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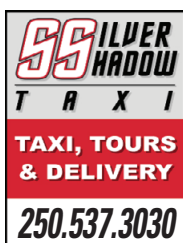


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UP UP AND AWAY: Marc Ritchie launches a pumpkin from his homemade trebuchet at the first annual Game of Throws pumpkin-tossing event held at Lions Hall. The medieval-themed afternoon organized by the Salt Spring Lions Club also featured stilt walkers, archery and a slingshot range.

POLITICS

MP May resigns as leader

Will remain as MP; says future bright for party

BY MARC KITTINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Member of Parliament Elizabeth May stepped down as leader of the Green Party of Canada effective immediately on Monday.

May will stay on as parliamentary leader, with the party's deputy leader Jo-Ann Roberts becoming the interim leader. A new leader will be chosen at the party's convention in October of 2020. May had also been considering a run to be Speaker of the House of Commons, but has decided against that idea and will work with her fellow MPs on the opposition bench, though she did hint at a speakership run after the next election.

The decision was made a long time ago, May told the Driftwood on Tuesday, but the timing of the announcement was made to ensure the party has time to establish a new leader before the next federal election.

"The reality is in a minority parliament, we should be election ready as soon as possible. Knowing that I wasn't willing to lead the party into another election, that meant getting started soon on setting up a leadership race," she said.

May's announcement comes after the party got the best electoral results in its history in October. Across the country, over one million voters voted Green, which was the party's second best turnout under May's leadership. In 2008, the party received 6.78 per cent of the popular vote, just over 2019's 6.5 per cent.

"The future is very bright. Right now, we have a lot of momentum. We have built substantially across the country," May said, stating that there were 50 ridings where Green candidates got over 10 per cent of the popular vote.

"These are big gains, and they show we have room to grow and to build," she added. "I will be supporting and working with a new leader going into the next federal election campaign. I find that very exciting."

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PARKS AND RECREATION

CRD Regional Parks to weigh CREST addition

Decision deemed not under PARC purview

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Mouat Park location chosen for the CREST tower does not fall under the purview of the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission as previously thought. Instead, the land eyed for the development is under the control of the CRD Regional Parks and Environment Committee.

Upon CRD staff's background research into the lands in question, it was discovered that the crown land grant for Mouat Park does not include land used by the recycling depot. The two are separate grants, and the land targeted for the tower falls under the jurisdiction of Regional Parks and Environment. CRD head office staff are still deciding the appropriate process for moving forward. That process includes which committee will be making the decision.

"It is likely that it will go to [the] Regional Parks and Environmental [Committee], but it could also go to the

Electoral Areas Services Committee," explained Parks and Recreation manager Dan Ovington during last week's PARC meeting.

PARC commissioner Brian Webster was not happy that the decision will now be made by a committee that does not meet on Salt Spring.

"I'm concerned that this is an issue of considerable interest to this community and is about to be shuffled off of the island. How can we be confident it will be dealt with with appropriate input from the community?" he asked during the Oct. 29 meeting. "The fact that we can kind of wash our hands of it and not have to deal with the issue is all well and good for us around the table, but that raises what I think is a ticklish issue of having a committee that doesn't meet on this island making decisions about it."

CRD director Gary Holman explained that regardless of where the decision is made, the local area director would be a part of the decision-making process.

"It's still with me whether it's at the Legion, the commission or the CRD committee that meets in Victoria," he

said. "It's still something that more or less comes back to the director."

Holman has been supportive of the project since its inception. Originally, it was to be sited at the Legion property, but that location was eliminated as an option after pushback from some community members concerned about health and safety. CREST approached PARC with an idea to site the tower on what was thought to be PARC land, and staff were exploring the idea when the discovery was made.

"When I was going through the background work, I always understood that the crown land grant for Mouat Park included the recycling depot that was under the license," said Ovington. "In fact the recycling depot in that area has a completely separate crown land grant. It doesn't fall under the jurisdiction of this commission."

New plans include a shorter CREST tower than the one planned for the Legion site. The shorter tower means that the project does not need Islands Trust approval, as Islands Trust staff explained at the Local Trust Committee meeting on Oct. 29.



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COMMUNITY SERVICES

Shelter noise causes contention

Change to year-round service hoped to aid management

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Transition to a year-round overnight shelter at Salt Spring Community Services has some residents concerned about increased noise and disturbance, while shelter providers say the new funding model will actually help improve noise management on the site.

Two members of the public spoke about issues with nighttime noise on the Community Services property during the Oct. 29 Salt Spring Local Trust Committee meeting's town hall session. Colin Clark, who lives right next door to the property, said he was extremely sleep-deprived after months of noise from people and their dogs camping overnight. He reported having made at least 100 noise complaints over the past year, and said dogs have come onto his property.

"I am, I'm positive, the angriest man on this whole island," Clark told the LTC.

Clark said he felt the situation may get even worse since the shelter has just changed from being an extreme weather service open from November through March to being open year-round.

Jacob van Dort also spoke at the town hall session, saying that while he believed the homeless population must receive care and support, perhaps the shelter should require clients to show up sober.

Speaking in response to the complaints, Salt Spring Community Services executive director Rob Grant acknowledged there have been many people and pets on the property after hours during the months when the shelter was not open. He said the shift to year-round shelter funding and staffing will actually create the opportunity for better management of the situation as a whole.

