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FIRE

Byron Road fire destroys cottage

Crews salvage contents from residence

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Salt Spring Fire-Rescue crews attended the scene of a third structure fire in 11 days on Thursday morning after a chimney fire spread to the roof of a Byron Road cottage.

By the time fire crews arrived at 11:30 a.m., the fire had already spread into the small wooden cottage's shake roof, according to fire captain Jamie Holmes.

"It burnt through the cedar roof and debris began falling inside the house before the engine arrived," said fire captain Jamie Holmes. "It caught the couch and contents on fire and then it turned into a full structure fire at that point."

Property owner Jean McClure said she is still unsure if the structure can be saved.

"The building inspector said it's still 25 per cent good," she said on Tuesday. "I'm still in shock. It was a beautiful little cottage and had quite a history."

Two family friends were staying in the cottage, located about 100 metres from the property's main home. Neither of the occupants were injured in the fire, but many of their possessions sustained severe smoke and water damage.

'The smoke damage is quite nasty," McClure added. Firefighters spent the better part of the afternoon rescuing contents from the smoldering structure.

"Being such a small building it doesn't take too long to consume everything," said Holmes.

Twenty firefighters were on the scene to extinguish the blaze and prevent it from spreading into the surrounding **HOUSE FIRE** continued on A2



Salt Spring Fire-Rescue crews respond to a structure fire on Byron Road last Thursday morning.

ROADS

Island awakes to yellow and white surprise

Good weather prompts early road line painting

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Like the tired shoemaker who awoke to find elves had finished his work while he slept, Salt Spring residents rose last Thursday to find their

Unlike the shoes, however, the road line work was no act of magic. The work was performed by Mainroad Contracting for the Ministry of Transportation, and had been hoped for by residents since the spring of 2009.

In December of 2009, Saanich-area operations manager for the Ministry of Transportation Bob Webb told the Driftwood that other areas on

Vancouver Island had been prioritized over Salt Spring for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. The annual pavement budget of \$1.3 million does not cover all the areas that need repainting.

Webb promised to prioritize Salt Spring in his next request for funding, to be reviewed by south coast program manager Barbara Thomas in March for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. If success-**ROAD LINES** continued on A2

BUSINESS

Salt Spring Coffee Co. plans to relocate

Owner optimistic about company's prospects in Vancouver

BY SEAN MCINTYRE DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The owner of an island institution has no plans for a second shot at building a coffee roasting facility on Salt Spring Island.

Instead, Salt Spring Coffee Co. president Mickey McLeod will consolidate his company's operations under a single roof in Vancouver by the end of the summer.

"This wasn't an easy decision and it came only after considerable effort trying to find a space we could call 'home' for a long time," McLeod wrote in a letter addressed to friends and customers and posted on the company's blog on Tuesday, May 18.

McLeod writes that neither the company's name, its cafés nor its values will change as a result of the relocation.

'We'll have our roasting facilities, head office, a tasting lab, a new café and other wonderful parts of our business all in the same place," McLeod writes.

"It's a good business move for us, plus it's more in line with our social and environmental values."

The letter did not indicate what will happen to the company's roughly 40 Salt Spring-based employees.

McLeod was not available for an interview ahead of the Driftwood's Tuesday after-

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NEWSBEAT

Blaze battled

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forest.

He said the fact that there have been three structure fires in such a short period of time is purely coincidental and likely the result of drier conditions and cool spring nights.

"It is getting drier a bit and it's still cold out so [people] still have their chimneys going. They dampen them right down, but the shakes are starting to dry out a bit and the needles from the winter and things like that collect up there and those are all fuel for your roof fires."

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Members of Salt Spring Fire-Rescue were out in full force last Thursday as they fought a cottage fire on

vernight line-painting job pleases islanders

ROAD LINES

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ful, he judged the island could have the work done in June at the earliest, though possibly not until August.

When asked how Salt Spring reached the front of the queue, Thomas could not confirm whether Webb's request was

responsible for the repainting work done last week.

"I think the ministry was concerned about the lack of lines, so we worked in concert with the pavement marking contractor, and the good weather was in our favour," Thomas said in explaining the work performed on the evenings of May 12 and 13.

Mainroad Contracting operations manager Dan Diebert said a new, greener paint with low volatile organic compounds was used for Salt Spring's lines.

A change in weather will possibly delay the repainting of the crosswalks, which uses a different paint and is contracted separately from the

driving lines. Thomas said the contract has been awarded and the project will go ahead when the weather permits.

As for the island's pleasant morning surprise, Thomas said that contractors do sometimes perform line painting at night in areas with heavy traffic. Communities are not notified in advance of the work.

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noon deadline.

He called these times a "pivotal moment in [the company's] 15-year history."

"We feel we're only scratching the surface of what we can become and the next several years are going to be very exciting," he writes.

The company's application to rezone a property at 1501 Fulford-Ganges Road for a new roasting facility was denied by the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee in 2009.

Trustees based their decision on arguments presented by area residents who feared the proposed development would forever change their neighbourhood for the worse.

At that time, Salt Spring's LTC suggested that company representatives work with local planning staff to find a suitable site for the proposed facility.

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WATERWORKS

Water users demand answers to mucky incidents

Silty water unfortunate but inevitable, says waterworks

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When Mary Gillies unlocked the doors to her Salt Spring Linen and Drycleaners business on Tuesday, May 4, she had no idea what lay hidden among the pipes leading to her Hereford Avenue business.

It all seemed like a routine morning until she loaded up her machines and began washing the day's first loads of laundry.

That's when she noticed the brown muck coming out of the taps.

It's a situation Gillies is familiar with, but that familiarity hasn't made dealing with the "horrendous" aftermath any easier

Back in October, a similar incident cost her an estimated \$1,000 in clean-up and repair costs.

Though this month's mishap wasn't quite as costly, Gillies still spent most of her day turning away customers cleaning out filters and rewashing several loads of soiled white linens.

The clean-up, which went on for about a week, has left her with plenty of questions about what went wrong.

"I may as well have told everybody to stay home," she said

The problem began when fire crews set off a chain reaction through the North Salt Spring Waterworks District's system while drawing water to fight a blaze on Beddis Road on the afternoon before Gillies arrived at her office.

A sudden demand for water from the Maxwell Lake reservoir created such a strong suction from the water district's intake pipes that a fine silt made its way through the system's screens and penetrated the waterworks' distribution system. Silt that had settled within the system's pipe was also caught up in the flow.

That system inevitably leads to an estimated 632 residential customers and business owners who get their water from Maxwell Lake.

Salt Spring Fire-Rescue Capt. Arjuna George said the fire department takes great care to notify the water district whenever it draws water from hydrants known to pose an issue.

When it comes to putting out a burning building, however, staff and volunteer firefighters can't be expected to wait around for the go-ahead.

Since fires are not restricted to business hours, ensuring that the message gets out and clients get notified in time has proven problematic.

Nearly two weeks after the incident, NSSWD manager Trevor Hutton can't say how many people were affected by the inci-



PHOTO BY DERRICK LLINDY

Mary Gillies, owner of Salt Spring Linen and Drycleaners, shows clean versus dirty machine filters affected by the North Salt Spring Waterworks District's system following high demand for water due to a fire.

dent, though he does recall receiving several irate phone calls.

"Potentially a lot of people could have been impacted by this," he said, adding that he was on holidays when the incident took place.

In one instance, he said, a customer called to report dirty water almost a full week after the initial incident.

"We try and call as many people as we can, but we can never predict when it will happen," Hutton said.

"We try and do as much as we can, but for some people that's not always enough."

Hutton said the water district cannot simply flip a switch and have everyone receive St. Mary Lake water, given that the district's southern hook-ups are so far away from the lake.

Gillies, who happens to serve as a fire protection district trustee, wants the NSSWD to work with the island's fire department to develop a protocol to avoid further incidents like the one on May 4.

According to Hutton, a long-term solution to the problem will be in place when the proposed Maxwell Lake water treatment facility is completed.

Work on that project, however, is only anticipated to take place after the higher priority St. Mary Lake treatment plant is completed.

According to Hutton, that will take three years "at the very least."

In the meantime, Hutton said, he and fellow waterworks staff will try to determine why the call-out procedure wasn't followed and what can be done to prevent brown silty sludge from making a reappearance. A meeting with Salt Spring Fire-Rescue is planned for June.

Unfortunately, he said, there's no guarantee the silt will not return.

"It's unfortunate, but it does happen," he said. "It's difficult to promise anything."

News briefs

Walking for Christopher

The community is invited to join Fernwood Elementary School's fundraising walk for Christopher Jason to take place on Thursday, May 20.

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Nominees

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According to information provided by the school, it runs from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Portlock Park.

Christopher is a six-yearold student in Grade 1 at Fernwood, whose parents recently took him to Germany for an innovative treatment of Cerebral Palsy.

Trust announces stewardship nominees

The Islands Trust has named Salt Spring's Dorothy Cutting among six finalists for this year's Community Stewardship Awards.

Cutting is in the running based on her development of the West Coast Climate Equity website and her ongoing work to educate people about climate change.

Other Gulf Islanders in the running are Tekla Deverell and Sylvia Pincott of North Pender Island, Patti Willis of Denman Island, as well as Saturna islanders Pat Ropars and Jon Guy.

Finalists' accomplishments encompass a broad range of topics, including youth gardening mentorship programs, community safety initiatives and contributions to community life.

"Each year I am so impressed with the diversity and quality of the work of the nominees and this year is no exception," writes Sheila Malcolmson, chair of

the Islands Trust Council, in a press release.

The Islands Trust Council will select award winners during its quarterly meeting on Saturna Island in June. Individual awards will be presented at local Trust committee meetings later this year.

HST numbers top 15 per cent mark

Local opponents of the Harmonized Sales Tax don't plan to let up anytime soon, even if they've already exceeded their 15 per cent petition target.

"We will continue our canvassing efforts so that everyone who wants to is able to sign the petition," said John Binsted, a local anti-HST canvasser.

An initiative petition launched in early April must receive signatures from at least 10 per cent of registered voters in all of the province's 85 electoral districts to have the provincial government reconsider the HST.

As of Monday, 72 ridings reached the basic 10

per cent target and 51 had topped 15 per cent. The deadline for signatures in July 5.

Canvassers plan an island-wide petition blitz on Wednesday, May 26.

"We will cover the island with sites from one end to the other," Binsted said.

Petitions will be available from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Raven Street Café, the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club, Et Cetera, TJ Beans, Salt Spring Books, Island Star Video, Barb's Bakery and Bistro, Mouat's Hardware and the OAP room at Fulford Hall.



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NEWSBEAT

GANGES TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Roundabout gets rave reviews

Second design showing sees better turnout

BY AMY GEDDES

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When Phyllis Bolton heard the public had a second chance to view the draft Ganges Village transportation designs, she called everyone she could think of.

"I phoned close to 40 people," she said.

As a Village Terrace resident, scooter rider and Salt Spring senior, Bolton has a personal stake in the proposed changes. In particular, her scooter ride from home to Country Grocer is riddled with hazards and she wants to see that changed. She urged others to attend so they too could have

Bolton can be credited with drawing some of the 70-80 people who crowded into the North Ganges Village Transportation Management Plan (NGVTMP) open house last Wednesday evening at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

A poor April turnout (under 40) at the first open house spurred the Capital Regional District-contracted land surveying firm J.E. Anderson and Associates to host a second opportunity for the public to view the preliminary designs.

Bike lanes, crosswalks, sidewalks, traffic lights and left turn lanes were up for consideration, but the proposed roundabout — one of three options for quelling traffic congestion at the junction of Upper and Lower Ganges roads — was the hottest topic of discussion.

Bolton is a strong advocate for the roundabout idea because she has seen it positively transform other communities she has visited, such as as Sedona, Arizona.

When you have a roundabout you never have traffic sitting there," she says. "It's just amazing.'

The other two options for the junction include left turn lanes on Upper Ganges Road — one featuring a signalized traffic light and the other remaining unsignalized.

The roundabout solution is the most expensive of the three options; costs are estimated at \$750,000, not including any land purchases that may be required.

Funding sources for the project have not yet been determined, but a referendum for a tax increase may be required.

An expensive price tag, however, does not deter Salt Spring resident Celia Duthie.

"We'd even volunteer to build it ourselves," Duthie jokes, touting the roundabout's ability to keep emissions to a minimum because vehicles need not come to a complete stop.

On the other hand, Curt Firestone says he would support the traffic light option because he believes, if used properly, "traffic could flow smoother than a roundabout."

Firestone, however, supports the traffic light option if it runs during peak hours only, and he would like to see it activated via underground sensors.

"If there's no cars there's no need to have [the traffic lights] on," he says.

When Garth Hendren, CRD director for Salt Spring, was asked if he planned to allocate the federal gas tax funds former CRD director Gary Holman hoped would help fund the project, Hendren said, "It depends on the cost."

"I'm advocating the transportation commission get a five-year capital funding plan in place and then we can make the decision [of how to fund it].

Hendren said funding for the NGVTMP would have to compete with water and other island transportation infrastructure that may be seen as higher priorities.

The area which the plan encompasses begins near Foxglove Farm and Garden Supply at Lower Ganges and Atkins roads, through to the Lower Ganges and Rainbow road intersection, and down the portion of Rainbow Road leading past the schools to the Rainbow Road Pool.

J.E. Anderson and Associates will take comments received at both open houses to the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission and will present the final design plans to the commission for future implementation.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire training ground moves onward

Board plans public

consultation

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Salt Spring Fire Protection District trustees voted unanimously on Monday to move ahead with initial plans for a training facility behind the Fulford Fire Hall. Contractor Hans

Hazenboom told trustees at their monthly meeting that preparing the site, and installing propane lines and an adequate drainage and filtration system will cost the district \$260,000.

Before work begins, trustees will host a public information meeting in early June to gather input on the site plan and cost estimates.

"Assuming there's no serious objections, which I don't anticipate, we can start construction as soon as possible," said board chair Michael Schubart.

The province's Agricultural Land Commis-

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sion offered support for the training ground for a three-year period when it approved the fire district's application to use land in the Agricultural Land Reserve in early 2009. The permit will be extended subject to review of the training ground's impact on neighbouring proper-

The uncertainty about the facility's long-term prospects led trustee Grant Eckberg to question whether committing taxpayers' money to a quarter-million-dollar investment is a wise move.

Eckberg said he would feel more confident moving ahead if he had more information about the chances

of having the permit successfully extended.

"I fully support the training facility," Eckberg said. "I'm just not sure paying for something we can only use for a year is a good decision."

Fellow trustees assured Eckberg that the ALR's conditions state that extending the three-year permit would proceed so long as activities on the site pose no environmental threat to the area.

"The probability of finding another site is much smaller than the chances of the permit being extended," said Schubart.

"Once we build it, we feel that we can demonstrate that there are no concerns," he added.





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RELAY RALLY: Marcia Kos sells luminaries for the May 28-29 Relay for Life Canadian Cancer Society fundraiser.

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Collision witness sought

Counterfeit \$100 also of interest

Salt Spring RCMP are asking for help in locating a woman who left the scene of an accident on Friday, May 14.

According to the police report, a woman driving a large, dark coloured, older model vehicle pulled out in front of a black Honda Fit, which was exiting the access behind Harbour Low Cost Grocery on Friday around 4:30 p.m. The driver of the Honda motioned for the woman to stop. The driver stopped, but then proceeded to drive into the Honda. While the driver of the Honda exited to observe the damage to her vehicle, the other woman left the scene, with a child occupying the other front seat.

