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**THUMB'S UP:** Sam Thompson gives the Fabulous Flea Market at Fulford Hall a thumb's up with a treasure found at the Saturday sale, which takes place twice a year, in March and November, as a fundraiser for the hall.

RECREATION

## Musgrave users decry trail loss

Conservancy's focus is wetland restoration

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Hikers, off-road vehicle enthusiasts and other people used to pursuing recreational activities in Salt Spring's remote south end are concerned that access to a favourite location has been lost.

The decommissioning of a logging road that had become part of a de facto trail system through the Hope Hill and Mount Tuam area

will keep people from reaching the new Bob and Shauna Makaroff Nature Reserve. But to some witnesses, the excavation work appears more damaging than the ATVs that lately frequented the area.

"I literally burst into tears when I saw this," said Linda Quiring, a longtime hiker of the south-end region. "It would be better to dig a huge trench across the road that would keep ATVs out, or to decommission just 20 yards. But

to do just miles of this, I find it just appalling."

However, according to Robin Annschild, the Salt Spring Island Conservancy's conservation director, blocking roads can encourage drivers to simply go around, disturbing more land, whereas removing a road can stop encroachment and address multiple issues that threaten wildlife habitat.

MUSGRAVE continued on 2

FERRIES

## Schedulers reduce ferry cut impacts

Evening sailings preserved in final draft

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Ferry passengers will have less to complain about than expected when service cuts go into effect at the end of the month, thanks to creative schedule adjustments hammered out between BC Ferries and local ferry advisory committees.

The final decisions on most minor and northern route schedules posted to BC Ferries' website on Monday morning meant a fragment of good news amongst recent bad breaks for customers that include service cuts and fare hikes. While service reductions across the board to make up the \$14 million in savings required by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure are still in place, the way those cuts appear should have fewer negative consequences.

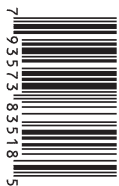
"I think it's certainly an improvement on the schedule that they first put out," said Gulf Islands Secondary School principal Lyall Ruehlen, who attended a consultation meeting with BC Ferries schedulers and other local stakeholders in March.

The service adjustment suggested by MoTI would have put the last possible sailing on off-peak weekdays two hours earlier, leaving at 6:55 p.m. As well, it extended the weekday schedule to include Friday, an arrangement that could potentially have put an end to Gulf Islands' students participation in off-island sports.

"The Monday to Thursday schedule they proposed would have had a negative impact on students returning from sports tournaments. I brought it to their attention that a lot of the sports teams that travel return Friday night so they don't have to incur hotel costs. It seems that they listened to that and changed the schedule for us," Ruehlen said.

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## MEDICAL MARIJUANA

# Licensed pot growers win temporary reprieve from feds

New regs shine spotlight on medical marijuana

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A court injunction that will permit licensed producers of medical marijuana to grow and possess pot until the end of the year has users breathing a sigh of relief, at least for the time being.

Until the March 21 federal court decision, marijuana growers like Salt Spring's Michael Kleinerman had been told their licences would expire when new federal regulations took effect on April 1.

Kleinerman said the deadline worried licensed growers across the

country, many of whom depend on the drug to alleviate symptoms associated with a long list of recognized ailments, which can include anxiety, arthritis, cancer, nausea, migraines and sleep disorders.

"It's been very confusing for people, very stressful for people," Kleinerman said. "I and many others would like to hold the government accountable for the stress of not knowing how I was going to access my medicine."

Kleinerman has been licensed to grow and use marijuana for almost 12 years. As a long-time advocate for medical marijuana, Kleinerman started the Salt Spring Medicinal Cannabis Wellness Centre. The group strives to educate and inform users who need to access medical marijuana, he said.

According to Health Canada statis-

tics updated on March 28, 71 people on Salt Spring are authorized to possess marijuana. A further 65 people are licensed to produce medical marijuana on the island.

Under the new rules, licence holders will no longer be legally allowed to grow, harvest, process or consume their own marijuana. Instead, anyone who needs medical marijuana will have to access their supply from a list of designated commercial growers.

The federal government has revised the way marijuana is distributed to crack down on what it perceives as a range of problems associated with the licence-based system; issues like the proliferation of unsafe grow ops, involvement of criminal organizations and growers who abuse their licence privileges.

Opponents of the move worry the new system will only end up costing users much more, limit access to particular strains of cannabis and do little to curb criminal behaviour.

"We need to find ways to supply people in need with affordable product," Kleinerman said.

Conditions of a personal-use production licence allow Salt Spring's Delton Woolcock to grow up to 33 marijuana plants and store up to 2,625 grams of dried marijuana at any one time. The terms of his licence, he added, were designed to provide him with enough pot to consume up to seven grams per day.

Woolcock said his licence is the only way he can access affordable and effective marijuana to handle the pain associated with his arthritis. It's unreasonable, he said, for the gov-

ernment to expect patients in need to pay nearly \$20,000 per year to obtain medical marijuana from a licensed commercial grower.

Woolcock doesn't hesitate to acknowledge there are people who abuse the system. He suspects these people will soon learn to profit under the new regime.

Despite those who take advantage of the system, Woolcock said, centralizing production among a select group of commercial growers is the wrong approach, from ethical, economic and legal perspectives.

"You can't punish everybody because of a few bad apples," he said. "You've got to pursue people who are abusing the system."

On Monday, the federal government announced plans to appeal the court-ordered injunction.

# Habitat preservation and hiker stewardship ideas clash

## MUSGRAVE

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Annschild says she understands that restoration activities can be unsightly at first, but experience reveals successful revegetation within a short period of time.

The Makaroff Nature Reserve occupies three lots near Musgrave Landing, and is part of a massive acreage two Vancouver doctors purchased during the 1970s and '80s to protect the area from logging and development. Their family donated the land to the Salt Spring Conservancy through its ecological gifts program in 2012.

The conservancy's work on the reserve has disturbed many community members who

are accustomed to using the private waterfront properties that face onto Satellite Channel and are adjacent to Crown land on the southeast side. That work has ended access via an old logging road that runs from Musgrave Road, through Crown land and then five private lots of the northwest side of the nature reserve.

As an old acquaintance of Bob Makaroff, Quiring says she became the property's official steward during the last years of his life, and she was active in helping to bring about the donation as part of the conservancy's acquisitions committee. Quiring is also steward to a 160-acre property adjacent to the new reserve and is involved with the nearby lands owned by the Mount Tuam Buddhist retreat.

With her extensive experience of the area and the permission to access private parcels, Quiring has led hikes for the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club and spent her own recreational time on the trails. Blocking the old logging road, she feels, will hamper the stewardship activities that hikers like herself engage in, whether picking up beer cans or talking to people who are taking firewood from protected areas.

While Quiring has the permission to be there, however, other people using the trails haven't been as respectful. Damage to sensitive wetlands through "mud-bogging" and driving on sensitive habitat are just some of the reasons the conservancy says it has decommissioned the logging road.

"For us as a recipient of this

gift, we can't really tolerate people driving in, and we can't really tolerate people poaching firewood," said conservancy biologist Robin Annschild, who noted the Makaroffs were generous about allowing neighbours to walk on their land but were definitely opposed to vehicle traffic.

More importantly, while the conservancy has allowed public access to all the other lands it owns, someday, if neighbouring landowners are supportive, there may be a way to create a legal, public trail.

"The conservancy's primary purpose is to protect natural habitats," explained Susan Hannon, the organization's vice president. "We're here to restore and maintain sensitive habitat for species at risk."

Annschild said dealing with

hydrology problems associated with the logging road was one of the conservancy's primary concerns upon taking responsibility for the land. She described how unmaintained roads erode, causing water pollution and filling watersheds with sediment. The old logging roads in the Makaroff reserve were seriously eroding before restoration work began.

A visit by wetland expert Tom Biebighauser to Salt Spring allowed the conservancy to employ his knowledge on the site. One of his areas of expertise is restoring wetlands to areas where they have been historically drained, a practice he said could be put into good effect on the Makaroff reserve.

"It was an amazing opportunity for us to really add a lot of ecological value to something

we were planning to do anyway to address erosion from the roads," Annschild said.

Quiring questions why the conservancy is putting so much focus on wetlands, when they make up a small part of the overall property. If the real intent is to keep out reckless users, she said, they need to be monitored, caught and face meaningful repercussions.

"I personally believe, after talking to Dr. Bob for years, that this was not his vision," Quiring said.

"My feeling is we need to steward these lands. It's great to have hikers here because we can take note of what happens there."

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## Compromise pleases major user groups

## FERRIES

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"Obviously it's not ideal news," he added. "We'd like no change, but it's good regarding

the consultation."

"The actual schedulers at BC Ferries did one heck of a job, as far as I'm concerned," said Harold Swierenga, who chairs Salt Spring's FAC and worked closely with ferry officials to incorporate local users' needs.

"Given the constraints we had to work with, I think the results were pretty good."

People who rely on early morning or late evening sailings between Vesuvius and Cro-

ton, for example, will only lose 10 minutes from the latest evening departure from Crofton from Monday to Thursday, which will now leave at 8:50 p.m. The latest sailing of the day from Friday to Sunday moves from 10 p.m. to 9:55.

"Now the big change is having gaps during the day instead of leaving early to achieve the savings, but I think people can work around that," Swierenga observed.

Another change for the Vesuvius-Crofton route is the switch from a year-round timetable to peak and off-peak schedules. Though normally the peak season will go from mid-

May to mid-October, BC Ferries has elected to start the summer schedule early this year to avoid adopting one set of changes for just two weeks.

The new schedule goes into effect on Monday, April 28. Details can be found on BC Ferries' website. Changes to Route 9 connecting Salt Spring and the southern Gulf Islands to Tsawwassen are still being worked out, with a schedule change to be announced in June.

As of April 1, seniors now pay half-fares from Monday to Thursday instead of riding for free. Regular fares increased by four per cent on most routes.



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## TRANSPORTATION

# Businessman questions Rainbow Road pathway route

Kanaka detour suggested as safer option by Ken Marr

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Windsor Plywood co-owner Ken Marr has serious reservations about the intended route of a new multi-use pathway on Rainbow Road.

In fact, he feels creating a pathway will not improve safety for students but add to their danger, by increasing foot traffic along what he calls an "industrial corridor."

"I'm really worried about the safety of our kids. I'm a parent first, Salt Springer second, and yes, I'm a businessman," said Marr, who has also voiced concern about loss of parking in front of Windsor as a result of the plan.

As proposed by the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission, the Rainbow Road pathway is intended to complete Phase Two of the North Ganges Transportation Plan. The path's route along the north side of Rainbow Road was recommended by Richard James and Associates in 2007 and then by JE Anderson, the firm that was contracted to create engineering drawings, in 2010.

Marr said consultants from both groups, as well as officials from the Capital Regional District, all appeared to like his idea of taking the pathway off Rainbow and routing it through Kanaka Road when he presented it to them. But none of them explained why their interest didn't translate into final recommendations.

"It's faster, easier, safer and cheaper to go the back route," Marr said. "If there's other reasons to put the route up Rainbow Road, let's hear about them."

Student safety along Rainbow Road has been an increased concern for the Gulf Islands School

District ever since 2005, when two high school students were struck in the crossing at Lower Ganges while on their way to the water taxi. Three members of SD64 are part of the pathway project's recently formed working group.

District treasurer Rod Scotvold said although the matter has yet to go before the entire school board for approval, there are several matters that make the current design preferable to a back route through Kanaka Road, particularly as the path will extend to the public pool and serve more than just student users.

"In terms of liability, I think our insurance providers would be happier if we didn't have a public pathway right through the middle [of school grounds]," he said.