"When we have evening and overnight staff, such as we have had in winter and will now have 12

months, we can monitor noise and behaviour," Grant said. "With the expansion to year-round status we are available to more people more often, but have more capacity to keep a lid on things. Staff can set limits, ask and coach people to act respectfully, and call police or ban people if needed."

Grant agreed that clients' dogs pose one of the biggest noise challenges. A fence was put up over the summer to keep dogs out of neighbours' yards, and staff will continue to do what they can to limit the disturbance. Staff encourage responsible pet ownership and report pet abuse when they see it. A second issue is alcohol, which Grant said can create bad behaviour and noise. Community Services does not permit drinking at the shelter, but has a low barrier policy, meaning someone who is intoxicated will be allowed to access services if they behave.

"There is no doubt that operating an emergency shelter is a challenge for staff, and impacts neighbours. It is our intention to abide by noise bylaws and good neighbour relations that would be expected elsewhere," Grant said.

Community Services will be getting some new funding to help connect people to low-to-no-cost mental health and substance use supports. The B.C. government announced \$10 million for community counselling programs on Monday.

Funding through the Community Action Initiative will support organizations to address gaps in care for individuals who face barriers related to race, ethnicity, religion, gender, age, class, sexual orientation and/or financial means. Community Services will receive \$114,000 annually for three years.

Grant said it will be used to fund a full-time clinical counsellor who can assist with accessibility through access to a budget for transportation, day care and First Nations resources. The position will work out of the main site and be part of the clinical and counselling team, as well as being closely connected with Housing First, outreach and shelter services.



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NEWS BRIEFS

Economic forum on tap

Representatives from B.C.'s rural islands are meeting for two days from Nov. 7 to 8 on Pender Island to address key issues and concerns during the inaugural Rural Islands Economic Forum.

RIEF will bring together leaders from 16+ rural islands and more than 10 Indigenous communities that have traditional or reserve land on the islands to build sustainable and green economies in the face of climate change. The goal of the forum is to build a platform for a permanent organization.

FOR THE RECORD

Last week's Driftwood editorial incorrectly stated that the proposed Community Safety Service tax increase would start at \$10 per year when that is in fact the maximum amount.

BC FERRIES

Fulford terminal upgrade drags out

Closed deck policy also explored

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Long-delayed plans for Fulford ferry terminal improvements were once again a topic of discussion between the Salt Spring Ferry Advisory Committee and BC Ferries, who held their fall public meeting at the Harbour House Hotel on Thursday.

FAC chair Harold Swierenga raised Fulford as an issue of concern, noting that although terminal upgrades have been on the books for the past decade or more, the terminal does not show up among the 12 projects listed as having an active development plan on the BC Ferries website. Ferry traffic that blocks regular vehicle traffic in and out of Fulford village on busy sailings meanwhile continues to pose a public safety issue, he said.

"Can somebody tell us where it stands and where we're going here with it? Because this has been a very discouraging exercise over the years," Swierenga said. "The problem identified with the road is still very much there . . . In the summertime it's still a very critically dangerous situation."

"Now we're not even on the list to be looked at," Swierenga added. "I recognize that Vesuvius is here, but Fulford didn't even make the list to be considered at this point in time. I think we need something better than that, quite honestly."

A master plan that BC Ferries presented in July 2011 included two phases of improvement. It was to start with the short-term solution of developing Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure right-of-way on Fulford-Ganges Road as a holding lane, and was to include a marked shoulder for pedestrians. Work was intended to begin as early as spring 2013.

By 2015 that plan had not advanced and was deemed to have become too complicated, with costs projected to be at least 10 times the original estimate. BC Ferries announced an accelerated project instead that would skip straight to phase two. It would eliminate the need for an on-road holding lane by extending the terminal compound space to fit 145 vehicles plus a bus turnaround and a passenger pick-up/drop-off area. The upgrade was expected to be completed for 2018-19.

Work failed to advance once again due to complications with a private property the ferry corporation would need to purchase to complete the terminal expansion.

"I recognize that the terminal development program is going through a number of steps. We've already done a lot of those steps with regard to Fulford," Swierenga said.

BC Ferries executives said they weren't sure why Fulford terminal didn't appear on the website, as the plan is still active despite the ongoing challenge in property negotiations.

"If you look at our statements, the ter-

minial development plan is supposed to be wrapping up in this fiscal year, in March," said public affairs manager Darin Guenette, adding the physical changes to the space are slated to be done in four years or fiscal 2022-23. The next steps after the terminal development plan is finished this year are detailed design and costing, and then construction.

Terminal development plans for Crofton and Vesuvius are currently underway. Members of the public can view draft concepts and submit survey input on two options proposed for Crofton under the Terminal Development Planning section at bcferries.com.

In other business at Thursday's meeting, the group discussed the Transport Canada policy that requires passengers to leave their vehicles when parked on closed decks. FAC member John Wakefield asked for clarification on how people who need to stay in their vehicles can ensure they are directed to an open deck, and asked whether a doctor's note is needed.

