and higher call volume, said fire board trustee Mark Wyatt.

The additional firefighters will not only ensure rapid delivery of service to all areas of the island, but allow the department to staff the Ganges fire hall around the clock 365 days a year.

As for cost increases, trustees stand united: people get what they pay for.

Taxpayers may get what they pay for, but the recent growth of the fire department's operating budget has made Hamilton wonder if the island will be paying for what it really needs.

In 2006, 32.5 per cent of the department's 715 calls were classified as "first responder calls," comprised mainly of medical aid and motor vehicle accidents.

The provincial government developed the first responder program in 1986 as a way to provide certified training for fire crews to provide patient care.

"By recognizing that police and fire department personnel are often available to assist patients prior to arrival of ambulance crew, basic medical training provides responders with knowledge and capability to deal with critical situations involving airway, breathing and/or circulation concerns until higher levels of help can take over," states the province's first responder website.

"Even when the first responder is only able to comfort the patient and document initial findings, a difference can be observed."

While the program has proven successful in many communities, higher training requirements, time commitments and call volumes have contributed to declining volunteer numbers.

What was intended as a support service, he said, quickly



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Salt Spring Search and Rescue volunteers believe sharing the first-response burden among several island emergency crews can reduce volunteer burnout and keep costs down.

became a major part of the department's mandate and continues to justify expansion plans and budget increases.

Salt Spring's 25 search and rescue volunteers are tasked with locating lost persons, rescues and assisting other emergency crews.

They may lack the training and expertise of the fire rescue department but, Hamilton said, they would be ready and willing to train and provide support for the island's first responder needs if provided with financial resources from an agency such as the Capital Regional District.

"If they shared that load with us and B.C. Ambulance and the RCMP, the burden would be lifted and we'd have a lot fewer people burning out," he said.

"It's just a question of training. I get the training and now I'm ready. It's not like God must decide who does what emergency service."

Thanks in part to a provincially funded search and rescue team, the city of Hope, B.C.'s fire department has been able to function with a compliment of 28 active volunteers and one paid fire chief.

Hope fire chief Tom DeSorcy lives by the motto "too much

too soon is better than too little too late," but admits the added responsibility of a first responder department does take its toll on volunteers.

"Today, being a firefighter is not just about squirting water around," he said. "The community often forgets what's involved and, as things are, Salt Spring seems to be getting one heck of a deal."

But for how long? Burnout is one of the main factors behind the declining volunteers. According to Wyatt, a surge in volunteer numbers over the next few months and years would change the department's long-term projections, but the writing is on the wall.

Wyatt said the Salt Spring fire department members' training and experience place them in the best position to provide first responder service.

Start-up costs to train and equip search and rescue volunteers, and funding a third ambulance to serve the island would surpass the fire budget and remain a service largely based on the availability of volunteers.

"We see a lot on the job," he said. "In the end, [the fire department] remains in the best position to provide the service."

News briefs

Fire crews hop to scene

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue officers wasted little time getting to the scene of a two-vehicle accident in front of the Ganges fire hall last Thursday.

Officers walked to the scene within seconds of the accident at the intersection of Fulford-Ganges and Lower Ganges roads at 9:15 a.m.

The vehicles sustained minor damage while the drivers and passengers escaped the incident unharmed.

Morning traffic through Ganges was temporarily backed up in all directions.

Fire crews had to lace up their hiking boots to douse a small stump fire set by campers on Grandma's Beach in Ruckle Park on September 26. A hiker in the area called the fire department on her cell phone at noon after noticing smoke

rising from a portion of the beach.

Crews extinguished the smouldering remains of the blaze with sea water. They commended the hiker for her quick response and help extinguishing the fire. A set of knives was recovered from the scene and turned over to the RCMP.

Police warn of vehicle thefts

Salt Spring Island RCMP have received an unprec-

edented number of calls from motorists reporting the theft of ferry tickets and loose change from unlocked vehicles over the past two weeks.

Residents reported no fewer than 14 incidents since the middle of September.

RCMP received four new reports on Tuesday morning from residents living along Grantville and Ross roads near Walker's Hook.

Officers recommend everyone get into the habit

of locking their car doors, no matter how long they leave their car unattended.

Police described the acts as a "crime of convenience" likely committed at the spur of the moment.

In several instances, "goods of significant value" were left untouched in the vehicles.

In other RCMP news:

Salt Spring RCMP remain on the lookout for individuals wanted in connection with a weekend mischief spree after a

paintball attack.

Police were called to a home in the Vesuvius area at 10 a.m. Sunday after the resident reported a group of individuals had peppered the front of his house with paintballs late Saturday night.

Police later discovered the mischief-makers also targeted The Fritz cinema.

People with any information about either incident are requested to call the Salt Spring Island RCMP detachment at 537-5555.

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NEWSBEAT

PUBLIC HEALTH

Lyme disease more than a mainland issue says expert

Tick bites carry disease on Salt Spring

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Ticks carrying Lyme disease are definitely on Salt Spring, says one expert, despite the B.C. Centre for Disease Control's (BCCDC) claim no one has contracted the illness on the island.

Jim Wilson, founder of the Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation, said ticks can spread through migratory birds.

Salt Spring is on a migratory flyway from Northern California where Lyme disease bacterium called *Borrelia burgdorferi* is found in ticks.

People bitten by the insect can be infected.

"The research is pretty clear," he said. "It's not possible that Salt Spring isn't affected."

He knows of several cases of the infection on Salt Spring.

He said the disease is spreading everywhere regardless of what BCCDC is saying.

"The statistic by the B.C. government says the rate of infection has been flat, yet everywhere else it's increasing at a significant level."

He said over 2,000 Canadians with confirmed Lyme disease contacted his centre in 2006. But he said the total is only a fraction of the cases where people are misdiagnosed in this country.

"This is a very serious problem."

Wilson said the discrepancy is with the testing and research.

"The BCCDC refuses to look at the overwhelming research."

Canadian doctors test for Lyme disease using a two-step process of screening for general indications of an infection, then administer a more specific test.

But Wilson said the tests often come back

negative telling patients they don't have the antibodies to the bacterium.

"The tests are flawed."

Wilson recommends tests by accredited laboratories in the U.S. that use a different system to target the disease.

The BCCDC statistics state five to seven people in B.C. get Lyme disease each year with a total of 60 confirmed cases.

BCCDC physician Bonnie Henry said the chance of contracting the disease is very low and less than one per cent of ticks carry *Borrelia burgdorferi*.

She said so far there have been no cases of the illness contracted on Salt Spring.

As far as testing goes, Henry said the two-step method in Canada is very accurate.

"It's the top-of-the-line testing."

Henry said while no test is 100 per cent accurate, the screening they use is very sensitive.

She said Canadians should be wary of other tests that may be from "for-profit labs."

Henry advises anyone with symptoms of Lyme disease to contact their local doctor.

The symptoms of Lyme disease include fever, headache, muscle and joint pain, fatigue or weakness and skin rash.

If the infection goes untreated, nervous systems disorders, arthritis, heart palpitations and extreme fatigue can occur.

To avoid tick bites, the BCCDC recommends wearing long shirts and pants when going into nature and doing thorough body checks after, including any folds in the skin.

To remove a tick, use tweezers or forceps to gently lift the insect straight off the skin without squeezing it.

Lyme disease is treatable with antibiotics.

For more information on ticks and Lyme disease, contact the BCCDC at www.bccdc.org or the Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation at www.canlyme.com.

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Where: Salt Spring Island and Pender Islands
When: Weekdays, 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

As part of ongoing work to improve the resiliency and safety of its distribution system, BC Hydro is now undertaking a significant hazard tree removal program along power lines on Salt Spring Island and Pender Islands. A hazard tree is one that is defective, has an imminent potential to fail, and is likely to hit power lines when it falls. The program will occur over the fall and winter, and the work will take place on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

BC Hydro crews, Qualified Tree Service, Asplundh Canada ULC, and Davey Tree Service Ltd. will be working on the project. The crews are skilled workers trained in both electrical safety and tree care. BC Hydro will be contacting Salt Spring Island and Pender Islands residents before any cutting takes place on private property, and local government for regional property. The work will be conducted along roadways which could result in single-lane traffic and possible delays. We ask that you be cautious and reduce speed near the crews and the traffic control flaggers.

While the hazard tree removal program will not eliminate outages, it will help BC Hydro in minimizing the frequency of power outages. If you would like more information about this project, tree removals, or information on wood chip availability, please call our vegetation services line 1 877 430-TREE (1 877 430-8733).



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FIRE DISTRICT

Fire district seeking support for Fulford training ground

Project opponents await alternatives

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Fire protection district chair Michael Schubart hopes more resident support for a proposed \$500,000 volunteer and staff training facility in the Fulford Valley will help clear the air on the issue once and for all.

"I think that the issue about the impact on the farmland has been blown out of proportion," said Schubart. "Some of the people who are against it have managed to co-opt other people to voice some displeasure and the Islands Trust hasn't actually heard very much from other elements of the community."

Talk of the facility proposed for the Fulford fire hall arose as fire trustees unveiled the department's 10-year strategic plan at their September meeting.

"[The Islands Trust] needs pressure from other members of the community so they understand that we're not just six or seven people here talking to ourselves, but that we represent a valid community interest that involves the whole community."

Facility construction is contingent on the Islands Trust and Agricultural Land Commission approving an

application to permit a non-farm use in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR).

The facility would enable firefighters to access training space and equipment without needing to travel to facilities on Vancouver Island or the Lower Mainland.

The proposed facility would include classrooms, self-contained breathing apparatus trailers, confined-space props, an auto-extraction pad, drafting pit, foam pit, burn building and props to train for fires involving vehicles and liquefied petroleum gas tanks, or ground and dumpster fires, according to the 10-year plan.

"A training ground would also pay for itself within the duration of this 10-year plan, as the costs associated with sending firefighters off island for training are substantial," the report states.

During the April Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee meeting, trustees asked the fire protection district for more information on the facility's environmental impact and alternative sites.

According to Pat Reichert, director of Island Natural Growers, most opponents recognize the need to train the island's firefighters, but question doing it on valuable agricultural land.

That the land is not used

"The land may be a sitting duck, so to speak, but that is not a good reason to remove it."

PAT REICHERT
Island Natural Growers

as active farmland is not reason enough to permit the change of use, she said.

"If we took out all unused land out of the ALR, we'd be in a sorry state in this province," she said.

"That is the whole point of our group. We need to get that land back into production. The land may be a sitting duck, so to speak, but that is not a good reason to remove it."

Reichert said it is the fire department's responsibility to provide alternative sites, something her group and valley residents have been awaiting for months.

"Information about where the training ground should go or if it is needed is not our area of expertise," she said.

"There remain so many questions and we've yet to see any kind of coordinated plan."

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NEWSBEAT



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Items are cleared out from homeless couple Tony and Marcie's camp under the boardwalk in Ganges.

Couple ousted

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Brunnwieser said Tony and Marcie were in violation of CRD regulations prohibiting people from camping, having campfires and building structures in public parks.

Brunnwieser said the couple would have a chance to look over anything of value, but that most of the soggy cardboard, empty bottles, food containers and plastic bags would be taken to the dump.

Workers also found the bodies of several dead rats as they cleaned up the site, he added.

"That's not healthy," Brunnwieser said. "They've got to get help, but there isn't really anywhere they can go."

Contacted on Monday, Brunnwieser said the couple tried to return to the site, but eventually spent the weekend camped out in a borrowed vehicle parked in Ganges.

Copper Kettle coordinator Cherie Geauvreau provided Marcie with some basic emergency supplies and a few blankets after the eviction.

"It's the same old, same old and the homeless still have no place to go," she said. "The only cure for homelessness seems to be shoving them around."

As long as local, provincial and federal governments fail to provide resources to house the poor, foster health and reduce poverty, islanders can expect more stories like that of Tony and Marcie.

"Poverty is the issue and it's the people in our community that need to take their fair share of the burden," she said. "It's going to take a cooperative community effort."

SUPPORT RALLY

Fundraiser to buoy Budimcic in advance of upcoming hearing

Friends rally for Joe

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Friends of a well-known island handyman tried in absentia for war crimes by a Croatian court are asking islanders to come out and stand behind a man they say has proven himself a model citizen since moving to Salt Spring Island in 2003.

"He's had a lot of bad press and it has really hurt Joe and his family," said Glenda Woodward.

"I think Joe works hard and deals with this privately so I hope this will show him people believe in him."

Participants will congregate in front of the ArtSpring theatre at noon on Sunday, October 14.

The procession will make its way through town to the Clement, Woodward and Murphy Law office where participants will make speeches and share their thoughts about Josip Budimcic.

The event will wrap up with refreshments and a lamb barbecue. Banners,

flags and a live band are also included.

Robert Reindl, an event co-organizer, said he feels Budimcic, allegedly a former member of a Serbian paramilitary group, has worked hard to create a new life and a new home for himself and his family on Salt Spring.

The October 14 rally, he added, is intended to show island residents stand united in Budimcic's defence ahead of a five-day refugee status hearing scheduled to begin December 3 in Vancouver.

"We hope to get a lot of coverage and a great turnout," Reindl said.

"I've known him for six years and he's a wonderful person. I hope this shows everybody that Joe is well liked."

The Immigration and Refugee Board alleges that Budimcic, who now has permanent resident status, lied to Canadian authorities when he entered Canada as a refugee in 1995.

For more information on the rally, contact Glenda Woodward at (250) 884-8638.

PARKS & REC

There's still a chance for indoor tennis here

An indoor tennis bubble at Portlock Park remains a possibility after Salt Spring Tennis Association (SSTA) members met with the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) on Monday.

While PARC did not want to make the parties' discussions public at this point, PARC chair Rosemary Trump said she felt a positive outcome would result.

After calling a special public meeting to deal with the tennis issue, PARC instead passed a motion to examine proposed new policies for procuring contracts and engaging consultants. Draft policies were presented to PARC members at their September 24 meeting.

Commission members Kirk Harris, Trump and regional director Gary Holman will examine the proposals in depth and report to the next PARC meeting with recommendations.

One of the recommendations of the KPMG report on the indoor tennis facility, released August 30, was that PARC either develop its own procurement policy or formally adopt one used by the Capital Regional District (CRD). PARC notes it has always used the CRD policy.

In other PARC news:

- The architectural firm of Moore Paterson Architects of Victoria was approved by PARC to be the "registered coordinating professional" in charge of the Centennial Park service building replacement project at a cost of \$26,900 plus taxes and reimbursable expenses.

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NEWSBEAT

SCHOOL DISTRICT 64

Special needs help falls short

Parents want male-only assistant

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring parent is frustrated her son's school "dropped the ball" on his special needs program and cut his class time.

Brandi Mackinnon's son Gabriel is autistic. She said he went to school for up to six hours when he attended Fernwood Elementary School and had a male special education assistant (SEA) to help him with his studies.

Mackinnon said Gabriel's assistant has been changed to two SEAs: a female and a different male than before. Also, he currently attends his program for only two hours at Salt Spring Island Middle School.

"This doesn't make sense," she said. Due to his special needs, she said, Gabriel responds better to a male SEA. The school knew the situation, but didn't follow through. Now Gabriel has problems.

"Anybody who has spent quality time with autistic people knows that routines are really important to them. Changes, even very small, are really tough for the autistic," she said in a letter to the Driftwood.

Last month Gabriel was suspended for biting and scratching his female SEA. A meeting was scheduled between the parents and the school. The two sides hashed out a plan including safety measures.

"They will take tiny baby steps to leave him longer in school, but I'm not entirely satisfied."

Mackinnon said Gabriel will attend school up to four hours a day, but the SEA won't change.

Mackinnon added the current SEAs are not doing their jobs badly, but gender is the most important thing for her son to feel comfortable.

"He needs a male that he can bond with."

Sheila Miller, director of instruction and student support services for School District 64, said SEAs are changed in certain cases to help special needs students integrate better into society and become more independent. If any adjustment to a student's program is made, staff carefully consider the student's past record.

"Changes, even very small, are really tough for the autistic."

BRANDI MACKINNON
Mother

She said two SEAs are sometimes needed because it can be difficult for one assistant to spend all day with a high-needs student.

This year she said SEA changes were made in a few cases on Salt Spring and so far the results are positive.

School District 64 has about 25 SEAs and Miller said they all are highly qualified to work with special needs students.

She said parents are more than welcome to discuss any special needs programs with



MAP STOP: International students at Gulf Islands Secondary School get a lesson about Salt Spring from high school teacher Doug Pearson.

FOOD SECURITY

Meat regs could butcher livestock farms

Critics call rules a blow to small-scale agriculture

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island meat producers are calling the province's new meat processing regulations a death knell for small-scale local agriculture across the province.

New provincial Meat Inspection Regulation (MIR) came into effect on September 30, more than three years after the province unveiled its proposal to "foster ongoing public confidence in food safety and the food supply."

The high financial cost to ensure meat produced and sold in British Columbia complies with regulations has reduced the number of certified slaughterhouses on Vancouver Island from eight to three.

Because most Salt Spring Island meat is processed off island, local producers will have to travel farther and pay more to get the job done.

"You begin to wonder if it's even worth it," said Sandy Robley, who has

raised Salt Spring Island lamb at Sunset Farm for 35 years.

"This ends up costing us a lot more time and money."

Even a one-year extension, implemented in the wake of opposition from the province's meat producers, has left many livestock producers feeling the pinch.

Thomson said the regulations, enacted to comply with stringent international trade regulations, come at a time when the public is looking increasingly towards local and organic food.

"The only people who are going to continue are people who have a sense of mission about farming or people who don't need to make any money from farming," she said.

"People would like to produce food, but the obstacles are enormous."

The B.C. NDP has echoed concerns expressed by small-scale farmers, calling the process incomplete and one-sided.

"My main concern around the MIR is that it will concentrate food production to the point that producing local and buying local will get much harder," said MLA Charlie Wyse in an

official statement.

"It is a clumsy attempt to advance food safety and will result in larger players gaining more market share."

Though local meat isn't going to disappear from island stores, restaurants and farmstands any time soon, consumers are likely to have a harder time finding it and will have to pay more when they do.

"This is a far worse mess than I ever imagined possible," she said, adding that what was once a single trip to have her turkeys processed now takes two days.

Thomson is considering selling live animals and teaching islanders how to slaughter their own birds as a way to circumvent the regulations.

Plans to acquire a mobile abattoir, she added, fell through after it was learned the facility's excessive size and limited service made it impractical for island farmers.

As an alternative, livestock farmers have started sharing transportation costs by combining trips to off-island abattoirs as a way to save money, she said.



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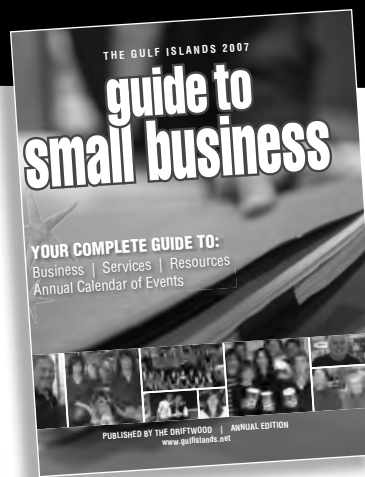


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ISLAND GOVERNANCE

Incorporation — back on the table

Members seek to work within the Islands Trust

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The roughly 100 people gathered at the Community Gospel Chapel on Sunday afternoon proved re-igniting the incorporation debate on Salt Spring will take far less than a miracle.

Since the group's inaugural meeting in August 2006, Islanders for Self-Government (ISG) membership has grown more than 400 per cent, from 100 to 425 members.

"These are paid-up dedicated members, not just signatures on a petition," said Ken Marr, an ISG director. "Our current membership represents over 10 per cent of the total turnout of the last incorporation vote."

Despite the group's rise as a potentially potent political force, directors stood by their mandate not to run any candidates in local elections next year.

"We realized that if we put candidates forward and they were defeated, it would cut off our organization at the knees," said Susan Russell, ISG president. "We are not here to run candidates. We are here to make sure that a referendum on incorporation happens."

Marr raised the ongoing issue of incorporation with Murray Coell, MLA for Saanich North and the

Islands, and Ida Chong, the province's Minister of Community Services, during a 20-minute meeting on Monday.

Marr stressed the group's position that plans to increase the number of elected trustees on Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee from two to four as recommended by the Trust-initiated Governance Task Force falls short of addressing the fiscal and democratic inequalities the island faces within the federation.

"The incorporation debate with the province has been renewed," said Marr, in an e-mail following the meeting. "We were fully engaged today. We came away feeling heard and very encouraged."

ISG members point out that Islands Trust's staff and elected trustees are overextended by taking on initiatives that go beyond their land-use planning mandate.

Recommendations for house-size limits and a tourist tax put forward by the official community plan review focus groups, Marr said, are beyond the Trust's realm of authority.

"The Trust is not a government, the Trust is a land planning agency. They have been going outside of their mandate on things that are not land planning issues; things that local governments should be working on," he said.

"I reluctantly became involved with this group when I recognized a very

"What we're really asking for is local, representative democratic government. This is what our forefathers fought for."

PETER LAKE
Director, Islanders for Self-Government

important flaw in our current Trust system. If our trustees disagree on an issue, someone from elsewhere decides for us," he said. "Since getting involved, I have found even more problems in our system, pointing me to the only situation I can find: incorporation."