"The second issue is the path being discussed. When the high school students come out at lunch, most of them go down Rainbow. If you're going to have a pathway, you should put it where it's going to be used. To me, that's the major practical consideration... If you put the pathway somewhere else and students are still walking on the shoulder, you haven't addressed that concern."

**"It's faster, easier, safer and cheaper to go the back route."**

KEN MARR  
 Windsor Plywood co-owner

While Marr has said the real focus should be improving safety at the intersection, Scotvold agrees the area is particularly dangerous. SD64's working group members have expressed their wish that the SSITC go ahead with plans to



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

A new pathway proposed for Rainbow Road by the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission would eliminate some parking spots in front of Windsor Plywood.

move the crosswalk from the south to the north side, which will eliminate the need for students coming to or from the water taxi to cross Rainbow Road.

SSITC members have voted to defer for now the part of the plan that involves improvements to traffic flow, such as adding turn lanes on Rainbow Road and increasing the turn radius.

Marr also feels that of all the stakeholders who will be affected by the pathway, private enterprise alone has been denied a voice. He represents Richard and Rose Murakami in this matter, both as neighbours and as partners of a project that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure approved back in 1996, allowing them to cover over an existing berm and ditch to create more street parking.

Putting a new path over the ministry's right-of-way with a paved parking lane will elimi-

nate some of the de facto stalls outside Windsor, where vehicles currently use an angled approach. Marr said he has been unable to learn from SSITC just how many spaces might be lost, but anything could negatively impact his business. In addition, the commission did not seek consultation meetings with the business owners until March, despite the fact that plans for the pathway first emerged years ago.

Marr has decided not to interact with SSITC anymore and is directing his concerns "higher up" in the CRD, including an alternate proposal to the Rainbow Road pathway.

"If they go for the proposal I gave, I will not support the Rainbow Road pathway, but I won't fight it," Marr said.

"I don't believe this proposal will pass a referendum anyway — because they want to put children up an industrial corridor."

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Driftwood wins awards

National newspaper awards announced Friday gave kudos to nine Driftwood Publishing entries.

For the third year running, the Gulf Islander Visitors' Guide won first place for best magazine in its circulation class in Canada, while Aqua magazine earned a third place in the same category.

The Best of Salt Spring Island publication won first place for special section for the second year in a row.

Ads and editorial support for the Salt Spring Conservancy's Blackburn Lake purchase earned a second-place award for promotional campaigns, and coverage of Salt Spring Pride festivities including a video with mascot DW Salty won second in the multi-media feature category.

Reporter Elizabeth's Nolan's three-part series on Salt Spring's doctor shortage won first place for Excellence in Rural Reporting, and a Dennis Parker cartoon on the same issue was a third-place winner.

The paper's arts coverage earned third-place honours and a Blue Ribbon Award was also granted for all-around excellence.

The Driftwood is also a finalist in three categories

through the B.C. and Yukon Community Newspapers Association program with winners announced at the end of April.

### Visiting clown memorial set

A celebration of life for Jack Calvé, who performed at the Salt Spring Fall Fair for more than 20 years as the Saunders Subaru clown Mr. Jellyroll,

has been scheduled for this Saturday, April 5.

The venue is the Victoria Eagles Hall at 891 Esquimalt Rd. from 2 to 6 p.m.

No minors are allowed at the event.

Calvé, who was 77 years old when he died on March 12, was predeceased by his wife Violet in 2009. She was also known for her visits to Salt Spring Island as Mrs. Jellyroll.

## FOR THE RECORD

A story in last week's Driftwood incorrectly identified Jacky Cooper as manager of the Blennerhassett Equestrian Centre. The facility is currently managed by Kim Davidson. Cooper is a former manager.

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## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

# Integrated approach helps protect high-risk victims

April 6-12 is National Victims of Crime Awareness Week

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

In 2007, the leafy seaside community of Oak Bay near Victoria forever lost some of its quaint charm when it became the site of one of the most tragic domestic violence outbreaks in B.C. history.

In the aftermath of a family breakup, Peter Lee stabbed to death his wife Sunny Park, their six year-old-son Christian Lee, and Sunny's parents. The case became a touchstone for the need to change how social agencies interact to prevent anything like it from happening again.

Not so far away from Oak Bay, in the equally idyllic-seeming community of Salt Spring, domestic violence is often

a private concern until tragedy erupts. But as a direct result of the Lee murders, a collaborative approach to protecting high-risk victims of domestic violence from further injury or death has been making positive headway on the island since 2013.

National Victims of Crime Awareness Week, which takes place from April 6 to 12 this year, marks the first anniversary of the launch of the Southern Gulf Islands Integrated Case Assessment Team (ICAT) and the Violence Against Women in Relationships committee.

VAWR's function to look at systemic barriers: for example, the lack of capacity to do sexual assault exams on the Gulf Islands, requiring victims to travel to hospitals in larger centres. ICATs deal with the actual case-by-case strategies to protect victims of domestic abuse. Both local groups include membership from the rel-

evant agencies in the area, including RCMP, Island Women Against Violence, SVOVA, Salt Spring Island Community Services, Community Corrections and the Ministry of Child and Family Development.

"The information sharing is what's really unique about these teams," said Katie Watters, SSICS Victim Services coordinator, who deals with the ICAT and VAWIR projects. "Agencies usually have just one slice of the pie and don't see the bigger picture."

"That's a huge piece around helping to keep women safe," added Kiran Dhingra, manager of the Salt Spring Transition House with IWAV. "Confidentiality in any of these services is really key, so sharing information is outside the ordinary practice. But when you think about it, it makes sense to share that when there's high risk."

Looking at the Lee case from the perspective of child protection, B.C.'s Representative for Children and Youth Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond found the outcome might have been avoided if there was coordination between the agencies responsible for criminal law, child welfare and family justice.

"In the six weeks prior to the deaths of this child and his family, their lives were touched by many public service providers, including two municipal police departments, an RCMP detachment, Ministry of Children and Family Development social workers and staff, medical staff, Crown counsel, two therapists and a variety of lawyers," Turpel-Lafond said when her report on the situation was released in 2009. "These individuals were not working in a coordinated model, and no one was leading

or coordinating."

While Turpel-Lafond has been advocating for better resources and systemic changes ever since the report's release, the deaths of Sunny Park and Christian Lee inspired an identical conclusion from the Community Coordination for Women's Safety and Ending Violence Association of BC, whose representatives gave expert testimony at the Lee inquest.

As the two organizations found in their joint 2008 report Keeping Women Safe, "Risk assessment is normally done by police or Corrections. Safety assessment and planning is part of the role of victim support workers. There is clearly overlap between these forms of risk management. A coordinated approach and information-sharing among all responders is therefore required."

**"It's a really useful process to get a clearer picture than we**

**would have."**  
KATIE WATTERS  
Salt Spring RCMP Victim Services coordinator

On Salt Spring Island, Transition House staff already work with their clients—who are there to seek refuge from abusive situation for a period of up to 30 days—to produce safety plans. Those women who are considered to be at highest risk of death or serious harm are now additionally referred to the ICAT. Referrals can come from any agency in the com-

munity, including family doctors, school and midwives, but most come from police or Transition House staff.

"When we're talking to each other, you can start to identify those patterns of escalating violence or ongoing patterns of abuse," Watters said, noting that one agency might know about only one incident and therefore not realize the seriousness of the situation.

"It's a really useful process to get a clearer picture than we would have."

A study of the ICAT pilot project in North Okanagan found of 60 cases involved, fewer children were removed, and there was no known recurrence of violence—most likely because the participation of group members in creating safety plans makes them more efficient. Corrections officers may inform the ICAT of an offender's whereabouts and recent behaviour, victims can more successfully be removed from a dangerous environment, and increased police involvement has offenders either behaving themselves or serving time.

ICAT members meet monthly to go over the open files; when a new referral comes in they meet within 24 hours to launch the action. There have been seven cases since the program launched last April, and four of those are currently open.

"The sad reality is wherever we have community, domestic violence exists," Dhingra said. "That's something we hope will change over time, but we need to support the families."

The Southern Gulf Islands ICAT received two years of funding from the federal Department of Justice, which runs out on March 15, 2015. Members will be seeking other means to keep the program running.

## CRD FINANCES

## CRD costs see minor change for 2014

Operating budget passed by board

The Capital Regional District Board passed a \$192.6-million operating budget for 2014 at its meeting last week, with a modest hike for Salt Spring taxpayers and a dip for those in the Southern Gulf Islands region.

Salt Spring property owners will pay \$687.89 for an average assessed residential property of \$475,626, up from \$671.56 in 2013.

Half of the 2.6 per cent hike is attributable to increases in library and transit costs, both of which were previously approved by voters.

Other items costing more this year are noise control, at \$31,444, up from \$14,381 in 2013. Salt Spring CRD direc-

tor Wayne McIntyre said the raise is connected to the Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club litigation issue, with CRD headquarters also picking up some of those costs.

Salt Spring-specific administration costs also rose by \$24,170 to \$275,610, a category that has steadily increased since some CRD administration duties were transferred to Salt Spring Island in 2012 when the taxpayer portion was \$195,110.

The local contribution to the Capital Regional Hospital District rose only slightly by about \$3,500 to \$975,320.

Property owners on Saturna, Galiano, Mayne and Pender islands will actually see a decline in their CRD tax bill, as the overall requirement for that electoral area drops to \$2,588,316 from \$2,630,076. The cost per average assessed home (\$365,244) will be \$263.38, down from last year's rate of \$266.76.

All amounts do not include costs to run CRD-administered water or sewer systems or other specified services.

The detailed budget for all CRD areas is available on the CRD website.

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ROADS

# Cracks emerge in ministry's quick fix

Longer-term study on root cause proposed

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
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Nearly one year after a dangerous dip on Ganges' main drag was repaired, the section of road continues to pose challenges to drivers in the downtown core.

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure installed two six-inch perforated pipes under the roadbed on Fulford-Ganges Road near MacDonald Realty at the end of April 2013. The work was meant to deal with the drainage issues that caused an ever-deepening dip and a constant stream of water on the surface.

Since February 2014, the site of the former "Ganges sinkhole" has shown signs of returning to its previous state, with water once again coming out non-stop from a new crack in the replacement paving. Drivers have noticed the road level around the crack appears to be dropping a little further with every passing day.

"I'm not surprised. It was basically just a Band-aid solution," said Island Escapades owner Jack Rosen, who campaigned for the 2013 road fixture.

Mud and water from the road that was being tracked into the Island Escapades storefront, as well as the prospect of a serious accident, provoked Rosen to make weekly calls to MoTI from January through April last year. He recently resumed his communication upon the return of the problem, which is believed to stem from drainage issues further up Ganges Hill.

A MoTI crew visited Salt Spring to check the situation last week. According to the ministry office, they determined that last year's repairs had improved the road surface and drainage.

"The ministry will review this section of road again when the weather is warmer and drier to determine if any further mitigation or repairs are needed," an email from MoTI explained. For now, it intends to install a sign to alert motorists about the bump in the road.

Rosen said that during his most recent conversation with them, ministry staff indicated a long-term study of the root causes and solutions could be in order.

"That's all great, but we need to have some short-term solutions to fix the problem right away. We can't wait for months before anything is done," Rosen said.



A river of water pours out from the bottom of Ganges Hill on an otherwise dry and sunny day.

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**Notice of Annual Water Main Cleaning Salt Spring Island: Fulford and Beddis**

Water main cleaning is planned as follows:

- Fulford system - April 8, 2014
- Beddis system - April 10, 2014

Short periods of low pressure and discolouration of water can be expected. This does not affect drinking water safety. Please contact CRD at 250.360.3604 if you have any questions.

The CRD can accept no responsibility for damage arising out of the use of discoloured water.