Camrin Hillis, BC Ferries' regional manager of terminal operations, said a working group is looking into the issue right now, but he confirmed a doctor's note is not necessary to get permission to be parked on an open deck. There may be an issue of communication between ticket agents and deck crews. Hillis added the number of requests made on the Gulf Islands - Tsawwassen route is quite small, so those people should be able to be accommodated.

CANNABIS REGULATION

Cannabis shops suspend sales

Retail outlets visited by BC Community Safety Unit

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Some retail outlets selling cannabis products on Salt Spring have suspended operations after receiving a visit last week from the B.C. Community Safety Unit, the provincial agency charged with enforcement of cannabis regulations.

Kyle Cheyne, manager of Platinum Cannabis retail (formerly Leaf Compassion) on Salt Spring, confirmed that CSU officers visited his shop last week, but said they did not seize any material or charge any staff or the owners. The business is currently waiting for its application with the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch to be approved and will not be selling cannabis products in the meantime.

"They said if they return to do our final inspection to be approved as a legal retail outlet and have product on the shelves they will be taken, and the process will take longer," Cheyne explained. "Since that visit we have removed all products but accessories and await a date for final inspection."

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee gave its endorsement in June to Platinum's LCRB application to provide retail cannabis sales from its 105-109 McPhillips Ave shop between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. Trust staff explained at the June 25 business meeting that very few people turned out for an open house on the matter and the items of correspondence received were all in favour of the application.

Colin Hynes, a spokesman for the B.C. Public Safety Ministry, told the Driftwood that constables were on the island for the purposes of education and awareness.

"However, we're unable to provide comment on any specific complaints or enforcement actions taken or comment on what the CSU will or will not undertake in response to specific cases or situations," Hynes said.

Since the unit began operation over a year ago, CSU officers have visited approximately 200 unlicensed retailers for the purposes of education and to raise awareness about cannabis laws, and the penalties and consequences for violating federal and provincial regulatory regimes. They have also shared information on how to obtain a non-medical cannabis retail licence and enforcement activities, Hynes reported.

The Public Safety Ministry states that CSU has undertaken enforcement action against unlicensed retailers in several communities across B.C. In all cases, significant amounts of cannabis in a variety of forms (dried, edibles, concentrates, extracts, oils, etc.) have been seized. Enforcement was more relaxed at the start of the process when retail shops first became legal in order to allow businesses to become compliant.

"As more licensed stores come online, you can expect to see increasing enforcement activity from the CSU," Hynes said.

"Our goal from the start has been voluntary compliance. However, those who continue to operate illegally should be warned that if they do not obtain a provincial licence they will have to close or will face increased enforcement action from the CSU."

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BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

“Would you like a fork with your food?”

She smiled as she handed me my takeout box holding a piece of chocolate cake I purchased at an event on Salt Spring Island. “It’s compostable, so you don’t have to feel bad.”

In the server’s outstretched hand was a plastic fork with the word “compostable” embossed on the handle. Next to the table was a waste disposal station, complete with a bin for compostables. Inside was mainly discarded food amongst cardboard food trays, plastic cups, forks and knives.

Compostable plastics represent the promise of a future where we’ve fixed all of the problems associated with plastic without having to break our addiction to single-use items. I was told that I didn’t have to feel bad about using that fork. However, I couldn’t help but feel like it was all too good to be true.

When people think of compostables, they think about materials that will rot and disappear, magically turning into soil within a few months. In that way, compostable plastics are not what they seem. Compostable plastics have been touted as being part of the “solution” to waste for a long time. However, they are not the panacea they’ve been made out to be.

Some clarification in terms is needed, as the plastics we are discussing are often confusing, even for the professionals who deal with them on a daily basis.

Bio-based plastics, biodegradable plastics and compostable plastics are all completely different things, and act in very different ways after they are disposed of. Bio-based plastics are conventional plastics that are made from biological ingredients like plant starch, as opposed to petrochemical ingredients. In B.C., bio-based plastics are recyclable, according to Recycle BC spokesperson David Lefebvre, as they are essentially the same as conventional plastics.

“Biodegradable” and “compostable” are similar terms. Biodegradable means a product will be broken down into harmless particles. However, there is no time period attached to the designation, and the biodegradation process can lead to microplastics being integrated into the environment.

Compostable products need to be certified by organizations like ASTM International. They need to fit very specific standards and must degrade in an industrial facility within a specific time frame, one that is similar to other compostable items like food waste. Compostable plastics cannot leave harmful residue, and they must break down entirely into harmless particles within that time frame. Compostable products will have a certification label attached. Anything that does not have a label is not compostable.

“There’s all of these different terms that are being used, and a lot of people don’t necessarily have a great understanding of what each of those terms mean. If they don’t understand how to differentiate them, then they definitely won’t understand how they might impact the system or how we might be able to process them,” said Lefebvre.

Jack Vanderbasch, manager of the Coast Environmental composting facility in Chemainus, agrees: “That’s the pain in our asses. It’s the misconception between biodegradable and compostable,” he said as we walked through the parking lot at the facility.

Coast Environmental takes in about 30 tons of compostable materials from green bins and local businesses per day and turns it into usable compost for resale. Vanderbasch was happy to invite me on a tour of his facility, saying that it really wouldn’t sink in unless I got a first-hand look.