Another of the group's directors said incorporation within the Trust, similar to the government structure on Bowen Island, is the only option to restore good government on Salt Spring Island.

"What we're really asking for is local, representative democratic government," said Peter Lake. "This is what our forefathers fought for."

More information about Islanders for Self-Government is available online at www.islandgov.org.

MASCOT CONTEST

Island Savings looks for new face

After more than a decade, Island Savings is calling it quits on Fat Cat, the six-foot-tall tabby who used to represent credit unions across the province.

"We want a mascot that better represents Island Savings, and life here on the islands," said Lorne DeLarge, Island Savings' senior vice president of marketing and communications, in a press release. "Fat Cat has served us well, but there's a more suitable mascot out there."

In search of its new mascot, Island Savings is asking youth under 18 years of age to submit their best ideas to the Islands Savings mascot contest by October 19.

"Submissions can be written, emailed or

even finger-painted," said Chris Waddell, an Islands Savings spokesperson. "It's the quality, uniqueness and fit of the idea that counts."

The Island Savings mascot must represent the company's qualities and values, according to Waddell. The mascot should be appropriate to island culture, favoured by children and widely accepted by people of different ages, genders and cultural backgrounds, he added.

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EDITORIAL

Regulatory overkill

The Meat Inspection Regulation (MIR) that came into effect this week is a classic case of government overreaction and overkill that creates more obstacles for farmers and less freedom for consumers.

That such a wide-ranging law actually made it to the implementation stage without some way to address the problems strongly expressed by Gulf Islands farmers is disappointing.

Somehow, small-scale meat producers — the kind who live on the Gulf Islands — were herded into the response to public panic over the first case of BSE detected in Alberta in 2003. More cases have since been found there.

The B.C. government says the principal aim of the new regulation is to “protect public health and foster confidence in British Columbia’s food supply and ensure food safety.”

THE ISSUE:
The new Meat Inspection Regulation

WE SAY:
More flexibility for farmers

But the demand for all meat to be slaughtered in a registered government facility did not come from a public outcry, and Alberta’s BSE cases are related to contaminated animal feed, not where the animals are slaughtered.

To its credit, the government gave producers two years to adapt to the change, and then extended that by another year.

On Salt Spring it first appeared that a mobile abattoir may have been a viable solution, but that turned out to not be the case.

Besides the cost and inconvenience to local farmers, what makes the new regulation doubly ridiculous is that it flies in the face of efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions related to food production. People are beginning to understand the relationship between where food is grown and its impact on climate change, as the further food travels before arriving on plates, the more fossil fuel has been burned to get it there. Now more than ever, islanders and others want to eat products originating as close to home as possible.

One Salt Spring turkey farmer said she is considering selling her animals live and teaching people how to slaughter them, since it’s still OK to ingest meat individuals have processed themselves.

We know that big government has little sympathy for the particular demands and obstacles related to island life, but local farmers have enough challenges these days without being given some flexibility or assistance in dealing with the MIR.



On becoming one of the village people

BY LARRY WOODS

Among the proposals being debated as we engage in process of revising our official community plan (OCP) is the recommendation that the boundaries of the village of Fulford be expanded. Although not clearly stated at the outset, the impetus behind this proposal is the need to increase the number of ratepayers within the village from about 80 to more than 200 so there are more people to pay for the new and presumably expensive sewer system which is needed to allow for commercial development and increased densities in Fulford. No sewer system, no development, no increased densities, so the argument goes. If you want more development and more densities, you need to support the expansion of the village boundaries.

As someone living just outside the village and who under the proposed boundary expansion would unceremoniously find himself drafted into the ranks of the village people to help pay for the sewer system (whether I use it or not), I am against the expansion of the village boundaries as I remain unconvinced that the development such a system would allow is desirable. I am also aware that many Fulfordites like their village the way it is, moved there because it is the size it is and are not in favour of further commercial development within the present or proposed boundaries. If they do not want the development that would come with expanded boundaries, increased densities and a new sewer system because the essential nature of the village as it is now would be lost, I am with them in their opposition to the boundary expansion proposal.

The Friends of Fulford members have performed a great service in exposing the logic underpinning the boundary expansion idea. My sense is that they and their supporters

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are not against development per se, but are against development for development’s sake or a planning process that assumes development. Development is not inevitable.

After a full discussion of proposed development — with full disclosure and no feeling of development by stealth — residents of Fulford and near neighbours like me may decide against development. Above all, decisions about development in Fulford and all that comes with it should also be taken principally by the villagers, not for the villagers. Things should be done by the community, not to the community. In this context, it is unfortunate the OCP focus group on Fulford that put forward the boundary expansion proposal was allowed to proceed when only one of its 10 members lived in the village. This misjudgment was bound to prompt suspicion and concern, as it has.

“Development is not inevitable.”

Lastly, any development that takes place must be done sustainably. I take this to mean, for example, that the problems identified and the solutions proposed should not assume the continued dominance of a car culture. Public transit is coming to Salt Spring. Expanding the boundaries of Fulford to allow for an expensive sewer system and the

conversion of more agricultural land into residences and commercial development would seem to me to be a move in the wrong direction when it comes to principle of sustainability. And when it comes to a village, small is beautiful.

If people of Fulford and environs want to live or go somewhere larger and more developed, they know where Ganges is and will hopefully soon be able to take the bus to get there.

The writer lives just outside of the village of Fulford and hopes to keep it that way.

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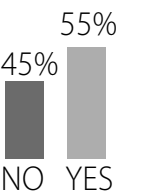
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SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: Do you think it's time for Salt Spring to become incorporated?


JOHN MARKO

I'm still on the fence, but I suspect we should eventually.


KYLIE COATES

We need to get control of our own taxes. Other communities half our size seem to have so many more services.


LIL LAWRENCE

No, because I think becoming incorporated would take away some of the character of living here.


ROGER VINE

I'm not sure one way or the other. What I am concerned about is overpopulation and development. The Islands Trust ought to have more teeth.


LEO TOUTANT

No. It's too big already. Incorporation could just create more congestion.

Letters to the editor

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Step back

I have become quite concerned about the costly proposal for a new single-court tennis bubble for Portlock Park, and I have attended two recent meetings of the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) to observe its deliberations on this matter.

We are now at the point where taxpayers are already on the hook for \$300,000 for the abortive attempt to replace the tennis bubble and associated legal action, plus \$20,000 to pay for the KPMG auditor's report on the first try to procure a new bubble. Now PARC has agreed to spend another \$100,000 on the tennis bubble, bringing the taxpayers' tab to \$420,000.

The Salt Spring Tennis Association (SSTA) has agreed to use \$150,000 in proceeds from rentals of the previous bubble towards the

new bubble. I note that the SSTA has raised this money from renting a tennis bubble set up on public park land, and so this money too is, in effect, public money. And these moneys do not cover the entire cost of the new tennis bubble.

My concern is growing as I see growing sums of public money spent by PARC and the CRD to support a small but apparently influential group with one interest, tennis.

Now that we have spent more than \$320,000 in public money and are contemplating spending more, I think it is time for the authorities to take a step back and consider how best to build a new indoor sports facility. In particular, is a facility that can be used for only one purpose an appropriate use of all this money?

I don't believe that we should be spending more money to build a single-

use facility. We should do a proper job and build a facility with solid side walls so the bubble can be used for more than tennis, but also for soccer, basketball, badminton and other purposes. Such a multi-use facility would help all sorts of athletic island people, including children, get through our rainy winters.

It is also time for PARC and the CRD to seriously look at the recommendations contained in the auditor's report and time to follow them. After the waste of more than \$320,000 of our money, island taxpayers deserve nothing less.

**DON GAINOR,
SCOTT POINT ROAD**

Coast guard thanks

On September 22, my 32-foot Ontario 32 sailboat was anchored in Ganges Harbour off the public dock.

I was not aboard and a bit of wind came up. A 50-foot wooden cabin cruiser, which was anchored upwind of me, dragged down onto my boat, fouling my anchor, which was all that was holding the both of us off the rocks as the wind continued to build.

My boat is my home for much of the year and every summer I travel north from Salt Spring Island up the coast, doing about 2,000 nautical miles a year. The wooden cabin cruiser is probably a 1950s-era boat and would be almost irreplaceable if it had gone aground.

The crew of the Ganges Coast Guard station and a good samaritan off (I believe) The Eventide came to the rescue, hauling the big wooden boat off me, raising its anchor and mine with it and made us both safe. They moved the big cabin cruiser to the dock

where it would be safe and re-anchored my boat making sure the anchor was well set and my boat secure. One of the crew, who knows me, phoned around to find me and let me know what had happened and to suggest I check everything, including my anchor rode for chafe.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the crew of the Ganges Coast Guard station for saving my boat from what might have been a bad end.

I have seen them in action several times when boats have been dragging around Ganges Harbour in a storm. They do great work and are a great asset to the boating community.

**GREGORY MIDDLETON,
CAT'S PAW CAPTAIN**

Festive occasion

I would like to thank Salt Spring Islanders for the

apple festival, which was indeed a very festive occasion.

A local friend and I arrived in time for the opening at Fulford Hall. I was amazed at the great variety of apples so well displayed and I enjoyed reading the carefully written captions. I learned a great deal.

We savoured delicious pies baked and served by friendly volunteers.

The rain did not prevent us from visiting Cusheon Cove and Whims Farm, two places of great historical interest.

I will always remember the Salt Spring Apple Festival and am taking a large beautiful Wolf River cooking apple back to Edmonton to share with my neighbours. Many thanks again.

**WENDY DAVIS,
EDMONTON**

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Trust recognized province-wide for action

BY PETER LAMB AND GEORGE EHRLING

Salt Spring Island has received \$25,000 from the provincial government's inaugural Green City Awards, for demonstrating leadership and action in a range of environmental sustainability initiatives.

It recognized our accomplishments, a number of which were collaborative efforts by the CRD and the Trust, including community energy strategy, public transit, affordable rental housing, watershed management and "action on our official community plan, which promotes compact, pedestrian-friendly development. The Trust also received an Honourable Mention in the Best Practices category of the Union of B.C. Municipalities' (UBCM) Community Excellence Awards in recognition of our publication of A Place in the Islands.

Roads

From time to time, we host meetings with the area manager of the Ministry of Transportation (MOT), the manager of the local highways contractor and our CRD director, Gary Holman, to discuss issues surrounding the road network on the island. We review their plans for upgrading and repaving of roads, routine maintenance schedule and such items as line painting, ditching practices, signage and traffic calming options.

The ministry was complimented on this year's paving program which was complet-

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ed except for sections of some roads that did not get chip sealed in time; these remaining roads will be finished in the spring of 2008. We had been urging MOT to get the line painting done, including Fulford, but the late paving and difficulties with their contractors caused some delay. It should be completed soon. We also sent a letter to the ministry asking that they avoid the busy summer months for delivering road materials by barge into Ganges village.

At a recent meeting, we agreed to begin the process of updating the 1992/96 protocol agreements between the Trust and MOT covering road classification, road standards and a regular consultation process. This includes the designation of roads on Salt Spring as scenic or heritage roads, cycle routes and public transit routes, all of which are shown in our OCP. If you have any ideas on these topics, please send them to us.

OCP Review

Later in October, we will be holding another series of public consultation meetings. We have consolidated the focus group recommendations and other proposals under major objectives or themes and will be seeking community feedback before

beginning the process of drafting proposed amendments to the current official community plan (OCP). Watch the Driftwood for announcements.

Climate Change

We recognize the critical importance of addressing the potential impact and mitigation of climate change at the local government level. In our OCP review, we will be considering appropriate new policies to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions — to think globally and act locally. The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee has endorsed the provincial energy plan and associated energy efficiency targets and we initiated a successful resolution at the recent Trust Council meeting to participate in the proposed new B.C. Climate Action Charter among the province, UBCM and signatory local governments. Charter details are available on the B.C. government website and at the Trust office.

Energy Efficiency

A number of recommendations from our OCP focus groups support the transfer of residential density into the villages and other areas with established infrastructure.

With funding from the provincial Community Action on Energy Efficiency (CAEE), we have now received an independent consultant's report which quantified the expected

benefits on Salt Spring. The study assessed the impacts of three different potential settlement patterns on greenhouse gas emissions and concluded that the best way that we can save energy and reduce GHG emissions is to have people living close to each other. This results from people driving less, walking and cycling more, greater use of public transit and improved energy efficiency of attached dwellings. The critical factor was found to be the significantly reduced trip lengths, representing 90 per cent of the energy and GHG reduction.

The full report is available on our website at www.islandtrust.bc.ca/ltc/ss/projects.cfm. See General, Final Report, SSI Greenhouse Gas Study.

Another CAEE-funded study is underway to consider the relationship between building size and energy use and the role of local government in encouraging more energy efficient building practices.

Healthy Ecosystems, Healthy Community

In August, the Trust sponsored a well-attended dialogue on the links between the state of our environment and our health and well-being. Subject to securing more funding, we will cooperate with the CRD to support further work on this important issue, particularly the establishment of key indicators.




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Questionable

A September 26 Driftwood article ("Homeopathy offers mental health treatment options") claims that "Homeopathy has long been used with great success."

This is very misleading to consumers. According to the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, "There are key questions about homeopathy that are yet to be subjected to studies that are well-designed — such as whether it actually works."

PETER OMMUNDSEN,
SALT SPRING

Remorse

I ran over a cat last Friday night, and I want to offer my apologies to the owner.

I feel bad. Terrible, in fact. I've had a few cats who gave up their ninth lives to automobiles, and it's a sad event every time, but until last Friday night, I've never been a cat killer. It was late, and I was driving down Fort Street on my way home. The cat ran out in front of my car, and I simply couldn't stop even as I was yelling, "NOOO!"

It was too late to try to find out with whom the cat lived, and that's why I'm writing this letter: to apologize.

Most likely the cat was a loving companion for you, and you are no doubt now stricken with feelings of grief and loss.

And although it won't bring your cat

back to you, for what it's worth, I do feel remorse.

SETH VON HANDORE,
SALT SPRING

Message from India

Many know me as a carpet cleaner and vigorous little businessman. My real passion is consciousness, going deeply into life's "big existential questions."

While back on Salt Spring recently I shared "Oneness Deeksha" with several friends old and new. They asked me to submit this letter while in the midst of my experience here at Oneness University, just north of Chennai, India. I attended a 21-day course here last year to learn to share this "blessing" and have returned for a 10-day "deepening" experience.

I've come to India to become a deeper, more present, compassionate human being. I'm discovering, beyond a longstanding interest in being present and aware, layers of defensive, fear-based habit exist, hiding remarkable idiocy in the very foundations of my perceptions of life. They are extremely difficult to see, much less to eradicate. My compassion deepens as I see the pain I've caused to others in my blindness.

In our 10-day course at this "Oneness University" we look at personal, familial, societal patterns, yet most essentially I look at my own quicker-than-knee-jerk assumptions. The underpinnings of my subtly hidden modus operandi. But try and change these unconscious fundamentals underlying my life, my personality. My God

they're under my skin and everyone else's, everywhere! How can I eradicate a virus I can't even see?

Then an energy called "oneness blessing" or "oneness Deeksha" (from Sanskrit meaning transfer of energy, or initiation) is shared by a laying on of hands lightly on the head for two to three minutes. Amazingly it acts somehow like mind/ego solvent, and poof! Somehow, by grace I am present beyond such subtle, habituated patterns. Somehow I'm declutched from the mind and I'm able to observe formerly hidden, unconscious processes going on, dating back to childhood, to familial, or ancient patterning. Wow. I'm present like never before! What a gift! And this new experience lingers, and deepens into waves of peace and wellbeing.

This is even beyond what I'd hoped for.

I'll be back on Salt Spring in mid December eager to share this energy and talk about the experience with anyone interested. For further information, please view www.onenessuniversity.org and www.onenessmovement.org.

Kelly Johnson has been here too sharing this process in India, and Shaun Jensen was here a year ago and is able to share oneness deeksha with any interested. Kelly can be contacted at her new massage practice on Hereford Avenue and Shaun at his ayurvedic practice at Salt Springs Resort.

See you some time in December.

Namaste.
DAVID THATCHER,
SALT SPRING

Investors can do well by doing good

BY NORBERT SCHLENKER

With many Canadian corporations being bought out or going private, many investors face hefty capital gains taxes. For example, BCE, the most widely held public Canadian company, is likely to go private within the next six months. Many of its shareholders have owned the stock for decades and so have a relatively low adjusted cost base. The shareholders' good fortune in realizing this gain must be weighed against an unpleasant necessity: a big tax bill.

However, there are techniques that will lessen the tax pain while simultaneously advancing a worthy cause. There are many charities in Canada and most Canadians have their favourites. For some years, there has been a mild incentive for investors to donate highly appreciated shares instead of cash. A recent change in the Income Tax Act has increased the incentive for these donations in kind. The change makes it

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attractive to help your fellow man and reduce the tax bite at the same time.

If the donation is valued at over \$200, there is a relatively simple formula to determine what fraction of the shares should be donated in kind to zero the tax cost.

First, determine the value of two ratios. Let

g = the gain in your shares divided by total current value, and

t = your marginal tax rate divided by the maximum marginal rate in your province.

Then, donating a fraction of your holding equal to " gt divided by $(gt+2)$ " offsets your entire tax liability on the sale of the remainder, leaving your overall tax bill as if the sale of the shares had not occurred.

Some examples of how the formula works may be instructive.

If you have owned BCE for

decades, cost as a fraction of current market value might be negligible and g could be close to one. If you are also in the top tax bracket, i.e. t is also one, then donating one third of the total position in kind, i.e. as shares, to a charity allows you to realize the entire proceeds on the sale of the other two thirds and the net effect is that no additional tax is payable.

If your gains and your tax bracket are more modest, the fraction that must be donated is much smaller. Suppose BCE is up 50 per cent since your purchase, which would make g = one third, and your marginal rate is about half the top rate, which is approximately true for the lowest tax bracket in most provinces. Then you can sell 12 shares outright for every share you donate to charity without increasing your income tax at all.

The technique and formula are useful in other circumstances as well. It may not be a buyout that has you concerned about capital

gains taxes. Many portfolios have share positions that have appreciated considerably since purchase. The uncomfortable prospect of taxes on sale stops investors from doing what prudence dictates: diversifying the portfolio. Donation in kind of a fraction of the position can alleviate the problem.

In order for this technique to work, you must donate securities (shares, bonds, mutual fund units) to the charity. Selling the securities and donating part of the proceeds from sale in cash will result in smaller tax savings. Check with the charity beforehand to verify that they have the ability to accept donations in kind and, if so, to what account and broker the donated securities can be transferred. Consult your investment and tax advisers as well.

If you have done well with your investments, consider doing some good too. It can cost less than you imagine.

The writer is a Salt Spring-based financial planner.

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PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY
Aiden Sutherland races for the ball in youth soccer action on Salt Spring last Saturday.

Rants

A truckload of stinking, rotting garbage to the selfish and stupid drivers and occupants of a monstrous camper who threw bottles, tin cans and God knows what in the bush from the Stowel Lake beach parking space last Thursday. Don't you know Salt Spring has a great recycling depot where you could have disposed of what you consider garbage? Do you need "Do not litter" signs all over the island to be made aware that public property is not a landfill? Of course and most likely, you would ignore those signs. H el ene Narayana

Roses

There are not enough roses to say "thank you" to the person who turned in my purse after I left it in my shopping cart at GVM. Special thanks to my "GVM family" for their concern for me. Also, thank you to the gentleman who hit my car while I was looking for my purse and was so honest and left his name and phone number. Honesty and kindness reigns on Salt Spring Island. Roses to all. Rita Dods

Millions of different fragrant coloured roses to Ingrid Lachmund! She is an amazing woman who has such a large and generous heart. She is a wonderful cook, an accommodating hostess, and has so many

RANTS *and* Roses

interesting stories she tells, especially the ones from wartime Germany and her life in Namibia. Thank you so very much for you being you. I look forward to my many visits to your house, The Woodpeckers' Nest. Hugs and love, Lee Stempski and, of course, your son who loves you very much too, Joe Lachmund

Arvid Chalmers' friend Maggie recently regaled a full house at Heritage Place for Seniors with stories displaying unabashed insight, wonky wisdom and par-boiled philosophies that won our hearts. She reminded us to laugh heartily, have frivolous fun and eat lots of an all-time-favourite recipe for brownies. The hour flew by. Thank you, Arvid, for your generosity of spirit. And thank you, fellow seniors from Meadowbrook, for accepting the Heritage Place invitation to enjoy Maggie's "domestic arts." The Staff at Heritage Place

A big bouquet of roses, mixed with dragonhead plant and fireweed, to Shari MacDonald, West of the Moon, Island Savings, Kurt Duff, Lynda Brown and Tanya Akerman, who contributed to the Salt Spring Dragonboat Club raffle this

year, and to everyone who purchased raffle tickets. Raffle winners were Dorothy MacMillan, Chris Budd, Tina Tamboline, E. Wiseman, Celine and Donna Robinson.