ISLANDS TRUST

# Metal recycling on next LTC agenda

Decision day nears in Quesnel matter

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee is expected to decide the fate of a contentious land-use application to permit continued operation of a metal recycling facility at 440 Rainbow Rd.

Business owner John Quesnel has applied for a Temporary Commercial and Industrial Use Permit that would allow outdoor

collection storage and processing of metal at the site.

According to a copy of the TUP application available at the Salt Spring Islands Trust office, the permit would also allow "drop off of scrap metal; processing of scrap metal, indoor retail sales of processed scrap metal; service and repairs of vehicles."

Terms of the permit require vehicles and metal crushing be undertaken with an "industry standard compactor" every one to

three months. Operations at the site would be limited to between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays and between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

The proposed permit's validity is for 60 days. TUP guidelines recommend against granting permits of more than 60 days unless the proposed use is "a new venture that does not directly compete with an existing business in a legal zone and there is a demonstrated need or

market for the proposed use."

Neighbours, many of whom have voiced opposition to the TUP application, would have to be notified at least seven days before any metal crushing at the site.

The application will be considered during the LTC's April 10 meeting at Lions Hall. Copies of the permit will be available at the Islands Trust office or online at islandstrust.bc.ca.

TOURISM

# RV West readers give Salt Spring silver

Snowbird RV destination award bestowed

Salt Spring Island has been tagged as a top destination for recreation vehicle owners in a

readers' choice contest.

RV West released results of its 2014 awards program on Tuesday, which saw Salt Spring named the silver award winner in the category of Favourite Snowbird RV Destination for the B.C. Coastal region.

RV West is a magazine and website that covers western North America.

The publication's management brought the win to the attention of the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce.

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# OPINION



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## EDITORIAL

# Third-world road repair

A road maintenance phenomenon that just won't dry up could be viewed as an April Fool's joke.

But the way the "blurking road" problem at the foot of Ganges Hill has returned on cue about a year after repairs were undertaken by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure makes it seem more like a scene from the famous Groundhog Day movie.

As with past attempts by the Driftwood to shine some light on this persistent drainage problem, the MoTI's official responses are puzzling. When we first asked the ministry about it a couple of weeks ago, we were told that the area in question had been fixed last year and no further action was required. When we sent a photo clearly illustrating the leak had returned to its former glory, ministry personnel were dispatched.

**THE ISSUE:**  
Ganges sinkhole/blurking road

**WE SAY:**  
Permanent fix needed

Apparently they determined last Tuesday "that although there is a dip in the road, the repairs [from 2013] have improved the road surface and drainage." They've promised to return in the summer to check the situation again "to determine if any further mitigation or repairs are needed." In the meantime, a "bump ahead" sign is supposed to be installed to warn drivers of the hazard in that spot.

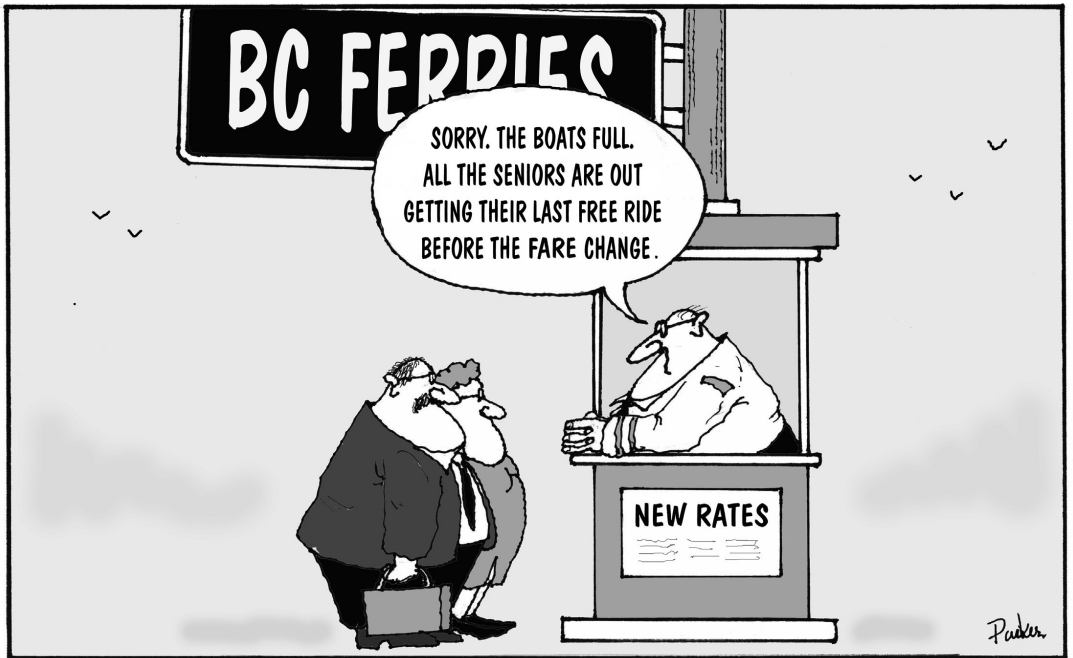
If damage to the road continues to progress as it has in recent weeks, and takes up next winter where it left off, much more than a warning sign will be required.

While work done by MoTI last year certainly improved the situation on a temporary basis — both at the bottom of the hill and farther up near Drake Road — it's now clear that a more vigorous investigation and repair is needed in both areas.

Ganges Hill is the only piece of land connecting the north part of the island to the south. It's not a random side street, whose erosion might impact only a few property owners. This is at the edge of our main town and sole on-land access point for half of the island.

A transportation ministry official stated at a public meeting last winter that about a million dollars was allotted annually for Salt Spring road maintenance. Surely that amount can cover more than Band-aid fixes. So far what we've got in response from the ministry on this issue is what might be expected in a third-world country.

And that's really not something to joke about.



**VIEWPOINT** by Stan Dereljan & Curt Firestone

# Time for a ferry economic boycott

Is it time have a partial boycott of BC Ferries? This question gets asked as the discussion with the Liberal government regarding the cuts in service and the raising of fares has drawn a silent reply.

The question gets asked because a rally on the steps of the B.C. Legislature has drawn silence from the Liberal government.

This question gets asked because the BC Ferries are the toll road between the Gulf Islands, Vancouver Island and the mainland.

This question gets asked because the B.C. government operates the inland lake ferry service without tolls (fares). This question gets asked because it is time for the BC Ferries to experience the pain of income reduction while the tourist industry of the Gulf Islands and Vancouver Island feels the same pain.

This question gets asked because the Liberal government is endangering the economic viability of the Gulf Islands and Vancouver Island.

The question gets asked as families are prohibited from seeing each other because the Liberal government has raised ferry fares to un-affordable levels.

A limited boycott of the BC Ferry Corporation and its ancillary side businesses is the best, maybe only, effective weapon that we have. The most shy among us can participate equally with the most radical. It is a weapon that each individual can wield anonymously without confrontation. Collectively, these individual actions will combine to produce a result that can't be ignored.

What would an economic boycott look like?

On-board ferry concessions are totally boycotted. When

going to/from the mainland, bring your own food and drink. Do not use the store or on-board massage services. Stay away from the upscale first-class lounge.

Ferry concessions in Swartz Bay, Tsawwassen and Nanaimo are totally boycotted. The concessions pay large fees to BC Ferries, which are tied to our purchases. When we bring our own food/beverage and reading materials, the concessionaires will recognize the power of our protest, join us and may even be our strongest allies.

One day a week (how about Wednesday), do not use the ferries unless it is unavoidable for work, school or medical appointments. (Those are necessary trips.) Go to Vancouver and Vancouver Island on a day other than Wednesday, if at all possible. Running almost totally empty ferries will bring quick attention.

When you do use the ferry, bundle your errands. Try to reduce your use of the ferry. The low ridership will get their attention that the cost of a ticket is totally unfair.

Right now, they have put the brakes on our transportation system; a key component of our economy. We want BC Ferries to add to our economic engine with full speed ahead.

We need more service and reasonable fares. An economic boycott will get the government's attention.

Join the BC Ferries Wednesday and Concessions Boycott. The boycott starts today.

The writers are Salt Spring residents.

### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Would you support a boycott of BC Ferries?  Yes  No

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

### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should pedestrian safety be a community focus?  NO  YES

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# ISLAND VOICES

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "You can't punish everybody because of a few bad apples. You've got to pursue people who are abusing the system."**

DELTON WOOLCOCK ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA GROWING

## SALT SPRING SAYS

### We asked:

Is Canada doing enough to address climate change?



**ERNIE GOLD**

*No way. We need to gradually reduce the level of oil and coal exports, reduce energy use and invest in alternatives energy sources like fuel cells.*



**DAVID HOLT**

*No, however, we have no alternative fuels yet. I worry about basing our economy solely on the oil sands.*



**LYNNE YORK**

*I don't have a good sense about what we've done. If the consensus says it hasn't been enough, it's time to get on with it.*



**NADER NAZI**

*No, I have't seen anything happen. The government is just such a mess right now. It's especially bad in the cities.*



**CALLA ANN**

*No, we should really help the environment by eating healthier foods and disposing of waste properly.*

## Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication. Read and reply to letters online at [www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com](http://www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com) under the Opinion tab.

### Everything not resolved

I attended the March 18 Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission meeting and I do not completely agree with the Driftwood report about the resolution around the Rainbow Road project. Many of the details are still up in the air.

Firstly, there is still indecision about the level of involvement of Partners Creating Pathways, if any. The entire project may be built with paid contractors.

Secondly, the description of the area in front of the school maintenance yard infers that the area will be left alone. In fact, in order to build a legal pathway, there needs to be delineation with the path lower or

higher than the surrounding areas or heavy curbing. A large cement barrier was discussed.

Thirdly, the drainage is also not secure as the current system is at capacity and Rainbow Road is very wet. Any change may result in further ponding on the school field. That is the opinion of a professional engineer.

A point about drainage is that there are underground streams on the land where the GISS field was built. When all the trees were cleared to build that field, the road flooded. Windsor Plywood and Murakami Auto Body paid for the drainage and culverting. The road was also very narrow until those businesses paid for the removal of a large earthen

berm. Without that there would not even be a flat area for a base for this gravel path.

A final point that might be relevant to locals is that in order to build this "path," land will be transferred to the CRD and all the land that was formerly the "side of the road" and under the maintenance budget of the Ministry of Transportation becomes the responsibility of the Salt Spring property tax budget to maintain and rebuild.

It may not be perfect right now to walk on Rainbow Road, but it is free. Do we really want to bring all the rules and stresses of Vancouver here to Salt Spring Island?

**JENNY MCCLEAN,**  
ATRINS ROAD

### Medicare challenge

A constitutional challenge to Medicare law in British Columbia threatens to do away with Canada's universal public health care system and leave us with a U.S.-style system.

The legal case is being driven by Dr. Brian Day, owner of the Vancouver-based for-profit Cambie Surgery Centre.

Dr. Day claims that the defining principle at the heart of Canadian Medicare — that health care be provided according to patients' needs, not their ability to pay — is unconstitutional.

If Dr. Day wins in B.C., those laws will inevitably be struck down across Canada, undermining our entire universal public health care sys-

tem. A win for Dr. Day would be a loss for all everyone in Canada.

We have to make sure this case is defeated. Poll after poll shows that Canadians favour investment and innovation in publicly funded health care to improve the system, not the expansion of a profit-driven system that benefits few and harms many.

Are there problems that need to be addressed in our public health care system? Absolutely, and there is also a host of public innovations and efficiencies that can be implemented across the system to decrease wait times where needed and further improve quality of care.