In other police news:

Officers responded to a report of a single-vehicle collision in the 200 block of Eagle Ridge Drive on the evening of Thursday, May 13. They located an abandoned vehicle down an embankment near a driveway. Investigation revealed alcohol in the vehicle and reports that six youths had been observed departing the vehicle after the collision. The matter is still under investigation.

Police responded to complaints of

people drinking on the beach near Grace Point Square on Friday afternoon. Liquor was seized and poured and one man received a violation for consuming liquor in public.

A 30-year-old Salt Spring man faces charges of impaired driving and over .08. He was pulled over after leaving the Moby's parking lot in the early hours of Saturday morning.

On Saturday afternoon, EHS and fire staff extracted a female driver from her car after she collided with a truck on Long Harbour Road. Both she and the male driver of the truck were taken to hospital by ambulance. The car was towed from the scene and the female driver was issued a violation ticket for following too close.

Police stopped a vehicle being driven by a 50-year-old male on Maliview Drive at 7 p.m on Monday evening. The man faces charges of impaired driving and over .08 and was released on a promise to appear in court in July.

The RCMP asks the public to be aware that counterfeit \$100 bills are being circulated in the Lower Mainland. One such bill was found at a Salt Spring bank with serial #EJE7171891. If anyone receives a \$100 bill with this serial number, please contact the Salt Spring RCMP at 250-537-5555..





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Naval officer apologizes for shore leave fight

Judge grants absolute discharge,

A member of the Royal Canadian Navy stationed at Esquimalt received an absolute discharge In Ganges Provincial Court after pleading guilty to assault last week.

Joshua Stansbury, 24, pleaded guilty to participating in an alcohol-fueled fight outside Moby's Pub during shore leave on July 23, 2007 that left another man with a large gash to the cheek.

Crown counsel Jody Patsch told the court that a Moby's staff member observed Stansbury urinating on cars in the parking lot and advised him not to return inside.

The staff member and two other men came back outside later and had further words Stansbury. Two of the the three men, who had been playing pool, carried pool cues in their hands

During an ensuing fight, the court learned, Stansbury grabbed one of the pool cues, which broke into several pieces, and hit one man in the face,

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resulting in a cut that required nine stitches.

Defense counsel Dale Marshall argued that circumstances of the fight were unclear due to Stansbury's extreme intoxication and because the witnesses did not make statements until three weeks later.

He noted Stansbury was also injured in the fight and taken to Lady Minto Hospital before spending the night in the RCMP drunk tank.

And despite his intoxication, Marshall said, Stansbury cooperated with police both during his arrest and afterward. In contrast, he added, the witnesses were belligerent at the time of Stansbury's arrest and uncooperative afterward.

Although the Crown sought a conditional discharge with 50-60 hours of community service, the judge took into account several factors which ultimately resulted in an absolute discharge and withdrawal of charges.

Justice Blake began sentencing by saying, "It's clear to me that Mr. Stansbury did not cover himself with glory on this occasion."

However, the judge felt the circumstances reported by witnesses three weeks after the incident were suspicious. And in light of the disciplinary action already taken by the military, Blake ruled that further probation was not needed.

"Public interest in this particular case can be seen to favour not impede his military career any more than necessary," said Blake.

In other court news:

• Edward Cook, 47, pleaded guilty to having care and control of a vehicle while impaired and failure to provide a blood sample. A witness saw Cook swerving down Fulford-Ganges Road and then crash into a telephone pole "for no apparent reason" on August 10, 2009.

Cook's driving record shows an impaired charge from 2004 and two 24-hour driving suspensions.

Defense counsel Lou Shell- alcohol.

ing told the court Cook refused to give blood because he practices shamanism as a religion, but that his client did offer a breath sample later that evening.

Justice Blake sentenced Cook to the mandatory minimum fine of \$1,000 and prohibited him from driving for three years.

• 51-year-old Dwayne McLeod changed a previously entered not guilty plea to guilty for driving while impaired on Feb. 16, 2009. The charge was McLeod's fourth such conviction since such 1989, causing the Crown to seek an elevated fine of \$2,500 and a three-year driving prohibition.

Justice Blake ruled for a \$1,500 fine and a probation period of nine months with mandatory counselling to "get to the root of the problem rather than simply skimming money off the man."

After harshly admonishing McLeod for repeatedly getting behind the wheel, the judge said: "The idea is to steer you away form a life awash in alcohol."

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EDITORIAL

Lines and lanes

he sight of gleaming yellow and white lines on Salt Spring's major roads last Thursday morning would have put more than a few smiles on people's faces.

We knew it would happen one of these days, of course. When the Driftwood talked to the Ministry of Transportation early in 2010, they weren't able to give islanders a specific date or even a month when the Mainland painting equipment would arrive, but they did eventually promise to ensure it would be here as soon as possible. And when it did finally occur, it happened literally overnight.

Thanks are due to Bob Webb and Barb Thomas of the Ministry of Transportation and anyone else involved in getting Salt Spring placed higher on

THE ISSUE:

Present and future infrastructure improvements

WE SAY:

Line painting and village plan work appreciated

the priority list for paint. It might be nice to

imagine Salt Spring Island is still a rural backwater where road lines aren't necessary, but the evidence states otherwise.

The island bears an incredible amount of traffic, especially when the ferries dump their loads at three terminals each day.

That's why the recent round of displayed work and public input gathering on the North Ganges Village Transportation Man-

agement Plan is also welcome. The area just outside of the village centre is fraught with accidents waiting to happen, and many of them don't wait.

Round-abouts are the latest and greatest piece of traffic-handling infrastructure in our region and were a popular discussion point at last Wednesday's open house held by consultant J.E. Anderson and Associates, on behalf of the Capital Regional District. While not all options for handling traffic at the Upper and Lower Ganges roads intersection have been costed out, the round-about does have an associated \$750,000 price tag, not counting any required property purchases.

Still, it's important to keep exploring the options for improving traffic flow and safety for pedestrians and cyclists, as well as how to pay for them.

We must also remember that federal gas tax money allotted to Salt Spring Island was originally envisioned for just such improvements.

We trust the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission and the consultant will continue to keep islanders in the loop as they incorporate public input and their own recommendations into the unfolding plan.



EAARTH on Heaven (Salt Spring)

Free copies of

Bill McKibben

books offered.

BY DOROTHY CUTTING

A lot of you've probably seen an old Honda Civic Hybrid around town with lettering on the rear bumper that reads, "I'm Driving My Hybrid Car to Give My Grandchildren a

Well, that's my car, and I'm going to have to get the bumper repainted. You see, back in 2002 when I got this car, that message made sense to me.

warming, I thought, was for the Canadian government to ratify the Kyoto agreement to cut emissions and for everyone to change their light bulbs and drive fuel-efficient vehicles. It didn't work out that way, and Bill McKib-

All that was needed to happen to stop global

ben in his new book, EAARTH, tells us why. He's using an extra "A" in the title because he says we're living on a whole different planet now.

On Salt Spring, we're in one of the best and safest places in the world, but elsewhere, big really big — changes are happening: big storms, big droughts, big floods, big fires; yet, on the other hand,

That's pretty scary when you think about it. These disease-spreading bugs have smaller larvae that mature faster and the smaller adults have to take more little bites to survive, so cases of dengue fever and malaria are rising faster than you would expect, even taking into account that they're already moving north to escape the heat.

The first couple of chapters of EAARTH are packed with this kind of useful information, some that will surprise

you; a lot that will concern you. But keep reading. You'll find much encouragement as you go on.

In the end, McKibben tells us that we can "make life on a tough new planet," and we can do this using some of the actions already started here: becoming a Transition island, changing to more sustainable lifestyles, forming friendly, small community groups and neighbourhoods.

Thanks to Salt Spring Books and the Institute for Sustainability Education and Action (I-SEA), you can get a free copy of EAARTH by writing to Margery Moore at sustain@ saltspring.com or calling me at 250-537-5853. Better yet, come to Green Drinks at the Harbour House on Thursday, May 27, where there will be plenty available.

There only one requirement for getting your own free copy: when you've finished it, give it to someone else who will be interested and ask them to pass it on. And visit our website, "EAARTH on Salt Spring Island,"

at http://eaarthonssi.blogspot.com. Let others know what you think of the book and share your ideas on how to make life on Salt Spring Island work for everyone.

My new bumper message? I've called Sabine at Island Signs to do the job.

It's going to read, "Driving a Hybrid to Help Give EAARTH a Future."

The writer is a well-known environmental activist on Salt Spring.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Is Salt Spring Coffee Co's move a loss to Salt Spring?

Cast your ballot online at www.qulfislandsdriftwood.com before

Monday at midnight or clip this box and drop it at our office before Monday at 4:30 p.m.

Is raising Salt Spring pool fees a good idea?





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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "We'll have to take some inspiration from the Habs' long run in the playoffs."

IAN BIRD, QUEBEC CHELSEA LIONS RE SS CHALLENGE CUP

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: How do you feel about the HST tax?

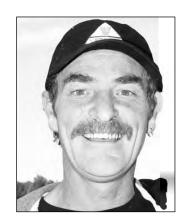


JOHN NEWMAN It's a necessary evil. The government's got to raise money somehow and the consumer

is the easiest target.



AXEL DOLLHEISER I know a lot of restaurants are complaining because it's going to affect them; eating out is already a luxury.



DANNY BEHRENS I think most people are against it. GST was supposed to go away a long time ago and now they're bringing out



JOANNE O'CONNOR I made sure I bought my dream van before it came into

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less

Read and reply to letters online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com under the Opinion tab.



PAT DONNELY I think it's a money grab for the provincial government.

Letters to the editor

Sorry
On May 12, I wrote a "rant" in the Driftwood without getting all the facts straight about Croftonbrook. I should have looked into it further before jumping to conclusions about certain ornamentals that had been removed or that may have to be removed.

To whom it may concern please accept my apolo-

BANANA JOE CLEMENTE, SALT SPRING

Pat on back

A couple of Fridays ago or so, I noticed several teams of what looked like schoolkids clearing garbage from our road-sides as I drove to

very much and commend them enormously for their community spirit. Good job, guys! You set a wonderful example.

A pat on the back for every one of you.

BARBARA BIRTWISTLE. SALT SPRING

Perverse water theory

I can tell Peter Lamb where the greatest opposition to his very good ideas about water conservation will come from ("Developing a 'soft path' strategy for Salt Spring's drinking water," May 12). That opposition will come from the

After luring several water service areas under its jurisdiction with promises of infrastructure upgrade I would like to thank them grants and cost effective management, the CRD in fact ran costs up to the point where subscribers are now advised that the only way they can afford service is by increasing their demand for

Huh? Isn't that perverse? The CRD is a perverse out-

Increased water usage means increased revenue. The revenue is needed by the CRD to complete the upgrades, proposed six years ago as an 18 month project.

CRD administrative incompetence is the main problem.

The CRD has already raised subscribers' parcel taxes and usage rates to unconscionable lev-

The CRD is trying to bring management of island drinking water under its

control. Initiatives aimed at water conservation are going to fail without reform of the CRD.

MICHAEL FRIEDMAN, SKY VALLEY ROAD

Applause and booing

During the last Salt Spring Local Trust Committee meeting, the chair divulged that she forbids applauding and booing — only to prevent booing, despite loving applause.

If the Trust could conquer its aversion to the public eye, the presence of videographers could moderate the Trust's conduct, thereby abating the need for booing and, perhaps, eliciting the occasional applause.

Killing booing results in

silence, but makes nothing right.

Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication

TOM VARZELIOTIS,

No personal knowledge

Last Wednesday you printed a letter called "Turning point." I wish to respond to it.

The writer quoted Andrew Weaver as a segue into her romance with Elizabeth May. I am quite happy for her to write about Elizabeth May.

What got under my skin was the writer's reference to a purported statement by professor Andrew Weaver at a round table sponsored by local members of the NDP.

The round table provided an opportunity for representatives of the NDP provincial caucus, environmental NGOs, university experts and a very small number of local people to share ideas about climate change, the economy and building a sustainable future for the province.

There were about 30 participants, and they were there with the understanding that by limiting numbers and not advertising the event the participants would be free to listen to each other, talk openly and take risks.

The writer of the May 12 letter was not at the round table and clearly cannot speak from personal knowledge.

IRENE WRIGHT. NDP PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE, SALT SPRING

MORE LETTERS continued on A9

Travelling with all the techno-toys, or at least a SPOT tracker

There was a time in my life when my friend John and I would stretch out a long weekend, driving from our university digs in Edmonton to the West Coast for the weekend.

We would hop in my ancient 1966 Corvair (proven to be inherently dangerous) with nary a thought of potential roadside disasters. On a good day, this Corvair was in the habit of veering sharply to the right without an iron grip on the steering wheel and it regularly belched great plumes of oil out of its tailpipe, like a Pakistani airport cab.

We would make this pilgrimage non stop, with nothing more than a couple of quarts of oil, a pair of pliers and a wire coat hanger in case something important fell off the car. There was no BCAA card to bail us out, no cell phones, nothing but gas money and an irrational sense of hubris that naturally blooms in a man in his 20s.

Fast forward. Recently I made the trip from my little house on Salt Spring to Utah. The car is now a 2007 Santa Fe, which I bought new, based solely on its impeccable reliability record. This SUV is pampered like a spoiled pet, going in for service calls before the allotted time, and fed only the finest synthetic oils.

I have a card in my wallet from Hyundai with an 800 number that I can dial anytime day or night in the event of a breakdown. Gadgets have sprung out of my dashboard. A Sirius radio receiver picks up the weather channel and breaking news in the event of a natural disaster. To the right is an iPhone nestled into a dashboard holster on 24-hour standby. A secondary cell phone is tucked between the seats just in case the iPhone is out of cell range.

Parked next to the iPhone is a GPS receiver tracking my progress at all times with a woman's voice, firm but comforting, barking out directions like a drill ser-

geant at boot camp: "In 500 yards, turn left ... onto ... I-82 East. In 200 yards turn left . . . onto . . . I-82 East." Etcetera. Which gets me to SPOT.

SPOT is the latest techno-toy. It is a little yellow thingy about twice the size of a cell phone that tracks your position, sending that information along to anyone with an interest in pinpointing your whereabouts day or night. Beside the obvious benefits and implications of having one of these widgets tucked in your daughter's purse on grad night, the practical applications are endless.

The SPOT is waterproof and bomb proof. It has a 9-1-1 emergency button. It has an "I'm OK" button to tell everyone not to worry. And it tracks your progress every few minutes practically anywhere in the world. It is the gadget that makes it possible for me to get up in the morning with a hot coffee and a laptop to track Susan Conrad's progress up the Sunshine Coast.

If you have not heard of Susan Conrad, not to worry. She is somewhat self-effacing, preferring to avoid the spotlight. I met her completely by chance at the reception desk of North End Fitness. She was looking for a



Peter Vincent

HEADTOHEAD

two-week pass and we got to

Approaching the midcentury mark in her life, Susan decided to embark on a little adventure "before growing up," as she put it. On May 4, she pushed off from Anacortes, Washington in her 16-foot kayak loaded

to the gunnels with extra paddles, compasses, Power Bars, and yes, a SPOT tracker. Her little adventure entails kayaking solo from Anacortes to Anchorage, Alaska. That's about 1,200 miles of spectacular and spectacularly dangerous coastline.

The dangers come in many forms: rip tides, giant freighters (kayaks are often referred to as "speed bumps"), whirlpools, insane West Coast storms that can come down upon you like the apocalypse, grizzly bears and blisters. Apparently her hands are taking on the appearance of ground beef these days.