Central to the operation are two tented composting buildings. The first is where compost is placed in aerated piles to break down. The piles are aerated through use of a computer system and after 43 days are moved into a second

“The temperatures that we get to are 90 degrees Celsius. That’s boiling water. When it gets to that temperature, you’d think it would compost.”

JACK VANDERBASCH
Manager, Mid-Island Operations, Coast Environmental

tent for curing. After curing for four months, the compost is ready for resale. The compost is tested at all stages to ensure it meets health standards set out by the province. Before going to market, it goes through a sorting machine that separates out the larger pieces, which are sent through the system again. This pile is what Vanderbasch really wanted to show me.

“After it’s screened, this is all the oversized bits that come out,” he explained as we walked over. “It’s pretty much garbage, but we’ll put it though again. It’ll go through three or four times just to make sure we get as much wood product out as we can, because it’s compostable.”

What looked like a mound of blackened wood towered at least two metres over my head. Vanderbasch reached into the pile and pulled out a plastic fork. After four months of being composted at extremely high temperatures, the fork looked no different than the one I was given with my piece of cake and told not to feel bad about.

“This one says ‘made from plant-based product.’ That’s probably been in there for four months,” Vanderbasch said. “When they put the wording on there that it’s made from plant starch . . . it’s still plastic.”

As I looked at the pile, more and more plastic popped out at me. Plastic dog-waste bags, onion bags, wax-coated juice cartons, chip bags, all looking like the day they were made. Vanderbasch said that most of the wood material would be composted after a few more cycles, but eventually this pile would end up in the landfill.

“The temperatures that we get to are 90 degrees Celsius. That’s boiling water,” he said. “When it gets to that temperature, you’d think it would compost. A lot of the stuff we take disappears. It composts, it does what it’s supposed to do. Those forks will not disappear. I don’t know what the answer is.”

Vanderbasch has been trying to spread the word that plastics like these should be avoided, since the ambiguous terms make people think that everything can be composted. While some things do disappear into compost, the vast majority of the plastics he receives are in there because of a misunderstanding.

“I started going to the schools and doing seminars,” he said. “I figure the way I’m going to get to the parents is through the children. I was telling nine or 10 year olds if they see their parents putting stuff and plastic in the green bin, to tell them they can’t do that. It’s their planet.”

Provincially, there is currently no regulation that defines compostable plastics. The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy is working to include compostable plastics following ASTM standards as they update their Organic Matter Recycling Regulations. When the update comes, there could be a future for this kind of material in B.C.

Compostable, bioplastics and biodegradable plastics do only make up around one per cent of the total plastic market, according to Lefebvre. But that amount is growing, and all of that plastic will need to go somewhere.

Industrial composting facilities, combined with education and regulations, may provide a solution to the compostable plastics problem for most people. However, where does that leave communities like those in the Gulf Islands, without direct access to such facilities?



PHOTOS BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
Jack Vanderbasch pulls the remnants of a biodegradable plastic bag from the pile after it spent months in the composting process at Coast Environmental’s facility in Chemainus.



An innocuous fork made from plant starch before (above) and then virtually unchanged after it spent months in a high-temperature composting environment in Chemainus (below).



LAND USE PLANNING

Trust receives groundwater recharge report

Official community plan review to test alignment with strategic goals

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee received a report on groundwater recharge potential last Tuesday, but decided not to take action on its findings until further review by the Salt Spring Watershed Protection Alliance.

According to a staff report, the Islands Trust retained hydrogeology consulting firm GW Solutions to determine groundwater recharge potential on Salt Spring in April 2019. GW Solutions returned with a report on how subsurface water resources or aquifers can be replenished on May 30. At its Oct. 2 meeting, the Local Trust Committee resolved to forward the report to SSIWPA to coordinate a review by members and relevant agencies.

Speaking to the matter on Oct. 29, the Trust's freshwater specialist William Shulba recommended that work to protect areas with high groundwater recharge potential get started right away, both to protect an important resource and to align with several strategic priorities the LTC has identified.

"We need to protect recharge just because we need to protect recharge. To analyze the impacts of not protecting recharge is very difficult and would take a generation,"

Shulba said, adding, "I believe that protecting recharge is not decoupled from protecting the Coastal Douglas-fir ecosystem, and as well I believe we would be protecting ecosystems' ability to recharge groundwater, and doing that is one of the biggest mitigation strategies for a changing climate."

Island trustees were reluctant to act without further advice, however.

"Last meeting we did refer it to SSIWPA and I think it would be important for those comments to come back before we go to the next step," said trustee Laura Patrick.

In general, the report found that recharge potential is higher to the west of the southern mountain areas, and poor on the northern and eastern regions of the island, including most of the north end, north of Ganges Harbour and Ruckle Park.

Recommendations made by GW Solutions are that more groundwater wells be incorporated in the network of three wells monitored by the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development to improve understanding of groundwater dynamics and mapping; and that a detailed water budget survey be completed to properly manage the island's groundwater resource. The water budget survey could also include estimates on recharge volumes in lowland areas, which has not yet been done.

Shulba observed that even with SSIWPA's comments, the content of the report won't change as it is the final submission from the consultants.

"I still believe that the Local Trust Committee should direct staff to return with planning options to protect recharge like Hornby Island has done, like Galiano's tried to do," Shulba said, noting those options could include zoning, development permit areas and/or collaboration with other stakeholders.