I would like to send a dozen roses to Gary and Cindy Brooks, Ben Cooper and Margo Greggains. It was wonderful to work with you all again on the Terry Fox Committee. I would also like to send dozens and dozens of roses to our families for their help and support — Hari and Pilar, Jasmine and Jeanne, Madison and Ben, and Maggie and Bob! You guys rock! Jean

A dry tent full of heritage apple-smelling roses to Bob from the Info Centre for rescuing cold, wet and bedraggled apple fest ticket sellers on such a wet Sunday. Thank you. Paul & Donna

Bouquets of every rose possible to Salt Spring Island United Church and Community Gospel Chapel for hosting the LMS Cancer Quilt. Nothing can compare to the overwhelming response from cancer patients and their families. Some just received comfort from touching and holding the quilt. Thanks also for hon-

ouring Orland's memory. Brianne and Mary Lynn Hetherington.

Roses to Falconshead Grill for making our son's family dinner absolutely fabulous! Especially to Jesse for coming in on his day off to make sure everything was pristine and it was. Thanks to all of the staff. Ralph & Sherrie

Lovely late-blooming summer roses to the following for their donations to the community food bank and the Let's Do Lunch program, GVM Employees Association, Anglican church, Our Lady of Grace, Windrush Farm, Salt Spring Centre, Gil and Fran Schultz, Nancy Holcroft, Bob Weeden, Thomas Brainerd, Barry and Betty Pinchin, Linda at Salt Spring Soapworks and all the other numerous food and garden greens contributions that come in on all days of the week. Everything is most appreciated! Melanie Morris

Roses to Derrick Lundy: you may be my "ex" but you are one of the kindest and most compassionate people I know. Thanks for "walking the talk" and helping Tony and Marcie, plus all the other random acts of kindness you do for people you hardly know. Sandra — you also have a heart of gold. I hope that all the good karma the two of you put out comes right back at you. SL

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ENVIRONMENT

Pulp waste fertilizer law passed in British Columbia

Crofton airshed group questions practice

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A new B.C. government policy on the use of pulp mill biosolids as fertilizer has one environmental organization calling the waste highly toxic and harmful to the environment. Environment Minister Barry Penner signed the deal allowing for treated waste

from pulp mills to be spread on farm land as fertilizer starting last month. The Code of Practice for Soil Amendments standardizes the law across B.C. for use of the waste that includes fly ash, pulp mill sludge, lime mud, industrial or domestic water treatment sludge and industrial wood waste.

Crofton Airshed Citizens Group spokesman Rob Wiltzen said the biosolids have some nutrients to help plants grow, but he's worried about what else is in there.

"Here we have our own government

deliberately spreading sludge, containing unknown levels of heavy metal and other toxins, on land used for food production claiming the practice to be beneficial," he said in a press release.

Wiltzen said a study sponsored by the Reach for Unbleached Foundation in 1998 found high levels of pollutants in the biosolids the current government doesn't test for. However, B.C. environmental management officer Ken Hicke said the government is quite confident the waste is safe to use. He

said farmers who apply the organic matter to their land must follow strict guidelines.

Hicke said if the guidelines are met the results "can be phenomenal," especially for low-nutrient soil. Parts of B.C. have already used the waste with great success.

"The most active areas now are in the Kootenays and Quesnel area."

Hicke said he isn't aware of any pulp mill waste being used on Salt Spring and Vancouver Island farmers haven't used the biosolids for more than 15 years.

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NEWSBEAT

RECREATION FACILITIES

Trash and vandalism spark debate

Skatepark's future up for discussion

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Kanaka Road skateboard park on Salt Spring could be filled in unless serious steps are taken to clean it up, suggests a recent parks board report.

The report released during a Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) meeting on September 24 states residents, PARC and school board staff have seen continual issues with garbage, vandalism and "disregard for responsibility" from some of the park users.

PARC operations manager Dave Gibbon said a greater interest in the facility from parents and the community is needed to keep the facility safe and clean. If no one steps in to help, one solution mentioned by the board is to fill in the bowls and use the area as a playground.

"That would be a shame because you have kids there who might not normally get involved in activities," said Gibbon.

He said some young kids are trying to keep the area clean, but that's not the case with some other park users.

"Some kids find it not necessary to drop their garbage into the bin and thumb their nose at anyone who tries to take care of it."

The report states a chain-link fence has been dismantled and a heavy trash container fell into one of the skate bowls and was then dragged out by a truck and

chain, damaging the concrete surface. Staff patrolling the area have also been verbally abused.

One resident who does not want to be named said when the facility was built, skateboarders were proud of their accomplishment, but now they appear to not be taking care of it. The resident frequently walks through the area.

"It has a bad reflection on the kids and on the island."

However, Micah Booy, who helped design and raise funds to build the park, questioned why the problem is only in the skateboarders' hands.

"Fifty per cent of the kids [that use the park] are non-skaters."

Booy said wherever there are young people, trash issues will follow, and he agrees with Gibbon that it's up to the community and the Salt Spring Skatepark Society to change the situation.

"The community needs to go down there for five minutes once a week with a garbage bag."

He said with involvement the culture will change over time.

"It's easy for a kid to throw a wrapper on the ground if there are 100 other wrappers."

Booy said it would also be a good idea to have more trash bins available at the park.

Solutions to the problem will be discussed at an October 15 PARC meeting, which Gibbon has asked members of the Salt Spring Skatepark Society to attend.



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

The Kanaka Road skatepark is used by skaters and non-skaters alike. Here, a competitor in a recent competition shows his stuff.

CONSUMER ISSUES

Book prices read more than dollars

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Canadian and American book prices don't add up under new dollar parity, but one Salt Spring book owner says the price reflects more than just paying extra.

Volume II Bookstore owner Betty Hill said some book buyers grumble about the price difference marked on books, but customers should keep in mind the issue is nothing new.

She said bookstore owners have

been lobbying publishers for years to lower their prices.

"We will never see the book prices equal. Publishers have been dragging their heels on this issue," she said. "And it's not something you can just change with the click of a button."

Hill said publishers are hesitant to change the prices because of hidden costs, including shipping from the U.S. and printing, which are things customers don't realize. On a local level, the margin for selling

her books is not something she can simply shift up or down.

Hill said it's unfair for customers to beat on the book industry since many other products have similar price differences between Canada and the U.S., but two prices aren't printed on them.

"You don't see a price difference on T-shirts or jeans, but it is there."

A report released mid-September by BMO Nesbitt Burns estimates products now cost 24 per cent more in Canada than the U.S.

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NEWSBEAT

MENTAL ILLNESS

Family hopes story will help others

"System" frustrates those trying to help

BY SUSAN LUNDY
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

SECOND IN A SERIES

Friends and family of a man who died earlier this year are frustrated that at the time of his suicide, Brian Bleskie was doing "everything right."

He was in counselling, taking his meds, asking for help.

"I believe he could have been saved," says his sister Lisa Bleskie.

"This wasn't a guy who wanted to kill himself," adds Matt Steffich, one of Brian's closest friends.

Just a week before his death, Brian made a 10-point plan on how to get his life back on track. And yet he never took the first step.

Lamenting the fact they had "no tools and no knowledge" on how to deal with mental illness, Brian's family and friends hope that by telling his story, others might be saved the heartbreak of losing a loved one to suicide.

"The confidentiality [aspect] is huge. It can be a heartbreaking part of the Mental Health Act."

JO TWAITES,
 Clinical coordinator,
 Lady Minto Hospital

First diagnosed as bi-polar, Brian was re-diagnosed last winter with borderline personality disorder — something he was never able to accept.

"When the diagnosis changed, he couldn't handle it," says Lisa. "Bi-polar is [more easily] treatable with medicine, 'borderline' isn't."

According to the Mayo Clinic website, "People with borderline personality disorder often feel misunderstood, alone, empty and hopeless. They're typically full of self-hate and self-disgust. They may be fully aware that their behaviour is destructive and be distressed about it."

"We always felt Brian could not feel how loved he was," says Lisa.

"He knew it, but could not be filled up with it."

Lisa and her parents can now see things they thought of as Brian's personality — "Brian being Brian" — were actually signs of his illness.

At Christmas, says Lisa, when her parents visited, "Brian was quite open with all of us about his struggle and frustrations — meds that didn't work, how hard it had been to find someone to talk to — and ultimately how pleased he was [with his] psychiatrist, and how much trust and respect he had for him."

But Lisa's mother also noted that

in hindsight "Brian was already not himself . . . [just] a shell of who he had been."

Brian was now seeing his psychiatrist once a week, but his personal life was in shambles and "one hour a week with a shrink wasn't going to change it," Matt says.

"That's one of the pitfalls," adds Lisa. "The more you go through therapy during a crisis, the more you need it."

Brian was admitted as a mental health patient at Lady Minto Hospital four times in the six weeks before his death.

Three of the four times were voluntary admissions — he sought help and was assessed as needing care — and in all but the last occasion, he was officially released before leaving.

Unlike larger institutions, Lady Minto does not have a specialized "psych" nurse — something Brian's friends and family want to see changed — and no "psych" ward.

However, clinical coordinator Jo Twaites and chief of staff Bill Relp have background training in psychiatric nursing, and patients also have limited access to an emergency mental health care nurse through Community Services as well as the island's two psychiatrists.

"To Lady Minto's credit, they did what they could. But there is no release plan — [patients] go back to an empty house or the place where their relationships are breaking down," says Matt.

Those trying to help and support the mentally ill are sent away "with an empty toolbox," adds Lisa.

"We had [him] home, but we didn't know how to keep [him] safe."

Family and friends also became frustrated with the issue of client/doctor confidentiality.

Matt obtained permission from Brian to attend one of his counselling sessions.

But in the final week before his death, when a "major red flag" crisis occurred, Matt was unable to talk to the psychiatrist because Brian had suddenly requested confidentiality.

"I tried to say, 'If you can't talk to me, let me talk to you. Just listen.'"

"The confidentiality [aspect] is huge," says Twaites. "It can be a heartbreaking part of the Mental Health Act."

Under the act, a patient can evoke patient/doctor confidentiality — even if it might not be in his best interest to shut out his support network.

But also under the act, confidentiality can be removed if the patient is seen as a danger to himself or others.

Brian's wife Ernie Woods says one of her "biggest regrets" is that they did not push harder for this.

"We were trying to be respectful of the process, but I'd say to another family, 'Be pushy, step on toes,' because it's family and friends who know that person better."

In weeks before Brian's suicide, he careened from one crisis to another.

"He spiralled downward really quickly," says Lisa. "We were all just putting out fires."

Frantic phone calls to his mother and Lisa continued.

"He would call at any time of the day or night in tears and sounding so defeated. He could not, and didn't even try to, mask his pain and frustration. These calls were terrifying and so heartbreaking. We both just wanted to comfort him and find the magic answer."

Taking these calls in Ontario, Brian's mother was "left feeling helpless and scared for her son."

Matt also received calls.

"The day before Brian died, he phoned me," recalls Matt. "He was at rock bottom. It was eerie and it scared me."

"We were trying to be respectful of the process, but I'd say to another family, 'Be pushy, step on toes,' because it's family and friends who know that person better."

ERNIE WOODS,
 Wife of the deceased

Matt took the call seriously and called Brian's psychiatrist, urging Brian be admitted to an institution such as the Eric Martin Pavilion in Victoria.

However, it was decided such a step wasn't appropriate because Brian would be churned right back out of the system within four days anyway, Matt says.

The assessment, adds Lisa, was based on a counselling session with Brian the previous day, when suicidal inclinations weren't apparent. Instead, an emergency session was set up for the following day. But by then it was too late.

"It was all so fast," says Lisa.

A friend helped Brian admit himself to Lady Minto Hospital at 2 a.m. March 29. He left the hospital at dinner time the same day, without being released, telling nurses he was going out to get some food. But instead he hitch-hiked home. Later that night he was found dead by police.

"It was not spontaneous; he knew what he was doing," Matt says.

"It's sad we couldn't grab him. I thought I could do it. I thought I could pull him back from the brink, but I couldn't."

Matt adds that no one feels guilt or responsibility: just overwhelming sadness.

"And I only felt really angry once: that was at his wake. I wished he could have seen how many people really cared."

Next week: Learning from Brian's death

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NEWSBEAT

ISLAND BUSINESS

Chamber of Commerce rounds up year with business awards

New board elected at AGM

Mafalda Hoogerdyk is the new Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce president following the September 27 annual general meeting, where the second annual Salt Spring Business Awards were also handed out.

Hoogerdyk was among the prize winners, earning the Chamber of Commerce Member of the Year Award.

Business of the Year Award went to Mouat's Trading Co. Ltd.

Also nominated were Auntie Pesto's, Thrifty Foods and the Salt Spring Inn.

Salt Spring Books won the Small Business Award with Island Star Video and the Tree House Cafe also nominated.

The Green Business Award was captured by Salt Spring Natureworks.

Nominated for the award was Duck Creek Farm, Island Savings Credit Union, Harbour House Hotel and Suncrest Cottage B&B.

Nominated for the the Agriculture/Farm Business of the Year were Duck Creek Farm and Salt Spring Veterinary Services, but the award went to Apple Luscious Organic Orchard.

The Home Based Business Award went to McIntyre Electric, but also nominated were Always Welcome B&B, Bloom Breads and the Salt Spring Bread Co.

Salt Spring Coffee Company won the Business Ambassador award. Also nominated was Morningside Organic Bakery and Cafe.

Nominated for the New Business of the year was GI Window Cleaning, Bloom Breads, Pomodoros Pizza and the Salt Spring Noodle Company, but the award went to TJ Beans.

The Citizen of the Year Award went to Marguerite Lee.

Baha'i Dishwashers, Arthur Black, Trish Nobile and Isabelle Richardson were also nominated.

Hoogerdyk thanked all businesses that sponsored the awards.

This year's Chamber of Commerce executive consists of Hoogerdyk as president, David Griffiths as vice-president tourism, Peter McCully as vice-president business and Ann Ringheim as treasurer.

Chamber of Commerce directors are Steve Hunt, John Cade, Marion Markus, Margery Moore and Tim O'Connor.

The chamber office in Ganges is now open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., staffed by Andrea LeBorgne and Gail Sibley.

They replace the soon-to-give-birth Perry Ruehlen, who was the chamber's executive director for the past five years.



APPLE CORE: Visitors to Fulford Hall on Sunday enjoy row upon row of apples displayed as part of Salt Spring's annual Apple Festival.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

ANIMAL CONTROL

Cat bylaw created to keep feline population in check

Proposed regulation pushes responsibility to pet owners

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A proposed bylaw to ID, spay and neuter cats on the Gulf Islands will be a challenge to enforce, but helpful to identify lost pets and control the population, says the chief bylaw officer.

Don Brown, chief bylaw officer for the Capital Regional District

(CRD), said the CRD will meet to discuss the draft bylaw in early November. He said it is too early to know exactly what shape the regulation will take, but it is intended to help owners find missing pets.

"The main idea is to get the cats back quickly."

He said logistically the law won't be easy to enforce, but most people are responsible enough to follow it.

Brown added the proposal is not a licence program or "a money grabber."

"We want to mirror what the

Lower Mainland is doing."

The bylaw proposes tattoos, microchips or tags be used to identify the pets.

Wolfgang Brunnwieser, animal control officer for the CRD on Salt Spring, said the bylaw would help get the feral cat problem under control. He agreed with Brown it will be difficult to manage.

"It will be more or less on a volunteer basis."

Brunnwieser said Salt Spring experienced a feral cat explosion in the past and the bylaw would prevent the situation from hap-

pening again.

"Cats can multiply like rabbits."

He said for now he has to wait and see what will happen at the November CRD meeting.

Jena Peori, manager of the Salt Spring branch of the B.C. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BCSPCA), is 100 per cent behind any regulation to keep the cat population in check.

"I think it would be a fabulous idea," she said.

Peori said even if the bylaw is voluntary it gets people thinking about their pets.

The BCSPCA on Salt Spring takes in 175 to 250 cats per year. She said most of the time she can find new homes, but 10 to 20 are euthanized because of sickness.

She said the SPCA spends thousands of dollars trying to save stray kittens.

"Most of the time it's [caused by] irresponsible people," she added.

She hopes more owners will spay or neuter their cats.

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HAND TO HAND: Emily Oro is pretty amused by the creature painted on the side of a Telus truck. The youngster and truck were spotted in the parking lot behind Island Savings Credit Union last week.

LADY MINTO HOSPITAL

Red Cross seeks volunteers to step in

Manpower shortage threatens equipment loan depot

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A medical equipment loan service on Salt Spring lacks volunteers and could shut operations unless the community pitches in.

For almost 20 years, the Canadian Red Cross service provided patients with equipment such as crutches, wheelchairs and canes out of Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital for free or by donation.

Nathan Huculak, volunteer and communications coordinator for the Canadian Red Cross, said now because of the growing community and more

demand for medical equipment, the service is in jeopardy.

"It's getting to the point where the volunteers can't manage that."

He said the hospital provides the space for the service to run, but Lady Minto staff don't have the capacity to keep it open.

"We need to get the message out that we need assistance."

Huculak proposes islanders support the project by volunteering either on a personal basis or through a community group.

He said the Red Cross will train volunteers and then reassess the service to see it grow with the community.

The Red Cross runs 19 depots on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands. Huculak said Salt Spring's isn't the only one struggling to keep up with demands due to a volunteer shortage.

Jo Twaites, clinical coordinator at Lady Minto Hospital, said the depot is essential and its closure would be "a huge loss."

She said patients need the equipment for their recovery. If the operation closed, patients would end up staying longer in the hospital, which would not be a good use of resources.

Lady Minto physiotherapist Lena McMahon said most of her patients need medical equipment, but the price to purchase it can be steep.

McMahon hopes the service will be open five days a week.

As of Driftwood press time, the depot is open Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Anyone who wishes to get involved can call Huculak at 1-800-661-9055, extension 504 or e-mail nathan.huculak@redcross.ca.

GYPSY MOTH BATTLE

Extra hands needed to bring in moth traps

Analysis follows trap collection

Retrieval of the approximately 1,500 gypsy moth traps now hanging in the Lees Hill area began on Monday and must be completed by October 12.

Community volunteers, together with an entomologist from the Ministry of Forests and Range, will examine the traps for male gypsy moths on Salt Spring on October 13, said control program coordinator

Leslie Wallace.

Traps found to contain moths or moth parts are then sent to the Canadian Forestry Service for DNA testing, as identification of moths caught "is difficult to determine by visual examination alone," said Wallace.

Final trap counts, which will be available in several weeks time, will determine what action will be taken by the ministry and the community next year to control the spread of the gypsy moth on the island.

Mass trapping of male

gypsy moths was an integral part of the community-based gypsy moth control program that replaced the overhead pesticide spraying planned by the Ministry of Forests and Range. The alternate plan included searching for egg masses, ground spraying in a limited area and mass trapping of male moths.

Plans are now underway to develop a public education program aimed at preventing the importation of gypsy moths onto the island. The moths arrive

on the island on cars and other items transported from areas where the moth is already established, such as Eastern Canada and the Eastern United States.

The establishment of a gypsy moth population on Salt Spring would be potentially devastating to the Garry oak trees and other native and non-native vegetation.

New volunteers are welcome. Contact Leslie Wallace by e-mail at law@saltspring.com for further information.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Conservancy series highlights ecology basics

Islanders can take a mini-course in basic principles of ecological sustainability as related to Salt Spring Island through a series of fall and spring lectures.

Offered through Community Education in partnership with the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, sessions take place in the Salt Spring Public Library.

Deborah Miller, retired Gulf Islands Secondary School biology teacher and chair of the Conservancy Education Committee, said the course was developed in response to requests from community members for instruction about the science needed to help inform personal actions in the modern world.

Miller said there is a growing awareness of global climate change and its potential threats.

Popular, but challenging, documentary films such as The 11th Hour, Planet in Peril and An Inconvenient Truth have stimulated discussion, organization and action, but island residents would also like more background about ecological principles.

The three fall lectures are:

- Thursday, October 11. Water Quality Monitoring with Cate McEwen. Topics will include water quality basics, monitoring techniques and methods for citizens to engage in water monitoring for improving our local water quality.

- Thursday, October 18. Species at Risk with Robin Annschild. Topics will include biodiversity issues, species at risk classification, local species at risk and actions for preserving local species at risk.

- Thursday, October 25. Forest Ecology with Dr. Jean Brouard.

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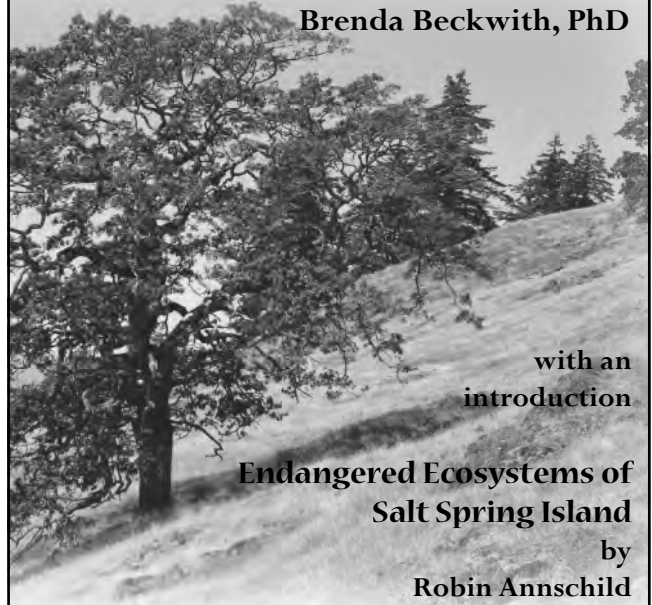
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NEWSBEAT

ENVIRONMENT

Suzuki Foundation criticizes wildlife law

Provincial policies lack strength, says environmental group

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Threats to the biodiversity of plants and animals are a global issue, but the B.C. government is not up to par with its protection laws, says a conservation policy analyst.