The first day out she did 26 miles — a marathon on water. She really has not let up. Presently she is paddling through the countless islands on her way to Port Hardy on northern Vancouver Island. I know this because just a few seconds ago I got an update on my laptop from SPOT, which is linked into Google Earth. I get a satellite image of the Vancouver Island coastline superimposed with a series of dots, the last dot being Susan's current position.

There is something surreal about sitting in front of a laptop in the high desert of Utah vicariously paddling the waters of Johnstone Strait. But then there is something surreal about being directed to the nearest Starbucks in Pendleton, Oregon by a little box planted on my dashboard. It has become apparent that I have become a technology junkie, less and less willing to embark on the smallest excursion without a

phalanx of fail-safe electronic wing men. There is a button on the popular Google Map site entitled "the road less travelled." It gives you a route home over the small two-lane byways, passing through dying towns far off the interstate grid. The long way home.

On my return I will take the long way home. I will turn off the GPS, the cell phones, the air conditioning, the cruise control, the cell phones, the Sirius radio. I will open the windows and listen to the wind sweeping by the car, smell the mountains and the farmland, and eat in diners with names like "Flo's Eats." I will try to recapture the exuberance of a 1966 Corvair and the heart-pounding adrenaline rush of coaxing a fully loaded kayak through the rip tides of Hole in the Wall. It takes people like Susan Conrad to nudge us out of our insulated, air-conditioned world, to remind us that there is a life out there. As Henry Miller put it, "The aim of life is to live, and to live means to be aware, joyously, drunkenly, serenely, divinely aware." I'll drink to that.

Go to my website by Googling "Republic of Saltspring" to get the link for Susan Conrad's SPOT voyage.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 444

NOTICE is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing concerning **Proposed Bylaw No. 444**, for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained therein. At the public hearing, all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions. A Public Information Meeting will be held prior to the public hearing to allow for questions and review of information pertaining to the bylaw.

DATE: LOCATION: TIME: Wednesday, June 2, 2010

Hart Bradley Hall (Lions Club), 103 Bonnet Avenue, Ganges

5:00 PM - Public Information Meeting

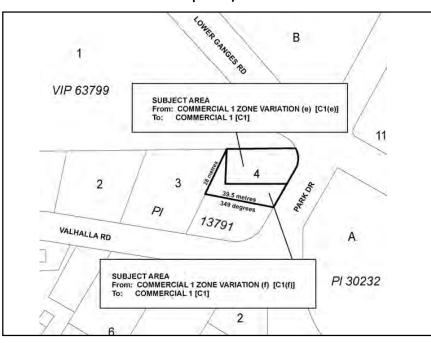
6:00 PM - Public Hearing

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 444, cited as "Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw, 1999, Amendment No. 1, 2010".

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 444 is to amend Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw No. 355 as follows:

- 1. By making various technical amendments to the Land Use Bylaw pertaining to non-conforming setbacks, parking and commercial zones.
- 2. By changing the zoning classification of the North portion of Lot 4, Section 3, Range 3 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 13791, from Commercial 1 Zone Variation (e) C1(e) to Commercial 1 C1, and from Commercial 1 Zone Variation (f) C1(f) to Commercial 1 C1, as shown on Plan 1:

Plan 1 - Proposed Bylaw No. 444



3. By changing the zoning classification of Lot C (DD H36292), Section 1, Range 3 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 16327, from Community Facilities 1 (CF1) to Community Facilities 1 Zone Variation (a) – CF1(a), as shown on Plan 2:

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Plan 2 - Proposed Bylaw No. 444

Copies of the proposed bylaw, and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee, may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing Thursday, May 20, 2010 and up to and including Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at 4:30 PM. Proposed Bylaw No. 444 may also be viewed on the Islands Trust website at: www.islandstrust.bc.ca

Enquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to Regional Planning Manager Leah Hartley or to the Islands Trust at (250) 537-9144. For Toll Free access, request a transfer to the Islands Trust via Enquiry BC: in Vancouver at (604) 660-2421, and elsewhere in BC at 1-800-663-7867. Written submissions may be delivered as follows:

- By mail to the Islands Trust at 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2N8; by Fax to (250) 537-9116; or online at the Islands Trust website via the following URL: http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/ss/meetings.cfm by completing the Public Hearing, Wednesday, June 2, 2010 Submission Form before 4:30 PM on Tuesday, June 1, 2010.
- 2. To the Local Trust Committee at the Public Hearing.

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

NO REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BYLAW WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Pauline Brazier Deputy Secretary

OPINION

Spreading of malicious comment behind videotaping position

BY GEORGE EHRING

Concern has been raised lately about the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee's position that LTC meetings should not be videotaped. It seems to me that some people are trying to suggest that the LTC has something to hide. Frankly, that's nonsense.

The LTC meetings take place in public. The discussions are open for everyone to see and hear. The Driftwood is always present to report on whatever happens. Anyone can speak to or ask questions of the LTC during our town hall session, or by signing up beforehand as a delegation

The agenda is emailed several days prior to the meetings to those who have asked, so they know what's going to being discussed. Our staff reports are also made available, in advance, to anyone who requests them, and copies are available at the meetings. If you'd like to receive the agendas, call our staff at 250-537-9144 and they will add you to the email distribution list.

There are strict rules about open government meetings, and we are careful to follow them. We have nothing to hide.

The LTC has tried to make its meetings welcoming to members of the community. We try to create an atmosphere where people feel free to speak about the issues that concern them. We welcome people's comments and we learn from them.

Whenever anyone requests permission to videotape meetings, we feel we should get the permission of the people present who might be filmed. Every single time this has arisen (which is very infrequent, suggesting to me that there is not very much interest in people doing videotaping), people in the audience have objected. Every time. People tell us they feel inhibited by cameras, and consequently we ask that people not film the meetings. It defeats the very purpose of hearing from community members at an LTC meeting if they don't speak up because they don't want to be videotaped.

The Driftwood says that "If [people are] concerned about their question or comment ending up on YouTube, they can choose the private mode of communication." Interesting. Everyone wants us to hold open meetings in public; the Driftwood suggests that people communicate in private. I don't buy it.

INRESPONSE

Let's face it, people on this island have lots of opinions, and they're frequently not shy about expressing them. And even though the LTC chair always asks speakers to refrain from making comments about individuals and to stick to issues, sometimes people do say things that can be damaging to an applicant, or to the reputation of their business. Often enough these types of comments are inaccurate, biased, based on rumour or speculation, and downright wrong. I've heard plenty of them in my time as a trustee. In the meeting, the applicant has an opportunity to correct misinformation.

So let's consider that in light of videotaping. People can say something that gets posted on YouTube or a private website, and once it's out on the web, it's impossible to get back. People can easily post edited misinformation that damages a reputation, and there's no chance for clarification, correction or rebuttal.

The Driftwood's editor and publisher are professionals. They're rightly concerned about accuracy. So they aren't going to publish comments that they know are false. They're also trained about libel laws, and subject to lawsuits themselves if they publish malicious misinformation. If people object to coverage they've received, they can complain directly to the paper, and if that fails to satisfy them, to the B.C. Press Council. All this similarly goes for a television station reporting news.

But none of that is true for private individuals who post things on the internet. No chance for clarification. No chance to get back an unfairly damaged reputation. It's a bad idea.

As a trustee, I want people to be comfortable expressing themselves, constructively, on the issues. I don't want them to be inhibited by a camera. I don't want them to have to resort to private communication. I don't want applicants to worry that their personal reputations or that of their businesses might be damaged by misinformation being spread around the world. And I don't know why a guy with a camera should have more rights than people without one.

The writer is a Salt Spring local



OPINION

MORE LETTERS continued from A7

Bushwhacked

I would like to clarify a few points regarding the "Foliage dispute troubles Croftonbrook resident" article in the May 12 Driftwood.

I cannot speak for all Croftonbrook tenants. However, a lot of them are extremely upset, and the support from the people I spoke to in Ganges was virtually overwhelming.

In fact, since the article came out I've been stopped by numerous people I've never met, to encourage me in trying to keep the island green and to save the wildlife, which are now nesting in this same foliage.

Although the raping and pillaging of the foliage stopped after the story appeared, again

on Saturday, May 15 we were "ambushed" once again.

It isn't just the bushes coming down that is exceptionally gutwrenching. It has also left a large barren area that looks like scorched earth. It's not just ugly, it will require being rototilled or remedied somehow to cover this mess because it will just grow back again. And it obviously compounds and adds to the expense involved in this highly questionable project.

How many thousands of dollars will be spent for this needless invasion? All the while we cannot even get the amenities in our lounge updated, and the shuffleboard and pool table went the way of the dodo long ago. Although it is supposed to be for tenants, the hall is mainly used by strangers who rent it.

Re: the massive drain-

age project, contrary to Carol Dodd's statement that she has kept us informed, we have yet to have a meeting with contractors who can take us through a detailed plan, which would include the various steps and scheduling of this massive drainage project that is

imminent.

One thing for sure is that it will be smelly (noxious and toxic diesel fumes), noisy (jackhammers) during the hottest time of the year. And it will be suffocating as windows will have to be kept shut. Although a lot of tenants have relatives or friends they can stay with there are some who don't have any alternative.

I am being proactive because it's only reasonable to expect that all tenants be treated with respect and consideration. Not with directives as if they

were coming from on high. There are a lot of nice people with fine minds living here who feel they are being pushed around. It may be modest, but we do pay the rent. And we have absolutely no representation on the Croftonbrook board.

JO-ANN FERRIMAN, CROFTONBROOK

Fee hike

This is a response to the "PARC considers pool fee hike" article of May 12.

How can alternate CRD director Darlene Steele blatantly state that people on this island can easily afford a price hike at the pool? I can barely afford the cost of a yearly membership. By raising the cost to \$6.50 you will lose the numbers of pool users and that will not bring up the revenue.

To compare our pool with other larger pools is to compare apples with pears. We have a

bare bones pool, a hot tub and a rope swing. We don't even have a shallow end for young children.

Don't take me wrong, I am very happy to have the pool. The pool staff are friendly and helpful. I am a swimmer in the slow lane at the pool.

Darlene, why don't you donate your fees that you are collecting from us islanders as the alternate CRD director? That would bring up the revenues for the pool. MARGARETHA

NORDINE. FERNWOOD







RANTS and Roses

Rants

Rants to the inconsiderate nincompoops who continually poster over our posters for upcoming events. Sometimes you even remove ours. This happens quite often and the irony is that we know who you are because your posters are where ours once were. Take a little time to peruse the board. I'm sure you can find an out-of-date notice to replace rather than rip ours down. Bob Delion

Roses

A waterfall of roses to North Salt Spring Waterworks for the time spent reviewing my accounts. Reid

A huge bouquet of the finest leafy greens to Steve at Thriftys, Craig at Natureworks and Adam the sprout man for providing Rawsome Living Foods with delicious bulk organic produce for our week of training with Japanese adults in raw living food preparation. Additional thanks to Peter for helping with chauffeuring, Aikiko for her expert translation services and daily pick-up and dropoff, to Sue and John at Duck Creek Farm for the organic farm tour, and to all our amazing patrons who attended the Japanese-inspired "not a cafe." Jim and Chris.

Thank you to Windsor Plywood, Five Star Moving, SS Interiors and Strait Construction for your generous donations toward my trip to work in Chinese orphanages this past February. Dustin Little

Rose tea to Janet and her elf helpers who hosted the Tea for Three. All the kids really enjoyed the new experience and were on their best behaviour. Coralee

There are not enough roses on Salt Spring to adequately express our thanks and gratitude to the Salt Spring firefighters who attended our cottage fire last Thursday. Their quick response was admirable, and their generosity of spirit and supportive comments were much appreciated. David, Dale and Jean

Truckloads of red roses to Kieron and Evan who consistently prove to be outstanding human beings. Your helpful nature is amazing and we don't know how to thank you enough for coming to the rescue during a recent move that became a last-minute scramble. You showed up with trucks, helping hands and a smile, CDH

A wheelbarrow full of thank-you roses to all the SSSIPORA members who turned out on Saturday morning to clean up and tidy the beach area between the Fulford Inn and Drummond Park. Well done and thank you again. Your hard work is much appreciated. Ken L

A mound the size of my gorgeous Eucalypus tree, of beautiful assorted coloured roses to Banana Joe, in defence of the many songbirds, hummingbirds and others who love to make their home in the tree that is my pride and joy, and soon to be destroyed. Hat's off to Joe! AP

Rad roses to the Skate Board Society for your generous donation to SWOVA (Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse). Thank you for your support. Megan Manning, SWOVA, administrator

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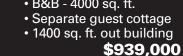


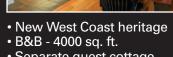
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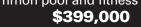
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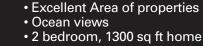
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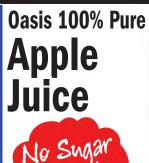


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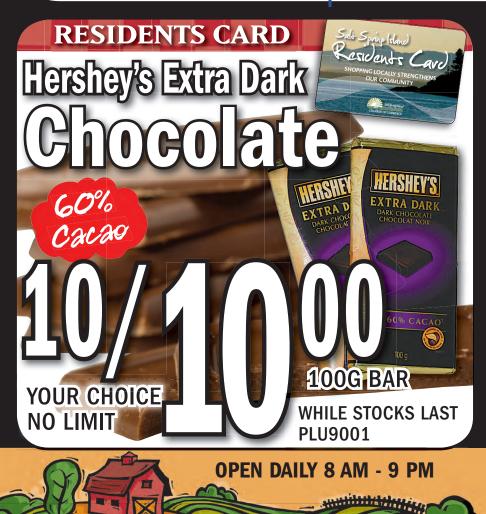


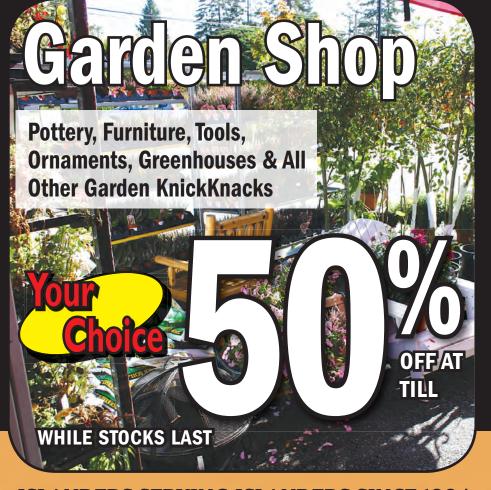












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KARATE

Computer failure, newborn puppies and a baby on the way just part of exciting karate tourney

Half a day of enjoyment

BY CHRIS BARCLAY
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Planninga karate tournament is like cooking Christmas dinner. Hours of planning, shopping, food prep and cooking,

food prep and cooking, only to devour it in 15 to 20 minutes.

Planning for this year's Salt Spring Karate Club invitational tournament began almost as soon as the last one ended. I decided at that point to get the paperwork out of the way, neatly filing everything away on my computer. How happy I would be to get it out of the way, I thought. Little did I know that my computer had its own idea and died days before the event. Many colourful words passed my lips. As it turns out, backing things up really is a good idea.

The idea of pre-registration is foreign to most tourney players. Registration at the door is best, just in case something else comes up. Salt Spring Island is, after all, a long way to go, and once here you are stuck until the next ferry or possibly the one after. I do understand the dilemma, however, as registration at the door does create some mild chaos. The ferry from Fulford and Vesuvius arrive in Ganges at the same time. Everyone arrived at once ready to register, check in and receive their T-shirt.