Trustee Peter Grove said he was uncomfortable directing staff to explore options if it would mean involving a planner in addition to Shulba.

"We've been talking about limited resources, we've been talking about priorities. I'm worried this is a major project which will take a significant amount of time from one of our planners, so before we do anything I'd like to hear from the [SSIWPA] technical working group because I'm just not qualified to comment on this work," Grove said.

In other business at the Oct. 29 meeting, the Local Trust Committee re-confirmed its list of top priority projects and gave the green light for staff to begin a review of Salt Spring's official community plan. Planner Claire Negrin will determine where existing policy supports the seven priorities affirmed by the LTC and where gaps might exist. The report is expected to be ready for the December meeting.

Grove spoke with some frustration about the projects list and the OCP review, stating that room should be made for protection of Coastal Douglas-fir ecosystems.

"We need to save our trees; we need to

save our planet for our children and the time to act is now," Grove said, adding there was no time for an official community plan review.

Staff explained the review will support this eventual project by revealing whether OCP amendments must be made. Patrick further noted the Island Trust's local planning committee has committed to mapping the Coastal Douglas-fir zone across the entire Trust area, which is a crucial step in creating new development permit areas. She said she felt confident the work to protect the forest ecosystem would take place.

- A bylaw to regulate cannabis production on Salt Spring and restrict it to properties in the Agricultural Land Reserve received first reading on Oct. 29 and is headed to the Agricultural Advisory Planning Commission for comment. The bylaw is modelled on one in process on Gabriola Island. It also includes new setbacks and a size limitation for related structures of up to 200 square metres (2,153 square feet).

Community member Rebecca Bloch asked the LTC not to create a bylaw that would put restrictions on cannabis projects that are currently in development but haven't been started yet. The LTC had previously given its support to her plan to re-purpose the former Blennerhassett riding ring for cannabis production as the best way to maximize farming potential on the site, but that structure is 2,500 square metres (27,000 square feet).

A community information meeting on the bylaw is being scheduled.

May's leadership lauded

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May will be staying on as MP for Saanich-Gulf Islands and hopes to run for re-election in the next federal election.

Provincial Green Party leader Andrew Weaver thanked May for her service as leader of the party since 2006.

"As the first Green MP, she led the way for the multiple Green caucuses elected in Canada today. As a voice of principle and reason on issues such as climate change, she has elevated the national conversation and forced other parties to take bolder positions," he said.

Weaver has also stepped down as leader of his party. Both party organizations will be looking to the future as they ponder their leadership. The provincial leadership decision will take place during its June 26-28 convention in 2020.

May has been thinking of her successor, and has a few ideas of people who could take the reins in 2020, including former candidates and others. However, rules have not been set about the convention, and those will be announced at a later date.

"It's time for the Green party the next generation. It's like the serialization from Star Trek to Star Trek the Next Generation," May said. "We're 'boldly going where no Green has gone before.'"

Capital Regional District

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NOTICE TO ELECTORS WITHIN THE SALT SPRING ISLAND ELECTORAL AREA

Alternative Approval Process for Bylaw No. 4325
Salt Spring Island Community Safety Service

Notice is hereby given that the Capital Regional District ("CRD") proposes to adopt:

- ▶ Bylaw No. 4325, "Salt Spring Island Community Safety Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1, 2019", to authorize the establishment of a new service for the purpose of funding community safety projects and a requisition for that service for the greater of \$65,000 or an amount equal to the amount that could be raised by a property value tax of \$0.016 per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) when applied to the net taxable value of land and improvements within the service area.

The new Salt Spring Island Community Safety Service is proposed to assist, administer, promote, organize, implement, and monitor community safety initiatives and programs in the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area.

Take further notice that the CRD may proceed with Bylaw No. 4325 unless at least 910 electors within the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area indicate, by signing the elector response forms, that the Board must obtain the assent of the electors by way of an assent vote (referendum) before proceeding to adopt Bylaw No. 4325.

The elector response must be in the form as established by the CRD and the form is available from the CRD on request or from the CRD website. The only persons entitled to sign elector response forms are electors of the area to which the alternative approval process opportunity applies. The alternative approval process opportunity applies within the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area.

The deadline for delivering the original signed elector response forms, in relation to Bylaw No. 4325, to the CRD is **4:00 pm on Monday, December 9, 2019**. Forms must be received by the deadline to be counted.

The CRD has estimated that the total number of electors within the service area is 9,095 and that 10% of that number or 910 electors must submit elector response forms to prevent the CRD from enacting Bylaw No. 4325 without the assent of the electors by referendum.

Questions regarding the proposed Salt Spring Island Community Safety Service may be directed to Karla Campbell, Senior Manager, Salt Spring Island Administration, 108-121 McPhillips Ave, Salt Spring Island, 250.538.4300, kcampbell@crd.bc.ca, during regular office hours Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays) from the date of this notice until December 9, 2019.

Qualifications for Resident and Non-Resident Property Electors

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Given under my hand at Victoria, BC this 6th day of November, 2019

Kristen Morley
Corporate Officer

OPINION



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EDITORIAL

Younger voices

If asked to name the most powerful voice of political and social change in the world these days, many people would likely not hesitate to say “Greta Thunberg.”