Lindsay Coulter, conservation policy analyst for the David Suzuki Foundation, spoke to a group at the Institute for Sustainability Education and Action (I-SEA) last Thursday. She said with the numbers of species at risk in B.C. at approximately 1,300, only 68 receive any kind of protection under current laws.

"We need a stronger law. A law would provide the legal means of effective protection and recovery of species at risk."

One current Canadian policy, the Species at Risk Act (SARA), protects migratory birds and aquatic life or species that reside on federal lands. However, as Coulter pointed out, more than 99 per cent of B.C. land is under the care of the province, therefore the species at risk are not protected under SARA.

She said B.C. does have laws in place, but they are ineffective as the policies only apply to provincial

parks, which don't capture the diversity of species at risk. As well, the laws don't include conservation land-based planning, which helps to save natural habitats.

Coulter said B.C. has the richest biodiversity in Canada, including 76 per cent of its bird species.

"That's worth protecting."

Coulter said her campaign is to inform the public and lobby the government for change. Her tips include spending more time with nature to get a sense of what could be lost, reducing paper use to save trees and volunteering or joining local environmental groups to rally support for the cause.

Karen Hudson, executive director of the Salt Spring Conservancy, said the presentation was important because we live in a "hot zone" where species are threatened.

"We have 1,300 species at risk and 239 are found in our regional area."

She said while 15 per cent of the land on Salt Spring is considered protected, it's not enough.

"We are drawn to Salt Spring for its beauty and natural area," she said. "Many groups are represented here. We have business owners, private contractors, artists. We are all concerned about it."

Hudson said the solution involves everyone working together with nature.

To get involved, contact Coulter at lcoulter@david-suzuki.org or call I-SEA at 537-4400.

Laundry tops games

Loss of summer visitors thins ranks

BRIDGETRICKS

BY JILL EVANS
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

It was like night and day, or more appropriately day and night. September 17 was before the fall equinox (on September 23) and there were six and a half tables for a rousing Mitchell movement.

Outstanding in the East/West spot were Flo and George Laundry, with Nancy Arnold and Jeff Bell coming second. Winning in the North/South position were Blanche Poborsa and Gerry Nicholson, followed by Sandy Thompson and Zelly Taylor.

But the onset of fall chill and longer

nights saw the summer visitors scurrying south and leaving the rest of us to Howell. There were only four and a half tables of hardy souls on September 24. In first place were George Laundry and John Jefferson, but Isabelle Richardson and Jeff Bell were just half a point behind. In third place were Blanche Poborsa and Hilde Dieterich. The rest were left out in the cold.

If you'd like an evening of heated competition and warm friendliness with a dollop of duplicate bridge, you can call George Laundry at 653-9095 or e-mail him at pastorale@shaw.ca.



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WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 3

5:00 PM	The Simpsons Arrested Development	Grand-papa L'Union fait la force	Timothy (10) Mama (35) Babar	(4:30) NHL Hockey - Ottawa vs. Toronto (Live)	CHEK News	Full House King of the Hill	Early News Global National	CTV News	Punjab Times Phoenix World News	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N)	My Wife and Kids My Wife and Kids	Malcolm [Part 1 of 2] The Simpsons	KOMO 4 News ABC World News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News CBS Evening News	Teenage Robot SpongeBob SquarePants	MLB Baseball American League Division Series - Game 1 - Teams TBA (Live)
6:00	News	Le Téléjournal	Kratts' Creatures Popular Mechanics	Off the Record	News	The Simpsons Friends	News	News	CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show That '70s Show	The Simpsons Family Guy	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Being Ian Adrenaline Project	Game 1 - Teams TBA (Live)
7:00	Coronation Street Marketplace (SP) (N)	Virginie L'Épicerie	Meerkat Manor Wild at Heart	SportsCentre	EI News	According to Jim The Simpsons	Entertainment Tonight Ent. Tonight Canada	Etalk (N)	Police Woman	Star! Daily	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	The King of Queens The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	Evening Magazine Inside Edition	Rick Steves' Istanbul Seasoned Traveler	The Boy Who Lost His Legs	Entertainment Tonight The Insider	Drake & Josh #1 Fan	
8:00	Little Mosque (SP) (N) Opportunity (P) (N)	Le match des élus Quart de finale	Ancient Clues Shang Dynasty	Off the Record	Kid Nation Deal With It! (N)	Home Improvement Home Improvement	Back to You (N) 'Til Death (N)	Private Practice (N)	Vancouver Nights Iranian Pop	The Collector The Yogi	Next Top Model The Girls Go Rock Climbing (N)	Next Top Model The Girls Go Rock Climbing (N)	Back to You (N) 'Til Death (N)	Pushing Daisies Pielette (P) (N)	Deal or No Deal	Wired Science (P) (N)	CBC News: The National	Kid Nation Deal With It! (N)	Prank Patrol Malcolm in the Middle	Sportsnet Connected
9:00	the fifth estate Firestar 45 (SP) (N)	Une heure sur terre	What the Ancients Did for Us The Egyptians	UEFA Soccer Champions League - Matchday #2 - Lazio vs. Madrid	Bionic Woman Paradise lost (N)	The Standard Insights Into Sikhism	Bones The Soccer Mom in the Mini-Van (N)	Criminal Minds In Birth and Death (N)	Sabor Latino	"Left Behind" ★★ (Sci-Fi, '01) Colin Fox.	"The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" ★★ (Sci-Fi, '05) Bill Bailey.	Gossip Girl Poison Ivy (N)	Kitchen Nightmares Mixing Bowl (N)	Private Practice (N)	Bionic Woman Paradise lost (N)	The War A Necessary War	CBC News: The National	Criminal Minds In Birth and Death (N)	Futurama Pinky & the Brain	Best Damn Sports Show Period
10:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	Preventive Warriors	Simple Life/ Camp Sunset Tan (N)	Cold Case Lover's Lane	Life Tear Asunder (N)	CSI: NY The Deep (N)	Hola Que Tal				Seinfeld	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Dirty Sexy Money The Lions (N)	Life Tear Asunder (N)		The Boy Who Lost His Legs	CSI: NY The Deep (N)	Inu Yasha Naruto	Sportsnet Connected
11:00	(05) The Hour (N)	Le Téléjournal	My Healing Journey: Seven Years With Cancer	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	RAW	Frasier	Family Guy	News	News		CBC News: The National	News	Full Metal Alchemist Shadow Raiders	Sportsnet Connected
12:00 MID	(05) Arrested (35) Hour 22 Mins	La zone (45) Fosse aux lions	Stuarts Did for Us Great Artists Holbein	Off the Record	(05) Chelsea Lately (N)	Coach [Part 2 of 2] PR Maxx	(05) Ent. Tonight (35) E.T. Canada	(05) The Daily Show (35) Colbert Report	Jai Fiji Caribbean Beat		(35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park South Park	RENO 911! (05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Conan O'Brien		The Hour	(35) David Letterman (N)	Futurama Pratt & Taylor	

THURSDAY OCTOBER 4

5:00 PM	(4:00) NHL Hockey - Toronto vs. Ottawa (Live)	Grand-papa L'Union fait la force	Timothy (10) Mama (35) Babar	Boxing The Contender	CHEK News	Full House King of the Hill	Early News Global National	CTV News	Punjab Times Phoenix World News	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N)	My Wife and Kids Wife & Kids [Part 2 of 2]	Malcolm [Part 2 of 2] The Simpsons	KOMO 4 News ABC World News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News CBS Evening News	Teenage Robot SpongeBob SquarePants	MLB Baseball National League Division Series - Game 2 - Teams TBA (Live)
6:00	News	Le Téléjournal	Mentors Experience Reach for the Top	Poker World Series - \$5000 Mixed Hold 'Em	News	The Simpsons Friends	News	News	CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show That '70s Show	The Simpsons Family Guy	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Being Ian Erky Perky	Game 2 - Teams TBA (Live)
7:00	NHL Hockey - Philadelphia vs. Calgary (Live)	Virginie Infoman	Profiles of Nature	SportsCentre	EI News	According to Jim The Simpsons	Entertainment Tonight Ent. Tonight Canada	ER In a Different Light (N)	Police Woman	Star! Daily	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	The King of Queens The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	Evening Magazine Inside Edition	Rick Steves' Europe Egypt Ask This Old House	Geologic Journey The Appalachians	Entertainment Tonight The Insider	Drake & Josh Malcolm in the Middle Zoo	
8:00		Tous pour un Lady Diana [Partie 1 de 2]	A History of Britain Nations	Off the Record	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	Home Improvement Home Improvement	Survivor: China (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation A La Cart (N)	What's in Vancouver? Main Office	Smallville Kara	Ugly Betty Family Affair (N)	Smallville Kara (N)	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	Ugly Betty Family Affair (N)	My Name Is Earl (N) 30 Rock (SP) (N)	Perilous Fight Infamy (1919-1942)	CBC News: The National	Survivor: China (N)	Prank Patrol Double Date Fries With That?	Sportsnet Connected
9:00		Enquête	Feast India Spice The Trouble With Love	Poker Degree Championship	"Cleaverville" (Susp, '07) Ever Carradine.	The Standard Insights Into Sikhism	The Office Dunder-Mifflin Infinity (N)	Grey's Anatomy Love/Addiction (N)	Teri Meri Duniya Sadabahaar Naghmae	Don't Forget the Lyrics	Supernatural (SP) (N)	Supernatural (SP) (N)	Don't Forget the Lyrics	Grey's Anatomy Love/Addiction (N)	The Office Dunder-Mifflin Infinity (N)	Nova The Great Inca Rebellion	CBC News: The National	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation A La Cart (N)	Futurama Pinky & the Brain	Best Damn Sports Show Period
10:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	The Last Gods Wild at Heart	Poker Degree Championship	Cold Case The Badlands	Shark Eye of the Beholder (N)	Big Shots Tall, Dark and Hairless (N)	Mor Deo Koi Desi Rhythms	30 Rock (SP) (N)	Scrubs	Terminal City	Seinfeld	Q-13 Fox News at Ten	Big Shots Tall, Dark and Hairless (N)	ER In a Different Light (N)	Stories of Silence (N)	Geologic Journey The Appalachians	Without a Trace Clean Up (N)	Inu Yasha Naruto	Sportsnet Connected
11:00	(05) The Hour (N)	Le Téléjournal La zone	No Price Too High Lifetime	SportsCentre	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Realty Television	Frasier	Family Guy	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Full Metal Alchemist Shadow Raiders	Sportsnet Connected
12:00 MID	(05) Arrested (35) JFL: Gags	(15) La fosse aux lions	Kings in Grass Castles	Off the Record	(05) Chelsea Lately (N)	International Laser Clinic PR Maxx	(05) Ent. Tonight (35) E.T. Canada	(05) The Daily Show (35) Colbert Report	Punjabi Vibes Desi Rhythms		(35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park South Park	RENO 911! (05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Conan O'Brien		The Hour	(35) David Letterman (N)	Futurama Pratt & Taylor	

FRIDAY OCTOBER 5

5:00 PM	The Simpsons Arrested Mr. F	Grand-papa L'Union fait la force	Timothy (10) Mama (35) Babar A Charmed Life	CFL Football - B.C. vs. Winnipeg (Live)	CHEK News	Full House King of the Hill	Early News Global National	CTV News	Punjab Times Phoenix World News	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N)	My Wife and Kids Wife & Kids [Part 2 of 2]	Malcolm in the Middle The Simpsons	KOMO 4 News ABC World News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News CBS Evening News	Avatar Naruto	Canucks This Week Pratt & Taylor
6:00	News	Le Téléjournal	Serious Amazon (N) Kratts' Creatures	Ad Persuasion	News	The Simpsons Friends	News	News	CTI News	Vancouver Report	CityNews International	That '70s Show That '70s Show	The Simpsons Family Guy	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	(05) Pokémon Team Galaxy	Sportsnet Connected
7:00	Coronation Street Can. Antique (SP)	Du cœur au ventre	Canadian Parks Tatshenshini-Alesk	EI News	According to Jim The Simpsons	Entertainment Tonight Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Police Woman	Star! Daily	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	The King of Queens The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	Evening Magazine Inside Edition	World War II Northwest	the fifth estate (SP) (N)	Entertainment Tonight The Insider	Storm Hawks The Code MAR Heaven	NHL Hockey - Teams TBA (Live)	
8:00	RCAF: Force Live (SP) (N) Rick Mercer Report	Paquet voleur	By the Book Anna Karenina [Part 2 of 2]	SportsCentre	Deal or No Deal	3D Dialogue	Numb3rs Hollywood Homicide (N)	Ghost Whisperer (N)	Weekly News Forum CTS Night Club	Bigfoot's Reflection	Stories About Love Rose	Friday Night Smackdown (N)	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? (N)	Pushing Daisies Pielette	Deal or No Deal	NOW (N) Washington Week	CBC News: The National	Ghost Whisperer (N)	Naruto Zatch Bell	
9:00	Torchwood (P) (N)	L'heure de gloire		Poker Degree Championship - Final Table	Cirque du Soleil Kooza (N)	The Standard The Voices of Religion	Friday Night L. Last Days of Summer (SP) (N)	Moonlight Out of the Past (N)	Hwang Jin Yi	"Village of the Damned" ★★ (Sci-Fi, '95) Christopher Reeve.	"Me, Myself and Irene" ★★ (Com, '00) Jim Carrey.	K-Ville Cobb's Webb	Primetime: Medical Mysteries	Friday Night L. Last Days of Summer (SP) (N)	Bill Moyers Journal	CBC News: The National	Moonlight Out of the Past (N)	Gundam S Destiny Bleach		
10:00	CBC News: The National	Le Téléjournal	The Last Detective	Boxing The Contender	20/20 (N)	Cold Case Factory Girls	Las Vegas The Glass Is Always Cleaner (N)	Without a Trace Clean Up (N)	Open Concert		Pink Planet III Geneva	Frasier Frasier Come Lie With Me	King of the Hill RENO 911!	(35) News Nightline	(35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	"The Candidate" ★★ (Pol, '72) Robert Redford.	the fifth estate	Numb3rs Hollywood Homicide (N)	Inu Yasha Full Metal Alchemist	Sportsnet Connected
11:00	(05) The Hour	Le Téléjournal La zone	(10) Feast India Spice Wild at Heart	F1 Auto Racing Chinese Grand Prix	News	It's a New Day	News	News	TV Patrol	News	Star! Daily	South Park South Park	(35) News Nightline	(35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Tavis Smiley	CBC News: The National	News	Eureka Seven Storm Hawks The Code	Sportsnet Connected	
12:00 MID	(05) Arrested (35) Kenny vs. Spenny	(15) La fosse aux lions	National Geographic Whales in Crisis	SportsCentre	(05) Chelsea Lately (N)	Coach Kingstar	(05) ECW Wrestling	(05) CSI: Miami Spring Break	Vancouver Masala Music Bank		(35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	(05) Jimmy Kimmel Live	South Park South Park	(35) Conan O'Brien	Washington Week		The Hour	(35) Late, Late Show	Futurama Invader Zim	Pratt & Taylor

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 6

5 PM	(4:00) NHL Hockey - Montreal vs. Toronto (Live)	5 sur 5	Miss BG/(:15) Dive, Oily	(4:00) Boxing HBO Championshi p - Card TBA	CHEK News	Home Improvement	Family Guy	Sue Thomas: F.B. Eye	(4:30) Swiat Polskiej	Star Trek: Voyager Emanations	Best of MuchOnDem and	Star Trek: What Are Little Girls Made of?	Raymond P.T. & A.	NCAA Football - Notre Dame vs. UCLA (Live)	KING 5 News	Amer. Test Kitchen	Antiques Roadshow Montacute	NCAA Football SEC - Florida vs. LSU (Live)	(4:00) "Thunderbird s" (Sci-Fi, '04)	(4:30) MLB Baseball National League
		Le Téléjournal	Meerkat Manor	Poker World Series	News	Home Improvement	Global National	News	Xin Tan Ren	Bravo!Fact Presents	Speaker's Corner	That '70s Show The Pill	Friends	NBC Nightly News	The Lawrence Welk Show	Saturday Report			Prank Patrol	Division Series - Game 3 - Teams TBA (Live)
6 PM		Le Téléjournal	Wild at Heart		What Happened?				KCTV This Week	Inside Edition	Fashion Television	That '70s Show	Friends	KING 5 News		Mansbridge One on One			Ghost Trackers	
		NHL Hockey - Vancouver vs. Calgary (Live)	La Fureur	National Geographic Feast of the Giant Sharks	SportsCentre	Ad Persuasion FANatical	Diya	Andromeda Bunker Hill	W-Five Presents (N)	Entrepreneurial Leader	The New Canoe	Making It Big	CSI: Miami Freaks and Tweaks	Two and a Half Men	NW Backroads	Rosemary and Thyme And No Birds Sing	A Safer Sex Trade			Adrenaline Project
7 PM		Le moment de vérité	Heartbeat Bad Company	Ultimate NASCAR The Families	Vanity Insanity	Islam in Focus	Andromeda Ourorobos	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Phoenix Gathering Satrang	Kool Countdown	Battlestar Galactica The Captain's Hand	The King of Queens	Cops Coast to Coast (N)	Heroes Lizards	Antiques Rd. Buxton	The Hour	KIRO News Special	"Planes, Trains and Automobiles" (Com, '87) Steve Martin.		Sportsnet Connected
		Dre Grey, leçons Réel fantasmé	Midsomer Murders Blood Will Out	Final 24 Marvin Gaye (N)	Sikh Virsa	Blue Murder Love and Marriage	Whistler Blindside (N)	Asian Variety Show	"Saint Monica" (Fam, '02)	"The Rhino Brothers" (Dra, '01) William MacDonald.	Fraser First, Do No Harm	America Most Wanted (N)	Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy	Bionic Woman Birds (N)	American Experience Eleanor Roosevelt	Saturday Report	Entertainment This Week			FSN Pro Football Preview
8 PM		Le Téléjournal		Pre-Race Show (N)	True Hollywood Story The Hilton Sisters	Insights Into Sikhism Muslim Faith	Global Currents	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Avatar	Vanna Malargal Sabor Musical	Genevieve Buechner.	CSI: Miami Body Count	Q13 FOX News	Northern Exposure	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Avatar		Dragons' Den	KIRO News Special Global Warming	Weird Years Autopia		Sportsnet Connected
		Hockey: After Hours (Live)	Le Téléjournal																	
9 PM		Le Téléjournal																		
		"La recrue" (Bio, '02) Dennis Quaid.	A History of Britain Nations	F1 Auto Racing Chinese Grand Prix (Live)	True Hollywood Story	Mad TV	News	News	Bubble Gang	Star! Daily	SeXtv	Cold Case F. The DNA Link/ The Secret Slide	Mad TV MADiv's Most Wanted (N)	News	News					
10 PM		"Enigma" (Bio, '02) Dennis Quaid.																		
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SUNDAY OCTOBER 7

5 PM	Herbie: Fully Loaded" (Com, '05) Lindsay Lohan.	Oniva	Miss BG/(:15) Dive, Oily	(:15) NFL Football - Chicago vs. Green Bay (Live)	CHEK News	Home Improvement	Family Guy	W-Five Presents Welcome to Canadaville	Spazio Libero Sport Italia	Star Trek: Voyager Prime Factors	Best of MuchOnDem and	Girlfriends The Game	American Idol Rewind	KOMO 4 News	(:15) NFL Football - Chicago vs. Green Bay (Live)	(3:30) The War Without War	Dragons' Den	KIRO 7 News	(4:00) "Spy Kids 3D: Game Over" (Fam, '03)	(4:30) MLB Baseball National League
		Le Téléjournal	Into the Wild		News	Home Improvement	Global National	News	"Asa Nu Manna Watna Da" (Rom, '04)	Relic Hunter Nine Lives	Star! Daily	Gossip Girl Poison Ivy	Family Guy	News						Division Series - Game 4 - Teams TBA (Live)
6 PM		Le Téléjournal	Rough Science		What Happened?	Everybody Loves Ray					Speaker's Corner		Family Guy	KOMO 4 News						
		Geologic Journey The Atlantic Coast (N)	Lafaque	National Geographic The Perfect Swarm	Hollywood Mysteries	Voices of Hinduism	King of the Hill	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Funnier Home Videos (SP) (N)	Blood Ties Heart of Ice	CW Now	King of the Hill	Funnier Home Videos (SP) (N)						
7 PM																				
		Triple Sensation (P) (N) [Part 1 of 3]	Tout le monde en parle	The Royal Hoping for the Best (N)	SportsCentre	Ext. Makeover: Home Byers Family (N)	Ground Level	The Simpsons	Cold Case Running Around (N)	Kyle XY Diving In	Everybody Hates Chris	Life is Wild Pilot (P) (N)	The Simpsons	Ext. Makeover: Home Byers Family (N)						
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MONDAY OCTOBER 8