There were 38 guest judges from the Lower Mainland and Van-



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Taylor Olivera picks up a second- and fourth-place finish at a Saturday karate event.

couver Island. One of the senior and most respected arrived with family in tow and a car full of newly born puppies — 11 in all.

Before the tourney begins there is always a black belt meeting. This went off without a hitch. Everyone was on board and the tournament got underway. The forms went well and things start clicking, just as I had envisioned. Everyone seemed to be having a good time. No blood, no broken bones and only a few disappointed tears.

There was a three-way tie out of four players, all from our local club and all going to brown belt this June. I had to break it to them that they would have to perform again with a different kata.

Now let me explain something: asking someone on tournament day to change their kata — the kata they have been practising for months — is never happy news. To my surprise they all agreed and everything fell into place.

The morning sun changed to a hot afternoon, the sparring began, someone threatened to call the RCMP and one of our local students went into labour. How was I going to ask one of the most respected, most senior guests to tend to his puppies and, even more challenging, was I going to have to deliver a baby?

I took the middle road and asked our senior

sensei's wife if she could check on the puppies throughout the day and of course she had been doing it anyway. The puppies are purebred and valued at \$11,000! Our pregnant student graciously waited until 3 a.m. to have her healthy baby boy.

Tournament sparring is often very competitive and high stress for competitors and judges. Last-minute changes are not popular. One of our young students was missed on the division ladder. I approached the judges to tell them. With some creative shuffling they fit him in and he took first place.

One of our sensei's favourite saying is "There are best laid plans and after that life gets in the way."

The tournament wrapped up in record time of four hours and 20 minutes, when most tournaments take all day.

We tore down and cleaned up. I was mentally exhausted but feeling a great sense of accomplishment. It takes the better part of six months to plan a good tournament and half a day to enjoy it. I can't wait for the next one. The paperwork is in the works — backed up.

I would like to thank everyone who came and helped out. It could not have been a success without every one of you.

The above article was written with assistance from Leslie Wiens.

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SPORTS & RECREATION

HORSE SHOW

Island rider named junior champion



Ellen Patrick on Black Kyi Affair.

Ellen Patrick honoured

A young Salt Spring rider took top honours at a recent horse show in Vancouver.

Ellen Patrick, a Grade 11 student at Gulf Islands Secondary School, won First Level Junior Champion at the Southlands Spring Dressage Show, riding her horse Black Kyi Affair. The event took

Among the several people Patrick thanked for helping her achieve this honour was José Sanchez, who put together Cuban music for her freestyle

She also thanked Lynne Denton for her "inspiring coaching," Regan Hunt for her help and support, and Libby Nayler (Errington, B.C.) for her technical dressage coaching.

Thanks also to her mother, says Patrick, "for hauling [me] and [my] horse to lessons and shows - even on Mother's Day!"

CHALLENGE CUP

Island braces for soccer fever outbreak

Organizers anticipate another great turnout

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Organizers can't guarantee sunshine but promise plenty of good times and lots of Salt Spring flavour at this weekend's mother of all island soccer tournaments

Teams from across the province and as far away as Quebec will descend upon the island this weekend as part of the three-day rite of spring known as the Challenge Cup. "Great teams require skill

but also good chemistry," said Chris Pawluck, a player with Quebec's Chelsea Lions. "To play at this elite level is a fantastic opportunity, and the tournament will prepare us well for the upcoming sea-

Ian Bird, a Lions defender

host the Quebec team during the tournament.

"I don't think it will take long for our team to adjust to Salt Spring time, nor to find the beer tent," Bird said.

"But our team captain, Jean Seguin, will have his work cut out for him in putting a game plan together to compete with the West Coast sides and to compensate for the effects of a long winter, as well as an extended maple syrup season this year. We'll have to take some inspiration from the Habs' long run in the play-

Joanne O'Connor, the tournament's registrar, anticipates more than 30 teams will be on hand to compete in five divisions on five island soccer

Next month's World Cup in South Africa and this weekend's UEFA Champions

with ties to Salt Spring, will League final, O'Connor said, have raised the level of soccer hysteria usually associated with the annual May long weekend tournament to an all-time high.

"There's definitely going to be a lot of soccer going on in the next month and this will help kick it all off," O'Connor

O'Connor said Salt Spring's two women's teams, competing in the women's competitive and women's recreational divisions, are extra stoked for this year's tourney since they'll both be made up exclusively of full-time island residents.

"Both teams had a stellar year and are really looking forward to the competition," O'Connor said.

The Salt Spring Old Boys and FC Alumni compete in the men's over-35 division, Salt Spring FC takes on the men's

competitive field and Ganges Gremio players hope to dazzle fans watching the antics of the ever-popular men's recreational division.

"We're looking forward to some pretty competitive games," she said.

Fans who stop by to watch any of the action will be treated to the usual array of field-side concessions, entertainment and fundraising initiatives. A beer garden at the GISS field will be open throughout the weekend.

"We are hoping for good weather and there will definitely be plenty of dry places to congregate," O'Connor added.

Preliminary rounds take place at the GISS, Salt Spring Island Middle School, Portlock Park and Fernwood Elementary School fields on Saturday and Sunday. Finals are scheduled for Monday, May 24.

SENIOR GIRLS' SOCCER

Scorpions soccer girls take shot at provincials

Girls face 'do or die' match

The Gulf Islands Secondary School's injury-ridden senior girls' soccer team was within one game of making it into the provincial championships yesterday

The Scorpions were scheduled to face either Parkland or Carihi secondary schools late Tuesday in an attempt to qualify for the third and final spot for Vancouver Island teams competing at Saint Michael's University School in Victoria.

'We're hanging in there by a thread," said Doug Pearson during a break in the action yesterday afternoon. "We just don't know how this will end."

The Scorpions opened the tournament with a stunning last-minute victory against Brentwood Bay on Monday, when Ashley Swinton took control of the ball late in the game and ripped a shot to give the Scorpions a 2-1 victory.

The team followed up their opening heroics with scoreless ties against Mark Isfeld on Monday afternoon and hosts SMU on Tuesday morning.

Pearson said his team showed tremendous composure given that many of its regular starters have been left to watch the tournament from the sidelines due

For an update on how things turned out for the senior girls, visit www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com.



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SALT SPRING HOSPICE Hospice hike set for Sunday island's Duck Creek Park

Fundraiser gets people walking

Members of Salt Spring Hospice want islanders to take a hike as part of Sunday's Hike for Hospice at Duck Creek Park.

Hike for Hospice is a nation-wide event held to raise awareness and funds for local hospices.

This year marks the first time such an event has been held on the

People of all ages are invited to stop by Duck Creek Park anytime between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. and hike in memory of a loved one.

Donations will be collected at park entrances on Broadwell Road and Sunset Drive.

Organizers recommend people driving to the park use the Sunset Drive entrance since it has more parking.

"It's all part of building a community resource that will become increasingly important as the population ages and the health dollars shrink," reads a press release about the event.

In other Salt Spring Hospice news, a website that will play an important role in improving access to its services will be created thanks to a grant from the Order of St. Johns.

Islanders are being asked for ideas on what they'd like to see on the website. Some ideas are a memorial page; a list of hospice-supporting B&Bs for off-island families; and a page of quotes and stories that lift the spirit.

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with her adoring husband.

Diane was a loving wife,

exceptional mother and

courage, strength and

proud grandmother, whose

unwavering regard for others will be remembered

In lieu of flowers, donations

can be made to the Lady

on Salt Spring Island.

Minto Hospital Foundation

ocean waves lapping at the

Diane Hunter July 18, 1936 to May 7, 2010

Diane passed away peacefully and with the immense grace and dignity which she exhibited throughout her life on May 7th, 2010 after a short illness. She leaves behind her husband Dennis, daughter Cathy, son Doug and his wife Sandra, grandsons Clayton and Ryan, and a large group of very fine friends and family,

very much. Of Scottish descent, Diane was born in Vancouver, and attended Magee Highschool before settling in Richmond. After raising her family, she retired to Salt Spring Island, where she spent a number of years tending to her lovely

all of whom will miss her

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FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THANK YOU to Windsor Plywood, Five Star Moving, SS Interiors and Strait Construction for your generous dona-tions toward my trip to work in Chinese Orphanages this past February. Dustin Little.

The family of Donna Mae Hogarth
Sends our thanks
and love to everyone who have been there for all of us.
A special thank you to the
Beattie family, Lindsey,
Jeremy, Joe, Tatjana,
Mary Lou, Dr. Ron Reznick Jean, Leslie, and the staff at Lady Minto Hospital. We are all truly blessed to have you in our lives

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AND APPRECIATION John Catley's family will always be grateful for the professional care and determination of the medical

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For more information visit the Island Kids Adventure Camp website: www.islandkidscamp.ca or contact Olivia Morgan and Margo Milton at olivia@islandkidscamp.ca

COMING EVENTS

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DIANA MARTYN PALMER (nee Hett) 1922 - 2010

n the evening of 13 May after a short illness in St Albert, Alberta knowing her beloved new foals were safely established and the promise of summer greening the high pasture. Diana leaves her children Heather Richmond, (George) John Palmer, Diana Palmer (Andrew McBarnet) and Ann Campbell (Robert). Diana was predeceased by her husband of 64 years Dr. John Palmer in 2006

Diana was born and raised on her family's ranch at Heffley Creek, B.C. Daughter to Phyllis and Ross Hett. Her great sense of humor and easy grace helped to create wonderful memories of ranch life with brothers Martyn, David and Ross Hett.

and daughter Susan in 2008.

Married in 1942, Diana and John lived in Montreal for forty years where she led a busy life raising her children, volunteering for church and community and as always finding time to ride horses.

In 1985 Diana returned to her beloved west creating a new home on Salt Spring Island, B.C. where she was the focal point for many visits from



family, friends and especially her grandchildren, Diana, lan and John Richmond, Mathew and Jessica Miller, Madelaine, Katharine and Jane Campbell. Salt Spring was the catalyst not only for her creative rug hooking but also where she penned her family history in 1994.

Sincere thanks to the staff at both River Ridge Seniors Community and Citadel Care for their dedicated care and compassion. A celebration of Diana's life will be held at 11am on Saturday, May 22, 2010 at the Connelly McKinley St. Albert Chapel, 9 Muir Drive, St Albert, Alberta. T8N 1G1 Tel. 780

458-2222 Internment to be held at a later date on Salt Spring Island. In lieu of flowers please consider a gift to your local humane society or the charity of your choosing.

How dear to my heart wherever I roam Are the ties of childhood and home sweet home.

CATLEY, JOHN A.

Peacefully at home on Salt Spring Island, loved and supported by Dorothy and his close family, John passed away on May 11. Born in England in 1933, and a BC resident since 1956, John was a Spitfire pilot in Hong Kong, round-the-globe aviator with the RCAF, Trans Canada Airlines and Air Canada, and dedicated sailor and navigator. But most of all, he was a matchless husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend.

> For information on a celebration of John's life, please contact captjohncelebration@yahoo.ca.

In lieu of flowers, donations in John's memory to 135 Squadron Sponsoring Committee, Royal Canadian Air Cadets, would be appreciated. Address: PO Box 46896, Station D, Vancouver, BC V6J 5M4.

Donna Mae Hogarth October 5,1942 - May 10, 2010



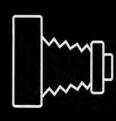
Much loved wife to Dave, mother to Tracey, (Garry) and Dawn, (Max) and grandma to Hayley, Connor, James and Quinton.

Mom has gone onto her next great adventure.

"Do not stand at my grave and weep I am not there; I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the diamond glints on snow, I am the sun on ripened grain, I am the gentle autumn rain. When you awaken in the morning's hush I am the swift uplifting rush Of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft stars that shine at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry, I am not there; I did not die." Mary Frye

A gathering of family and friends will be held at a later date.

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THURSDAY'S, LEVEL 2/3, 7:00PM TO 8:30PM April 29th, May 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, June 3rd June 17th, 24th, July 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd **Break Through August** Sept 16th, 23rd, 30th, Oct 7th, 14th, 21st

SATURDAY'S, MIXED LEVELS, 10:00AM TO 11:30AM May 15th, 22nd, 29th, June 5th, 12th, 19th June 26th, July 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st **Break Through August** Sept 18th, 25th, Oct 2nd, (not the 9th,) 16th, 23rd, 30th

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COMING EVENTS

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SS COMMUNITY THEATRE Annual General Meeting, Picnic (weather permitting) 7pm, Fri. May 21. 118 Epron Rd. For info Call 250-537-9250

COMING EVENTS

See next week's Driftwood

FUNDRAISER FOR

Christopher Jason

On Thurs. May 20th, Fernwood

School will be holding an event

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COMING EVENTS

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COMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP There will be NO SERVICE on Sunday May 23, as we are celebrating with Unitarians from across Canada at our Annual Conference in Victoria www.saltspringunitarian.com

COMING EVENTS

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TRAVEL

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Auxiliary Position (June through August 2010)

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Salt Spring Island Community Services requires

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- Core Inn Youth Drop-in center
- early childhood play drop in with families

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Salt Spring Island

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SUMMER DAY CAMP LEADERS

This is a bargaining unit position (CUPE Local 1989). Camp Leaders will be employees of the Capital Regional District (CRD) and are paid every two weeks at a rate of \$12.67/\$14.11 per hour plus 12% in lieu of benefits (\$14.19/\$15.80

First Aid Certification, a Class "4" B.C. Drivers Licence and a clean driving record are mandatory. Lifeguard Certification is an asset.

Reply in writing, on or by May 31, 2010 including a resume and references, to:

Camp Colossal
Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission
145 Vesuvius Bay Road
Salt Spring Island BC V8K 1K3

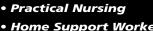
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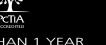
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Both your curiosity and

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21) Stimulating a dynamic flow on a variety of fronts will keep you busy now. Balancing with quality time spent with family is a priority. Making key changes close to home to accommodate your mood, like renovations or possibly actual move altogether is quite possible. Voice your dreams and ideals to gain support then make a more

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21) You are in a pioneering mood and this includes where and how vou live. You may vet be in then planning stages but there is reason to believe that you are very serious. Finding your place in the world may be something of a mystery, dream or fantasy but the signs of taking some radical measures are present. In one way or another you are determined to enter into new

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

All systems are go, or almost. Just when you might have thought you can finally advance, some last minute details are coming to the fore. These require that you exercise constructive criticism in your more important affairs, especially where big decisions and ventures are concerned. You may need to exercise more patience yet with bigger decisions and actions.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)

sleeping more. Call it 'dream

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

Balancing outer expression with inner work is the call promotions as well.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

Digging-into gain your footing and traction to make some important final assertions is now in focus. After weeks of sober deliberation, duty and delay, you are ready to push through and move on. There is reason to believe that a lot is shaking in your world these days. Despite challenges it may all be good in your mind, yet it is not quite over yet. Do your home work and be open to new methods to break

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

Dealing with dual desires is a core part of life. In the deepest sense there is the urge to move towards or away from source. Moving towards ironically implies surrender to higher will or inner authority and moving away suggests yielding to the desires and patterns of the ego. While we can sometimes get away with avoiding inner command, sometimes we cannot. Summon the will to do 'thy will'.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21) New relationship prospects are coming to the fore. These may be work related but they may also imply romance. Perhaps you will get the opportunity to have or to blend both or would simply like to. You are in the mood for a new adventure and it is likely that you will get your wish soon or you will pursue it. Focus to create a more reliable and

satisfying lifestyle. Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Health is on your mind and a rather big change is implied. You may feel the urge to move to a new location and/ or embark upon a new career. Endings and beginnings on relationship fronts are part of the plot. With your ambitions peaking, you are willing to persevere, invest and

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

to succeed.

basically do whatever it takes

A new day is dawning and you are in-tune with its unique quality. It is likely that you have been eagerly awaiting it for some time now. It will produce many new perspectives for you and stimulate a lot of activity. New educational pursuits are likely and ideal to match this emerging power cycle Entertain the possibilities and generate the resolve to do the work and meet the challenge

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Concentrating your creative focus close to home is the call now. A sudden urge to create beauty and/or to express your artistic side is moving you to action. Exploring alternative modes of expression is likely a core feature of your ambition. You may also feel committed to making a real contribution and difference on the bigger stage of life. Focus on your talents and rewards will arrive



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Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

ability to concentrate will increase noticeably this week. In addition to tending to many tasks and chores, you will also be busier with errands. A growing desire to escape all the while will require some creative thinking to achieve your goals. Maybe you can pack it all in by way of a work

your practical ambitions even thoughts of or even an deliberate plan.