When Greta speaks, people stop what they are doing to listen. She is being joined by other strong, vocal young environmental activists, such as Autumn Peltier and Isra Hirs. In describing Thunberg and others, the characteristic mentioned most often is their age. If they were 55-year-old seasoned politicians, their words would have far less impact.

Proposed changes to B.C.’s Election Act announced last week recognize that younger people do and should have a larger voice in how governments are chosen and run. The suggested changes fall short of giving the vote to 16 year olds, as the Green party has promoted. But one amendment, if passed, would allow 16 and 17 year olds to register to vote, so that they are already on the voters’ list by the time they are eligible to vote at age 18.

THE ISSUE:

Lowering the voting age

WE SAY:

Election Act change first step only

Also intriguing is the suggestion made by Driftwood letter writer Ron MacKenzie last week that mothers or caregivers be given votes for each of their offspring.

At one time, it seemed unthinkable that Canadian women or citizens from non-Caucasian backgrounds should be granted the privilege of voting. As we mark Remembrance Day this week, it is interesting to realize that voting rights federally were slowly given to women, starting with those who served in the military in World War I, and then those who were British subjects (over the age of 21) who were the wife, widow, mother, sister or daughter of any persons, male or female, living or dead who was serving, or had served with the military forces. Women were first given the franchise in provincial elections in Manitoba in 1916 and that slowly expanded across the country. Quebec was the last to acquiesce in 1940.

There really is no difference between not letting 16-year-old citizens vote now and barring women or non-Caucasian citizens from voting in the last century. Today’s youth are remarkably aware and astute. When people of any age are given responsibility, they tend to rise to the occasion. Governments should not be afraid of a youth vote but should encourage it instead.

PACIFIC STANDARD TIME



Takers must start to care

BY N. KIDSON

I am temporarily nesting in a small, simple cabin over the winter months. It overlooks a green, dreamy lake mirrored in magnificence by a thick array of trees standing tall and proud. Each morning, flocks of vocal feathered friends and I greet our connection to all this splendour. This particular morning would be so profoundly different for me, a personal revelation or yet another humble conduit for the earth’s urgent message?

It began with a glimpse of a delicate, golden leaf spiralling down in its dance to the ground. This very ordinary sight would yield the deeply unsettling reminder that unlike the leaf who in its “aliveness” gives us breath and in its “death” gives enrichment, sadly humanity only offers up our dance of destruction. We are the takers.

We take the soil, digging, extracting and contaminating. We take the water resources of lakes, streams and rivers and destroy their precious purpose of sustaining all life. We bulldoze paradise and replace it with arteries of highways, sterile big-box stores, half-empty parking lots and vast swaths of suburbia filled with larger-than-necessary houses filled with our plastic possessions.

VIEWPOINT

We take over the oceans of glorious undersea gardens housing majestic creatures of the deep and fill them with toxic dead zones of our waste while endless cargo ships, floating hotels and large fishing fleets leave depletion and destruction in their wake. We take over the skies with invisible highways choked with airplanes, belching smoke stacks and faded blue. We take over mountains, disturbing their pure and silent majesty with year-round playgrounds for our noisy, self-indulgent amusement. We take the magic out of the changing seasons with our incessant whining of dissatisfaction. We want, we want, “designer” weather days of 24 degrees, all sunshine, no humidity with only a pinch of a breeze while we roast our skin to perfection lazing on pollution-riddled beaches. We take over farmlands and gardens with pesticides in shiny containers with warning labels silencing the voices and the giving of birds and insects vital to our very survival. We take over invisible airways saturating them with radioactive “umbilical cords” feeding our addictions to high-tech “toys” to soothe the disconnect from

our selves and our natural surroundings, all the while hidden dystopias of hazardous waste poison the planet while we stand in long line-ups waiting for next year’s models to arrive from “Toyland.”

We take over invisible borders of our making with arsenals of death taking lives, livelihoods and resources in our ongoing futile and pathetic quest for imagined power, glory, domination and control. All our taking has resulted in the very frightening reality of climate change due to our disrespectful, ignorant and reckless interference in nature’s wisdom and mystery. Now, we must confront the veiled, artificial existences we have so erroneously embraced for too long and replace them with ones of gratitude, simplicity and grace. We must take heed of the responsible stewardship of ancient civilizations who took but always gave back.

While the sounds of the ice drip and the song of the canary pierce the madness of our making, we must hurry now and quickly learn the giving dance of the golden leaf. We must become CARE-takers of our Mother Earth once again before the safe and comforting warmth and sound of her lullaby grows too weak for us to hear.

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Is Elizabeth May’s resignation good for the Greens?

☐ Yes ☐ No

LAST WEEK’S QUESTION:

Are local tax increases out of control?

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NO YES

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OPINION { QUOTE OF THE WEEK: }

"We're 'boldly going where no Green has gone before.'"

ELIZABETH MAY, GREEN PARTY LEADER AND LOCAL MP

SALT SPRING SAYS

WE ASKED: *What is your favourite thing to do with pumpkins?*

GLENYS PRINCE



Eat pumpkin pie!

BEN LOGAN



Crush them.

JAQUELINE WIGHTMAN



Carve them and eat them in pumpkin pie.