Evidence from around the world shows that two-tier systems have longer waits, higher costs and worse health outcomes. Studies in Canada,

Europe and the UK show that patients who can't pay, and whose doctors work in both public and private systems, have the longest waits.

Australian research shows that private for-profit clinics drain the limited supply of doctors and other health professionals from the rest of the health care system, lengthening waiting times for all but those who can afford expensive private insurance.

Let's focus on strengthening our valuable system, rather than replacing it with a U.S.-style system that would ultimately lead to poorer, more expensive care for all of us.

Go to [www.savemedicare.ca](http://www.savemedicare.ca) for more information.  
**ADAM LYNES-FORD,**  
SALT SPRING

**MORE LETTERS** continued on 10

# Driver's lack of care hurtful for dog owner

BY CHRISTA SCHATD

When we first moved to Cusheon Lake Road, just over two years ago, the first thing we did was build a fence. The place on the island where we lived before also had a fence, but the major difference was that there was no road and there were no cars.

This new fence is not just a fence, it is a FENCE. Parts of the fence are heavy-duty wire with very small holes and parts are cedar boards very tightly spaced. The fence is eight feet high, and goes right to the ground and then folds flat another two feet — with rocks holding it down. Even the wood section has wire fencing at the bottom, also folded on the ground. The gate has a log laid across the bottom of it, so there could be no digging under. Nothing could get out of this fence, except of course a couple of very ingenious and industrious Jacks. To them it was a prison that they needed to escape from.

When they did escape they always went in the direction behind the house, up the hill and away from the road, but nevertheless we were worried. In the time we have lived here they have escaped about six times, out for some exploring and back again the next morning demanding to be let back in.

My dogs are Jack Russell terriers and I used to breed them. The mother and the father, Maggie and Bob, are now quite old. Bob is partially deaf and blind and pretty senile. But I



### INDEPTH

love them all. Not one of them is the same. They all have uniquely individual personalities, just like people. Rufus and Hanna are the youngest of the pack, now five, and were the ones that liked to venture outside their inflicted perimeter. And if

I have to say it, Rufus was my favourite.

I watched all of my pups being born and watched a few grow to adulthood, but he always held this special place in my heart. He was the baby of the family, and everyone loved him, he kissed them and played with them all and he didn't have a mean streak in his little body.

After all those precautions, on Friday, March 21 at noon, Rufus ran down our driveway and was hit by a car in front of 267 Cusheon Lake Rd. Two of his sisters were with him and narrowly escaped. My husband witnessed this, and I heard it. After he was hit, he ran back up the driveway howling in fear and collapsed.

Because he did this, we thought that he would be alright. He died on the way to the vet clinic, with me howling in the car the rest of the way there.

The thing is, the person who did this did not brake, swerve or even stop when there was that heart-wrenching thud, that only someone deaf wouldn't have heard. The person who did this was speeding. The person who did this, I guess, doesn't care about the life of one small animal. One small animal that meant the world to me and my family.

First I was devastated, then I was angry, then I was devastated again. Now I feel like I have a large void in my chest. My husband feels the same way. The other dogs, well, they are confused. His littermate, Hanna, waits, looking out the window, or down the driveway, for her brother to come back home.

Right after Rufus died, I felt so helpless and of course, guilty. My husband had gone out for, amongst other things, dog treats. The dogs stay inside when the gate is open. He came back, parked the car, went and closed the gate and opened the door to the house. Behind him the gate was slowly swinging open — the latch didn't catch. The rest you already know. But me, I should have come down, I should have seen the gate opening, I should have run down the driveway in front of the car, I should have given Rufus CPR, I should have... My husband feels the same, just change the "should have's."

The only thing I could think of to do was to write a very large sign. The person in that car will see it, and they will feel bad. It made me feel better, because at least I did something. I watched out the window as cars slowed down to read the sign, and that made me feel better. I wondered if the person who did it was one of the cars slowing down, or one of the cars still speeding by. I cursed the cars that were still speeding, but at least they would know how I felt. Rufus wasn't just some dog, he was a being with a soul, and that being was loved.

The next day we got up after a restless sleep and I looked out the window to where I put up the sign and there were flowers down there! Then there were more flowers, and even notes. Someone put out a jar of water for the flowers. Other people cared about Rufus. Other people cared about our pain. We feel humbled by the outpouring of empathy from our fellow islanders. Our hearts still hurt, but we now know that humanity still exists, that most people are good people.

I will leave the sign up a bit longer, just to make sure that the person who did this will see it. When I take it down I will plant the flowers on that spot and eventually I am going to make a small shrine on the side of the road.

I am also going to try my damndest to get speed bumps on this road, so nothing like this will ever happen again. I don't think anyone should have to go through this, ever.

# The North Salt Spring Waterworks

flowing fresh and clean

## Dissolved Air Flotation Water (DAF) Treatment Plant Will Greatly Improve Treated Water Quality from St. Mary Lake

By Ron Stepaniuk, District Manager North Salt Spring Waterworks District

North Salt Spring Waterworks new DAF treatment plant on St. Mary Lake will greatly improve treated drinking water quality from St. Mary. Specifically mandated to the District by Island Health, DAF technology has a proven history of effectively treating water that faces challenges such as frequent algal blooms and turbidity.

Any water treatment process for water purification selected in BC must be able to comply with the BC Drinking Water Protection Act, and meet Island Health's 4-3-2-1 Policy for treatment of surface water. In addition, the structure housing the treatment equipment must be able to function after a disaster, such as a major earthquake, and therefore must meet the post-disaster and regulatory requirements of the BC Building Code.

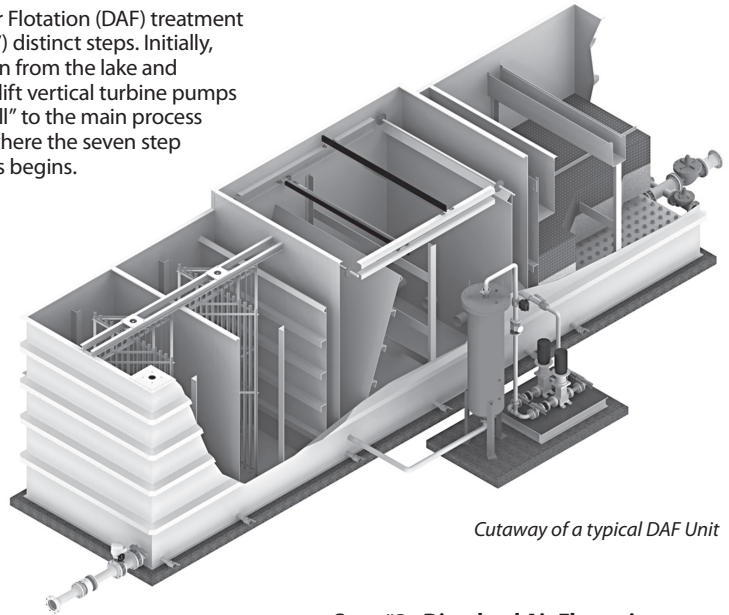
As well as meeting post-disaster building standards, in the District's case the facilities must be adaptable to the constraints of the District's existing Tripp Road site. The site is sloping with a narrow access. Additionally a geotechnical report confirmed that the west side is exposed to a potential "rock fall" hazard. This means the facility requires a small "footprint" which, when compared to other treatment plant options, the Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF) process can accommodate. The main building has been specifically designed with the site constraints in mind and will have a footprint of only 2,500 square feet.

A wet-well housing the raw water pumps and intake pipes must be situated near the shoreline. Working in such close proximity to the lake will also entail meeting the appropriate setbacks from the lake's edge and complying with Ministry of Transportation, Ministry of Environment and Department of Fisheries and Oceans regulations as well as any local bylaws.

The main building will be a concrete structure, partially underground, and will house two DAF "trains" and all ancillary equipment such as pumps, pipes and electrical equipment. A small office, lab and bathroom as well as chlorine-generating equipment and waste de-watering equipment will be housed on the main floor. Finished water and process waste will be stored under the main floor for reuse, disposal or delivery to the distribution system.

### How does a Dissolved Air Flotation water treatment plant work?

A Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF) treatment plant has seven (7) distinct steps. Initially, raw water is drawn from the lake and delivered via low lift vertical turbine pumps from the "wet-well" to the main process building. This is where the seven step treatment process begins.



Cutaway of a typical DAF Unit

#### Step #1 - Coagulation:

As water enters the flash mix chamber a chemical coagulant is added to the water while it is being rapidly or "flash" mixed.

#### Step #2 - Flocculation:

The flow is slowed down in the two flocculation chambers where large paddles slowly mix the water. The coagulant helps dissolved and suspended material to clump and bind together creating small particles known as "floc".

#### Step #3 - Dissolved Air Flotation:

The water passes into the DAF chamber (tank) where a stream of air-saturated water is pumped through a series of diffusers on the bottom of the DAF tank. As the air-saturated water exits the diffusers, the change in pressure allows the air to be released as millions of tiny bubbles that rise to the surface of the DAF tank. The rising air bubbles lift the "floc" to the surface where it is skimmed off by a rake sweeping across the surface of the tank. The waste skimmed off the top is called "float".

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Q. I heard that DAF is a new technology, so is it proven?

A. Yes. The Dissolved Air Flotation process has been widely used for water clarification for the last 40 years and, in the last 20 years, DAF has become the main alternative to sedimentation. In the case of St. Mary Lake, the use of floatation makes more sense than sedimentation because the algal cells are semi-buoyant and do not settle effectively. On Salt Spring, the Fernwood Highland, Beddis and Fulford water systems are already using DAF technology.

#### Q. Will the DAF process improve my household water quality?

A. Yes. Users will experience a reduction of taste and odour with this updated treatment process.

Please visit our website at [www.northsaltspringwaterworks.ca](http://www.northsaltspringwaterworks.ca) for more information about the District.



### Typical DAF Plant

Some other treatment processes allow “floc” to settle and be removed from the tank bottom but algal cells are semi-buoyant and float more readily than settle. One of the benefits of using a DAF process is that floatation works very well at removing the algal cells that are common in St. Mary Lake. Another benefit is that floatation reduces the amount of chemical required to form the floc. In addition, the DAF process removes cells gently. This means that if there is a toxic bloom in the lake, there is less likelihood of treatment processes damaging the cells and causing “intracellular” toxins to be released. Instead, those toxins remain inside the cells and are removed as part of the waste product skimmed off the top.

#### Step #4 - Dual Media Filter:

The filters consist of sand and anthracite (carbon) of graduated sizes. By this stage in the process, most removal of undesirable materials has already taken place. The main purpose of the filters is to polish or finish the water; however, filters also act as an additional barrier in the event of a failure in any of the preceding process steps.

#### Step #5 - Ultra Violet Disinfection:

Ultra violet light delivered at 40 millijoules/cm<sup>2</sup> has proven effective at inactivating *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia* so UV will be used as the primary disinfection process. Because UV light does not continue to disinfect as the water moves through the distribution system, a secondary disinfection process is also needed.

#### Step #6 - Chlorine Disinfection:

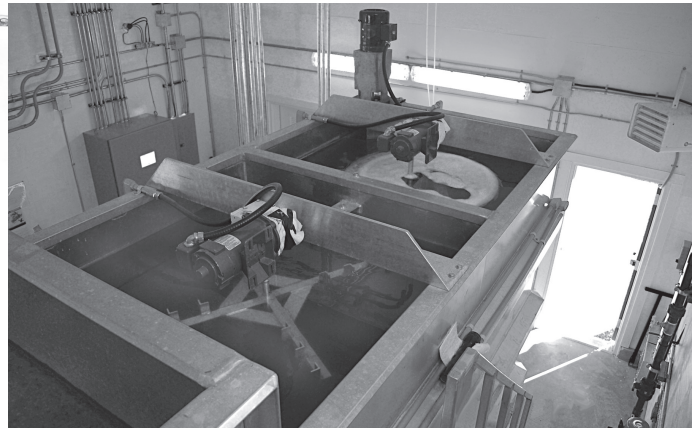
Chlorine will be generated on-site and added at a dose sufficient to maintain effective residual chlorine levels throughout the distribution system. Residual chlorine levels must be maintained to prevent re-growth of bacteria within the distribution system. The amount of chlorine needed for disinfection will be considerably less than what the current process uses.