Dealing with the conflicting urge to strut your stuff yet, wanting to improve your act before you do, is revealed in the planet patterns. You are determined to take your talent to the next level. This may bring about unexpected delays of 2-3 weeks. Making practical use of this time is likely and some of that may come in the odd package of

now. Making extra efforts to push through fears, resistances and blocks of any kind will bring the rewards of creative innovation and invention. Set intentions and be open to inspiration. Friends and family may well prove to be important allies and this is a good time to approach authorities for favours and

Women in Business 2010



Brenda Akerman of Mary Kay and Krista Scotvold of Island Savings.



Taylore Darnell general manager of the Harbour House Hotel and Donna Robinson general manager of Island Savings Credit Union.



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Marnie McAutrie (L) and Arleta Byers (R) with Lola Braimon (C) of the SSI Chamber of Commerce



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WATER BABIES: Summer-like weather on the weekend brought out the brave. Seen here, clockwise from top, are Victoria Ross and Maria Murrill at Vesuvius Beach; Reuben Leavitt, Brent McKay and Aaron Leavitt at the St. Mary Lake rope swing; and Brita Noyes and Prairie Moat, jumping in to Cusheon Lake.



Tourneys, camps, fields, all in the name of soccer

ing! After successful Euro tourney in March and another successful youth tourney in April, this weekend will see the adult teams take centre stage in our annual May long weekend

Once again many teams and hundreds of players will descend on Salt Spring to compete in divisional play (men's and women's competitive and recreational, and men's over 35) to win trophies and money in this prestigious tournament.

Girls' camp

Even with all this excitement the Salt Spring United SC has other important news, including a girls' camp sponsored by the club.

The program will be open to girls, ages seven to 11, and will promote playing soccer for fun over a six-week period, every Wednesday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Salt Spring Elementary School. It runs May 26 to June 30.

The program is open to girls who have played soccer or those who would like to try it, and is free (costs covered by SS United). It will be run under the guidance of technical director Josip Bratanovich, as well as Avery Brown (ex-metro player in Victoria) and Joanne O'Connor (Div. 2 women). The program will be designed to introduce girls to the game and have fun doing it in a low key atmosphere.

If you have a daughter who would like to participate in this program please contact me at mallegg@shaw. ca or phone 250-537-4970 to register (we need to know the numbers), and remember it is totally free to all that participate.



Malcolm Legg

SOCCER ROUND-UP

Turf field

The club will be forming a committee to look into the possible inclusion of a turf field in the proposed Burgoyne Community Park. Anyone interested in sitting on this committee please contact me at the email or phone number listed above.

AGM

Lastly, is the announcement of the club's annual AGM, scheduled for June 14 in the GISS multi-purpose room at 7 p.m.

The club needs volunteers to help do all the necessary things to run the club smoothly.

Assistance is needed with running of tourneys, medals/trophies, photos, Euro program, club functions, grant writing and many other areas.

If you are interested in assisting the club as a director or a volunteer please contact me.

But for now get out to the fields of Salt Spring over the weekend and watch as many games as you can, especially our local adult teams as they showcase their skills in a very competitive tourney.

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FIELD DAY: Sisters Sarah and Gracie Chang take a little time out from the Salt Spring Preschool's annual spring carnival at the Farmers' Institute.

ART SHOWS

Art extravaganza: galleries explode with new exhibits

Lots to see this long weekend

Islanders who equate the May long weekend with soccer and beer might want to look into Salt Spring's answer to the cultural olympiad.

Just as last February's athletic events in Vancouver provided a platform to showcase the best of Canada's arts, this year's Victoria Day holiday will boast a range of new shows and events focusing on Salt Spring artists.

• Up first on the roster is Eclec-

tic Visions, the first ever show by the Salt Spring Island Photography Club.

Started just over a year ago, its members range from those experimenting with their first camera to professionals who have 30 or more years experience in photography. The group's main purpose is the education and exchange of ideas in the world of today's photography.

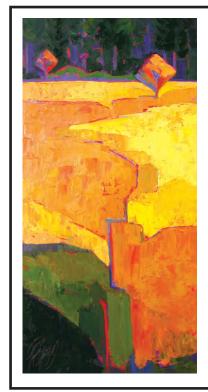
Many of the club's members are taking advantage of the possibilities opened up by digital technology. "It is now possible for many to photograph and view the results within a short time without having to deal with a darkroom," explains club member Bob Rogers. "This brings the opportunity of photographic expression to many who have never before considered

this medium."

The show opens Friday, May 21 and runs until June 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the ArtSpring Gallery.

• Friday will also be the last day for public viewing of the chairs recreated by local artists for the Chair-ity Auction, a fund-

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Whimsy meets practicality in Beaumont's furniture design

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BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Vancouver designer Judson Beaumont was at the International Contemporary Furniture Show in New York City this week with three samples of the Little Black Dresser, his cutting-edge functional art furniture piece shaped like every woman's must-have wardrobe item.

The dresser is a perfect example of Beaumont's marriage of whimsy and practicality, a combination that has allowed him to actually make money from his work ever since graduating from the Emily Carr Institute's sculpture department in 1986.

The dresser is also the focal point of Beaumont's recent show at Salt Spring Woodworks, where curator Celia Duthie presents an ongoing selection of B.C.'s top artisan furniture and sculpture.

Hung on slim aluminum shoulder straps, the fiberboard and maple veneer dresser is shaped like a slinky slip dress.

Duthie suggests on her blog that its four drawers could be used for sexy silk lingerie — one of Beaumont's features is that his furniture pieces are always functional, no matter how strange the

Curves themselves are a recurring motif, and as Beaumont says in his retrospective book What Next?, they have been integral to his success.

Despite his company's name Straight Line Designs, he writes "it wasn't until I stopped doing boxy designs and I started bending and curving my furniture pieces that my business really took off."

Straight Line's custom contracts have seen Beaumont's whimsy brighten institutional space, particularly where kids



One of Judson Beaumont's pine beetle cabinets.

are involved.

He's designed colourful, bulbous play structures and furniture in wood and plastic laminate for the B.C. Children's Hospital, the Vancouver International Airport and a North Vancouver public library, as well as pieces for Japan's Disneyland and the Disney Cruise Line.

Other institutional pieces show Beaumont's interest in reclaimed materials: he's an avid proponent of using pine destroyed by pine beetles.

One of Beaumont's strategies is to use small pieces of wood that he sands and stains to look like polished river stones. The "stones" are then adhered to resemble a rock wall.

The river rock motif can also be seen at Salt Spring Woodworks, where it forms the out-facing surface of a pine beetle

Framed in sleek panels of wood either stained almost black or in natural blond — the stones are so realistic one might be tempted to give them a little stroke to verify their nature.

Another way Beaumont uses pine beetle wood is in his resin barrels.

Constructed with small vertical strips of wood and filled with resin in bright azure or cotton candy blue to create a horizontal surface, the piece (which can be used either as a small coffee table or a perch) is "functional eye candy," as Duthie suggests.

Also available at the gallery are some older but popular items such as the "Cindy," a tall six-drawer dresser that curves to jut a hip out to one side - reissued in 2008 for its 10th anniversary.

The Burnt Leg Table of 2006 is a standard functional piece at first glance but a second look confirms the maple table's legs descend into charred black tapers.

Beaumont continues as the Woodworks' showcase artist until Sunday, when a new show by Nicola Wheston

His pieces will also be available as part of the gallery's stable of designers making new use of the province's most important resource, transforming the idea of what woodwork can mean.

Tree House Cafe

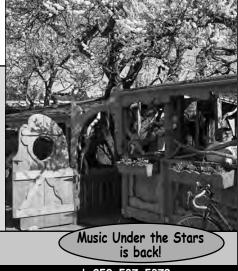
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Arts highlighted in May long weekend of this country's popula-

ARTS WEEKEND

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raiser for the Salt Spring Arts Council. Three People's Choice chairs will be auctioned at a sold-out black tie event at the Hastings House Friday night.

On Saturday, May 22, the public will be able to bid on close to 60 art chairs on auction at Mahon Hall.

The evening will fea-

ture savoury appetizers served with wine from Salt Spring Vineyards, coffee and desserts and will be enlivened by auctioneers and comedy partners Sid Filkow and Arvid Chalmers.

Tickets to the event must be purchased in advance: they are \$25 at Salt Spring Books.

 Saturday also brings the opening of a new show at ArtSpring featuring three emerging local artists, as Jacob Burton, Joshua Beckett and Robert Moss team up for a dynamic exhibition of sculpture and painting.

Burton is a sculptor who also runs an art bronze foundry. He is currently working with hand-built wax forms, which he casts into bronze.

Beckett is a painter whose most recent work includes plein-air landscapes and paintings influenced by art history, pop art, optical illusion and poetry. Moss is presently working on large-scale paintings that are influenced by Dutch landscapes and photorealism.

The opening reception takes place from 5-7

• At The Point Gallery, an opening reception 2-5 p.m on Sunday afternoon celebrates new shows by John Denniston and Steven Dixon.

A former journalistic photographer, Denniston's New Wilderness documents the disruption and destruction that presaged the 2010 Olympics.

His photographs record the real Canadian landscape as experienced by the majority

Dixon's photogravure prints go back to a

technique first used in the early 1800s when experiments with light sensitive varnishes on lithographic plates led to the discovery of both photogravure and photography. His Mine Sites series brings our attention to a northern Canadian phenomena often far removed from any habitation.

Like Denniston's urbanscapes, Dixon's time-worked walls and abandoned gear offer a detached and sobering record of the consequences of human endeavour. The scale of things considered is more intimately human, but the imperative to look and examine is the same.

• Sunday afternoon also brings the opening of Nicola Wheston's new show Seasons of Light at Salt Spring Woodworks, with a reception taking place from 3 to 5 p.m.

Curator Celia Duthie names Wheston as one of the island's top landscape artists. Her work often takes form in lush, large-scale oil paintings that can be likened to portraits of the natural environment.





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PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

BIRTHDAY CHEER: Wine tasting at Moby's — hosted here by pub owner Robert Steinbach with Conny Classen — on Monday afternoon kicked off a week-log program of activities celebrating the pub's 20-year anniversary.

ARTS

Online arts magazine gives the lowdown on local scene

Artist videos on screen

Creators of Salt Spring's new weekly online art magazine have announced a major step forward with an agreement for podcasting with iTunes.

Videos of island artists presented each week on Art Lovers Getaway.com (www.artloversgetaway.com) will now be available directly through the media distribution company.

Press material says viewers around the world can subscribe to the podcast and have new videos automatically downloaded to their computer.

There is also an option directly on the magazine for a free subscription.

Duart Campbell, longtime gallery co-owner and husband of local artist Jill Louise Campbell, is the creator behind this new community marketing project.

He says in a press release: "We have such a wealth of

artistic talent on the island. I wanted to share our islanders' stories in a way that might help attract visitors with a passion for the arts."

Campbell explained the project is a way to tap into the new social media to share the stories about the island with people who want to visit.

The new magazine is poised to be "one additional communication tool to help spread the word across the country that Salt Spring truly is one of Canada's top destinations for art lovers."

The visual arts are only the start for the online magazine, which also includes culinary, healing, performance and soon literary arts in its definition.

Video interviews allow viewers to see artists of all kinds in their own studios and learn about the passion behind their

Jill Louise Campbell, who was inspired to help out as the

interviewer, said: "I love exploring the passion people bring to their art. So many have been willing to share their stories and it is awe-inspiring to see such rich diversity of talent."

The magazine also features a highly detailed new Google map of Salt Spring showing touring routes and information on studios and galleries.

Duart Campbell reports over 3,000 people used the map in the month since it was created. New sections on planning a visit to Salt Spring and day-tripping ideas are in the works.

Close to 100 video interviews will be ready for release by mid-June, providing the magazine with new material all summer long.

People can learn more by visiting www.artloversgetaway. com or searching for Art Lovers Getaway in the iTunes store. For more information or questions, contact artloversgetaway@gmail.com.

MUSIC EVENTS

Tree House hosts first annual BobFest

Bob Dylan celebrated

Bob Dylan turns 69 this year and local musicians plan to mark the occasion with a musical birthday bash at Tree House Cafe.

Island musician David Jacquest is co-ordinating the event, which he hopes will be the first of many Bob Dylan birthday parties to come.

Set for Monday, May 24, the musical celebration runs from 6 to 10 p.m., featuring a variety of island

performers singing their interpretations of Bob Dylan songs.

So far the bill includes local performers Richard Cross, Trish and Gord, Lane 31, Sharon Bailey and the Skinny Dippers, and Jacquest and his Rolling Stoned Band.

Performers interested in performing Dylan tunes at the event may contact Jacquest care of Facebook, phone (250 653-9172) or email (djacquest@hotmail.com).



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ON STAGE

Wiseman back on the rock

Back by popular demand

Canadian musical icon Bob Wiseman takes the stage at Duck Creek Gallery tomorrow (Thursday) at 8 p.m.

Wiseman is the recipient of several Juno awards as an original member of Blue

He won a CBC Radio 3LifetimeAchievement award in 2008, and has performed with Feist, The WallFlowers, Ron Sexmsith, Wilco, the Barenaked Ladies, The Kids in the Hall and "a gigantic truck load of other renowned Canadian musicians," notes press material.

"Now he is bringing his multimedia live show to Salt Spring along with 'the best of TAIS' (the Toronto Animated Image Societv)."

Duck Creek Gallery is located at 181 Broadwell.

Tickets are \$15 at the door or call 250-538-1866 to reserve.

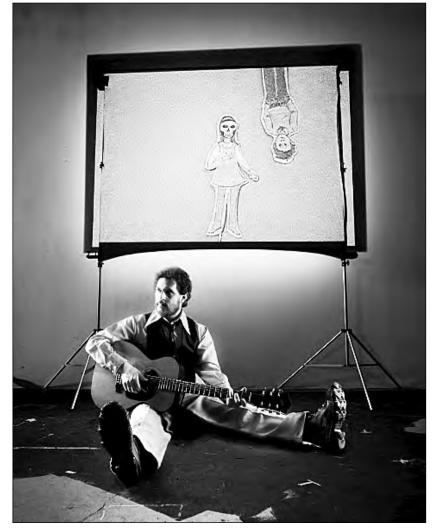


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CONCERTS Lickley featured at house concert

Singer recalled

from last show

A singer-songwriter with a "lovely, haunting voice" is back on Salt Spring with a special house concert May 29.