PAULO ACEVEDO-MALLARD



My favourite thing to do is roll them down the stairs.

SOLEIL BENNETT-PETERS



Eat them in the form of pie.

LETTERS to the editor

Wrong way to go for safety

Salt Spring residents and property owners should be opposing the Alternative Approval Process for the proposed safety service, regardless of whether they are supportive of the service itself.

The Alternative Approval Process is a dysfunctional, unfair and undemocratic mechanism for local governments (in this case our CRD director Gary Holman) to be able to access taxpayer funds for expenditures not forecast in the budget or five-year financial plan. It is a slippery slope, particularly on an island which has seen annual tax increases within the CRD budget that are significantly higher than the annual CPI (cost of living) increases.

Our CRD director has repeat-

edly stated that they are moving forward based on their experience at various meetings about the service. Although I did not attend the meetings, it is clear that no quantitative evaluation of support or opposition to the proposed service was conducted. While the director "got the feeling that people are in support," it's also worth noting that these meetings do not attract a representative cross-section of the island population. The director has refused to conduct a blind poll to more accurately gauge public opinion.

Additionally, while director Holman has referenced the 10 per cent petition threshold as being attainable, records show that it is difficult and rare for successful opposition to be registered.

The CRD has made it even more difficult by including only

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a Victoria address as a location for people to drop off the forms and including differing return deadline dates in the public notices. A Community Charter section cited on the form also suggests that respondents must do something that is not required by legislation.

At its best, Alternative Approval is a poor process for elected officials to access additional taxpayer funds. It should be reviewed and improved at the provincial level.

The Salt Spring AAP is a demonstration of the worst use of an AAP: confusing, poorly defined and failing to meet legislative requirements.

A safety service can still happen on Salt Spring Island. The Alternative Approval process is the wrong way to go about this important community proposal.

DARCY REPEN,
FERNWOOD ROAD

Comparison

The Conservatives won the popular vote in the recent election. They received 6,155,662 votes compared to only 5,915,950 for the Liberals.

However, we could dig a little deeper. If we add the Conservative vote to those for the People's Party, Christian Heritage, and a couple of other small centre-right or right-wing parties, the total is some 6,468,000. Then if we add the votes for centre-left and left parties (Liberals, New Democrats, Green, and a couple of small ones), we have some 9,937,000. Left-leaning parties had about 50 per cent more votes than right-leaning ones. Just another way of comparing.

JOHN SPRAGUE,
SALT SPRING

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Guests reinforce validity of island smugness

I was alone in my scriptorium recently, quill poised, eyes shuttered in the way that deep thinkers hold themselves ready to pronounce, braced to illuminate another page of this venerable organ, when a realization struck me with the force of a brick between the eyes. I didn't have an issue.

I mean, I was bereft of ideas, an argument-free zone, absolutely nothing to throw into the basket of bickering that so energizes our fractious little island. I'd lost the will to snipe.

It's my brother's fault. He and his wife, my sister-in-law, bless her, have been visiting us from benighted Britain, a country so riven by Brexit that they spent two too-short weeks here breathing deep sighs of relief at having escaped the relentless vitriol that passes for political discourse in the U.K. and elsewhere these days. And their relief was as contagious as their instant affection for our own tiny slice of civility.

They loved Salt Spring, immediately and without reservation, and would move here tomorrow were it not for their dog and twin grandsons back in Britain and my own objection that this island is only big enough for one McElroy scion and is in any case already knee deep in retired psychologists, thank you very much.

But that said, their visit reaffirmed for me what I occasionally lose sight of, that Salt Spring is, on the whole, by and large, nigh on perfect unless you're planning to sit on a beach and burn. Or if you miss Starbucks, McDonalds or wandering through malls.

I was in a mall recently, and I didn't much like it. In fact, I loathed it, a deeply unpleasant edifice to rampant consumerism on the outskirts of Tsawwassen that had all the cheery charm of a butcher's fridge. It also brought back memories of my years of misery commuting into London's Canary Wharf, the glass and concrete mausoleum that had entombed me for close to two decades. (Malls are



Paul McElroy
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mere purgatory. True hell if I'm denied the Pearly Gates, is a two-week cruise on a Disney liner. I'll take eternal damnation and the burning pits of perpetual fire any time over a fortnight on a boatful of screaming kids, their stupefied parents and obligatory good fun.)

Of course, I've known for years that we hit the jackpot when we retired here but it takes an occasional appreciative guest to reinforce that smugness. Seen through the eyes of a delighted visitor, those things that had grown mundane became pleasant again and remind you what it is that keeps you here. And if you throw in BC Ferries' capitulation on the Vesuvius to Crofton route, my esteem for the island is almost boundless. If my knees had any skip left in them, I'd be skipping down the road to Ganges.

As their weeks here progressed, we even began to find the standard of driving on Salt Spring roads funny instead of catastrophic. When a looney in a truck pulled out in front of us from Gasoline Alley we merely laughed when we realized she was driving with a dog on her lap. It was simply another Salt Spring moment, as was the elderly gent meandering down the road in his mobility scooter while reading a book.

My brother, being on the comparatively petite side, is a naturally dapper man given to wearing pressed shirts and who quite probably irons pleats into his underwear. He was much taken by the island's singular and uninhibited lack of anything approaching sartorial. And this from a man who lives in Suffolk, an uber-

rural English county not noted for its continental chic, where "dressing smart" means knocking the dung off your calico smock.