#### Step #7 - Containment:

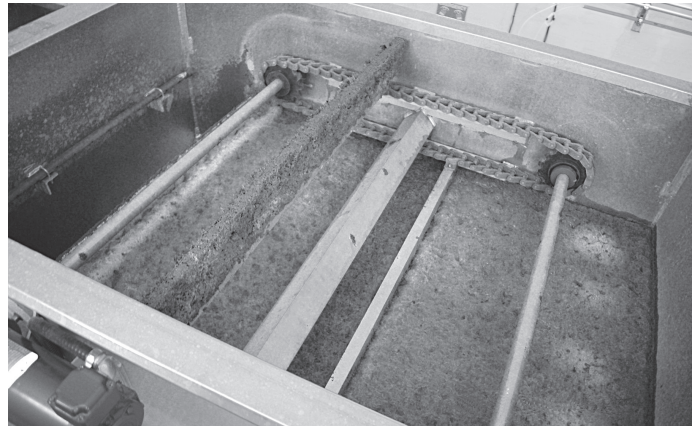
The finished water will be stored in a “clear-well” located under the main building until it is pumped to the main reservoirs and distribution system. Process wastewater (from backwashing and rinsing filters) will be collected in tanks. “Backwash” and “rinse” water will be returned to the inlet of the plant and fully recycled. DAF plants are almost universally designed to allow 10% of the flow to come from recycled process water.

The “float” (waste skimmed off the DAF tank) will be collected, dewatered and disposed of by transport to either Hartland Landfill or Burgoyne Liquid Waste Facility depending on the moisture content.

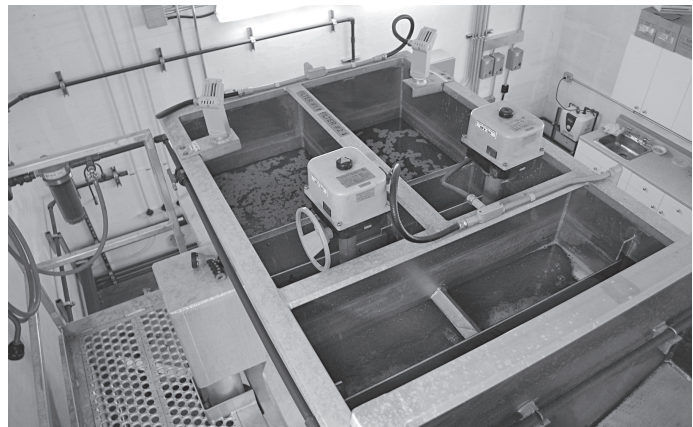
*This is the third in a series of planned articles. Coming next “Introducing the Preliminary Design for the St. Mary DAF Plant”*



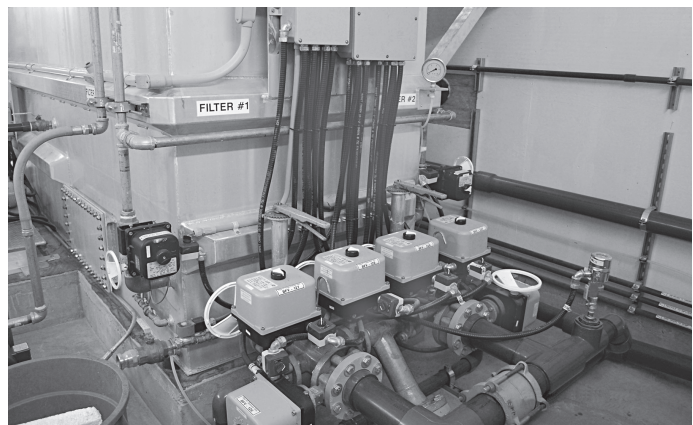
Flash Mixer & Flocculation chamber



DAF Chamber with Float



Filter Chamber



Outlet Valves

## Ivy facts

I was interested to read in the March 26 Driftwood Annie Palovcik's mention of a study showing that honeybees rely on ivy pollen and nectar.

Looking online, the only such study I found was done by Ratnieks and Garbuzov in England, where ivy is a native plant. It really doesn't apply to the local area, where non-native English ivy is particularly invasive and disruptive to the ecosystem.

Looking further, I found a lot of articles affirming that bees and other pollinators are best adapted to the plants they evolved alongside. "They are part of a community that has taken eons to reach a high level of integration . . . [when] a non-native invasive attracts many pollinators, it may be taking pollinators away from native flowers and disrupting the normal function of the ecosystem." (Beatriz Moisset, www.native-plantwildlifegarden.com)

A fact sheet published by the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign concludes: "The negative effects resulting from the spread of invasive species are becoming evident as we witness declines in crop productivity, reductions in the populations of animal pollinators needed to maintain stable ecosystems, and widespread alteration of native habitats. Failure to immediately address these issues could have dire consequences for the future viability of human and wildlife populations, as well as the structure of natural ecosystems." (www.NAPPC.org.) Other sources repeat this message.

For those wishing to learn more about helping honey bees and native bees, guides with suggestions for the Cascades Mixed Forest (a very similar eco-region) are available at www.pollinator.org/guides.htm.

Some B.C. resources aimed at helping us understand and care for nature are at www.hat.bc.ca.

Many people on the island are working hard to protect native plant communities and the organisms that depend on them. While beauty is in the eye of the beholder, I find the wonderful diversity of wildflowers, ferns, native shrubs and trees to be much more beautiful than mats of ivy smothering the forest floor or scrambling up trunks of trees.

I hope Annie can also see the beauty of native plants and recognize that local ecosystems are worth saving.

**JEAN WILKINSON,**  
SALT SPRING

## Move towards humanism

The documentary Gloria: In Her Own Words that played at the Fritz Theatre on March 27 left the audience inspired.

Steinem, American women's rights and political activist, journalist and founder of Ms. magazine, has displayed a deep commitment throughout her life in her fight to lead women out of the role of second-class citizens.

Steinem founded numerous organizations and initiated projects in the name of equality. She was also the recipient of many awards and honours, making her a

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positive role-model for other seekers of social justice.

The '60s and '70s were a time of bold demands for change. There was bra-burning in the streets and the storming of men's private clubs. "After black power comes feminism," said Steinem, emphasizing that this was a revolution and not a reformation.

In spite of media opposition, outright public insults and demeaning comments, Steinem, as a women's liberation spokesperson, proved her grit and stood her ground on behalf of women and minority groups. Issues surrounding a woman's right to abortion, same-sex marriage, sexual exploitation through pornography and the abolition of genital mutilation were being addressed openly.

In her book called Revolution From Within, Steinem assures women that they are not crazy and that the system is crazy.

"The truth will set you free," she states, "but first it will piss you off." There came a time, says Steinem, when she had to put her activism aside and do some deep soul searching. Her own personal inner revolution was in full flower as she was becoming the changes she wanted to see in the world. Now in her 80s, Steinem continues to lecture on human rights issues around the world.

In her own words, Steinem

states, "A feminist is anyone who recognizes the equality and full humanity of women and men."

Feminism is definitely not dead. There are now many social activists influencing the world of politics, education, business and medicine. What I am hoping to see in the near future is a coming together of all social movements under a name that does not contribute to division between groups. Like Steinem, I understand the need to distinguish the particular needs of women, gay rights and men in a new social paradigm. What I would like to see is all movements coming under the non-separatist name of "humanism."

The revolution Steinem speaks of is also a part of our conscious self-evolution, both on the individual level and as a society.

"Without leaps of imagination or dreaming," says Steinem, "we lose the excitement of possibilities. Dreaming, after all, is a form of planning."

**HELANI DAVISON,**  
SALT SPRING

## Saving the planet

If there is a chance for the preservation of life as we know it on planet Earth, our hope lies with the young girls of the world.

If we, as a species, can somehow mature quickly enough to head off the impending environmental disasters and likely ensuing socio-economic catastrophe, the profound personal, religious, political, social and economic transforma-

tion required of humanity will be empowered by educated young women, guided, supported and inspired by wise elders, female and male.

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**RALPH MILLER,**  
SALT AIR LANE

## Gratitude for care

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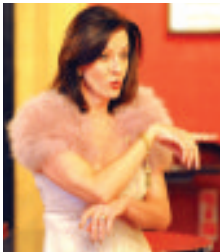
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## Karoshi dance evening set to dazzle ArtSpring crowd

Community dance workshop also on tap

**BY CAT PAQUETTE**  
 DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Karoshi, the next show in ArtSpring's dance series, blows off some serious workplace steam on Monday, April 7 with Shay Kuebler's dance troupe from Vancouver.

Merging dance, multimedia and live Taiko drumming, Shay

Kuebler's Karoshi (which is a Japanese term that translates literally to "death from overwork") physically and visually depicts the clash between extreme societal pressure to conform and personal fulfillment. The five male dancers propel each other to feats thought impossible of the human body.

Kuebler, who has performed before at ArtSpring with Vancouver's 605 Collective, brings this unique vocabulary of con-



Scene from Karoshi.

temporary and hip hop dance combined with martial arts to turn out a high-kicking, karate-chopping, back-flipping sensational performance that Salt Springers will not want to miss.

Exploring the idea of extreme working conditions, Kuebler takes anger-management to the next level in this explosive and darkly funny program set to the tone of suffocating pressures of Japanese business in the early '90s.

"It's the balance that's really

important," says Kuebler. "It is really the mental break rather than the physical break that is the end result of Karoshi."

As well as performing this incredible piece, Kuebler will teach a community dance workshop called Contemporary Movement and Dance Theory on Sunday, April 6, 1 to 3 p.m. at Cats Pajamas Studio. It is open to dancers of all experience levels, ages 12 and over. Preregister at ArtSpring by phone to 250-537-2102 or in person.

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**MULTI-MEDIA ENTERTAINMENT**

## Band mixes silent-era sound and image

Fritz hosts concert band and Silent Movie Gems

**BY GAIL SJUBERG**  
 DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Silence and music aren't two concepts normally seen together on a marquee, but the Salt Spring Concert Band is making it happen with a Silent Movie Gems show on Thursday, April 10 at The Fritz.

The island's movie theatre is the perfect spot for the innovative evening, which includes two 20-minute silent films star-

ring Charlie Chaplin: The Adventurer and The Immigrant, accompanied by music from the band. Composer Ben Model has written and improvised musical scores for silent films for 30 years.

"It's going to be really fun for the audience," said concert band director Dawn Hage last week.

The films themselves, created in 1917, are hilarious, she notes, and the accompanying music is brilliant.

A few other apropos pieces by the band will open and close the evening, and be played between the two films. They are Silent Mov-

ies by William Ryder, Great Themes from Great Italian Movies by John Cacavas, Chicken Run by Powell and Gregson-Williams, Marchisimo by Phillip Sparke, and Music for a Darkened Theatre by Danny Elfman.

The idea for a silent show came to Hage many years ago when the band performed Ryder's Silent Movies piece, including a short clip of Chaplin's Gold Rush showing on the screen above them.

Since audiences loved that experience, Hage thought it would be wonderful to accompany an entire film that way, if

possible. While scrolling through YouTube and the internet a year ago, she finally stumbled on the website of composer Ben Model, who specializes in accompaniment for silent movies, and the adventure began.