Allison Lickley plays an intimate venue at the Sweetnams on Sky Valley Road from 7-9:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 at the door and space is limited so people are encouraged to RVSP at 250-931-1130 to reserve a spot and obtain an address.

An attendee at one of Lickley's earlier Salt Spring concerts said, "We are still remembering her from her last appearance — [a] lovely, haunting voice."

The evening also includes free intermission treats by Luba's Raw Foods and Dorise Sweetnam.

Further information can be obtained at the phone number above (call between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.) or at dorise@pathwaytohealing.ca.

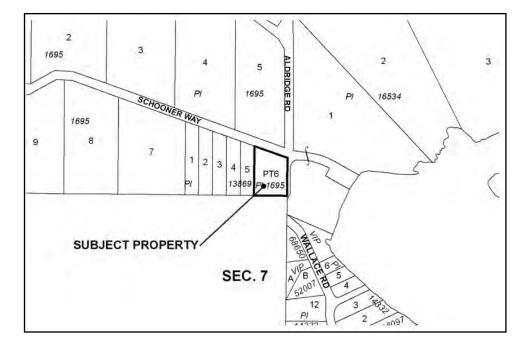


NOTICE NORTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NP-TUP-2009.3

NOTICE is hereby given that the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee will be considering a resolution allowing for the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit pursuant to Section 921 of the Local Government Act. The proposed permit would apply to a portion of that part of Lot 6, Section 7, Pender Island, Cowichan District, Plan 1695, Lying of the East of a boundary parallel to and perpendicularly distant 260 feet from the easterly boundary

The purpose of this temporary use permit would be to permit an additional use, the "transfer, storage, and shipping of discarded goods and materials" on a portion of the property. The establishment of these uses would be subject to a number of conditions specified in the permit. The permit would be issued for two years and the owner may apply to the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee to have it renewed once for an additional two years.

The general location of the subject property is shown in the following sketch:



A copy of the proposed permit may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., V8R 1H8, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays, commencing, May 14, 2010 and up to and including May 26, 2010.

Enquiries or comments should be directed to Planner Andrea Pickard at (250) 405-5189, for Toll Free Access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867; or by fax (250) 405-5155; or by email to: information@islandstrust.bc.ca, before 4:30 p.m. May 26, 2010. The North Pender Island Local Trust Committee may consider a resolution allowing for the issuance of the permit during the regular business meeting starting at 9:45 a.m., Thursday, May 27, 2010 at the Pender Island Community Hall (Lounge) on North

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

> Kathy Jones **Deputy Secretary**

The Salt Spring Island Public Library says: check these out!

Variety of new books

BY MAGGIE WARBEY

Bob Wiseman plays Duck Creek Gallery on May 20.

Here's something new at the library. You can now download over a million books, both classics and modern, to many electronic reading devices.

Ask a librarian for help in getting set up for this service.

And since you're there, here's just a few of the books on the new shelf for May:

• The Lonely Planet's Latin American Spanish Phrase Book with Two-Way Dictionary is a lightweight way to be sure you say what you mean when traveling south, not east!

Divided into useful sections of language use: family, encounters, booking ahead, health and getting a job, for example, this book provides immediate help for the traveller.

• The Rough Guide to Romania is chock full of useful information, pictures, maps, history and travel guides for this distant and exceptional desti-

The section on language explains the diverse historical and political sources of contemporary Romanian, as well as providing elementary lists of Hungarian and German phrases, plus basic Romanian word and phrase lists that travellers will find useful while exploring the country.

And, of course, there's a whole section devoted to Transylvania and Dracula.

 Still on the travel theme. Sea Kavaking: a Manual for Long-Distance Touringby John Dowd is the recently updated and expanded version of this standard text.

From picking the right kayak for you, to being properly equipped for all eventualities, to just having fun, this book

Also included are sections on green kayaking, teaching kayaking and kayaking for people with disabilities. Close to home, the authors cite charts and conditions in Active Pass and other favourite local water ways.

• Yann Martel's What Is Stephen Harper Reading is a compendium of

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book recommendations for all bibliophiles from the author of Life of Pi.

The volume is comprised of letters to the prime minister that express Martel's perspectives and reasoning behind his recommendation for each of 55 books, especially to readers in positions of political power.

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Martel's eclectic selection includes classics such as Gilgamesh, contemporary works such as Blackbird Singing: Poems and Lyrics 1965-1999 by Paul McCartney, and the expected such as The Lesser Evil: Political Ethics in an Age of Terror by Michael Ignatieff.

• An Intimate Wilderness: Lesbian Writers on Sexuality is a collection of essays, stories and poems from 45 writers sharing their perspectives on the definitions, vocabulary, history, possibility and meaning of sexuality and love between women.

Not intended as a polemic or an educational tool, this collection of works "brings together . . . many of the best contemporary lesbian writers to paint a rich, provocative and complex picture of lesbian sexuality."

• For fiction lovers, The Fallen by Mark Terry takes readers to a G8 meeting of the future where the good guys battle terrorists who threaten to kill 20 world leaders and push the globe into utter chaos and destruction.

This thriller, the latest in the Derek Stillwater series, keeps readers turning pages till the last twist and surprise ending.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

AIR SINGERS: Tajo Fisher struts on the Mahon Hall stage as he Centre School students

and other Salt Spring take part in a fundraising Battle of the Air Bands event on Friday

BOOK SALE

Community Ed eyes giant sale this fall

Drop times announced

Community Education is already in full swing preparing for its annual fundraising event.

Formerly called the Baga-Book Sale, the officially renamed Community Ed's Giant Book Sale is now seeking book donations for the

Although community members have five months in which to drop off their books, event organizers encourage people to start now while the idea is fresh.

Boxes will be in the island's financial institutions starting at the end of this week.

Two drop-off days are planned at Country Grocer for Monday, June 14 and Satur-

day, Sept. 25, 9 a.m - 3 p.m. both days.

Donors are warned that organizers will not be offering the two drop-off days at the Farmers Institute prior to the event, so all books must be in local boxes by Oct. 29. People are also asked to remember there are strictly no magazines, textbooks, computer books or other books that belong in recycling.

"We're looking forward to seeing everyone that was there last year — and if they missed it, this is their chance to participate," organizer Lynne Johnson said about the two-day sale.

Volunteers are being sought to transport books from the donation boxes to storage. Interested parties can contact Michelle at kaymichelle66@ vahoo.ca.

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CONCERTS

Leon Bibb extends invitation to islanders for Vancouver show

Three generations on stage at the Stanley

Legendary performer Leon Bibb has such a strong connection to Salt Spring Island that he's made a special note of inviting islanders to an upcoming concert in Vancouver.

Called GENERA-TIONS: Leon, Eric and Yana Bibb in Concert, it takes place on Monday June 14 at 8 p.m. at the Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage.

Bibb will be joined by his son, folk and blues musician Eric Bibb, and his singer/songwriter granddaughter Yana Bibb for the one-nightonly appearance. Music director for the night is Bill Sample, leading some of Vancouver's finest musicians.

Leon is a legendary singer, actor and performer who has appeared in numerous Broadway musicals, Hollywood films and network TV shows. His Salt Spring connection comes through the former Tuned Air choir, and he has also performed with island singer-songwriter Lisa Sigurgeirson. In 2009,

he was made a Member of the Order of British Columbia.

Eric Bibb played guitar in the house band for his father Leon's TV talent show Someone New, and then studied at Columbia University before moving to Sweden, where he immersed himself in blues and world music. Now based in Finland, Eric tours the world regularly and has been nominated for a Grammy Award and numerous W. C. Handy Awards.

Fronting her own band, singer-songwriter Yana has performed numerous times at the legendary Greenwich Village club The Bitter

"I'll always remember the thrill of my first gig there — standing on the same stage where my dad and my grandfather before him have both performed. Being part of a family musical tradition is inspiring and humbling." She is currently recording with acclaimed producer Glen Scott and expects to release her debut album at the end of 2010.

The Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage is at Granville Street at 12th Avenue.

Tickets are available through www.vancouvertix.com or call 604-629-8849.





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PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

ON STAGE:

Multi-instrumentalist Scout Upex pauses for a smile as The Relatives set the beat at the annual co-op preschool's spring carnival, held Sunday at the Farmers" Institute.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Pender hall group celebrates 10 years

"Scrumptious" dinner planned

The Pender Islands Community Hall group is gearing up for a 10th anniversary celebration next

The event, which takes place at the hall, beginning at 7 p.m., includes an "exceptional meal" created by Pierre Delacote, formerly of Pistou Grill, says the staff and board of the community hall in

"At \$42, your ticket includes a scrumptious three-course dinner (with taxes and gratuities included)," states the release. "Wine and beer will also be available [and] light musical entertainment will be provided throughout the evening.

Tickets are available at Southridge Farm Country Store, Talisman Book Store or Medicine Beach Market. Reservations and questions may also be directed to Pierre at 250-629-6464.

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EXHIBITS

Photographic visions

Photography club holds first show

A range of "eclectic visions" will cover the walls of ArtSpring next week as the Salt Spring Photography Club holds its first exhibit, May 21 to June 2.

An exploration of the participating 19 club members' personal interests and visions, the show is the culmination of a year of avid photographic activity, during which many diverse images have been produced.

Called "Eclectic Visions," the exhibit will include photographs ranging from macro to black and white to experimental, and from landscapes and portraits to abstract.

Included will be a piece called "A Spring Surprise," a collaborative montage by several club members.

It will be sold by silent auction, with the proceeds donated to the Island Wildlife Refuge.

An opening reception for the show is set for Friday, May 21, 5-7 p.m. in the Artspring gallery.

The Salt Spring Photography Club was started just over a year ago by Simon Henson, Tom James and Bob Rogers.

With a growing number of people interested in digital photography, notes press material, the men felt the community would be well-served by a group where ideas and technical knowledge could be exchanged.

That small start has grown into a group of over 30, as diversified in age as it is in experience.

"With over 50 years age difference between the oldest and the youngest, and an equally wide span of photographic experience - ranging from beginners to retired professionals — it could have been difficult to cater to everyone's

"However, it has become clear that members are united in a common love of photography and a willingness to share their knowledge, ideas

"... members are united in a common love of photography and a willingness to share their knowledge, ideas and expression in this medium."

and expression in this medium. This enthusiasm, together with a commitment to support each other, has made the club work."

The club has three venues at which members meet and share ideas.

The first is an informal coffee-and-muffin morning at 10 a.m. on Mondays at the Harbour House Hotel, at which everything photographic, and sometimes not photographic, is discussed.

The second is the Salt Spring Photography Club website, ssphoto.ning.com, where members can post their images and blogs and offer critique on other members' work.

"Lively discussions on the site have gone beyond the technical to the philosophical and have stimulated some thought-provoking questions into the realm of self-expression," notes the press release.

The third venue is a formal meeting held every second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at the Church of Latter Day Saints.

These meetings begin with a presentation, followed by a critiquing session of members' submitted photographs relating to that particular month's theme.

Eclectic Visions runs daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, contact Tom James at tommyj12@telus.net.

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THE CAT'S MEOW: From left, Michelle Spencer, Regan Hunt, Elisha Mathis, Brandy Glovka and Michelle Renick hold some of the adoptees available at the local SPCA branch, which held an open house last Friday afternoon.

BUSINESS HONOURS

Local brewery snags beer award

Golden ale named best session beer

Salt Spring Island Ales' Becky Julseth and Neil Cooke-Dallin exchanged farming boots for city shoes last week as they accepted the "best session beer" award for their Golden Ale at the first annual B.C. Beer Awards in Vancou-

The new competition, which is part of Vancouver Craft Beer Week, represented most of B.C's independent craft breweries, and included 35 contestants competing with more than 190 beers.

The session beer category encompasses a broad variety of beer types with the defining characteristics being well-balanced malt and hops, a typically clean finish and an overall quaffability.

According to press material, session beers allow beer drinkers to enjoy multiple "I'm thrilled that this beers, within a reasonable time period or "session," without overwhelming the

Ideally, they are flavourful and refreshing without being overwhelmingly "hoppy" or high in alcohol.

"It feels great to be recognized for quality and taste in a province that produces some of the best tasting beer in the world," says Julseth, co-owner of Salt Spring Island Ales.

"Session beer is a big category for us to win because it can encompass so many different beer types, with many different beers competing.

"Our brewmaster, Murray [Hunter], is also a big believer in the session ale. I'm thrilled that this aspect of his craft seems to come across to judges in competition."

The Golden Ale also claimed gold in the National Beer Week helped build

aspect of [Hunter's] craft seems to come across to judges in competition."

BECKY JULSETH Brewery co-owner

Canadian Brewing Awards for Golden/Blonde Ale in 2009 and earlier in 2004.

The first annual B.C. Beer Awards attracted an impressive blind-tasting judging panel with "serious" beer credentials, notes the press release.

As well, Vancouver Craft

awareness around female brewers as Julseth and several other B.C. "craft beer ladies" laid claim to the traditionally male-dominated industry at a sold-out Women in B.C.

Guests were invited to sample Salt Spring Island Ales among other brewery beers and enjoy gourmet cheese, chocolate and food pairings.

Julseth is also a member of the Pink Boots Society which aims to inspire and empower women to become professionals in the beer industry through education and advancement.

With the planting of spring hops last month, Salt Spring Island Ales is positioned to offer another year of hyperlocal beer. For more information on Salt Spring Island Ales ,visit www.gulfislandsbrewery.com.

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Phelisanong project empowers through play

Donations accepted at weekend's Challenge Cup

BY ANDREA PALFRAMAN

SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

High in the mountains of Africa, there's a soccer team flying the Salt Spring colours.

This winter, islander Gary McNutt carried duffel bags stuffed with soccer gear to his other home in Lesotho. He distributed the gear through an organization called Phelisanong (Together We Work for Life), a group he and other Salt Springers have been fundraising for and visiting for over the past five years.

McNutt sees this coming May long weekend's Challenge Cup Soccer Tournament as a chance to build on that connection.

To that end, he's launched a fundraiser that invites people to sponsor the purchase of balls for \$15, soccer boots for \$30 and donate their old soccer shirts to the kids in Africa.

McNutt also plans to raise funds towards leveling playing fields, giving teams in this steep mountain terrain a chance to play fair. He hopes to raise \$5,000 this weekend and encourages soccer fans to drop by the booth at the Gulf Islands Secondary School field to learn more about how to get involved.

McNutt's soccer program really



Lesotho soccer players wearing Salt Spring uniforms.

took off this year thanks in part, to the donated SS United kits.

Rather than simply hand out the uniforms, Mamello, the project's director, arranged a soccer tournament on Easter weekend. Kids from all over the mountains came to play. share food and learn about the various food security initiatives that are spreading from Phelisanong centre out into the 14 villages.

Teams from each of these villages

have formed, with the goal of getting players involved through football in farming and fruit orchard

"Soccer in the morning, community service in the afternoon' is the idea," McNutt said. "These are the same kids who rely on food handouts, whose parents have died from AIDS. Just as a young soccer player thrives with a good ball, a good coach and a strong team, African kids' ability to grow food grows substantially when they work together, with a sturdy fence around their plot and some mentorship from an adult.'

His belief in the importance of community gardens has been the foundation of much of McNutt's 10 years of service work in Africa.

He describes a three-acre fenced orchard, growing 500 fruit trees intercropped with vegetables, which sits adjacent to the Phelisanong centre.