5 PM	The Simpsons	Grand-papa	Timothy/(:10) Mama	(4:30) NFL Countdown	CHEK News	Full House Pal Joey	Early News	CTV News	Punjab Times	A-Channel News	The Ellen Degeneres Show (N)	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Naked Brothers	MLB Baseball American League
	Arrested Development	L'Union fait la force	(:35) Babar	NFL Football - Dallas vs. Buffalo (Live)	News	King of the Hill	Global National	News	Phoenix World News		CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	Drake & Josh	Division Series - Game 4 - Teams TBA (Live)
6 PM		Le Téléjournal	The Saddle Club																	
		Coronation Street	Virginie	The Leading Edge	E! News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Etalk (N)	Police Woman	Star! Daily	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	Please Vote For Me (N)	Entertainment Tonight	Drake & Josh	
7 PM		RCAF: Air Force Live	Rumeurs	Historylands	The Insider	The Simpsons	Ent. Tonight Canada	Access Hollywood	Pure in Heart	Friends	Jeopardy	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men	Inside Edition	Antiques Rd. Haltwhistle					
		Dragons' Den (N)	L'Auberge du chien noir J'ai mon voyage!	Child of Our Time Tried and Tested	SportsCentre	Met Your Mother (N)	Home Improvement	Prison Break Good Fences (N)	Dancing With the Stars (N)	Founding Emperor of the Ming Dynasty	Grand Star	Chuck Versus the Tango (N)	Hates Chris (N)	Prison Break Good Fences (N)	Dancing With the Stars (N)	Antiques Rd. Philadelphia (Hour One) [Part 1 of 3]				
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TUESDAY OCTOBER 9

5 PM	The Simpsons	Grand-papa	Timothy/(:10) Mama	Boxing Card TBA	CHEK News	Full House Baby Love	Early News	CTV News at Five	Punjab Times	A Channel News at 5	The Ellen Degeneres Show (N)	My Wife and Kids	Malcolm in the Middle	KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Charlie Rose	The Hour	KIRO 7 News	Teenage Robot	MLB Baseball Playoffs - Teams TBA (Live)
	Arrested Development	L'Union fait la force	(:35) Babar		News	King of the Hill	Global National	News	Phoenix World News		CityCooks	That '70s Show	The Simpsons	News	News	News	CBC News: The National	News	SpongeBob SquarePants	
6 PM		Le Téléjournal	Spellz/(:10) Spellz																	
		Coronation Street	Virginie	Into the Wild	SportsCentre	E! News	According to Jim	Entertainment Tonight	Gossip Girl Blair (N)	Police Woman	Star! Daily	Wheel of Fortune	The King of Queens	Wheel of Fortune	Evening Magazine	Rick Steves' Europe	Dinner With the President (N)	Entertainment Tonight	Drake & Josh	
7 PM		Just for Laughs (N)	La Fature	Recreating Eden (N)	The Insider	The Simpsons	Ent. Tonight Canada	Pure in Heart	Friends	Jeopardy	The King of Queens	Two and a Half Men [Part 2 of 2]	Jeopardy	Inside Edition	About the Money					
		Rick Mercer Report	Providence	Private/Masterpiece God's Child (N)	The Singing Bee	Home Improvement	NCIS Ex-File (N)	Pushing Daisies (N)	Filo Diretto	Jeff Ltd.	Beauty and the Geek	Beauty and the Geek It's Not Rocket Science (N)	Bones Death in the Saddle (N)	Cavemen (N)	The Singing Bee	Nova Secrets of the Samurai Sword (N)				
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Island daughters come of age

Shows at ArtSpring and J. Mitchell

Good ideas tend to arrive simultaneously yet independently when the world is ready for them, such as when Alfred Russell Wallace and Charles Darwin formulated theories of evolution.

Here on Salt Spring, the idea of exhibiting up-and-coming young artists alongside their better-known parents has been percolating for some time in various brains. The fruition of that idea was celebrated at two linked exhibits with openings last Friday: Lineage at J. Mitchell Gallery and Continuum at ArtSpring.

Judy Mitchell has been considering a show of youth artists for some years and said the timing was right for a group of friends who are second-generation Salt Spring artists, and whose parents already show at the gallery. LeRoy Jensen (deceased) and Gabrielle Jensen, Michael Robb and Aja Robb, Ronald Crawford, Klee Larsen-Crawford and Janaki Larsen, and guest artist Nicola Wheston and Asha Robertson emerged as the featured artists at Lineage: In the Company of Daughters.

At the same time, Karen Reiss, another artist who shows at J. Mitchell, was already planning a show with her daughter Kaya Murray. The two were invited to join the Lineage show, but had produced so much work that they needed the extra space provided by ArtSpring.

Hanging the show themselves was one of the highlights of the enterprise for Karen and Kaya, who each "worked long and hard to get ready for this show." They say it was interesting to learn how their respective bodies of work related to themselves and each other in the gallery setting.

Karen's whimsical sculptures contain figurative elements, but are not straightforwardly so. Hands emerge from arched doors in a box, which is the pedestal for a head of diagonal planes in Develop the Heart. Bird Woman holds a basin of water and wears a bird mask around her neck, topped by a tiny square head. Birds



PHOTOS BY DERRICK LUNDY

Above, Karen Reiss and daughter Kaya Murray in front of Murray's painting "Ophelia Sinking;" below, Nicola Wheston and daughter Asha Robertson near Robertson's sculpture "Perch."



Elizabeth Nolan

ARTBEAT ON THE ROCK

perch among her architectural robes as if on mountain crags.

Kaya's paintings on exhibit are mostly figurative, and often deal with classic or mythological figures such as Medusa, Cassandra and Ophelia. Her Ophelia series is a lovely triptych in shades of blue that capture Ophelia's dreamy underwater state.

What links their work is a "drive for narrative," or art pieces that tell a story. The two say they listen to their muses and let images arise from the subconscious.

"They had to be together," explained Karen of their art.

Kaya added, "We knew they would look good together, we just didn't know how good."

Over at J. Mitchell, the throng of visitors on opening night made a second visit mandatory. Again, seeing each young woman's art in relation to her parent's was interesting, but they were also interesting in their own right. Nicola Wheston's love of nature as seen in her large landscape, Duck Creek Alders, found its analogue in Asha Robert-



son's wonderful sculptures using ceramic and actual tree branches over concrete pedestals painted to look like strata of sedimentary rock. Her cube-shaped In The Woods is a tumble of painted, wooden block houses, caught amongst a cage-like thicket of twisting ceramic tree trunks. In Rook, the pedestal is created by branches capped with concrete on each end, allowing an unlikely airy space to open up within the heaviness.

Klee Larsen-Crawford's photographs appear to invite questioning by showing just a part of a story, such as the faceless, nipple-exposed woman's torso in Landlord or the handlebars of a swishing bike in Rippin'.

Janaki Larsen was showing textured ceramic vessels that Mitchell calls "pure form." Aja Robb describes semi-surreal scenes in mixed collage and drawing. Gabrielle Jensen's char-

coal portraits Jeane in Shadowland and Portrait of Youth are haunting, with dark eyes and shadows in very strong lines. Framing her father's Portrait of Estelle, one sees here the most evidence of a lineage in style.

All of the daughters faced a certain amount of trepidation in exhibiting alongside their parents, but the experience has been rewarding for all involved. If the next generation is ready to expose their work, so is the island ready to receive it. Both openings were well-attended; many of those who came out to see the new work and give their support have watched these young women grow up.

Whether through genetic disposition or immersion in a creative environment, the two shows proved that the younger women have not just the courage but the talent to be seen next to their parents.

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An eye on apples



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Despite the rain Sunday, hordes of apple-lovers enjoyed Salt Spring's annual apple festival, which included farm tours and displays at Fulford Hall. At left, Noah Hart and Malaya Hart-Weller enjoy the sights at Apple Luscious Farm, while above, Amarah Gabriel eats apple pie in front of her apple paintings.

GISS NEWS

New tutorial-block system gets students' approval

BY DANICA LUNDY
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

A frenzy of various activities and events has already struck Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) with full force as students and staff enter their fifth week of classes.

• Adapting to the new "tutorial system," which was introduced around mid-September, has been quite the adventure for many. The tutorial system was established to provide students with more responsibility for individual learn-

ing, and to give those with many things on their plates a chance to catch up on school work.

Teachers post sign-up sheets on the door of their classrooms, and up to 24 students (from any grade) can enroll for wherever they need to be for an hour-long session in the afternoon.

For those who are motivated to be studious, tutorial time is golden: a time for one-on-one student-teacher instruction, an energetic atmosphere where peers can help

each other out, and an open-minded system.

The tutorial block seems to be getting the thumbs up from everyone in the student body.

• Volleyball has been set into motion at GISS. Due to an overabundance of keen, fit youngsters, the junior squad was split into A and B squads, competing overseas and locally.

Junior girl's A team beat Brentwood in a recent match, and a spectator said they had "a stellar

performance."

The senior girl's squad competed this past weekend in a tournament at Malaspina College and played "solidly," winning some matches and losing others.

• The senior boys soccer team is looking pretty snazzy and despite a disappointing 2-1 loss to Shawnigan last Thursday, the team has lots of individual skills and the potential to do well in its league.

• The Global Awareness people congregate every Tuesday at lunch

to think of fundraisers. GISS has a twin school in Lestho, Africa that will benefit from locally raised money.

• Leadership students are planning a school dance for October 25, plus an assortment of Halloween activities, including pumpkin carving and a festive bake sale.

Also, Kate Parker and some fellow Leadership students helped out at the Terry Fox Run recently, picking up leadership credits.

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ISLAND AUTHORS

Tom Koppel set to ride new tide of popularity with latest book

Ebb and Flow released Saturday at Sabine's

A new book by Salt Spring author Tom Koppel, his fourth on history and science, has just been published, with a Salt Spring launch set for Saturday, October 6 at Sabine's Fine Books.

Ebb and Flow: Tides and Life on Our Once and Future Planet is published by Dundurn Press of Toronto.

Koppel describes it as a "popular, non-technical narrative" about the tides, around the world and throughout human and natural history, but "with a bit of extra emphasis on tides in Canada, which has both the world's largest tides, on the Bay of Fundy, and the swiftest tidal currents, right here on the B.C. coast."



Tom Koppel

He first wrote about tides in articles for Western Living and Canadian Geographic magazines and eventually visited shorelines from the Arctic to the Antarctic, from the Mediterranean to Hawaii and the South Pacific, from Panama to Russia, and from Alaska to the Maritimes. As with his previous books, such as Lost World, which won awards from the Canadian Science Writers Association and Canadian Archaeological Association,

Ebb and Flow relies on personal observations, interviews with scientists and mariners, and detailed historical research.

The back cover text summarizes the book as follows: "Drawing on science, history and personal memories, Koppel's fascinating book engages and enlightens, demonstrating that a subject we take for granted affects all our lives. He weaves together three grand narratives, exploring how tides impact coasts and marine life, how they have altered human history and development, and how science has striven to understand the surprisingly complex way in which tides actually work."

Koppel will give a short reading and sign copies of Ebb and Flow at the October 6 book launch between 1 and 3 p.m. at Sabine's in Grace Point Square.

CRAFTS

Knitting tour at Oct. 3 trade fair

Island knitting fans are invited to the Adventure Knitting Mini Trade Fair at the Harbour House Hotel's Green Room today (Wednesday).

Open from 2 to 5 p.m., the event lets people meet local fibre artists and knitters from Canada and the U.S., as well as "knitting guru" Lucy Neatby and "travel knitting guru" Judy Fawcett.

The trade fair falls in the middle of a six-day Adventure Knitting tour to Salt Spring, which includes knitting classes with Neatby and explorations of craft-related spots on the island, among other activities.



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Filling the gap between monthly Music and Munch recitals, which are held on the first Wednesday of the month during the fall and winter, Simply Organic has rooted itself onto the musical life of the Anglican Parish.

Blessed by exceedingly fine acoustics and the only pipe organ on the island, the series offers lovers of organ music the opportunity to expand their knowledge of the organ and enjoy a wide variety of music for this versatile instrument.

Organist Barry Valentine offers programs that bring to life the music of both well-known and obscure composers.

"His uniquely understated and witty manner has, in the past five years, charmed and stirred appreciation for this genre of music and for his playing," states a press release.

"His prolific repertoire is often guided by requests from his audience, thus inviting them into the creative process."

Music Makers of the Anglican Parish produces this free program, which begins at 10:10 a.m. every Wednesday except the first one of the month.

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- 1 tsp. fresh thyme
- 1/2 tsp. ground sage
- 2 tbsp. lemon juice
- 1/4 c. nuts (pecans would be good), chopped
- 1/4 c. sunflower seeds
- 1/4 c. raisins
- 2 c. bread crumbs
- 6-8 dried apricots
- 1 cup cheddar or parmesan cheese, shredded

Melt butter; add onion and sauté for five minutes. Add mushrooms, garlic, celery, seasonings; sauté about 10 minutes. Add rest of ingredients. Correct seasoning if you need to. Top with cheese. Fill pre-baked squash and bake 20 minutes.

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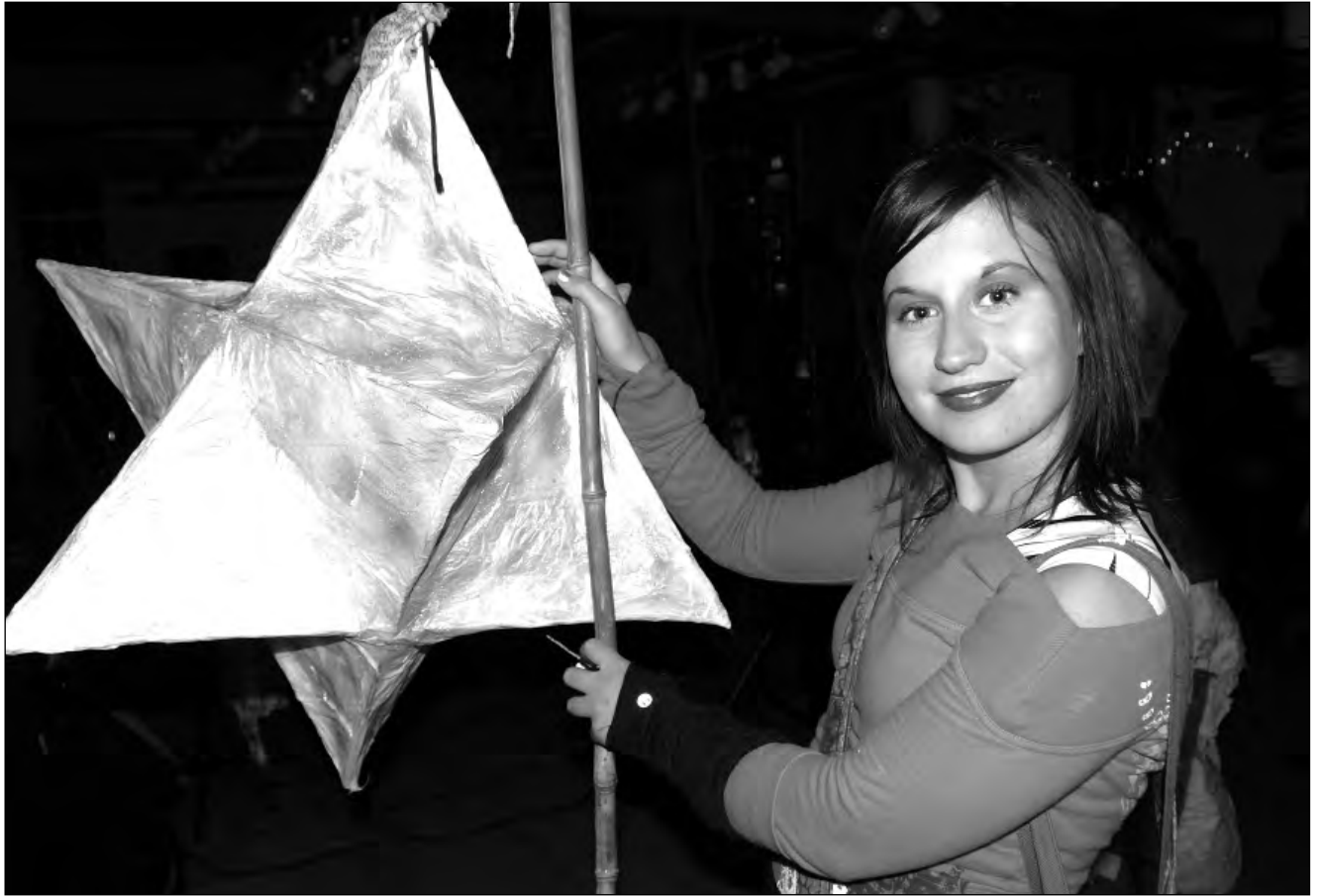


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LANTERN LIGHT: Lorill Gabriel was among the many people who participated in Saturday's lantern festival in Ganges. The event included a parade as well as musical and dance entertainment at Mahon Hall.

PERFORMING ISLANDERS

Peter Prince shares harvest concert

Apple tales and musical gifts, Sat., Oct. 6

BY MAUREEN PHELAN
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

It was during a road trip in the late summer of 1976 that Peter Prince found himself trekking away from the turmoil of Toronto and toward some sanity. A serendipitous swing of the whispering winds landed him and his guitar on Salt Spring Island.

What he found that first day remains a sweet memory for him.

"It was harvest time and I had heard about this beautiful island and its orchards. I found myself on a heritage farm picking apples, and spent that night in the farmer's hayloft. I had explored other parts of B.C., but I kept coming back to Salt Spring Island. It felt like home and the muse was with me here."

Prince was born and raised in Toronto, the eldest son of six children, a first-generation Canadian. One of his earliest influences as a musician came from the natural world, when as a 13-year-old running through fields of corn a harvest of songs would form and send him riffing off into his own musical realms.

"My parents immigrated to Canada from Slovenia in the early 1950s. My dad was a carpenter, he taught me how to build a house, use a scythe and move mountains of dirt, with me doing most of the digging... I have fond memories of driving with him in our 1957 Ford panel station wagon to go pick apples on the Niagara Peninsula."

Prince's Slovenian roots have had

a significant impact on him, both as a father and as an artist. He made a journey there in 2004 and it was a home-coming of sorts for him. His song called *The Changes Come* was formed during that seminal voyage; a personal composition reflecting on the complex relationships between fathers and sons.

After graduating from Ryerson University with a degree in filmmaking and technology, Prince began to travel, making journeys that would profoundly influence his vision and output as a filmmaker and musician. While living in Yellowknife and working for Katimavik as team leader for 10 young adults, Prince and his group raised and trained the Kingmik sled dogs to mush.

They lived communally, winter camping, ice fishing and communing with the Inuit and Dene people. Then he was off to northern B.C. for tree planting.

"The money from those summers planting helped to fund the making of my first B.C. film in 1983 — *Rediscovery*; *The Eagles Gift*. The film depicts the *Rediscovery* wilderness experience for youth in the Haida Gwaii."

In 2003, after attending a presentation on the Kingdom of Bhutan, Salt Spring wildlife artist Robert Bateman introduced Prince to Dr. George Archibald (director of the International Crane Foundation) and two Bhutanese men from the Royal Society for the Protection of Nature.

"They spoke about the culture of their people and of their connection to the black-necked cranes. It inspired me to travel to Bhutan and make a film about these phenomenal birds."

Prince's experiences have provided him with a rich well to draw from musically.

His songs are a fusion of folk and world music, and spin tales of travel, his family and journeys of the heart. The stories flow smoothly from one decade to another; timeless songs that speak of a life well lived.

His music bridges generations. Recently at the Saturday market, a three-year-old girl and her grandmother came by and told him how much they enjoyed his recent concert at ArtSpring. The girl loved the songs, recalled some lyrics, and then sang them for Prince.

"Her dad got my 'Sea of Dreams' CD for her birthday. He traded me a box of Italian plums for the CD."

Prince is animated when he speaks of future projects; his documentary film on the black-necked cranes of Bhutan, a new CD of songs, and finally realizing Salt Spring Island Discovery, his newest film about the culture and history of the Burgoyne Valley. A future showing of Salt Spring Island Discovery takes place on Sunday, October 14 at 7 p.m. at The Fritz Cinema.

Prince will be blending his talents with those of multi-instrumentalist Bruce Everett and lap slide guitarist Donn Tarris for an evening of sweet music at Mahon Hall on Saturday, October 6 at 8 p.m. Admission is by donation, and the concert will include a set of songs for children and other surprises.

"Songs are a gift to share with people," he said. "The Harvest Concert is a chance to give back to this community that has given me so much."

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Moby's. 9 p.m.

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Level 2 Yoga.
Ganges Yoga Studio. 6:30-8 p.m.
Family History Centre.
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Community Song Circle Wednesdays. Mercer Gallery. 7:30-9 p.m. Info: 653-418. All welcome.
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Adventure Knitting Trade Fair.
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Thurs.
Oct 4

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Fulford Inn Open Stage.
With host Tess Fama. Thursdays at the Fulford pub. 7-10 p.m.
One Night Stand with Matt & Tom.
At Shipstones. 8 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES
Nia Dance Workout.
Ganges Yoga Studio. 5-6 p.m.
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SS Jazz & Blues Society.
AGM at Mahon Hall. 7:30 p.m.
Stagecoach School for the Performing Arts.
AGM at ArtSpring. 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Fri.
Oct 5

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Hey Boy Hey Girl.
At Moby's, 9 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES
Story Time at the Library.
Fall fun is theme. For 3-5-year-olds. SS Library. 1-2 p.m.
Book Explorers.
Autumn adventures is theme. For 6-9-year-olds. SS Library. 3-4 p.m.