The Fritz concession will also be open for the evening. Music begins at 7 p.m.

With a maximum of only 90 patrons able to be seated in the theatre, people are advised to get their tickets early. They're for sale at Salt Spring Books.

A second show at 9 p.m. may be added if warranted by demand.

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**FINE ART**

## Duthie Gallery hosts Matchett show

Whales inspire paintings

Exhibit season has arrived on Salt Spring, with Duthie Gallery first out of the gate with an opening event on Friday, April 4.

Whalebones, Blubber and other Relics of First Oil is the name of a show of paintings in encaustic and oil by Rosalie Matchett.

She explains the starting point, context and inspiration for the paintings.

"In the early 17th century, when European explorers first came across

bowhead whales around Svalbard they were so thick in the bays that the ships could hardly maneuver around them. From the 17th to the 19th centuries, whale oil filled the lamps and provided light for houses. Whaling was conducted throughout the oceans and whales were slaughtered to near extinction. The eastern pod of the bowhead whale was known as the right whale, because it was the 'right whale' to kill. Estimates say there may be as few as 10 left."

Matchett grew up in Toronto. She received her BFA in studio art from

the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in 1981. She earned a diploma in film production at the London International Film School with a distinction in script writing and lived in England for the next 17 years, working in film and raising two children. She returned to Canada in 2001 and settled on Salt Spring in 2012.

Her work has won numerous awards and been exhibited in B.C. and Ontario.

Friday's reception runs from 5 to 7 p.m. at the gallery on Churchill Road, with the exhibit on until April 27.

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**LITERARY EVENT**

## Annabel Lyon reads at ArtSpring

Lousy weather dashed last fall's scheduled literary evening with acclaimed novelist Annabel Lyon, but she's returning to ArtSpring this Saturday, April 5 instead.

Lyon's first novel, The Golden Mean, won the Rogers Writers' Trust Prize and was a finalist for the Scotiabank Giller Prize, the Gov-


**ANNABEL LYON**

ernor General's Award, the Ethel Wilson Prize and the Commonwealth Prize. It has been translated into 14 languages and became a #1 bestseller in Canada.

Her latest book is titled The Sweet Girl. The April 5 event begins at 7:30 p.m., and admission is by donation to support other literary events presented by Theatre Alive! on Salt Spring.

MUSICAL THEATRE

# SIMS amped for whole school play

PAC fundraiser on stage  
April 9 & 10

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF



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SIMS teacher Martin Thorn and students work on *Metaphasia*.

sion, a king is perplexed when his daughters wear out their slippers every night, despite being securely locked in their room. An old soldier given the task discovers they are escaping to a fabulous otherworld from their room, and dancing every night away with 12 princes.

In *Metaphasia*, the 12 princesses become 12 dolls, and their owner is the one perplexed when she keeps finding worn-out slippers in her bedroom. She

goes through her closet to discover the truth — her little sister then travels to the otherworld to bring her back.

"The dolls are animated in the fantasy world and become the princesses," Thorn said. "We have given the students the freedom to create their own personas, so we have characters like a punk princess, and a space princess and a cowboy princess."

School time for the project involved re-adjusting the Exploratories program so that one group of students could become the play's musical core. They received additional training in acting, choreography and dance with teachers Deirdre Kinister and Michelle Footz.

Community volunteers have meanwhile been instrumental in helping Thorn construct a theatre setting from scratch.

"Because we don't have a venue for this, we've had to build a stage in our gym, hang lights in the gym and create a whole stage set," he said.

Thorn is hopeful that members of the public will turn out to see what the school has accomplished during the two evening performances, which start at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9 and Thursday, April 10. With tickets only \$5, there should be lots of funds left over to purchase refreshments and make winning bids in the silent auction.

A contemporary retelling of a classic fairy tale complete with rappers and a space princess is in store for audiences when the Salt Spring Middle School performs *Metaphasia* on April 9 and 10.

The ambitious production is the star of the SIMS' annual Parent Advisory Committee fundraiser for 2014 and will be the first ever whole-school production. With double-casting providing opportunities for multiple students to shine during both school and public performances, the event promises to be a community hit.

"We have students from almost every single class," said middle school teacher Martin Thorn, who is directing and producing the show. "The actors, dancers and singers have come from most of the classes, and we've recently had other classes come on board to help with things like lighting, hair and makeup."

*Metaphasia* is based on the musical by Paul Colette, Gary Fritzen and Robert Wright, which was in turn based on the Brothers Grimm fairy tale called the 12 Dancing Princesses. In the original ver-

wide for their live shows and three albums released since 2010.

Ashleigh Phillips of the Independent Weekly writes that "Mandolin Orange carries an understanding of tradition and shapes it into a thing of beauty. They craft simple songs that go beyond chord progressions and vocal harmonies, leading somehow toward something

pure. Using acoustic and electric guitars, mandolin and a hand-me-down fiddle, Andrew Marlin and Emily Frantz allure with a heart-worn sensibility. Last year's *Haste Make/Hard Hearted Stranger* combines bluegrass, rock and country for lullabies that swoon."

SwampLand.com's James Calemine likens the album's harmonies to those of Gram

Parsons and Emmylou Harris. Mandolin Orange performs at the venue at 128 Holmes Rd., off Isabella Point Road, on Saturday, April 5. Doors open at 7 p.m. with music at 7:30.

Tickets are at Salt Spring Books, Fever Tree, Stuff 'n' Nonsense, Salt Spring Books or by emailing southend-grooveyard@gmail.com.

All proceeds are given to the artists.

AMERICANA MUSIC

# Harmonies soar at Grooveyard night

Mandolin Orange performs Saturday

The next South End Grooveyard concert promises to be something extra special when Mandolin Orange comes to town.

Mandolin Orange is the North Carolina duo of Andrew Marlin and Emily Frantz, who've been praised far and

POETRY

# Reiss shortlisted again

Lampert award nominee

Salt Spring poet Murray Reiss is in line for another award as the Gerald Lampert Memorial Award shortlist was released this week.

The award is given in the memory of an arts administrator who organized authors' tours and took a particular interest in the work of new writers.

Reiss' book of poetry called *The Survival Rate of Butterflies in the Wild* was published by Hagios Press

of Regina, and is also shortlisted for a Saskatchewan publishers award.

The Lampert award recognizes the best first book of poetry published by a Canadian in the preceding year. Sponsored by the League of Canadian Poets, it carries a \$1,000 prize.

Islanders can hear Reiss at the first of monthly open mic poetry nights taking place at the Salt Spring Library program room on Thursday, April 3 at 7 p.m., with sign-up beginning at 6:45 p.m.

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# what's on this week



## Wed. Apr 2 Thurs. Apr 3 Fri. Apr 4 Sat. Apr 5 Sat. Apr 5 Mon. Apr 7 Wed. Apr 9

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Wesley Hardisty and Friends.** Fiddler Wesley Hardisty, plus Billie Woods, Olivia Budd, Tobin Hook-Nilsson and Wesley's younger sister Marie Hardisty perform traditional and original tunes for Music & Munch. All Saints' by-the-Sea. Free music begins at 12:10 p.m. Followed by an optional lunch for \$5.50.

**Lorne Elliott Comedy Show 2014.** Canadian comedian of Madly Off in All Directions fame presents new show at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Songlam.** Informal group singing of 6 decades of classic rock and pop hits and more. Moby's Pub. 7 p.m.

**Texas Holdem Poker.** Sign-up at 6:30 p.m. The Local.

## Thurs. Apr 3

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Open Mic Night.** Hosted by Johnny Manoveres & Random Johnson. All styles of music welcomed. Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Janet Dwyer Exhibition Opening.** Reception for month-long show of photography. Harbour House Hotel. 6 to 8 p.m.

**Poetry Night Open Mic.** Featured poet is Murray Reiss for the inaugural event. Salt Spring Library Program Room. The open mic session starts at 7 p.m. with sign-up at 6:45.

**Dance Temple: The Inner Child Dances.** Explore non-structured dance with child-like wonder! Art Barn. 7:15 p.m.

## Fri. Apr 4

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Billie Woods.** Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

**Soul Shakedown.** Live music, preceded by free appies at 5. The Local. 6 to 9 p.m.

**Soprano Rebecca Caine with pianist Robert Kortgaard.** Presenting a delightful evening of favourites from musical theatre. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

**Tumblin' Dice.** Alt. country band. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**The Radicle Seed Library.** "Check out" seeds, then return them to our seed library once you have grown them out. Salt Spring Island Public Library. Noon to 2 p.m.

**Rosalie Matchett Exhibit Opening Reception.** Whalebones, Blubber and Other Relics of First Oil opens, with live DJ music from Mr. Bliss. Duthie Gallery. 5 to 7 p.m.

**The Art of Darkness Opening Reception.** Exhibit of paintings and scratchboards by Anais Larue. Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art. 5 to 7 p.m.

**Invasive English Ivy Talk.** The Salt Spring Basketry Guild presents Vancouver-based environmental artist Sharon Kallis speaking about working with invasive species in her community engaged art practice. Lions Hall. 7 p.m.

## Sat. Apr 5

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Patrick Byrne.** Harbour House Restaurant. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**Mandolin Orange.** North Carolina roots duo performs. South End Grooveyard. 7:30 p.m.

**Interchill DJ Night.** With DJs Andrew & Lawrence. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Saturday Market Opening Day.** First day of the Saturday Market in Centennial Park. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Renewable Energy Conference.** Transition Salt Spring Society, Salt Spring Community Energy and students of Gulf Islands Secondary School co-host. With keynote speaker is Rob Abbot, executive director of British Columbia's Climate Action Secretariat. GISS. 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Celebration of Life Dance.** For the friends and family of Ryan Burch. Silent auction, raffle draw, and music by the Boondock Band. Fulford Hall. 7:30 p.m. 19+ event.

**Eden Energy Medicine Training 101 & 102.** Combine energy balancing and other protocols to support a meaningful, joyful engagement of life. 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info: Cornelia Krikke, 250-538-0196 or www.transformative-practices.org.

## Sun. Apr 6

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Piano Bar.** With June Bender. Harbour House Restaurant. 6 to 9 p.m.

**Island Comfort Quilts Community Quilting Bee.** Annual event to make quilts for community members suffering from a life-threatening illness or injury. No sewing experience needed to participate. Farmers' Institute. All day. Sign up through mlee3@shaw.ca or 250-537-5302.

**Report From Guatemala Trip.** KAIROS member Janet Gray shares photos and experience from trip to examine impacts of Canadian mining companies on Guatemalan communities. Refreshments provided. Salt Spring Island United Church. 11:15 a.m.

**Contemporary Movement & Dance Theory Workshop.** Led by Vancouver dance artist Shay Kuebler. Cats Pajamas Studio. 1 to 3 p.m.

**Foosball Tourney.** The Local. 1 p.m.

**Rollerblading.** For young and old. Fulford Hall. 2 to 4 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Transit Public Input Solicitation.** Give your opinion about Salt Spring Transit at a Saturday Market table from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Mel Williamson Artist's Reception.** Discusses new work. Cafe Talia. 2 to 4 p.m.

**Annabel Lyon Reading.** Author of The Golden Mean and The Sweet Girl reads at a literary event. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Karoshi: Shay Kuebler Dance Show.** Kuebler's first full-length choreography, for six men, derived from his study of the extreme pressures of modern Japan. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**MLA Gary Holman's Office Hours.** Opportunity for constituents to discuss issues every first Monday of the month. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Appointments through 1-855-955-5711.

**Kundalini Yoga for Beginners.** Mondays at North End Fitness. 1-2 p.m.

## Tues. Apr 8

### ACTIVITIES

**Salt Spring Probos Meeting.** Guest speaker is Michael Byers, Canadian legal scholar and non-fiction writer. Meaden Hall. 10 a.m. to noon.