Every time the kids come to school or to play soccer, they pass this incredible orchard that's just bursting with food. This was a bare field just last year: it inspires every-

The orchard has been a resounding success and now, through the soccer program, McNutt envisions building more orchards in the outlying villages. Aside from the donated balls, boots and jerseys, any funds raised at the May long weekend tourney will go towards fencing, tools and the cost of grading soccer fields and orchard areas in the villages.

"Whenever a ball appears in the villages in Lesotho, there is an instant soccer game," he said. "Until now there's been such a scarcity of balls and gear that schools and community centres would either carefully hoard the few balls they had or let them get played with until they became totally shredded.

"Our goal is one kid, one ball: for \$15, you really do see a kid expand, not just because they are on the team, but because they begin to see a future where they can grow beyond handouts and become strong farmers and providers in their communities.'

"It's a beautiful game; come and play," McNutt added.

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Jeep Wrangler: for when the going gets tough

Unlimited Rubicon: the four-door version

STORY AND PHOTOS BY ROB BEINTEMA

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'Sorry, I hit a puddle," the guy from Chrysler admitted somewhat sheepishly.

I'd watched him return from the car wash, the iconic Jeep shape recognizable from a distance, the deep shade of Red Rock Crystal Pearl glistening and shimmering in the light as he neared.

The Jeep Wrangler Unlimited's squared-off profile was polished and near picture-perfect.

Umm, except for the mud splashed up the driver's side door.

"Don't worry about it," I grinned. "That's just the beginning."

Because, as soon as I spotted that splash of mud, it occurred to me that, instead of the usual pristine poses, it would be more photographically fitting to take shots of the Jeep in its natural element.

Dirty pictures, so to speak.

Dirt seems to be magnetically attracted to Jeeps. Which is understandable when you consider the brand's off-road pedigree, and the 70 year bloodline of this battlefield-born, all-purpose sport ute.

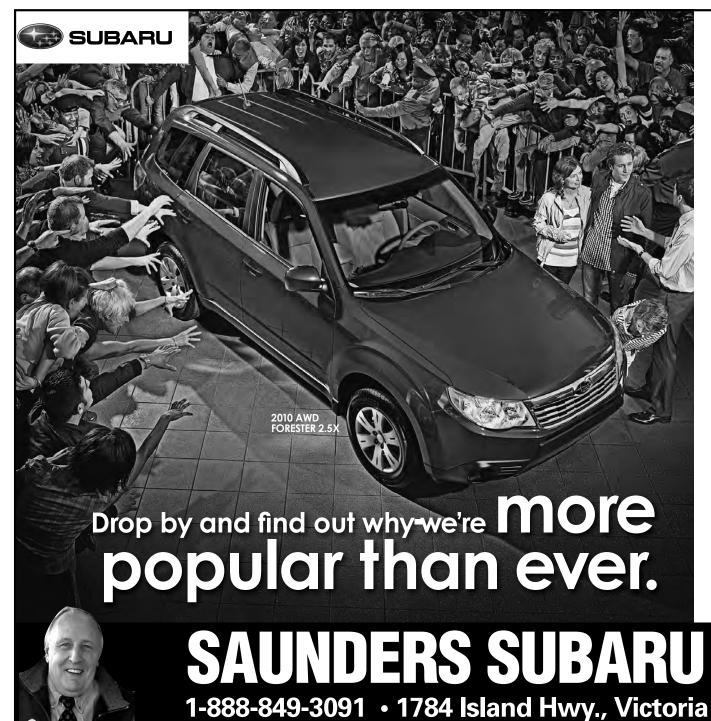
The Jeep Wrangler is easily recognized as the "classic Jeep." The "Unlimited" name, attached to a particular type of Jeep, refers to the recent addition of a stretched-out, four-door version that first debuted as a 2007 model at the New York auto

At first glance, the Jeep Wrangler Unlimited might not be considered particularly unique since, despite its larger dimensions, it meticulously follows the old formula and traditional styling cues of the original two-door.

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The Jeep Unlimited Rubicon, the ultimate expression of Jeep's four-door version of the classic original, equally at home on the road or off, upgraded for 2010 with a long list of standard and available features, pictured here in ultimate Rubicon trim level to smooth the road less travelled.





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Four-door version is popular

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But Chrysler boasts that it is the only four-door, five-passenger SUV convertible on the market. And that specialized, SUV market, with true off-road emphasis, is fast becoming a monopoly, thanks to the thinning of the ranks - the diminishment of HUMMER and the uncertain future of Toyota's FJ Cruiser.

With more room for passengers and payload, the four-door formula seems to be working. In fact, I'd come to believe that I was seeing more Jeep Wrangler Unlimited four-doors out there than original two-door versions.

So, in an exacting scientific study, counting Jeeps spotted on the road whenever I sort of remembered to do so, I came up with a two-week tally — 42 two-door models compared to



Looking down at the engine bay (the big front bumper exaggerated by a wide-angle lens) at the 3.8-litre OHV V6, making 202 hp and 237 lb/ft with power translated through a six-speed manual 26 four-door versions.

Okay, so I was wrong.

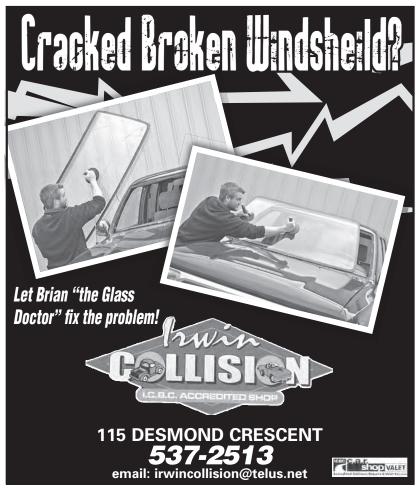
But considering the short time that four-door Unlimiteds have actually been available, that's a pretty impressive showing.

"Sixty per cent of the Jeep Wranglers we currently sell are four-door Unlimited models," confirmed Daniel Labre, Chrysler Canada's National Product and Marketing Communications Manager.

"And just this past March, we sold 1,160 units, an increase of 81 per cent compared with March 2009."

For 2010, Jeep has added equipment upgrades across the Wrangler Unlimited lineup. A new and improved Sunrider soft top, which includes a "sun roof" and full top-down option, makes it easier to remove the roof for that open-air experience.

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A Freedom Top three-piece modular hard top with removable panels is also available.

Fog lamps, tow hooks, and a compass and outside temperature readout are now standard across the lineup. Jeep has also reworked the dome lamp, installed bigger sliding sun visors with mirrors, adjusted the exterior colour palette and, among option packages, is offering new wheel styles and a Uconnect phone and navigation system.

Oh, and there's also a "fuel-saver indicator that provides drivers with continuous feedback on fuel consumption." It's basically a little Eco light that comes on when you're decelerating.

Boy, that's some technology.

If Jeep was really interested in fuel economy, they'd explore the range-extended electric version they debuted in 2008, or bring over the 2.8-litre diesel that they offer in Europe and other markets. But, with the demise of the diesel in the Liberty, and with Fiat cleaning house, there's not much chance of either happening.

What the 2010 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited does have under the hood is the familiar 3.8-litre V6 engine making 202 hp and 237 lb/ft.

Those numbers sound diminutive, considering the Unlimited's 1957 kg curb weight, but the old OHV V6 responded with a roar and I enjoyed it, probably because I was making the most of the power through a long-throw six-gear manual tranny that chucks delightfully into gear and vibrates at speed like a drunk at a revival meeting.

This is just part of the Jeep's trucky persona, along with the iconic rough edges - the traditional round headlamps, the folding windshield, the exposed hinges, heck, even the overall old-fashioned, boxy utilitarian body shape that remains as aerodynamic as an outhouse.

But, as everyone knows, in a kind of reverse snobbery, Jeep owners wouldn't have it any other way.

The top-of-the-line Rubicon model that I tested went a long way to smoothing some of the rougher edges with two-tone slate gray leather seating, an upgraded audio and navigation system and all the bells and whistles expected in a modern

Most importantly, when it finally came to getting down and dirty, the 2010 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited Rubicon was equipped with Dana 44 heavy-duty front and rear axles, a 4.10 axle ratio, an Off-Road Rock-Trac NV241 two-speed transfer case, electric front- and rear-axle lockers, a button-operated electronic swaybar disconnect that allows for more wheel travel off-road, and big, knobby 255/75/17 Goodrich Mud-Terrain T/A tires.

This combination of bush-bashing technologies leaves you clucking at just how much trouble you can get into and out of.

Eventually, though, the fun came to an end and, as the mother of any five-year old will tell you, it's a lot harder to get mud off than it is to put

But, after thumbing a handful of twoonies into the spray 'n wash and interminable rinses, I had removed about 10 kilos of mud, gravel and clumps of sod, and the renewed 2010 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited was ready for its return to Chrysler Canada.

It was shiny and clean, chrome glinting, bodywork gleaming like a newly-minted penny.

Now, if only I hadn't hit that puddle on the way back

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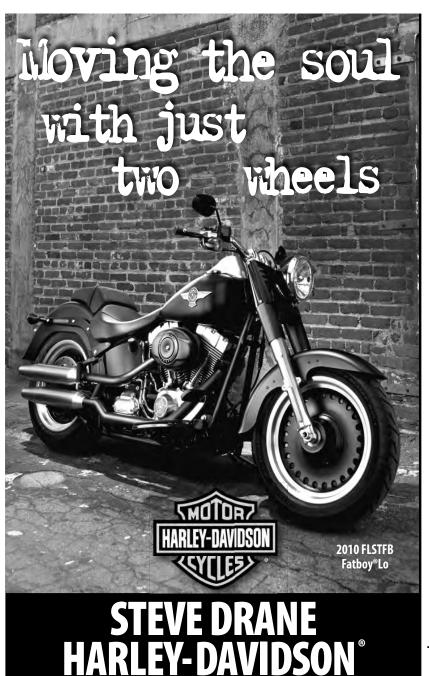
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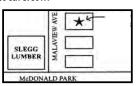
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Heyboy Heygirl. Salt Spring Island's premier rock & dance band plays at Moby's pub. Part of the pub's 20-year celebration.

Richard Cross.

Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 6-9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

CRD Regional Parks Community Dialogue.

Local input for 10-year strategic plan on parks and trails. All Saints Church. 7-9 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Wonderland. See Wednesday listing. **Bob Wiseman.** Former Blue Rodeo member in concert at Duck Creek Gallery (181 Broadwell), 8 p.m. Mike Alviano. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

Open Mic. The Local. 8 p.m. **Lane 31.** The Pub at Fulford. 8 p.m. **Blues Night.** Soul Shakedown with Sarah Morris. Moby's. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Walking for Christopher. Fundraiser for Christopher Jason.

Portlock Park. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. **Shooting the Contradictions:**

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May 21

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Wonderland. See Wednesday listing. Legion Open Jam. Host Sharon Bailey with Dave Campbell, 7 p.m.

Planet Music. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m. **Sweetwater & Co.** Live music at the

Harbour House lounge. 6:30 to 9 p.m. Auntie Kate & the Uncles of Funk. Live music at Moby's. 8 p.m.

Paxton Bachman Trio. Live music at The Pub at Fulford. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Bead Show & Sale. By Universal Gems & Beads. Harbour House Hotel. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

StoryTime at the Library. For early grades and pre-schoolers. 1 p.m. Kundalini Dance - Throat Chakra. Ganges Yoga Studio (154 Kings Lane). 7-9 p.m.

Open Garden. Irises, rhododendrons, peonies and more at the Bakers' garden every Friday and Saturday through May and to June 12. 185 Furness Rd.

Wine Tastings. Salt Spring Vinevards offers free

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May 22

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Paxton Bachman Trio. Live music at The Pub at Fulford. 8 p.m. Sue Newman. Live music at the Harbour House lounge. 6:30 to 9 p.m. **Kings Without.** Live music at

Moby's. 8 p.m. **Synergy.** Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

Music of the Night. Surrey Youth Choir performance at All Saints. 7:30 p.m. Admission by donation.

ACTIVITIES

Fifty & Fabulous.

Workshop for women with Jaki Sarcello. 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Info/ register: Heidi, 250-653-9971.

Challenge Cup Soccer Tourney. Games all day on Salt Spring fields. Bead Show & Sale.

See Friday listing. Wine Tastings.

See Friday listing. Open Garden.

See Friday listing. Round SSI Sailing Race.

Starts at 10 a.m. in Ganges Harbour. Chair-ity Art Auction Fundraiser. Mahon Hall. 6:30 p.m.

May 23

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Barley Bros. Live music at The Pub at Fulford. 8 p.m. The Pat Coleman Quartet. Jazz at Moby's. 7 p.m.

Sara Brudner. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 6-9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Hike for Hospice. Duck Creek Park. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Info: 250-537-2770. Challenge Cup Soccer Tourney.

See Saturday listing. Wine Tastings.

See Friday listing. Unitarian Fellowship.

Coffee and conversation at the SS Seniors Centre. 11 a.m.

Bead Show & Sale. See Friday listing.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Bob Dylan Birthday Celebration. With host David Jacquest. Tree House Cafe. 6-9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Challenge Cup Soccer Tourney. Finals on today at GISS.

Auditions for Cole Porter Revue. At 120 Cairns Place. Call Maureen for appointment at 250-537-9913.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Stage with David Jaquest. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 6-9 p.m.

Gene Grooms. Live music at the Harbour House, 6:30-9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

The Future of Your Water - The Case for Conservation.

Community discussion on water conservation. Lions Hall. 4 to 9:30 p.m.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Nadhira & Jason.

Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 6-9 p.m.

Lane 31.

Rock your Roots for Pint Club Wednesdays. Moby's. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

SS Seniors Services Society.

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- Nicola Wheston shows new work at Salt Spring Woodworks beginning Sunday, May 23 with a reception from 3 to 5 p.m. Gallery hours are Thursdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Exhibit runs to June 13.
- Point Gallery shows A New Wilderness, photographs by John Denniston in the Upper Gallery, and Mine **Sites**, photogravure by **Steven Dixon** in the Lower Gallery. Opening on Sunday, May 23, 2 to 5 p.m. Walk-in entrance on South Ridge Drive. Show closes June 20.
- Eclectic Visions: Salt Spring Photography Club's first exhibition of work. At ArtSpring from Friday, May 21 through Wednesday, June 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.
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- Pegasus Gallery of Canadian Art presents a new show of works by Lady X entitled As I See It.
- Larry Melious shows new photographs at Barb's Bakery through the month of May.
- R.M. Dupuy shows more portraits of islanders and exciting new Salt Spring landscapes, painted with knives, in the **ArtSpring** lobby. Runs for the months of May and June.
- Kirk Hampson: Metalworks is the May show at Salt Spring Coffee Co. Cafe in Ganges.
- Starfish Gallery is showing work by Diana Dean, Stefanie Denz, Birgit Bateman and Andrea Collins. • Jim Standen's photo exhibit, featuring Salt Spring-grown produce, is now being displayed on the walls at Bruce's
- Cafe Talia features photos by Sam Lightman.
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Placid waters offer plenty of high-seas drama

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

It's easy to see the lure of signing up with the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary when you're travelling through the Gulf Islands under warm sunshine and a clear blue sky.

But that's nothing compared to the excitement and drama the group's highly trained and eager volunteers get to experience on a regular basis as part of their work with CCG Auxiliary Unit 25.