Sat.
Oct 6

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
House Party.
With DJ Matt J. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.
Harvest Concert.
Peter Prince, Bruce Everett and Donn Tarris in concert at Mahon Hall. 8 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES
SSI Conservancy Fall Garage Sale.
Fundraising sale at 335 Woodland Drive. 9-1 p.m.
Tom Koppel Book Launch.
Island author hosts reading and signs copies of Ebb and Flow at Sabine's Fine Books. 1-3 p.m.
Car Wash.
Fundraiser at GVM to help a boy who needs medication and several off-island medical trips to treat an eye injury. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sun.
Oct 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Live Music.
Barley Brothers & Shades perform Sundays at the Fulford Inn. 6-9 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES
SSI Badminton.
Drop-in Sundays at GISS gym. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wear non-marking gym shoes and bring racquet.
Teddy Bear's Community Thanksgiving Dinner.
4th annual event. 1-3 p.m.

Mon.
Oct 8

ACTIVITIES
Toastmasters.
Meet Mondays at ArtSpring. 7 p.m.
Martini Madness.
Monday nights at The Local bar.
Soul Food & Co.
Chanting Circle Mondays. 705 Beaver Pt. Rd. 7:30-9 p.m. Info: 653-4186. All welcome.

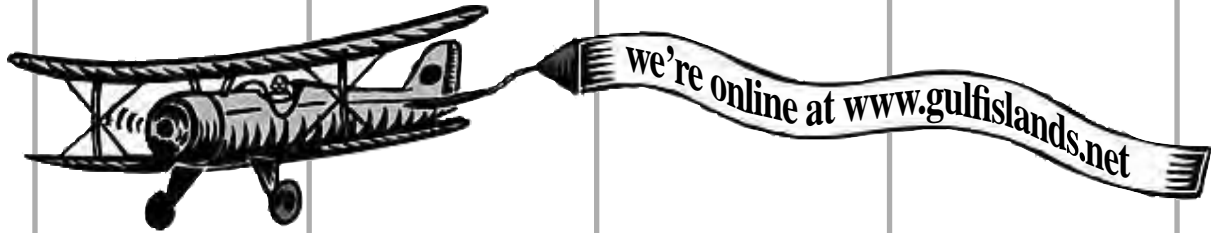
Tues.
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ACTIVITIES
Market in the Meadow.
Local food market Tuesdays in the United Church Meadow until Oct. 9. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wed.
Oct 10

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Open Stage With Stephanie Rhodes.
Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.
Simply Organic.
Organ recital with Barry Valentine at All Saints. 10:10 a.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES
Zen Meditation.
Group meets at 210 Cedar Lane every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. Info: 537-2831.
Soul Food & Co.
Community Song Circle Wednesdays. Mercer Gallery. 7:30-9 p.m. Info: 653-418. All welcome.
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EXHIBITIONS
• **What Remains** — new photographs by **Birgit Freybe Batemen** at **Galleons Lap** from Fri., Oct. 5 to Mon., Oct. 22. Opening reception on Sat., Oct. 6 from 3-6 p.m. Gallery open Wed.-Sat., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment or chance.
• **Jill Louise Campbell Art Gallery** presents **The Jill and Bill Show**, featuring sculptures by **Bill Rhodes** and originals by **Jill Campbell**. Reception is on Fri., Oct. 5 from 5-7 p.m. with a one-day show on Sat., Oct. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
• **Nikki Menard** farewell to Salt Spring exhibition at **Avanti Glass Studio**, 163 Bayview Road in Vesuvius. Preview and pre-sales on Fri., Oct. 5 between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. with an opening reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Silent auction on Sat., Oct. 6 from 2 to 4 p.m.
• **Lineage . . . "in the company of daughters"** features work by **Ronald T. Crawford, Janaki Larsen** and **Klee Larsen-Crawford; Michael and Aja Robb**; the late **LeRoy Jensen** and **Gabrielle Jensen**; and **Nicola Wheston** and **Asha Robertson**. At **J. Mitchell Gallery** through Wed., Oct. 24.
• **Continuum** — a mother-daughter art show of work by ceramic artist **Karen Reiss** and painter **Kaya Murray**. At **ArtSpring** daily through Sat., Oct. 6.
• **Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art** shows works from the private collection of Cowichan carver **Simon Charlie**, among work by other acclaimed artists.
• **Kathy Robertson** — **Close to Home** — shows new paintings at **SS Woodworks** on Churchill Road.
• **Michael Hames** has new work in graphite and sculptures at **Steffich Fine Art**.
• **Jewels of the Westcoast**, a collection of mixed media and acrylic abstract paintings, featuring West Coast landscapes by Salt Spring artist **Teresa Gaye Hitch** is on display at **Island Savings** until November 1.
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

PHOTOGRAPHY

Birgit Freybe Bateman shares 'What Remains' at Galleons Lap

New photography show opens Friday

Wherever Birgit Freybe Bateman photographs appear, people are compelled to stop and look at them.

From October 5 to 22 at Galleons Lap in Ganges, Bateman presents a show containing 18 new pieces of work called What Remains.

"I am really excited to be presenting these images," said Galleons Lap owner Seth Berkowitz. "Birgit has the ability to extract the essence of an image in

her compositions. She includes in her photographs only those elements that are essential to the image."

The images span a wide geographic swath — both exotic and much closer to Bateman's home — with images that come from Kenya, the Caribbean, Salt Spring, and points in between. What is common is that her handling of the compositions creates a thread that pulls them all together.

After 45 years of making photographs, the delight that Bateman brings to the process is evident in her pictures with their wash of colours, the

play of light and shadow, the abstraction of the shapes.

"We live in a changing world," said Bateman.

"The world has always changed, but now it is doing so at an increasingly rapid rate. The diverse worlds of natural and human heritage are being replaced by the uniformity of the industrial world."

The opening reception is October 6 from 3 to 6 p.m. Gallery hours are Wednesday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. — or by appointment and by chance.

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PUBLIC POETRY

Random acts of poetry strike island

Barbara Pelman unfurls her words on Saturday

Salt Spring Island won't be left out of the fun when Random Acts of Poetry (RAP) hits Canadian streets this week.

A celebration of poetry and literacy, RAP is a project of the Victoria READ Society, a non-profit literacy organization, established in 1976. Now in its fourth year, RAP is funded by The Canada Council for the Arts.

Barbara Pelman, a Victoria poet, Reynolds Secondary School teacher and wannabe tango dancer, who has lived on Salt Spring in the past, will grace island streets on Saturday, October 6.

"Two years ago I came to Salt Spring to poem my old haunting grounds — Fulford Harbour, the Ganges market, Reginald Hill Road neighbours," she said. "I'd like to return on Saturday October 6, with books and stickers and bookmarks, and the great pleasure of sharing poetry."

Pelman is one of 37 poets across Canada, from Victoria to Newfoundland, including five of Canada's Poets Laureate, participating in the celebration.

"On buses and subways, in donut shops and cafes, police stations, grocery stores, shelters, curlingrinks, on city streets and country lanes, poets will read poems to strangers and give them their books," states a press release on the event.

Pelman will be at the Saturday market, among other spots.

"Poetry is the shortest distance between two hearts," states well-known public poet Wendy Morton. "Poetry can connect us with each other as humans as no other art form I know. Poetry is a gift that we can create from whatever life has in store for us."

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

ISLAND ARTISTS

Artist bids Salt Spring adieu

Spiritual calling lures Menard to the mountains

After more than 15 years spent exploring the spiritual on her canvas, Salt Spring artist Nikki Menard is set to embark on what may be her greatest quest to date.

"I've always been open to growing, improving my quality of life and creating things of beauty on the planet," said Menard as she prepared her work for a farewell show scheduled for Friday evening.

"I'm always chasing new possibilities and opportunities."

Many Salt Springers will know Menard for her vibrant pen-and-ink drawings and watercolours featuring headless goddesses and fairies, asexual symbols of the heart and spirit. Menard's famed soul-portrait journeys are an attempt to chart people's inner energy on paper. She even used the experience to chart meetings and other gatherings.

Feeling and emotion, she said, guided her to leave her successful interior design company in Kelowna to become an artist in 1992.

"I've been in the corporate world and a teacher and this is the way for me," she said. "I just did it. I did what felt right."

It's that same spirit that's guided Menard to her next stop at an "intentional community" near Grand Forks, B.C.

"I wanted to visit for a



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

A farewell retrospective featuring the work of Nikki Menard takes participants on a spiritual journey.

day and ended up staying for three weeks," she said. "I felt called by something over there."

Menard will take up residence in an off-the-grid home built of natural materials on the camp's 10-hectare (25-acre) property later this month.

There's no electricity other than what is provided by a few solar panels, running water comes from a stream in her backyard, there is little interference from the outside world and all chores are shared among the community's 14 residents.

Menard said parting with her material possessions has helped her realize what a significant yet necessary step moving to the mountains will be.

"You look through your stuff and you find what you really need in life," she said. "You find yourself asking 'do I really need this waffle maker?'"

Menard's friends on Salt Spring have helped organize the farewell retrospective show, described as "a way for the artist to offer her thoughts and essence as physical memories, a let-

ting-go of her life here, for the new life ahead."

Two days of events will feature selected paintings and artwork produced over the past 15 years.

The show is set for the Avanti Glass Studio at 163 Bayview Road in Vesuvius. Preview and pre-sales are on Friday, October 5 between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. An opening reception will take place between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. with a silent auction on Saturday, October 6 from 2 until 4 p.m.

For more information call 537-9476.

YOUTH AND ARTS

EyeGO plus GVM making performing arts affordable

ArtSpring signs up for national ticket program

With an eye to building audiences for the performing arts well into the future, ArtSpring has joined a national program promoting youth attendance at arts events.

"A taste for theatre, music and dance is not inborn," says ArtSpring executive director George Sipos. "We all remember the first time our eyes and ears were opened to the possibilities and excitement of live performance. For me it happened when a teacher gave me a ticket he couldn't use to a production of St. Joan at the Grand Theatre in London, Ontario. I was 15. It is an occasion I will never forget."

To make it easier for high-school students to have similar experiences with the arts, a national program called EyeGO to the Arts offers \$5 admission to performing arts events all across Canada at participating theatres and concert halls.

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essary and there is no standing in line before a performance waiting for leftover seats. Any high-school student can book any available seat at any time once tickets have gone on sale by simply showing his/her student card and paying \$5. It's as simple as that.

EyeGO also maintains a website (www.eyeGO.org) so students can find out what's happening at venues in their hometown or across the country, and so they can get in touch with each other to exchange opinions, reviews or whatever.

"The goal," said Sipos, "is to encourage students to try out live performances on their own, without needing teachers to tell them what to see and without having to have parents take them. At \$10 for a couple, a play or a dance performance or an evening of jazz makes a pretty cheap date. And you don't even have to dress up."

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GEORGE SIPOS
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"Donations from Ganges Village Market make up the difference between the \$5 EyeGO price and the full youth price. We are very grateful for their support," said Sipos.

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A Salute to Firefighters

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Confessions of a volunteer firefighter

Making a difference in people's lives is life-altering experience

BY MITCHELL SHERRIN
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

You could say I've become addicted to emergency service work. I used to have a perfectly normal life with a fabulous family, a nice home, a good job that paid the bills and a bit of time for coaching my kid's soccer team.

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Let me explain: there's been simply no comparison between the rest of my experiences and what it's like to fight a house fire while wearing a breathing apparatus and handling a hose line. During medical calls, I've been an instrumental part of a team that actually saves lives. Additionally, I've helped rescue people from cliffs, car wrecks, sinking planes and burning boats.

With emergency work I've found something that challenges me physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually, and now I can't imagine wanting to do much else.



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Volunteer firefighter Peter Ogis works to douse the July 9, 2007 fire at Salt Spring Island Village Resort — one of the island's biggest in years.

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Jim always wanted to be a firefighter and followed in the footsteps of his brother. He works as a highways maintenance technician for Mainroad South Island Contracting.

Safety Tip: Make sure your child is wearing reflective clothing on Hallowe'en.

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Todd works as an electrical contractor. He started volunteering "to give back to the community."

Safety Tip: Practice electrical safety at home and at work.

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Laurence works as a marine engineer with B.C. Ferries. He said he joined the department because, "I grew up watching my father volunteer with the fire department and saw how much it fulfilled him."

Safety Tip: Keep matches out of reach of children.

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As the owner of Irwin Collision Ltd., Kurt joined the fire department to help the community.

Safety Tip: Do a fire "get out safe" drill with the family.

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Ken works as an electrician and joined the department because he wanted to help the community.


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Brian works for North Salt Spring Waterworks and followed in his father's footsteps as a volunteer firefighter.

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Rick works as a drywall. A friend talked him into joining the department.

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Rob joined the department, "to fulfill a lifelong desire to become a firefighter and to do something honourable for my community." He works as a maintenance worker at Lady Minto Hospital.

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Stan is self employed and joined the department for the community service aspect of firefighting.

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Fiona works as a hairstylist and likes setting an example to young women that they can achieve anything they want. She's found volunteering more rewarding the longer she's been in the department.

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Rob works as an engineer with B.C. Ferries. He joined the department to "help people and protect their homes from wildfires."

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Alisa helps run Ace Courier Services. Asked why she became a firefighter, she said, "As if being a parent was not challenging enough, I wanted to learn new things and meet new challenges."

Safety Tip: Formulate a home escape plan and practice it.

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Rob joined the department to help the community. He works in the deli section at Thrifty Foods

Safety Tip: Be cautious of campfires and burn piles.

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Mike always wanted to be a firefighter. Currently he is a full-time student studying mechanical engineering.

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FIRE WEEK

History of Fire Prevention Week

Commemorating a conflagration

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres.

The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.

According to popular legend, the fire broke out after a cow — belonging to a woman named Catherine O’Leary — kicked over a lamp, setting first the barn and then the whole city on fire.

Chances are you’ve heard some version of this story yourself; people have been blaming the Great Chicago Fire on the cow and Mrs. O’Leary for more than 130 years.

This year’s Fire Prevention Week theme is “Practice your Escape Plan.”

This year Salt Spring Fire is targeting six to nine-year-olds and will be visiting all elementary schools throughout the week, passing on the message through literature and practical applications.

Kids will be bringing “homework” home and, with help from the adults in the house, will put together their own customized Fire Escape Plan.

The week will wrap up with an open house at Hall #1 in Ganges on Saturday, October 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be static displays as well as firefighters on hand to assist in any fire safety issues or questions that people might have.



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Salt Spring firefighters are seen “mopping up” the morning after a huge fire at Salt Spring Island Resort last June.

Fighting fire, raising money and hosting family events

FIREFIGHTER
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On top of all that, I really like being part of a volunteer department. It’s one of those folksy neighbourly-kind-of organizations that just feels good to be part of. In addition to our fire-rescue work, we also fundraise for community charities and host family-friendly events like the Halloween fireworks display.

There’s a great mix of all kinds of different personalities that I never would’ve met in any other kind of organization.

And from a taxpayer’s perspective, it’s definitely the most cost-effective way to provide emergency services on Salt Spring. The way I see it, I can’t imagine why anyone wouldn’t want to be part of SSIFR.

Surprisingly, we’re running into a critical shortage of volunteers. Despite our best efforts to recruit each year, our roster just keeps shrinking and we can’t seem to attract and retain enough new members to make up the difference. Case in point, our recruit class of 2007 started with 10 candidates in January and now there are only two people left.

According to SSIFR career firefighter Travis Guedes, “Over the last five years we have lost 21 recruits with less than one year of probation and six with two years of service. The most common reasons for

resignation are work constraints, cost of living and the time commitment of being a fire department member.”

Personally, I’ve tried to recruit almost all of my friends to join the fire service because I think they’d enjoy it (and we do need people so badly) and every one of them has either laughed in my face or looked at me like I’m trying to sell them a share in a pyramid scheme. These are good people, but they’ve got young families, jobs, mortgages and a billion other commitments.

If you look around, you can probably see for yourself that almost everyone of employable age is working like mad in the face of a serious labour shortage, while most people in the age 30-50 bracket seem to be scrambling to take care of a family (on top of work) and the older population (who might actually have a few free moments between their volunteer commitments) figure firefighting could be a tad tough on the body.

So maybe it shouldn’t be a surprise to hear that SSIFR has shrunk from 40 to 30 volunteers in the last few years. And you might even think that doesn’t sound too bad. But the reality is that for some calls we simply don’t get enough people responding to crew an engine. It takes a lot of personnel to manage a house fire, it’s handy to have volunteers spread all over the island for

“With emergency work I’ve found something that challenges me physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually, and now I can’t imagine wanting to do much else.”

MITCHELL SHERRIN
Volunteer firefighter

whenever someone needs a quick medical response (yes, firefighters do that too) and most importantly, not everyone can be available every hour of the day and night, especially if they are just volunteering.

It’s important to know that, apart from training requirements (two to three hours each Tuesday night), there is no minimum number of hours that volunteers need to meet. SSIFR Chief Dave Enfield even makes a point of telling members to prioritize their commitments so that their families come first, work comes second and firefighting goes in third place.

However, volunteering at SSIFR

can also absorb as much time as you are willing to give.

There are about 10 of us who each put in well over 500 hours a year (that’s over 10 hours a week, a lot of which occur in the wee hours of the night). And, to be honest, not every call is glamorous or exciting — particularly those alarm bells at 4 a.m. or downed power lines in the rain.

Once you get started, you might find that you love this work. Personally, I enjoy working with an excellent team, I appreciate having the skills and equipment to help people and there are moments when I get to make a real difference in someone else’s life.

Thankfully, my family is supportive of my volunteer contributions; otherwise it simply wouldn’t be possible.


So I ask you to look around; who do you know who is in good health, is physically fit, is aged 18-60, who has the ability and inclination to learn a vast array of skills and who actually has both the time and the sense of community responsibility to become a volunteer firefighter?

Maybe they’re ready to embark on the greatest adventure of their lives.

For more information about firefighting on Salt Spring, contact Travis Guedes at SSIFR (537-2531) and submit an application before October 31.

Paris self-employed, is a probationary firefighter, joining the fire department as he aspires to be a career firefighter.

Safety Tip: Always have a fire extinguisher in the house.



PARIS HAASE
In the fire service since 2007

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Colby is a probationary firefighter and works for BC Ferries. He is a graduate of the Gulf Islands Fire cadet program.

Safety Tip: Don’t leave matches around where there are children.



COLBY SAWCHUCK
In the fire service since 2007

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ANJELA JACKSON
In the fire service since 2007



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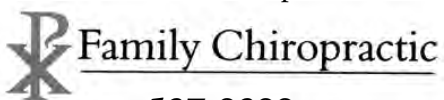
Chris works at Café El Zocalo, GIFTS, the Recycling Depot and Salt Spring Coffee. He likes to volunteer around the hall and he’s always liked the fire department. “It’s my favourite team,” he said.

Safety Tip: Put in a sprinkler system.



CHRIS JOYNSON
In the fire service since 2002

Dr. Ross Richardson, M.Sc., D.C.
Doctor of Chiropractic



537-9399

Chris is a pastor at the Community Gospel Church. He was invited to serve as chaplain and became a firefighter because of his desire to help the community.



CHRIS CORMACK
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As produce manager at Thrifty Foods, Steve aims to keep the department supplied with fresh humour, organic golf tips and smiles in the aisles.



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Doug lived in New York City during 9/11 and he wanted an opportunity to learn and give back to the community. He operates the Hale Eddy B&B.



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Mitchell works for BC Ambulance. He likes being part of a community-oriented team that values honour, professional service and life-long learning.



MITCHELL SHERRIN
In the fire service since 2003

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Ian is a registered nurse and wants to help his community and friends.



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Mark is a self-employed publisher and event producer who joined the department to contribute to the community. "I've found the training knowledge and camaraderie to be extremely rewarding."



MARK WYATT
In the fire service since 2004

Safety Tip: If you have children, always use childproof lighters.

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Kris owns an excavating business and said he joined the department, "to better myself and help the community."



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Uma is a trainer at North End Fitness. "I chose to be a firefighter because I appreciate a good challenge and I love to give back to the community."



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Travis enjoys contributing to the community, being challenged physically and mentally and helping people in need. He works as the assistant produce manager at Thrifty Foods.



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Jim is a custom staircase builder. He always wanted to be a firefighter, he likes community service and he had friends who were firefighters.



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Kirstin works at Thrifty Foods and joined the fire department to help people.



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Mario is an artist who has been interested in fighting fires since he was a child and his house caught on fire.



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Grant is an IT consultant and is always ready to help out in emergencies.



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Dominique joined the department to get training and to help people if he is needed. He works as a produce clerk at Thrifty Foods.



DOMINIQUE GAUDET
In the fire service since 2005

Safety Tip: Get out and stay out.

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Jon is the manager of Marks Work Warehouse and loves working at the fire department.



JONATHAN RUBATSCHER
In the fire service since 2006

Safety Tip: Don't throw cigarette butts out your car window.

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Aaron is a baker at Thrifty Foods. "Being involved with the department provides the opportunity to develop unusual and exciting skills," he said.



AARON HANNAH MATIN
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People & Community



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CRITICAL BIKE TALK: Keith Beldam gives a talk on winter bike safety as the Critical Mass group gathers at his bike shop in Ganges.