**Queen Margaret's School Info Session.** Come and learn what Queen Margaret's School in Duncan can offer. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 4 to 7 p.m.

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Metaphasia.** A whole school production put on by SIMS students, parents and teachers. With silent auction, raffle basket, bake sale and refreshments. Salt Spring Middle School. 7 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**History of Vesuvius and its Changing Character.** A Salt Spring Historical Society presentation by Marshall Heinekey. Central Community Hall. 2 p.m.

**Songlam.** See last Wednesday's listing.

**Texas Holdem Poker.** See last Wednesday's listing.

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- ### EXHIBITIONS
- Whalebones, Blubber and Other Relics of First Oil** — paintings in encaustic and oil by Rosalie Matchett runs at the **Duthie Gallery** from **April 4 to 27**, with an opening event on Friday, April 4 from 5 to 7 p.m. DJ music from Mr. Bliss.
  - The Art of Darkness: Anais Larue** shows paintings and scratchboards at the **Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art**, with an opening reception on **Friday, April 4, 5 to 7 pm**. The show continues until **April 27**.
  - Janet Dwyer** has a photo exhibition at the **Harbour House Hotel** through **April**, with an opening reception on **Thursday, April 3** from **6 to 8 p.m.**
  - Mel Williamson's** oil paintings will be featured at **Cafe Talia** starting **Wednesday, April 2** and will be up for the month. An opening reception is on **Saturday, April 5** from **2 to 4 p.m.**
  - The Shoreline Project** is an exhibit of photographs, watercolours and photomontages by **Sam Lightman** and **Maureen Milburn** hanging in the **ArtSpring lobby** through **April**.
  - The Focus on Women** exhibition of photographs and paintings of Salt Spring women aged 60 to 100, done by Salt Spring women artists, with an additional display of images and words by young islanders about women who've inspired them, continues through the month of **April** due to popular demand.

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**SPCA**

## Community asked to help island cat in need

Himalayan cross needs dental work

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Staff and volunteers at Salt Spring's SPCA branch have started a fundraising campaign for a special feline in need of urgent dental surgery.

Lucian, a nine-year-old Himalayan cross, needs to come up with \$700 to cover an operation that will fix a mouthful of rotten teeth. The procedure will ease the cat's suffering and facilitate his eventual adoption, according to Salt Spring SPCA manager Sean Hogan.

"We expect that Lucian will make a full recovery after the surgery and be ready to be adopted to a great home," he said.



BCSPCA cat Lucian

Lucian was found flea ridden and tick infested near Blackburn Lake. In early March, the pain in

Lucian's mouth made it impossible for him to eat. The cat was cared for by a team of SPCA volunteers who provided painkillers, fluids and animal reiki.

Lucian regained his ability to eat small amounts of food and he's reported to be doing much better, except for the pain.

"The pain is still there, cycling through intensity, day to day," Hogan said.

Lucian is scheduled to have the worst pain-causing teeth removed and the rest of his teeth cleaned on April 9.

"We are asking people able to help Lucian and cats like him to receive necessary medical dental procedures to help prolong their life free from suffering," Hogan said.

"Our goal is to raise \$700 for Lucian."

Donations can be made at

the branch (540 Lower Ganges Rd.) or by cheque, payable to BC SPCA Salt Spring Island. The branch's mailing address is PO Box 522, Ganges, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 2W2.

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**EDUCATION**

## Number fun flies at first math night

Teacher looks to reverse math stereotype

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Multiply a Gulf Islands Secondary School math teacher by years of compounded frustration about math stereotypes and you end up with a community math celebration.

Susan Robinson launched the project after getting fed up with the countless stories about math being hard, about teach-

ers not engaging, and about students tuning out.

"I wondered who these people were talking to," Robinson said.

Acceptance of a math-averse culture, she added, has encouraged many students to feel that math isn't for them, sometimes well before they even crack a textbook. The result is a self-fulfilling prophecy that encourages students to consider math a nasty four-letter word.

On a broader level, many educators say the trend has fuelled

a steady decline in standards and testing requirements in school districts across the province. This includes the elimination of any standardized Grade 12 math exam as of 2011.

Robinson wants to share her fascination with the subject by hosting a night of fun activities in a friendly setting. The event has been designed for participants of all ages and abilities.

The inaugural Community Math Celebration will feature a math playground, student

projects, origami and preschool math activities. The night's keynote speaker will be Fok-Shuen Leung, a professor of mathematics from UBC. Leung, known as an engaging speaker with a passion for numbers, will present a talk called *Infinities Within Infinities*.

The Community Math Celebration will take place between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 10. The keynote address begins at 7. Admission is free.

For more information, contact GISS at 250-537-9944.

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## Pot-of-gold outing proves successful

Bridge tables sport springy feel

**BY JILL EVANS**  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Well, "La Fhéile Pádraig Sona Daoibh" (pronounced "la ale-lah pwad-rig son-ah jeev," believe it or not) wasn't heard at bridge on March 17 (it says "Happy St Patrick's Day" in case your Gaelic is non-existent) although five and a half tables arrived, several players a-wearin' of the green and perhaps looking for that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

It was Gisela Welsh and Jeff Bell who found it by coming first, with

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George Laundry and Paul Retalack just behind, followed by Patricia Sutherland and Nick Beringer and then Ian Thomas and Zelly Taylor.

By March 24 the weather had warmed up and fooled people into thinking spring had arrived (well, it did officially on March 20) because of the 13-degree temperature, and this time six full tables went to Seniors. Four pairs were really hot stuff and came within two points of each

other in playing the rather dreary hands.

First were Judy Norget and Charles Kahn, very close but second were Blanche Poborsa and Patricia Brown, then over their shoulders were Liz and Oleh Mycyk, with the Laundry-Retalack pair following by a hair. Just a tad after that were Joanne Elizabeth and Jill Evans.

The next day saw a chill in the air again, but hope springs eternal and the next week might give a warm welcome — or maybe a wet one. That's spring for you.

For info about these games, please contact George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or [pastorale@shaw.ca](mailto:pastorale@shaw.ca).

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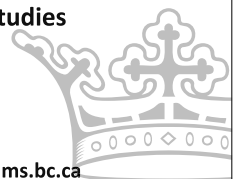
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EDUCATION

# Skilled trades students on podium

GISS brings home medals from regional competition

BY SHARI HAMBROOK  
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Gulf Islands Secondary School came home with three medals and won bronze overall for the South Island region at the 2014 Regional Skills Canada Competition held at Camosun College on Friday.

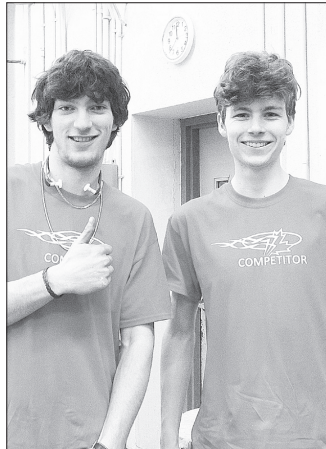
Student medalists include Samantha Jensson, who won a gold medal for culinary arts. Finn McGuffin and Drew Light earned silver and bronze medals (respectively) in carpentry.

A fourth student participant, Shyla-Rae Lloyd-Walters, competed in the highly competitive hairdressing competition after completing 12 months at the student training salon in Saanich.

Jensson, a Grade 12 culinary arts student who is currently apprenticing at Harbour House Restaurant, will go on to compete in the Provincial Skills Canada Competition in Abbotsford on April 9. She started cooking with Shinobu Murata at the Raven Street Café, then was hired under chef Brooke Winters at Harbour House only one year ago.

The Secondary School Apprenticeship Program at GISS allows students to complete their level-one trades training at Camosun or VIU as part of their Grade 12 year. Jensson finished six weeks in the Camosun Culinary Arts program and wrote her final exam the day before the competition.

"After all the training I did with Brooke, and finishing my six-week course at Camosun, I felt so relaxed in the competition, I even caught myself



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

From left, Skills Comp medal winners Samantha Jensson, Drew Light and Finn McGuffin.

humming while I was cooking and had to remind myself that I was in a competition. I am so excited about winning, I can't really believe it," Jensson said.

She will spend the next 10 days training under Winters, herself a Skills Canada gold medalist, and under chef Gilbert Nouisitou, chair of the Camosun College Culinary Arts Program, in preparation for the provincial competition. Gold medalists at provincials will go onto compete at the national Skills Canada event in Toronto to vie for seats on Team Canada at the 2015 World Skills Competition in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

McGuffin is a carpentry apprentice with James McGuffin Construction on

Salt Spring and Light apprentices with Eric Pohl of Island Legacy Construction on Pender Island. Both students have been studying their level-one carpentry in the GISS ACE-It Program with Camosun College instructor Neil Kerrigan.

Sixteen secondary school apprentices will graduate from GISS this June, a record number for our small school district.

The provincial government and Ministry of Education are working together to support programs such as the ACE-It Trades Training and Secondary School Apprenticeship.

For more information about student apprenticeship, contact me at GISS, shambrook@sd64.bc.ca.

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## Guatemala talk Sunday

KAIROS presentation

The Salt Spring KAIROS group invites the public to attend a presentation by Janet Gray on a trip to Guatemala to examine the social, health, environmental and spiritual impacts of Canadian mining companies on Guatemalan communities.

Gray, a KAIROS representative, will share her photos and experiences from the trip taken last November, and examine how churches can respond through advocacy and educational opportunities.

The event takes place on Sunday, April 6 at 11:15 a.m. at the lower hall of the Salt Spring United Church. Refreshments will be provided.

Participants in the tour, sponsored by the United Church and KAIROS, were asked by the Guatemalan people to tell Canadians about the lack of adequate consultation by mining companies, about environmental devastation and human rights violations, and about deep divisions in families and communities fomented by the presence of Canadian mining companies.

Discussion and questions will follow Gray's presentation.

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- General Manager
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- #2) Clarification of minimum shares required for membership with redemption of shares at age 67
- #3) Director qualifications to include being a resident of British Columbia
- #4) Minimum lead time for director nominations
- #5) Share over 180 or \$1800 (value) to be paid out annually

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**IS THIS YOUR CARD?:** From left with a deck of cards is Jaysen Williamspeers, a member of the Conjuring Club led by Shaun Luttin, at right. On Friday the club held a special public performance at the Salt Spring library.

**HISTORY**

## Vesuvius Bay revisited in talk

Marshall Heinekey gives presentation

On Wednesday, April 9 at Central Hall, the Salt Spring Island Historical Society will present an encore presentation called the History of Vesuvius Bay as told by Marshall Heinekey. Heinekey was born and raised on Salt Spring, and through the '40s and '50s lived in Vesuvius, where three generations of

his family have been for the last 90 years. A Toastmasters club member, Heinekey has recently moved back to his family's old homestead.

The program will include a PowerPoint presentation with photos and data from 1860 to the present. Part of the presentation will highlight Heinekey's experiences growing up in Vesuvius.

Tea and coffee will be served after the event, which begins at 2 p.m.

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**SS FORUM**

## Greene shares amazing story

Recovery from axe attack in Afghanistan

**SALT SPRING FORUM SUBMISSION**

Everything can change in an instant. For Captain Trevor Greene, it was an axe strike to the back of his head — on March 4, 2006 — that instantly and profoundly changed his life.

Greene, an officer with the Canadian Forces, had taken his helmet off as a gesture of goodwill while meeting with the elders of an Afghan village. Suddenly, a teenager affiliated with the Taliban buried a stone axe into the back of his head.

On Friday, April 11, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at ArtSpring, Greene will join the Salt Spring Forum to discuss his incredible story of recovery, inspiration and hope.