Members hope to take advantage of this year's Safe Boating Awareness Week, which runs from May 17 to 23, and encourage more islanders to hop aboard and become involved with the local unit.

Not only does the opportunity give people a chance to get on the water with fellow maritime enthusiasts and community-minded folks, it does so by providing even the most landlubbing recruit with the knowledge and know-how to hit the water safely.

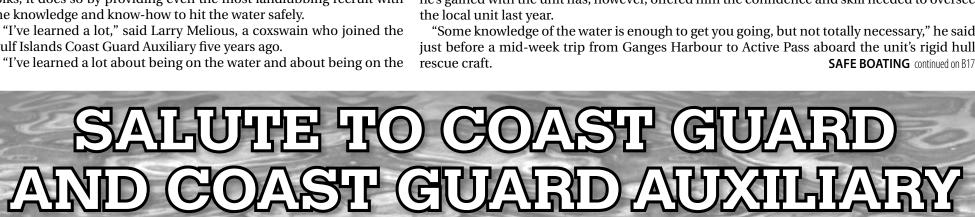
"I've learned a lot," said Larry Melious, a coxswain who joined the Gulf Islands Coast Guard Auxiliary five years ago.

water safely, about how to handle a boat, how to handle rough conditions, how to deal with people who are in trouble and boats that are in trouble, and that sort of thing."

Members of the Gulf Islands Coast Guard Auxiliary out on the water last week.

Melious admits to not knowing too much about the water before signing up. The experience he's gained with the unit has, however, offered him the confidence and skill needed to oversee

"Some knowledge of the water is enough to get you going, but not totally necessary," he said just before a mid-week trip from Ganges Harbour to Active Pass aboard the unit's rigid hull



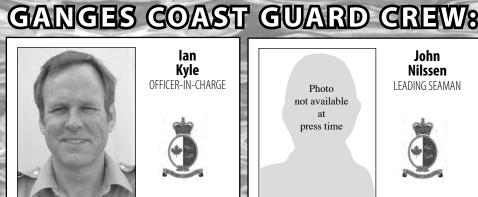


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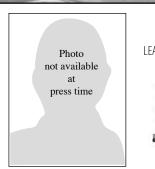
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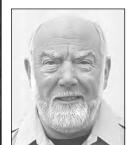


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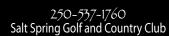
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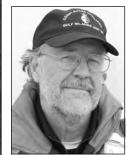


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SAFE BOATING

Gulf Islands' Coast Guard Auxiliary seeking new recruits



PHOTO BY DERRICK LUNDY

Larry Melious, a coxswain who joined the Gulf Islands Coast Guard Auxiliary five years ago, is seen aboard a vessel undergoing training drills.

SAFE BOATING

continued from B15

"If you have any on the water experience it really helps because that's our mission — being out on the water."

As part of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, volunteers can look forward to receiving their Pleasure Craft Operators' Certificate, marine first aid training, radio instruction and boat handling skills.

After a few years with the group, aspiring leaders may get a chance to participate in the adrenaline-inducing Rigid Hull Inflatable Operator Training program.

The week-long course provides aspiring crew leaders an opportunity to hone their open-water piloting and rescue skills on the open water near Bamfield on Vancouver Island.

The Salt Spring-based unit is routinely tasked to deal with nautical mishaps and rescues as far away as Oak Bay and Nanaimo.

According to Melious, waters of the the Gulf Islands can always pose a threat regardless of how fine the weather may appear. "These sheltered waters hide a lot

of rocks and what we run into are a lot of boaters who don't know where all the rocks are and run aground, and they're either stuck there or punch a hole in their hull and they

start taking on water," he said.

The group also provides marine-based assistance to Salt Spring Search and Rescue, provides educational talks in local schools, and has even been known to transport wounded otters and eagles to the Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre here on Salt Spring.

During the winter, when strong winds often cast boats adrift, the crew relies on specialized gear to navigate at night and in less than stellar weather conditions.

Be it sleet, snow or ice, Melious has seen it all.

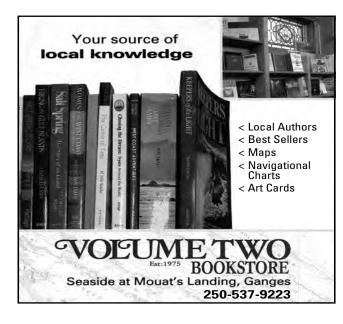
He assures anyone with cold feet that the group's technology and gear is adequate and appropriate for just about any of the horrendous conditions the local weather can throw at him and his fellow volunteers.

Members of the island's Coast Guard Auxiliary meet every Thursday between 5:30 and 7 p.m. More information about volunteer opportunities with the group is available online at saltspring.gulfislands.com/ccga25.

The site also includes extensive links to ongoing programs and courses to help people stay safe when out on the water.

See related video footage at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com



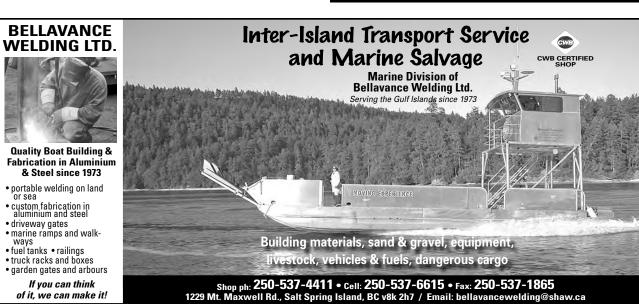














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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY



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MARIAH HAD A LITTLE LAMB:

Mariah MacLean cuddles with a lamb at last Sunday's preschool spring carnival, held at the Farmers' Institute.

Local toastmasters take on two management positions

Local executive is also named

Salt Spring Toastmasters club got a nod of approval last week, with the first of its members elected to the district manage-

Marsh Heinekey was elected as Division G governor during the 2010 Toastmasters Spring Conference held in Victoria May

Heinekey is the first Salt Spring Toastmaster to be elected to this position, which involves overseeing 20 clubs, stretching from

Duncan to Powell River, Ucluelet and the Gulf Islands.

Kathryn Holm was also recently elected as Area 10 Governor, which involves overseeing of six clubs from the Gulf Islands and

"It is rare to have two members from the same club elected to the toastmasters district management team governing the whole province of B.C.," notes press material.

In related news, the Salt Spring Toastmasters club has elected its new executive for the 2010/11

This includes: president, Joyce

Laura Patrick; VP of public relations, Jim McClean; VP membership, Oni Freeman; treasurer, Dennis Fortin; secretary, Beulah Gordan; sergeant of arms, Stan Peters; past president, Ilona

Salt Spring Toastmasters welcome new members to "join this exciting and progressive club."

To find out more, interested people are encouraged to attend a toastmasters meeting, which take place every Monday at 7 p.m. in the Harbour House Hotel's Crofton Room.

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Slide show event set to highlight **BACARA** meeting

Alaska kayak trip showcased at AGM

People in the Cusheon Lake and Beddis Road area have two reasons to hit Ganges May 28 as their residents association holds its annual general meeting as well as a fundraising slide show.

The Beddis and Cusheon Lake Area Residents' Association (BACARA) is hosting its AGM from 7-8 p.m. followed by a Slides and Stories of Alaska presentation from 8-9 p.m.

Both events take place at the seniors centre at 379 Lower Ganges Road.

The AGM is open to new and current BAC-ARA members, while the slide show fundraiser is offered to anyone.

The slide presentation by Jack Rosen of Island Escapades features a visual and audio rendition of Rosen's 51-day kayak trip from Salt Spring to Alaska a few summers ago.

There is a suggested donation of \$5 to \$20.

BACARA membership (\$10 new members, \$5 returning members) is open to anyone living in the following areas: Beddis area south east of Cusheon Lake Road (Beddis, Samuel Crescent, Wildwood Drive, Miles Avenue, Lionel Crescent, Cusheon Place, Creekside Drive, Hillview Place); roads west of Beddis (Cusheon Lake, Sky Valley, Lord Mikes roads, Lautman Drive); north Stewart Road to Arnell Park (Horel Road, Natalie Lane); and the east side of Fulford-Ganges Road from Cusheon Lake to West Horel Road.

According to a BACARA press release, membership in the association gives residents "somewhere to turn if something in your community needs addressing and a voice on those concerns that government listens to."

It also says: "You'll have quick and easy access to information about activity in your immediate neighbourhood that can enhance (maybe even save) your life. If you care about the quality of your life, as well as your water, if you find yourself in an emergency situation or just want to get to know your neighbours, being a member of BACARA is a great way to do it."

BIG BIKE FUNDRAISER

Living life after the stroke

Phillips' story inspires and informs

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The last thing Ray Phillips remembers before he lost consciousness and ended up on his living room floor is the golf tournament on television.

"It was as if everything faded to black," Phillips said during a recent interview at his Ganges-area home. "I fought to fully regain consciousness.'

Phillips came to about 15 minutes after suffering an ischemic stroke on May 11, 2008.

Realizing he needed immediate assistance, Phillips crawled on all fours to his bedroom where he managed to get to his feet and make his way outside to get some help.

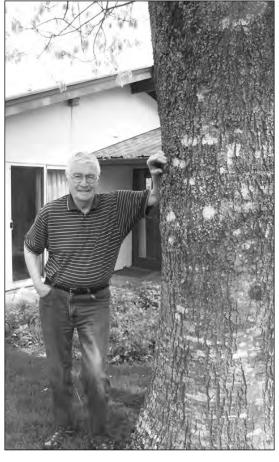
"I saw a visitor of one of my fellow residents of Pioneer Village who was working in the garden and approached him," he said. "It was then that I learned that I could not talk. When I tried speaking, all I could produce were animal noises."

Phillips, 74, spent the next 15 days hooked up to an IV unit at Lady Minto Hospital.

Eighteen days after his release, Phillips was readmitted to hospital for another 12 days after contracting double pneumonia and pleu-

"Over that extended stay, I developed an affection and appreciation for my care providers and the Lady Minto Hospital," he said.

Just about two years after his major stroke, Phillips has regained much of his speech and passion for learning. He's a dedicated grandfather, an active member of the island's Save Our Surgery group,



Ray Phillips at his Salt Spring home.

a fervent opponent of the private sector's run-of-the-river power projects across the province and ongoing emasculation" of BC Hydro.

He's also learned enough about his condition to recommend that it's never too late for folks of any age to learn about and take responsibility for their own health and well being.

Events such as the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada's Big Bike fundraiser on June 7, he added, are the perfect way to get people on track to a healthy lifestyle.

"I decided that I had to take responsibility for my own health and that's why I'm making myself informed," he

"I have learned to recognize the impossibility of my primary care physician to know the intimate details of the array or conditions which he or she confronts.

"By writing down my symptoms and asking questions, I feel that I am helping myself and my doctor to correctly diagnose and treat the problem."

Phillips monitors his blood pressure and recommends that everyone who suspects they may have had a stroke to have their CAT scan result interpreted by a neurologist.

Since experts can often disagree, he added, it never hurts to have a second or third opinion.

Phillips said his decision to keep in touch with people, stay involved with community affairs, work on a book and have regular contact with his children and grandkids have had $\tilde{\boldsymbol{a}}$ positive impact on his recovery.

The people around him, he said, have noticed significant improvements in spite of recent smaller strokes since last year.

Because his stroke occurred in the brain's left hemisphere, Phillips said, he is more present to his feeling sand emotions.

"The right brain is associated with not only the feelings and emotions but also creativity; the libido in a Jungian sense, the life force energy," he said. "I found that creative urges were enhanced and as a result I have returned to writing."

Though he's improving, Phillips still runs into some speech problems resulting from aphasia, the inability of one's speech to keep up with his or her thoughts.

As a long-time singer, he also runs into problems carrying a tune when he cranks up the decibels

He may not be quite ready to perform, but Phillips said he'll surely make an effort to stop by the festivities at the Big Bike event when it rolls into Ganges next month.

The June 7 event features a presentation and book signing by Dr. Art Hister, fitness advice, tai chi and yoga demonstrations, massages by donation, as well as the seventh annual riding of the big red bike by teams made up of community groups, businesses and individuals.

The Big Bike is a large bicycle pedaled by 29 volunteers who must each fundraise a minimum of \$50 to participate in the event. The Salt Spring Island Big Bike event has raised more than \$103,000 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation over the past six years. For more information about how to get involved in the event, contact Susannah Devitt at 250-537-



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Affordable housing advocate joins Habitat for Humanity trip to Poland

Tanya Lester fundraising for project

Salt Spring resident Tanya Lester, who has long been an advocate for affordable housing, plans to travel to Gilwice, Poland in early September as part of a Habitat for Humanity Canada group.

Lester's group, which will help build apartments for citizens who live in substandard housing, will be led by Murray Coates, who also resides on Salt

Spring. Coates has previously led groups to other countries to do Habitat for Humanity volunteer work.

An avid traveller. his goal is to visit 100 countries.

According to press material, "People in Gilwice suffer illhealth and even death because housing often does not have adequate sanitation systems.

It is widely believed there that housing and other life necessities were better under the previous Communist regime."

Lester's ancestors

on her mother's side of the family once lived in a part of the Ukraine governed by Poland.

She said that by doing Habitat for Humanity volunteer work in Eastern Europe, she will also be learning about those in her family who came before her.

Her goal is to collect \$4,000 in donations to cover her own expenses and to leave a sizable monetary contribution in Gilwice so housing projects will continue in Poland even after her particular Habitat for Humanity group leaves.

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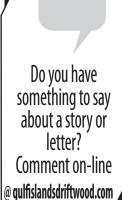
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GARDEN CLUB

Container gardening with Judy Newton

Garden Club meeting runs May 26

Horticultural expert Judy Newton is all set to inspire local gardeners to think outside the box when it comes to planting in containers.

She is the speaker at next week's Salt Spring Island Garden Club meeting, set for Wednesday, May 26 at Community Gospel Chapel, beginning at 7 p.m.

A public speaker and author, Newton is well known in Canadian gardening circles.

After receiving her plant science degree at the University of British Columbia in 1988, Newton became assistant education coordinator at UBC Botanical Garden. In 2001, she took over as education coordinator.

Before retiring in 2005, Newton organized the garden's home gardening courses, taught many of them, worked with volunteers organizing major events, trained docents and coordinated the garden's information service, the Hortline.

She also shares expertise on pest and disease ID, container gardening, herbaceous and woody plants and plant families with Vancouver's Master Gardeners.

Newton gives presentations at garden shows and clubs throughout the Lower Mainland and the rest of BC, and writes articles on garden-related subjects. She is the author of Vegetables, Gardening in Vancouver and the UBC Guide to Gardening.

In 2002, Newton was honoured by the BC Landscape and Nursery Trades as communicator of the year.

In addition to presenting a guest speaker, each monthly garden club meeting features Seeds For Malawi plant sales, Master Gardeners and the club's Library and Parlour Show. New members and guests are welcome.



FLOWER CHILD: Zoe Dubien holds Naiara Dubien up against the backdrop of a colourful umbrella during last Saturday's Market in the Park.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Canada Day car show back into action

Show and Shine on July 1

After previously announcing the event would be cancelled this year, organizer Marv Coulthard says Salt Spring's Show and Shine car show is back on for July 1.

The popular Canada Day activity was originally pulled

because of the lack of volunteers and the failure to secure a crucial funding grant in time.

But Island Star Video contributed a valuable sponsorship that put the show back on track. Coulthard said he's also gathered more volunteers, although a few more will be needed before July.

Alan Moberg is the headline act this year, supported by the GISS Jazz Combo, Lonesome 77,

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