FASHION HISTORY

Clothes that tell a story and make fashion statements benefit Malawi

Ivan Sayers brings collection to two events

BY MARY PADDON
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

What do 16th-century Puritans and '60s hippies have in common? Fashion historian Ivan Sayers would say that both groups were using their clothing to make political statements.

The Puritans in their plain black doublets, britches and hats were protesting the worldliness of European court life with its sumptuous silk, fur and bejewelled clothing. One only has to think of the painting of Henry VIII by Holbein to understand the excess. Ironically, the Puritans with their plain woven black cloth required one of the more costly dyeing methods as it took several dips in blue, red and yellow vats to

create black. It is particularly ironic that the clothes of the most puritanical of Puritans were often made with a colour collected by rough retired pirates and paid for by exchange for rum and enough cash to keep several brothels busy on the Caribbean coast.

The '60s hippies in hipster bell-bottom jeans, tie-dye T-shirts and headbands were protesting the conservatism and consumption excesses of the post-World War II period. Would tie-dye T-shirts have been so readily adopted by the flower-power generation if it was known that the art of tie-dyeing, or shibori as it is known in Japan, has been practised by revered craftsmen using traditions handed down for centuries?

Clothes have many stories to tell — stories of exploration, empire building, artistic influence and changing roles in society; and this is what

fashion historian Ivan Sayers does so well. He will bring two very different presentations to the ArtSpring theatre on October 12-13 with the theme of the good, the bad and the just plain ugly.

The Friday evening performance at 7:30 p.m. is called A Matter of Taste: What Makes Fashion Beautiful, showing evening gowns, cocktail dresses, dress suits from the leading fashion houses of the last century. All are from his extensive private collection of vintage clothing deemed to be the largest in Western Canada. Will we see works by Paul Poirot, Madame Schiaparelli, Chanel, Dior, Halsten, Worth or Lanvin? Ivan is keeping mum about his surprises.

The Saturday afternoon matinee at 2:30 p.m. is the just plain ugly part. Called I Can't Believe She Wore THAT Dress, Ivan brings all the fashion faux pas of

the last century to light in a hilarious look at what was once the in thing and now makes us wonder just how we thought we could wear such a creation.

The Salt Spring Island Weavers and Spinners Guild is hosting the event as part of their National Weaving and Spinning Week program and as a benefit for Seeds for Malawi. This off-shoot of the Salt Spring Garden Club raises funds to purchase seeds, fertilizer, fruit trees and agricultural implements for AIDS widows in two villages in Malawi. Plants propagated by Seeds for Malawi will be for sale at the Saturday matinee.

Tickets are \$14 for each show. However, for those who attend both, the guild offers a discount of two tickets for \$25. Tickets can be purchased in person at the ArtSpring ticket centre, by phone at 537-2102 or online at www.artspring.ca.

GARDENING

Native plant expert shares knowledge

Drought resistance part of plan

An October 20 Native Plant Workshop, coordinated by the Salt Spring Island Water Council and the Salt Spring Island Garden Club, still has a few spaces available.

The workshop will provide a great opportunity to join Patricia Johnston for three hours to discuss gardening with drought-resistant native plants.

A recent press release explains that the focus will be on "how to identify native plants, the benefits of using

native plants in your yard, how and where to grow native plants, how to create natural habitats like meadows, thickets, woodlands and rock gardens and methods and ideas for lawn replacement."

The day also includes a walk through Moutat Park to identify native plants.

Johnston is a native plant gardening consultant who has been helping private and public gardeners incorporate native plants into their landscapes for the past eight years.

She has partnered with the Capital Regional District's water department,

Swan Lake Nature Sanctuary and other community organizations to facilitate over 150 native plant gardening workshops.

"Pat, along with other gardeners, developed a native plant demonstration garden in her own yard and works in various native plant gardens in the Victoria region," states press material.

The workshop is on Saturday, October 20 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Lions Hall.

Cost is \$15 per person and those interested can register by contacting Andrea LeBorgne at 537-8464 or at andrea@oceaned.com.

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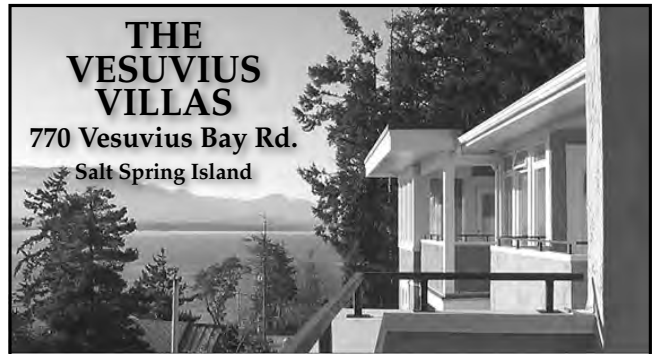
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LadyMintoHospitalFoundation raised over \$60,000 with its annual Phantom Ball hospital equipment fundraiser and will send a lucky couple to Whistler.

This year's event will help purchase new ultrasound and tourniquet machines for the hospital.

Phantom Ball winners Jill and Ken Byron will head to Whistler for a wilderness getaway. The prize includes a stay at the Fairmont Chateau Whistler, topped off by a helicopter tour through the Whistler and Blackcomb mountains to Cheakamus Glacier.

This year's Phantom Ball was the most successful with 425 participants donating a total of \$66,057.

The hospital foundation thanked Uniglobe Pacific Travel and Blackcomb Helicopters for their support.



Ken and Jill Byron (centre) receive the 2007 Phantom Ball's grand prize from Lady Minto Hospital Foundation members Norah McCloy (left) and Gil Schultz (right). The prize includes two nights at the Fairmont Chateau Whistler, a helicopter tour and gift package.

GSA GALA

Local entertainers headline gala dinner auction

Chalmers, Black at Georgia Strait Alliance event

Salt Spring funny men Arthur Black and Arvid Chalmers are headlining a Georgia Strait Alliance (GSA) gala "soirée" on October 13 in Nanaimo.

The fundraising event at the Nanaimo Golf and Country Club is also the retirement party for Laurie MacBride of Gabriola Island, co-founder and until recently the GSA's

executive director.

As master of ceremonies, Black will guide attendees through the evening, with Chalmers serving as auctioneer for a rousing live auction. Longtime GSA supporter Bob Bossin, a folk singer from Gabriola, will round out the entertainment.

"Enjoy a fine meal complete with hors d'oeuvres and entrees, laugh along with Arthur and Arvid, and bid on great silent and live auction items, including those donated by Gulf

Islands businesses and artists," urges a press release.

The GSA is B.C.'s only conservation group focussed exclusively on Georgia Strait and has an impressive list of accomplishments since its inception in 1990.

"Salt Springers had a key role in the organization in the early days, and islanders like Robert Bateman have been ongoing supporters over the years."

Tickets may still be available by calling 250-753-3459.

PEDESTRIAN TRAILS

Work bees set for pathways progress

Volunteers needed for Oct. 17 and 21

Island Pathways and the Salt Spring Island Trail and Nature Club have put out a call for volunteers to attend two work sessions on the Partners Creating Pathways project.

The two groups have partnered to construct an off-road pedestrian/cycle pathway paralleling one of Salt Spring Island's most heavily travelled roads — Lower Ganges — from Wildwood Crescent and Sharp Road to Blain Road.

The pathway will link densely populated residential areas, including Brinkworthy, with shopping and services. This will allow pedestrians, cyclists and those in wheelchairs to reach downtown destinations safely.

"We are hoping it will be a model for many more pathways like it on Salt Spring Island," states a recent press release.

Volunteers will be needed to prepare the ground by clipping bushes, trimming trees, removing plants for replanting and clearing the pathway in preparation for the heavy work which will be completed in the spring, when actual pathway construction will begin.

The group will meet

Wednesday, October 17 and Sunday, October 21 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers are asked to bring any tools they have, including loppers, clippers, handsaws and shovels. Also needed are large empty plastic flower buckets for saving plants.

"Everyone should wear gloves, boots and work clothes," states press material.

"Some tools will be available for those that don't have their own."

People who live near the pathway site are asked to bring wheelbarrows if they have them and a truck or two will be required to haul away brush.

Work sessions will take place only if the weather permits and volunteers will meet in front of the Islands Trust office at 10 a.m. to get organized.

The Trust/BC Hydro and Masonic lodge parking lots are available for use.

"We can get much done in a few hours if we have many workers. We hope to see you and thank you for supporting our project."

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JUNIOR GOLF

Tourney fills golf coffers

All-day events equal 'overwhelming' support

BY JULIAN ELWES
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Salt Spring junior golfers are assured of a great program in 2008 thanks to an incredibly successful Richard Vermeulen Tournament held Saturday at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club.

The annual event raises funds for the next year's program of weekly junior days with refreshments and prizes, plus off-island tournament participation and expenses.

Sixty-four adult and junior golfers braved windy, drizzly, cold conditions and were then joined by non-golfers to total almost 100 people for a banquet and prize ceremony at Falconshead Grill.

Emcee Gord Hollingsworth led the awarding of 111 prizes and conducted an auction resulting in thousands of dollars for the junior development fund. Hole sponsorships and private donations swelled the coffers by several more thousand.

Still more funds were realized through the sale of raffle, 50/50 and "mulligan" tickets. The support of everyone was overwhelming and their generosity has ensured the continuation of a proven successful junior golf program.

The overall winning group of the tournament was comprised of Rob Huser, Peter Huser, Peter Schure, Corbin Scott and junior Christian Huser. As the winning junior, Christian was awarded the trophy, prizes and the Richard Vermeulen Scholarship for higher education, worth \$750. This is the fourth time the Huser family has won the tournament.

Fifteen other golfers shared in prizes for longest drive, shortest drive, closest to the pin and closest to the line. In addition, all junior golfers participating were awarded a free driving range pass for next year.

The tournament was the final event in the junior golf fixtures for 2007.



PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Jesson Motherwell of Gulf Islands Secondary School's senior boys team struggles with a Shawnigan player for the ball at a hard-fought home game last Thursday. The local squad lost the game by a score of 2-1.

MEN'S SOCCER

Alumni FC takes 1st place

Old Boys keep pace

Salt Spring Alumni FC took over sole possession of first place in the Vancouver Island Soccer League's Masters-C division with a decisive 4-1 victory over Nanaimo on Sunday afternoon.

"We scored early and that allowed us to relax for a bit," said Jesse Fisher, a player who doubles as the team's head coach.

Alumni players needed barely 20 seconds to score the game's opening goal.

Fisher finished the game with two goals while Sean Norgard and Mark Nordine each managed a single tally.

"It was a pretty one-sided game for the most part," Fisher said, noting the team's 3-1 lead at the half.

The win extends FC's

undefeated streak, giving them a record of 3-0-1 in their inaugural season.

Fisher credited keeper Ken Marr with a stand-out performance.

Further down the division ladder, the Salt Spring Old Boys did their part to keep up with their island rivals thanks to a 3-2 victory over Gordon Head at the Gulf Islands secondary field on Sunday.

After building up a three-goal lead thanks to a goal from Chris Cottrell and two points from Antonio Alonso, Gordon Head clawed their way back to within one goal.

The comeback prompted Old Boys keeper Dennis Shaw to consider putting on the pounds so that he may

"get down to the low balls faster."

Exhaustion and heavy rain kept the second half scoreless, allowing the Old Boys to rise out of the division's cellar with a record of 1-1-2.

"It seems the Old Boys' penchant for playing attractive football in the warm dry conditions of September and spring has been replaced by success in the 'glaur' and mud of fall and winter conditions," said team spokesperson Fraser Hope. "A win is a win under any circumstances and the Old Boys continue to improve by the week."

The Old Boys and Alumni FC are slated to play each other after the Thanksgiving break on October 14.

Sept.'s top bowlers announced

High scores in recent Special Olympics bowling play at Kings Lane Recreation were:

- September 12: Stuart Elliott, 141; Terry Swing, 143; Gloria Dale, 151-160; Mahjor Bains, 170-152; Jason

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- Newport, 264-140.
- September 19: Terry Swing, 140; Gloria Dale, 143-304;

Mahjor Bains, 166-162; Jimmy Beck, 166-193; Jason Newport, 162; Stuart Elliott, 169.

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MEN'S SOCCER

FC pounds Sooke with 6 goals



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Salt Spring and Sooke players leap for the ball in a 6-3 match at Portlock Park last Saturday.

FC out-plays top-five contender

A 6-3 win for the Division 1 Salt Spring FC team over Sooke Celtic was the team's best game this season and put ball confidence back in the players.

The game, last Saturday on Salt Spring, started with a goal by Anthony Bennett off of a penalty shot by Kevin Brazier.

But Sooke came back strong with an unstoppable breakaway to tie things up 1-1.

Salt Spring's game was turned up when Bennett got a free kick and Gord Akerman hit the ball in for a 2-1 lead.

FC later put the pressure on with a corner kick, scramble in the box and ultimate goal by Jeremy Morrison. Then with the first half winding down, an Akerman goal pushed the lead to 4-1.

In the second half of play Sooke challenged Salt Spring and came back in the first 10 minutes with a corner-kick goal. Within five minutes the Celtics scored again off a penalty kick, making it 4-3.

But Morrison put FC into a comfortable lead with a header into the net.

Near the end of the second half, FC wrapped things up with a goal by Brazier.

The final 6-3 shocked manager Jordon Morrison, who said the team doesn't usually score six goals in one game.

"This was our best game so far."

The next match is versus Lakehill on Saturday, October 6 at 2:15 p.m. on Salt Spring.

YOUTH SOCCER

Salt Spring teams cool and quick

U14 boys take season-opener with 10 players.

SOCCERKICKS

Salt Spring U13 girls (aka "Salt Spring Gelato," aka "Cool and Sweet") lived up to their name in a great victory on Saturday.

They stayed remarkably cool in the midst of a very unwanted off-field storm that deprived them of five of their team members; yet they were oh-so-sweet on the field, challenging for every ball, tackling, dribbling, passing and shooting like dervishes.

Cowichan applied early pressure, but the Salt Spring defence held firm with Elise Pearson and Maya Porebska-Smith playing outstanding games. Just before half-time, the Gelato girls attacked again and were rewarded when Jasmine Cooper picked up a loose ball and gleefully put it in the net.

The girls came out equally determined in the second half and were constantly on the offensive. Hari Brooks pulled the strings in midfield with Nima McDuff feeding off her. This combination proved deadly midway through the half as McDuff broke through to score.

Cowichan pulled one back near the end to create some tension on the bench, but the game ended deservedly 2-1 for Salt Spring.

Before its home opener on Saturday, Salt Spring's newest boys soccer team — the "yet-to-be-named" U14 bronze squad — assembled for its first practice just the day before. Rookie coach Markus Wenzel was greeted by a diverse group of players, ranging from 11 to 13 years of age, standing from under five feet to over six feet in height, and weighing in under 100 pounds to nearly 200!

Despite fielding only 10 players on a blustery Saturday at GISS, the locals picked up their assignments quickly, eventually out-pacing their Gordon Head rivals to a 4-0 shutout.

Offensive "man of the match" honours went to Cedar Rumsey, whose bursts of speed earned him tallies in both the goal and assist columns. Defensive "man of the match" went to Arthur Irwin-Campbell, who anchored a solid defensive core, and kept all but a

few scoring chances from getting to keeper Aiden Holmes.

Salt Spring's Island Stars hosted Lakehill U15 girls in a fast-paced match on Saturday at Portlock Park.

The local squad saw many of their players stepping into different positions as the soccer season begins. Equipped with strong technical skills and an indomitable spirit, the U15 girls passed the ball from the defending third to the wings and crossed to the midfield where they shot on net from various angles.

Two of these numerous tries resulted in goals by Jodie Pringle and Pilar Brooks. Clover Fedoriuk-Russel and Liz Fennell were invaluable in the midfield, demonstrating a high level of game savvy and enthusiasm. Shanti Amal-Hill as stopper and Sofia Dammell Sherrin as defensive centremid showed great promise as fast, accurate players with a strong capacity for distributing the ball.

Amelia Smith and Hayley Harkema controlled the defensive third with determination and efficiency. Christine Villadsen was solid, starting as sweeper for the first time this year.

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Flick Pick

Universally loved *Away From Her* prompts questions about direction



Away From Her is one of those small, "real life" films that some people find depressing and others life-affirming.

Grant (Canadian character actor Gordon Pinsent) and Fiona (film icon Julie Christie) are a married couple living what appears to be a charmed life in rural Ontario, until Fiona starts showing obvious signs of Alzheimer's disease.

Strong-willed to the core, she insists that she be put into a special care facility so Grant won't be burdened with the increasingly-difficult burden. He hates the idea, but relents, and becomes even more despondent when Fiona starts to forget him and focusses all her attention on a fellow patient at the facility.

Away From Her has received almost universally rave reviews. Even as I write my own, however, I find myself a

little lost in how to respond to the film.

First-time feature director Sarah Polley has been acting since the age of four, most famously in the *Road to Avonlea* series and Atom Egoyan's *Exotica* and *The Sweet Hereafter*. Intelligent, politically active and unflinching in her dedication to independent cinema, Polley was close enough to becoming an outright film icon.

With this work she is receiving international acclaim, no doubt largely due to her slightly tender age of 28. How could such a young soul so accurately depict the despair felt by a middle-aged man at the loss of his wife to a mind-destroying disease?

No question it helps that the majority of *Away From Her* comes from a short story by Alice Munro. I could definitely feel Grant's pain and

understand his reactions to the situation.

But *Away From Her* flutters a little when Polley attempts to mix the realism of "average person" drama (the specialty of her mentor Egoyan) with her own evoking of symbols and subtext. At times the film is blatantly obvious, such as when Grant imagines Fiona's mind as a series of faltering circuits and then we see the lights in his home go out one by one.

At other times, especially the confusingly ambiguous ending, Polley seems to be a little over her head. This isn't entirely a bad thing, as *Away From Her* is still an effective and occasionally stunning work as well as evidence of a great future ahead. I'd still rather see a young director take chances than rest with what they think will make him or her a big star.

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SIMS FOOTBALL

Cowboys knocked off stride by Slayers

Team takes 13-6 home win

BY TORIN MCIVOR
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Last Saturday the Salt Spring Island Middle School Slayers beat the Fairview Cowboys from Nanaimo by a 13-6 score.

It was a home game and the players were excited to see the return of coach Doug Mitchell, although missed coach Bill Barrett, who was home with the flu.

We started the game by kicking off into the wind and things did not go well on our first drive. We had two fumbles, no yards gained and, realizing we weren't going to be able to run our normal plays, I started using mostly the 35 belly option and handing it off to fullback Aaron Hoffman. We weren't making big gains, but after a while we managed to push the ball down the field for a converted touchdown by Hoffman.

Overall, Hoffman made the most offensive running yards and defensive tackles. Halfback Sam Miles couldn't run as much during this game because of the Cowboys' defensive positioning, but when there was a hole he made use of it and ended up with big yardage.

Playing quarterback, I didn't stand out much in this game, but I had to continue calling the plays that would be most useful against the defence.

Tyler Layard, offensive



Salt Spring Slayers score a touchdown in match against Nanaimo.

PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

left tackle, gets my vote for "Warrior of the Game." In this game he really learned how to use his size to an advantage, doing his best at blocking. He also ended up with a fair amount of successful tackles.

Centre Liam Murray was able to snap the ball and get it to me almost every time. When his team-mates became demoralized, Murray kept their spirits up.

All of these players did well in the game: Elijah Gold, Ben Beaver, Walker and Brady Moore, Bradley Hoffman, Kayla Pultke, Cameron

Balogh, Eric Weatherby, Tanner Smith, Noah Price, Luc Comeau, Lukas Wenzel and Kohl Lawson.

The Cowboys did a great job at blocking for their running backs. They also had an exceptionally effective offensive play in which they closed ranks and moved up the field like a wall. In the second half of the game, the score was close — 7-6. After a couple of their "wall" plays, we thought they might have a chance of chalking up some more points, until one of their regular fumbles was recovered by me and I

ran it up 70 yards and almost made a touchdown before going out of bounds at the five-yard line. My run did not go to waste though, because Hoffman ran it in for six points and we tried to convert it with a passing play, which was unsuccessful due to my sacking.

In the last play of the game, the Cowboys tried a reverse play which had worked against us previously. Fortunately I had enough energy to catch up with their receiver and stop him at the 20-yard line, keeping our game at 13-6.

SENIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

Scorpions smell win in tight Belmont game

Ian Barrett scores three touchdowns

BY PATRICK CWIKLINSKI
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

The Scorpions senior football team travelled to Langford last Friday to face the Belmont Bulldogs in a game full of emotion that was highly in doubt until the final seconds of the fourth quarter.

The Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) Scorpions hit the road without head coach Doug Mitchell, who was hospitalized last week, so the team looked to coach John Foley to provide leadership and guidance against the Bulldogs.

Hungry for their first win of the season, the Scorpions played an excellent first half with some incredible play from quarterback Ian Barrett, who accumulated over 160 rushing yards and recorded three touchdowns throughout the game.

Barrett's first touchdown came just minutes in, giving GISS a quick lead over Belmont, but they failed to convert for an extra two points with the score 6-0 Scorpions.

The Bulldogs responded with a touchdown of their own, but, like the Scorpions, could not convert and the quarter ended in a tie at 6-6.