After the horrific injury, doctors thought Greene's brain damage would render him permanently unable to move or even communicate.

Greene's recovery has defied all medical expectations. Today, he can speak clearly and he works hard towards walking.

Neurologists have a growing appreciation of the brain's ability to relearn, rewire and adapt. As Greene's experience demonstrates, the healing can continue for years after the damage occurs.

Love certainly helps, and Green's wife Debbie is a central part of his journey — never accepting the limits that doctors put on him.

The father of two young children, Greene has also become a passionate environmentalist. His new book on climate change is entitled There is No Planet B.

The evening will be moderated by Salt Spring's own Dr. Kevin Patterson. Tickets are available at ArtSpring and at Salt Spring Books.

This event is presented in partnership with Salt Spring's chapter of Voices of Women (VOW).



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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Scott Point Waterworks District will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday April 23, 2014 at the RVYC Pavilion at 241 Scott Point Dr. Trustee reports and meeting documents will be available at: [www.scottpointwaterworks.com](http://www.scottpointwaterworks.com)

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**LEGALS**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** IN THE ESTATE OF TIMOTHY MCBRIDE, DECEASED, LATE OF SALT SPRING ISLAND, WHO DIED JAN. 17, 2014

TAKE NOTICE that all persons having claims upon the estate of the above named must file with the undersigned Executrix by the 23rd day of April, 2014 a full statement of their claims and of securities held by them.

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**Trevor James Murray**

Trevor died in Vancouver after a long struggle with mental illness on March 20, 2014 at the age of 54. He thrived during his years on Salt Spring Island, from 1973 to 1977, and was GISS valedictorian in 1977. Trevor was larger than life and always made an impression on the people he met, and despite his own difficulties, showed great compassion for his fellow travellers. He will be missed by his father Michael, sister Brenda and other family members and friends. Donations can be made in Trevor's memory to the Salt Spring Community Services adult mental health program.

**Robert Russell Stimpson**  
October 3, 1946 - March 27, 2014

With great sadness Bob's family announces his passing. We invite Bob's friends to celebrate his life on Saturday, April 12th from 3 to 5 pm at 2036 North End Rd. (carpooling appreciated). Please bring candles, finger food & stories to share.

**Joseph Rudolph Albert Kandler**  
Dec. 13, 1921 - March 25, 2014

Joseph was born on December 13, 1921 in Vienna, Austria and passed away peacefully on March 25th on Salt Spring Island.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Lubomyra Melitta and family George and Jacoba. Joseph will be sadly missed by family, friends and associates.

A Memorial Services will be held at a later date.

**NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS DISTRICT NOTICE OF 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Ratepayers of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, BC.

As required by the Letters Patent of the District, the Annual General Meeting will be held for the following purposes:

1. To receive from the Trustees a report on the condition of the works and a statement of the financial condition of the Improvement District.
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**INFORMATION**

**Salt Spring Singers Community Scholarships**

Salt Spring Singers community choir is offering two \$500 scholarships to members of the Salt Spring Island community who wish to pursue music studies. Preference will be given to candidates who intend to study voice and/or are members of a community or school choir.

**The deadline for applications is Tuesday, April 15, 2014.**

For more information and an application package, please go to [www.saltspringsingers.org/scholarships.html](http://www.saltspringsingers.org/scholarships.html) or call Rosemary Wallbank at (250) 537-4398.





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**GUILD GIFT:** McKenna Lynn Fraser, shown here with mom Tara and her new Spark friend, was the recipient of this year's Spark doll, given by the Salt Spring Island Trefoil Guild. McKenna was born on March 3, 2014. This is the third year that the Trefoil Guild has presented a Spark doll to the Salt Spring baby girl born closest to Feb. 22, which is Thinking Day for the Guiding and Scouting world as it was the joint birthday of both Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, the founders of Guiding and Scouting.

**FAITH**

# Retired MP Blaikie speaks on Salt Spring

Event on April 12

**SS UNITED CHURCH SUBMISSION**

Salt Spring Island United Church is looking forward to a visit from former Member of Parliament Bill Blaikie.

Blaikie, who is also a United Church minister, has accepted an invitation to speak at the church on Saturday, April 12 at 10:30 a.m. He has been asked to speak about how his faith has informed his social and political activism.

By the time he retired from the House of Commons after representing a Manitoba constituency for nearly 30 years, Blaikie was being referred to as the "Dean of the House." Over those years he had served as the NDP critic on portfolios ranging from international trade to health, from external affairs to the environment. Not only did he serve as his party's house leader and finish second to Jack Layton in

the party leadership race of 2003, but as a mark of the regard in which he was held by all parties for his personal integrity and conviction he was named deputy speaker of the House of Commons in 2006. After leaving federal politics two years later he was elected to the Manitoba legislature and joined the faculty of the University of Winnipeg as an adjunct professor of theology and politics.

Blaikie was influenced by the Social Gospel tradition in his early years — an influence that led him to attend Emmanuel College, the United Church's seminary in Toronto. After being ordained as a minister of the United Church he worked at the church's inner-city Stella Project in Winnipeg.

In retirement, Blaikie has written a memoir of his time in politics. Copies of *The Blaikie Report — An Insider's Look at Faith and Politics* will be available for sale following his presentation.

**PUBLIC LIBRARY**

# Library AGM highlights stellar year

Volunteer numbers hit record high

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

People attending the Salt Spring Public Library Association's annual general meeting on Thursday afternoon had plenty to write home about following the new facility's first full year of operation.

"If this was a movie, last year's AGM would have been called *Revelation: The New Building*, and this year's is called *Promise Delivered*," said Les Brost, library board chair, during his opening remarks. "This is the year we have taken that promise and done the actualizing."

Statistics collected since the new library's doors opened in December 2012 show remarkable gains, Brost added.

The library welcomed approximately 174,000 visitors in 2013, a 157 per cent increase from 2011 in the former building. About 2,100 people attended programs at the facility, with the level of children's activities growing by 367 per cent. During the new building's first month of operation alone, the library welcomed 15,000 people.

"I think that's really significant since, in a community like Salt Spring, some people are slow to adapt to change, but right from the beginning the community came out and embraced the library," said chief librarian Karen Hudson.

With 170,000 items circulated to its membership, staff and volunteers anticipate the library will be among the busiest of its size when provincial statistics are released later this spring.

"This is quite a bit for a small-size library," Hudson told AGM participants. "We usually end up fifth or sixth in the province for our circulation rates so it's going to be really interesting to see, in May, where we fall this year."

Board members recognized the continued efforts of the library's record-high 170 volunteers, whose commitment in the past year represented nearly \$500,000 in labour costs, based on typical rates people would be paid in a staff position in a similar type of library.

"That's basically double our existing budget," Hudson said. "We get great value from our volunteers."

Along with unveiling of a new website, enhancing communications and creation of a board succession strategy, Brost said, the board aims to gradually reduce dependency on Capital Regional District tax revenue. Approximately 56 per cent of the library's \$425,000 annual operating budget in 2013 was obtained through a CRD tax requisition. That tax requisition is anticipated to comprise 64 per cent of the library association's 2014 budget.

Brost stressed the importance of fundraising and donors in an era dominated by talk of fiscal restraint and program cuts across many levels of government.

"I'm a political refugee from Alberta and I was there during the [Ralph] Klein years and I saw what happens when cutbacks happen. It's a funny thing, when the level of the watering hole starts to drop, animals that used to get along just like gangbusters all of a sudden start to look at each other a whole lot differently," he said. "We have got to get as far away from dependency on the tax requisition as possible."

In other AGM news, Janet Clouston, Rob James, Joan Watterson and Patricia Sutherland were named to the board by acclamation. They continue the work of former board members Rita Archer, Jacque Harkema, Scott Howe and Stan Shapiro, and those in the middle of their terms, Blair Carley and Sally Rycroft. John Wakefield agreed to serve another term on the board.

Library board meetings are held at 9:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the library at 129 McPhillips Ave. Observers are welcome.



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**FASHION SPLASH:** At top, Salt Spring Clothing Co. owner Nikki Smith describes the fashions on parade at an Evening in Ganges Fashion Show and Party held on Saturday night at the Harbour House's Orchard Room, where models of all ages took the stage. Several local businesses participated in making the event a success.

Capital Regional District **CRD**

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## YOUTH SOCCER

# U18 girls crowned district champs

Victory caps remarkable season

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Players on Salt Spring United's U18 girls silver soccer team can be forgiven for getting carried away during a trip to the grocery store after the district championship game on Sunday afternoon.

The festive ferry lineup picnic that ensued at Swartz Bay followed the team's hard-fought 1-0 win against opponents from Gorge. The victory earned players the coveted district cup, capping an impressive season.

"It was a very tight and exciting game," said Lindsay MacQueen, a parent, team spokesperson and assistant coach.

Emma Lewis scored the match's lone goal as Ella MacQueen-Denz kept the shutout intact. MacQueen-Denz was named game MVP for her effort.

United won three cup matches during regular season play to qualify for a spot in the champi-



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Salt Spring's U18 girls' soccer silver team with medals after their District Cup win.

onship final. That many of the preliminary games pitted Salt Spring against higher-calibre teams makes Sunday's victory all the more enjoyable.

"It was an excellent season because we were often short of players, but everyone came

out for the final and we brought home the district cup," MacQueen said.

MacQueen thanked head coach and technical director Josip Bratanovic, manager Susan Lewis and all the parents who helped during the season.

Players on this year's championship team are Marijn Andringa, Jade Barnard, Roxie Dailly, Ajra Doobenben, Alli Gaines, Amrei Hunter, Emma Lewis, Ella MacQueen-Denz, Sofia Pickstone, Ocea Scrodolis, Becky Steel and Lily Zazalak.

## MEN'S SOCCER

# Centaur's spoil Old Boys finale

Late-game heroics backfire for Salt Spring squad

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Old Boys may have lost their last match of the season on Sunday but players can look back on some great football during the past six months.

Among the memories will be keeper Jim Witherpoon's heroic late-game effort to bring the visitors within striking distance of the Centaur's.

"The Salt Spring keeper, making a 50-metre run, lost the ball in the centre of the field and the result was a goal for the Centaur's," said Graham Tweddle, team spokesperson for the Old Boys. "Final score 4-1."

Salt Spring's reliable sniper Mike McCormick scored the Old Boys' only goal of the afternoon.

"The Centaur's seemed to understand the way the ball bounced on the artificial field," Tweddle said in his post-game report. "We, on the other hand, seemed to have difficulty passing and controlling the ball."

"Not the best way to end the season, but overall the team played some really good football and we're now looking forward to next season."

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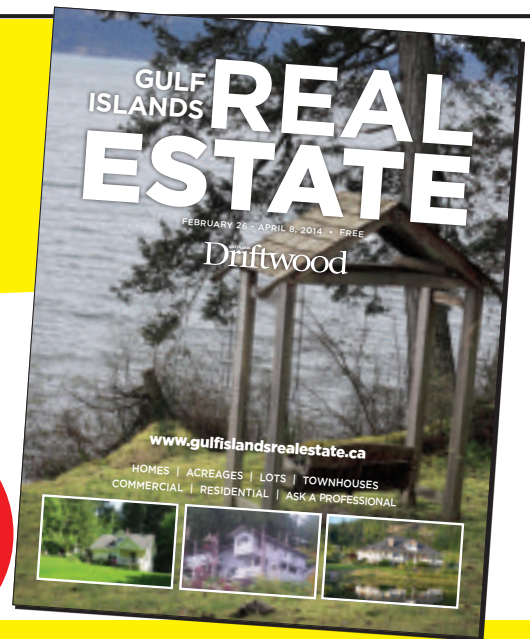
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