The second quarter brought great defensive efforts from both sides and

little ground was gained. Dan Foley once again led the team in tackles with nine and Patrick Poetsch led the team in sacks with four.

About midway through the quarter, Barrett ran an amazing 70 yards for his second touchdown and converted for two points, putting the Scorpions on top of the Bulldogs 14-6 at half-time.

After a great second, the Scorpions had a tough time fending off the Bulldogs and gave up an early third-quarter touchdown, but would not let them convert, staying ahead of Belmont 14-12.

Late in the quarter, the Bulldogs took advantage of a Scorpions fumble and added another touchdown, taking a four-point lead with the score 18-14 at the end of the third.

Offensive blocking became an issue in the fourth quarter with the Scorpions still trailing and the Bulldog defence making it hard for them to come back.

GISS took a few sloppy penalties that cost them another touchdown and a field-goal conversion, putting the Bulldogs ahead of the Scorpions by 11 points at 25-14.

A solid last-minute effort from the Scorpions gave Barrett his third touchdown of the game, but they fell short just three points with the final score 25-22.

The junior varsity Scorpions will be back in action

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The family is grateful for the care provided by Dr. Georges Benloulou, the staff at Lady Minto Hospital and the Home Care Workers while she lived in Meadowbrook.

In accordance with Mom's wishes, cremation has taken place. Arrangements are pending for a service, which will be held at St. Mark's Church.

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5 BIRTHS

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Freda was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba growing up there and in Leask, Saskatchewan. She graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1939 and married David, in 1941. After a year in Victoria, Freda moved with her family to Vancouver in 1950 where she was active in the National Council of Jewish Women for many years. This was followed by a move to Toronto in 1964 then back to Winnipeg in 1967 where she returned to the University of Manitoba earning a Bachelor's Degree in Education and teaching at R.B. Russell Vocational School for twenty years. During these years Freda was active in the University Women's Club and cared for her aging parents.

Retiring from education in 1989, Freda moved to Salt Spring Island, BC, with her husband, David. There she was a founding member of the Salt Spring Island University Women's Club, an active member of the Weavers' Guild and the Gulf Islands Garden Club. Freda left the island and her many friends there in 2004, moving back to Vancouver to be nearer her family.

Freda will be remembered with love for her quiet strength, her hard work, her sense of humour and dedication to family and community. She loved to bake and was a gourmet chef. An accomplished knitter and seamstress, she enjoyed sewing and baking for her grandchildren.

A memorial for Freda will take place on Salt Spring Island in the near future.

Black, Athole Parmalee (Al)



We announce with sadness the passing of our father, on September 26, 2007, at Lady Minto Hospital, Ganges, B.C. Salt Spring Island. Born in Toronto, Ontario, September 19, 1920, he is pre-deceased by his wife, Dorothy of Salt Spring Island (1997), his ex-wife Genevieve Jamieson (nee) O'Connor (1977) and his step daughter, Elaine Stevens (nee) Black (1981). He is survived by his sons: Michael, Randy, Chuck, Lyle and Albert (Roni); and his daughters Christine (Bill) and Mary-Ann (Nels). Al had thirteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Al grew up in Vancouver where he attended McGee High. He played Canadian football and ran for the school track team, setting a school and provincial record in the 100 yard dash. He was with the RCAF from 1939-45. After the war he adventured to the interior of B.C. in hopes of becoming a cowboy. Al worked for the Kamloops Sentinel (approx. 1946-53) as a sports and fishing reporter. He became a partner in the insurance agency now known as Barton Black & Robertson. After retiring in 1971, he relocated with his wife Dorothy and youngest son Albert to Salt Spring Island. He had a passion for boating and fishing and he and his wife enjoyed the hiking club and playing bridge. He also managed his son's soccer team, the Salt Spring Canadians (1975-79). Al spent the last nine years travelling and truly enjoying life with his very special friend and companion, Marjorie of Salt Spring. There will be no funeral or memorial by request.

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20 COMING EVENTS

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Oct. 31 at Mahon Hall

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(off Mobrae, near Bradley Rd.)

Yoga Workshop
with Brett Wearne
The Gatehouse
Nov. 23-25
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538-0924

RALLY
in support of
JOE SOMEBODY
Sunday, Oct. 14
noon at ArtSpring parking lot, followed by lamb BBQ, Octoberfest and pot luck fundraiser.
Info: 250.884.8638

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Salt Spring Island Historical Society
will present the following program:
Wednesday, Oct. 10
General Meeting
and
"The Archives of Salt Spring Island: A Valuable Resource"
2:00 p.m. Central Hall
Coffee and tea to follow.
All are welcome!

20 COMING EVENTS

BINGO
MEADEN HALL
Royal Canadian Legion
7 PM THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 4
Early Birds, 6:30 pm
Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary
Royal Canadian Legion Br. 92.
All proceeds to bursaries for Salt Spring Island students.

DEMONSTRATION OF CLAIRVOYANCE
(Message Night) with
Professional Medium Carol Spencer
Fri., Oct. 5 at 6:30 pm
506 Lwr. Ganges Rd.
(beside the BC Hydro building)
Have you ever been curious about life after death?
Sponsored by the Continuous Light Sanctuary.
INFO: 537-2154

Teddy Bear's 4TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER
Sunday, Oct. 7
1-3 pm
Eat in or take-out.
All are welcome.
Donations are welcome but not necessary.
All proceeds to the Salt Spring Island Food Bank.
170 Fulford-Ganges Rd.
537-4062

Salt Spring Island Garden Club including Seeds for Malawi
Fall Plant Sale
Sat., October 13, 1 p.m.
Farmers' Institute on Rainbow Road

CONTINUUM
A Mother & Daughter Show of Sculpture and Paintings
by Karen Reiss and Kaya Murray
ArtSpring
Sept. 28 - Oct. 6
Open daily 10-5.
Opening reception 7-9 pm Friday, Sept. 28

20 COMING EVENTS

The Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island Annual General Meeting
will be held
Monday, October 15th at 7 pm
Lion's Club, 103 Bonnet Ave.
Salt Spring Island

THE SALT SPRING VIPASSANA COMMUNITY
is hosting a Weekend
Residential Meditation Retreat
with Howie Cohn, from San Francisco
October 12 - 14
The Gatehouse, Stowell Lake Farm
For details and registration: www.ssvipassana.org

Salt Spring FOLK CLUB
07/08 Season Lineup
Oct. 15 John Reischman & Jaybirds
opening: Stephanie Rhodes
Nov. 19 Colcannon
opening: Deb Maikie
Dec. 10 Todd Butler
opening: Carolyn Hatch/Fiddlers
Jan. 28 Alan Moberg & Ed Peekeekoot
opening: Lisa Maxx
Mar. 10 Quartette
opening: Buck (of Barley Bros.)
Mar. 31 GuMBoOT GaLA
featuring Bill Henderson & Valdy
www.saltspringfolkclub.ca
07/08 SSFC Season Pass Salt Spring Folk Club
can be purchased by sending c/o 180 Mobrae Ave
a cheque for \$85 to: SSI, B.C. V8K 1J8

Salt Spring Island Community Services FAMILY PLACE
Is again offering the popular:
"Nobody's Perfect" for couples or those co-parenting a child 6 and under.
NO FEE
Starting: Tuesday Oct. 9, 5-7pm @ Family Place 268 Fulford Ganges Rd.
250-537-9176/familyplace@ssics.ca
A 6 week, evening, Parent Support group and relaxed discussion time, facilitated by Chris Smart, Public Health Nurse and Ragnhild Flakstad, Child & family Counsellor.
Daycare subsidy & soup and buns offered.
Registration required for more information please call Ragnhild at 537-9176.

25 EDUCATION
THERE IS A CRITICAL SHORTAGE of quality-trained medical transcriptionists throughout North America. Start your on-line career training today! At-home and on-site employment opportunities. 99% graduate employment rate. Contact CanScribe today for a free information package. 1-800-466-1535, www.canscribe.com, info@canscribe.com.
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26 LEGALS

Paul Branscombe
Take notice that the Salt Spring Mini Storage will be seizing and selling the contents of your locker to pay for rent in arrears. You have until October 17, 2007 to pay your arrears or make other satisfactory arrangements for payment.
250-537-5888

29 LOST AND FOUND
FOUND: 10 KARATE gold ring, Hawaiian theme. Owner can claim by identifying inscriptions on both sides. 537-9551.
FOUND SUNGLASSES near Ross Common. Owner may claim at the Driftwood.
ITEMS FOUND at the Fall Fair can be claimed at the Chamber of Commerce office Monday to Friday between 9am-1pm and 2pm-4:30pm.
MISSING: DARK green, 21 speed, Giant mountain bike with new road tires, white mud guards & straight handle bars. If found, please call Meron 537-2993 early am or late evening.

32 MEETINGS

SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 (Gulf Islands)
A regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, will be held at Saturna Elementary School
Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.
Public welcome!
To view the agenda for this meeting, please refer to www.sd64.bc.ca/board_meetings.html

26 LEGALS

Request for Expressions of Interest to Operate the Salt Spring Island Transit System
BC Transit, a provincial Crown Corporation, is seeking expressions of interest from qualified persons or companies interested in operating the Salt Spring Island Transit System. Proponents must provide a business plan outlining how they would provide this service, including a management plan, company profile and costs.
From the expressions of interest, further discussion may take place with a short list of candidates to select an operating company. A Request for Proposals may be required as a second stage in the process to make this selection from the short list of candidates.
The contract term for the transit service is for 6 years and 3 months, from January 7, 2008 to March 31, 2014. If an operator is chosen through this expression of interest they will enter into an agreement, including costs, for the first 15 months of the term with options for renewal in later years subject to Municipal and BC Transit approval.
A Request for Expressions of Interest document is available from:
Megan Hill, Contract & Budget Administrator
Municipal Systems Program
BC Transit
PO Box 610, 520 Gorge Road East
Victoria, B.C. V8W 2P3
Telephone: (250) 995-5687
Fax: (250) 995-5639
and on the BC Transit website www.bctransit.com/corporate/rfps/current_rfps.cfm. Business plans must be received at the above address no later than 11:00 a.m., Friday, November 2, 2007.



34 NOTICES
SUNSHINE
HAIR ARTIST
653-4474 Orchard Road

The Unitarian Fellowship of Salt Spring Island
Oct 7 - Stone Soup - Can we make Spiritual Stone Soup together?
Oct 14 - Religion - Good or Evil? with Marian Stewart
Oct 21 - United Nations Day
Oct 28 - Michael Servetus - 1511-1555 A Unitarian Martyr with special guest John Slattery
saltspringunitarians@telus.net
www.unitariancongregation.org/saltspring

INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED??
Volunteers wanted to serve as members of the Parks and Recreation Commission
The Commission includes 10 members, appointed by the CRD Board, plus the CRD Director for Salt Spring Island. Appointments are staggered so that 3 or 4 positions are filled each year. An existing vacancy, plus a one year term renewed last fall, bring this year's vacancies to 6. Terms are for three years, starting January 1 each year.
Application forms are available by email at parc@saltspring.com OR at the PARC office Mon. to Fri. 8:30 am - 4:30pm
Phone 537-4448 for more information
Please submit your application form no later than October 5, 2007 to:
PARC
145 Vesuvius Bay Road
Salt Spring Island, BC
V8K 1K3
or parc@saltspring.com

34 NOTICES

BISHOP'S BREWHOUSE is in full production on apples for juice or cider. Make your own blackberry wine! Call 537-1429 or 537-1485.

NOTICE OF AGM
The Annual General Meeting of the Salt Spring Studio Tour Group will be held at the Lion's Hall on Bonnet Ave., off Drake Rd. Tuesday, Oct. 9, 7 - 9 pm. For applications or information call Vaila at 537-9476.

IF YOUR Driftwood subscription label has the date highlighted, now is the time to renew!

CANCELLED
Due to illness & lack of response - the GISS Grad Reunion - October 20/21 has been cancelled. For more info, please call Fiona @ 537-2789 or Kathryn @ 537-4402.

STAGECOACH PRESENTS, Halloween Family Fantastic! October 31 at Mahon Hall. Watch for details in "coming events."

CONTINUOUS LIGHT SANCTUARY SPIRITUALIST DIVINE SERVICE
Held the 1st and 3rd Sunday every month at 11:30 am
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Nov. 4 & 18
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Islands Trust
SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF BUSINESS MEETING
The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will be meeting to consider various matters of general business, such as applications received, bylaw reviews and meeting notes.
DATE: Thursday, Oct. 4, 2007
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: ArtSpring 100 Jackson Avenue
Starting at 1:00 p.m., up to 45 minutes will be available for the public to discuss local land use matters with the Local Trust Committee. Those who wish to present a more formal petition, or make a delegation to the Committee as an Agenda item, must advise Islands Trust staff at least one week in advance of the meeting so that they can be added to the beginning of the agenda. For information about the agenda, please call the Islands Trust at 537-9144.

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PART - FULL-TIME receptionist, esthetician, housekeeper required at Salt Spring Spa Resort. Call 537-4111 or email info@saltspringspa.com.
GRAFFITI THEATRE is looking for a Production Manager for its spring production of Born Yesterday, directed by Mort Ransen. Please call 537-1283 for more information, a written job description and to set up an interview. Pre-production will commence in November.

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55 HELP WANTED

SALT SPRING Island Chocolates is looking for part-time help in our factory, flexible hours and chocolatey benefits. Please email resume to salt-springislandchocolates@telus.net.

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Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

Creating balance on relationship fronts continues. While professional relationships are important, it is likely that your love life is being activated. Of course, you may love your work and the creative process that it involves, in which case both are in focus. Somehow, you will experience a change of heart for the better. Opportunity is knocking and it implies taking a deeper look into the implications. Clearing, renovating and reclaiming your power is also at play. This includes awakening to your ideals and to your deeper sense of individuality. Be on best behaviour and make the most of this inspiration.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

Creating a new sense of balance in your daily rhythm is the call now. This includes bringing more beauty to your home. You may seek professional insight and inspiration for best results. While making investments is ever a good idea, be extra careful at this time. Even inheritances may come with unexpected challenges now. Whatever you are up to, you may be challenged to make some important changes in your perceptions and interpretations. Take a beginners approach and while logic will assist, let your imagination guide.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

Cultivating a new quality of balance in your life continues. To do so, you may have to face certain fears. Beneath these lies your treasure. Make an analysis of your situation and exercise constructive criticism. See what might be deemed to be problems and/or challenges as projects; this will nurture a positive attitude. Al Einstein reminded us that imagination is greater than knowledge; make use of it by seeing through and beyond issues and by generating a list of what you can do. Many little steps are better than big leaps now. Work it with a playful approach.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

A new quality of power is being born within you. Whether the process is comfortable or not or whether you are a man or a woman you might say you are pregnant with a new quality of being. Gaining knowledge and education to meet this growth phase is likely. However, you may have to un-learn at least as much as learn. Clearing limiting beliefs, perceptions, attitudes and self-concepts is part of the deal. These all work together so by tackling one you are taking on the others. This is a natural process yet, as ever, your willing cooperation will make it much easier and even enjoyable.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

Attending to the quality of your relationships is in the spotlight. This includes building a new quality of awareness. This begins by simply wanting to and opening your mind to the possibility. Amidst a busy schedule with places to go and people to see, studies, investigations and research into some deeper layers is underway. Use this cycle to identify limiting beliefs and potential blind spots in your character. This may require some courage and determination. I can assist you in this process so let me know if you are interested. Do it with and for the sake of love for yourself and others.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

Taking inventory of what you have, want and need could be keeping you productively active now. As with so many others, you may feel the urge and challenge to let go of limiting patterns of perception. Deepening your focus via research and study is likely. You are ready to break through certain beliefs which are ever a good idea as the changing times indicate changing wants and needs. Taking stock of your assets, resources, contacts, skills and/or talents is featured. You are in the process of making changes and improvements in your overall approach. Aims to move to the next higher level are reason to mobilize a productive focus.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

Taking some noticeable initiatives is keeping you busy now. Breaking new ground and exploring your options is motivating you. You want to learn and instruct, listen and be heard. Certain things must change and you are determined to make sure they do. Some significant changes close to home and related to your career and social standing and reputation are heating up. Be careful not to scatter your energies now as there is a strong tendency to do so. Making key investments or plans with aims to secure your financial situation are a reason to investigate the possibilities. Positive changes in your love life and social circle are reason to celebrate. Advance!

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

Expressing your creative powers is ever important to you. Doing so without controlling others may ever be a challenge. Your ambitions are strong now and you are eager to push through and beyond existing barriers and limitations. Be careful not to push too hard at the expense of others. Risky ventures and investments are tempting you; exercise caution here especially where things seem too good and easy. There are a lot of players out there with a single minded ambition to win at any cost. Do focus upon expansion though and aim to add to your skill set. Gaining new knowledge, tools and techniques is a source of inspiration. Do your homework and research behind the scenes for now, before you officially commit.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

Creating a more balanced and realistic sense of freedom is reflected in the stars for you now. The delicate challenge is to assume a position of authority yet be free of any tendencies to control in any way. You probably aim to live and let live so this should not be such a big deal. Honouring your individuality and that of others, as fully as you can, may be important now more than ever. This requires imagination and intuition.

Expanding your vision will prove helpful. Flexibility with your living situation remains important as well. Let your imagination combined with realistic appraisal see you through and to a place of peace and security.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

The first month of autumn stands generally to be a power month for you. Of course, with power comes responsibility which makes it a little less appealing. This is a good time to approach authority figures for favours and earned rewards. Exercise faith and summon courage to follow through yet be careful not to ask for or expect too much. Significant others in your life may be pushing you to act and/or to stand up for yourself. Take your time to investigate your options and feel the waters, so to speak. Bring your wisdom, assessments and ideas to clearer attention for others to consider. Exercise healthy scepticism yet keep an open mind as well. Make your actions count.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

Expanding the scope of your vision and power is underway. This includes important changes in your love life. Like a plane that has just lifted off you may be experiencing a whole new sense of freedom. This will bring about some deep changes in your overall lifestyle and level of health. Your attitudes about money and security also stand to change. Make diligent efforts now as though you are a jet climbing to cruising altitude. With clear sights for the future, exercise presence of mind and visualize what you want and how you would like things to be. Avoid negation and simply affirm what are your desires and intentions. Outline your goals and objectives clearly and let the magic take off!

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

Clearing, cleansing and purifying in one manner or another is on your mind. Whether on physical, psychological and/or emotional levels, you are wise to clear the old to make way for the new. Deepening commitments includes increasing the quality of your daily life. Taking calculated risks to see a bigger picture and perhaps to have a bigger piece of the action is likely. Just be sure that you are prepared to handle the demands and potential added stress; thus the clearing and deepening process. Play with the possibilities and push through and beyond your comfort zone. Be willing to accept no as an answer yet aim for yes to increase your earning and overall power potential.

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YOUTH SOCCER

U18 keeper scores

Boys blast Gordon Head

Salt Spring U18 boys keeper Brandon Shaw joined such famous goalkeepers as Jose Luis Chilavert of Paraguay and Rogeiro Ceni of Brazil in scoring from the 18-yard line in a game against Gordon Head on a windy, wet Portlock Park on Sunday.

Salt Spring started the game facing the elements with 10 men because of injuries and unavailable players, and proceeded to follow coach Harrison Jason's instructions to play the ball on the ground out of defence.

The rock-like back four of Liam Johnston, Felix Payer, Julian Smith and Jeff Pringle coped with the driving rain and provided timely possession to Avery Hunter and Jesson Motherwell in the midfield.

This tactic allowed Quinn Temmel, Dustin Edwards and Rodrigo Cruz to keep

the opposition penned in its own end for much of the first half despite Gordon Head's tremendous advantage of a gale blowing down the pitch.

Reward came in the form of a finely balanced inside pass from Cruz that allowed Motherwell to open for Salt Spring and get a well-deserved first half lead.

Jeremy Marchi arrived in the second half to bring the team up to strength. Shaw, on instructions from the coaching staff to have one long effort at goal, entered the annals of Salt Spring soccer with his massive clearance that shot past the Gordon Head keeper to give the locals an insurmountable lead.

The team continued to play attractive soccer despite the conditions and added fine goals by Motherwell and Pringle, the latter goal aided by a fine surging run by Cruz, who delivered the telling cross for Pringle.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Salt Spring Dragons nab first victory of the season

Offensive downpour greets visiting side

They may have waited until the season's third week, but Salt Spring Island Dragons players left a lasting impression during an offensive explosion to gain their first victory of the season against Peninsula on Sunday.

"We finally found the back of the net," said Sue-Anne Donaldson, a player and spokesperson for the team.

"Everything fell into place perfectly."

The Dragons' Joanne O'Connor gave the team an early lead after a solid effort driving towards the net, only to have the visiting squad score an equalizer within minutes.

The Dragons never looked back as midfielders and forwards took turns putting pressure on the visiting keeper.

"We were passing to everyone's feet and all played really well as a

team," Donaldson said.

The Dragons broke the deadlock late in the first half and took a commanding lead with goals from Cheryle Johnson, Clara MacKenzie and Mardon Dary.

Donaldson said a strong defensive stand by keeper Jenny Akerman allowed players to maintain an aggressive game for the better part of the match.

The Dragons take their 1-1-1 record to Vic West on October 14.

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