Throw in a meandering drive to Calgary through the Rockies, a couple of days out in Victoria and they were filling in their applications for Canadian citizenship!

It's a shame they weren't here long enough to experience the recent federal election which, in true Canadian style, passed with all the vicious invective of an election of a Mother Abbess. It was a truly remarkable display of dulcitude that sets Canada head and shoulders above the snapping and snarling that colours political debate these days.

It doesn't much matter who you voted for in the end or indeed who emerged victorious because the truth of it is that Canadian politicians are mostly relatively decent human beings, not much given to lying and cheating, to bellicose grandstanding, or to juvenile name calling.

In Canada, we don't much care who our neighbour voted for (provided it wasn't the Environment's Just Fine The Way It Is Party) while in the U.K. and in the U.S. opposing sides are one speck of spittle away from coming to blows! Or exchanging gunfire. Why, even Ontario's Doug Ford is relatively cuddly compared to the slime balls presently infesting the great seats of office elsewhere, while our own dear Elizabeth May could give Mother Teresa a run for her money.

And so, as a consequence of my brother's approbation and my own blossoming affection for Salt Spring I have decided to embrace it more fully — and grow a beard. Take a look at the vision of male pulchritude that adorns this column and imagine it now, the same finely chiselled features, but with mildew.

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So much wrong with safety bylaw

BY DAN DICKMEYER

I was happy to see last week's Driftwood editorial in favour of not allowing the Community "Safety" Service (Bylaw 4325) to advance into law. It is one of the worst proposed laws offered to the electorate that I have seen in 50 years of voting in two countries.

Its origin, its need, its methods of carrying out its mandates and its lack of methods for accountability have created confusion and the usual divisiveness that can occur on this island. Let me explain:

The word "safety" is used 10 times in the short bylaw. Yet never is a formal legal definition or a colloquial definition given in regards to this bylaw. That precipitated my question at a public session at the library: "What was the tipping point that led to this bylaw?"

I got the feeling from the discussion and the head table that it was last summer's vandalism, a property crime by a known resident and not an assault. Is that reason enough to proceed with a tax that has no sunset clause (ending date) and will be administered by a group of concerned citizens (known as stakeholders) from special interest groups and not a formal commission like the transportation commission? I detest the word "stakeholder" by the way. I am a stakeholder in my "safety" and I was not notified how to become a "stakeholder" or attend a stakeholder meeting.

Gary Holman has been the chief, if only, spokesperson for the passage of this bylaw. Fair enough. He brought it to light and he is our elected CRD director. Several meetings were held with representatives (stakeholders) of other business and community service groups concerned about safety issues in Ganges over the summer. But we have not been privy to what was dis-

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cussed or how the bylaw was found to be the best way to create a better, safer place.

I have heard there is even disagreement within those groups about the approach being taken. It is time they spoke up and said what kind of services they would like to implement. After all, there are huge differences in attacking the social issues such as homelessness, mental health, substance abuse, etc. that may lead to antisocial behaviours and ideas and funding for stopping illegal acts.

I believe this whole bylaw was developed backwards.

One absence from the library meeting and the Community Alliance meeting has been a representative of the RCMP. Or at least he/she did not identify themselves. If "safety" is the issue, where is their representative? We always hear they are too short-staffed to meet our current needs for safety, so how will they find time to administer future security measures that are adopted?

I am not opposed, nor should anyone be, to contributing this minor amount of money needed to carry out admirable but so far undefined goals of this bylaw. In fact, if details and specific plans were shared now I would contribute more in tax money. I would hate to see any idea for improved living for our island fail because of lack of accountability.

The bylaw specifies that the tax and

the services be carried out through the entire Salt Spring electoral area. But we all know and can see from the position papers the focus is on Ganges. A property tax weighs more heavily on business property owners than home owners. This is divisive. And as we all know, business property owners and home landlords usually are forced to pass taxes on to their tenants. We are already faced with unaffordable rental housing and rental opportunities in Ganges for small businesses, so why risk another increase? Maybe a parcel tax would have been more equitable.


I believe this whole bylaw was developed backwards. In order to arrive at the money we are being asked to raise (\$35,000 now, then up to \$68,000), the horse should have been put before the cart.

First of all, initiate fact-finding from the entire community with a public forum and requests from groups who have firm ideas about what they need to feel secure. Special interest groups could submit ideas and propose programs that would help them meet social goals and police services lacking in our community. This is the usual procedure for determining community needs. Then and only then would a budget be produced.

That budget would be sent to the CRD for funding as a pilot project to prove ourselves able to conduct a successful program. One might wonder why the CRD does not have \$35,000 somewhere for a trial program. If refused, then we could ask for a bylaw for a program that includes Ganges safety, street and sidewalk and lighting safety, safety in our rural areas and a grant procedure for social service groups to compete for small grants to help those less fortunate in living the good life that so many of us have on Salt Spring.

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'Business as usual' not sufficient

The following is an open letter to the five newly elected leaders of Canada's five major political parties.

By RODNEY POLDEN

Congratulations on your successful recent election.

Today, a senior economist reports in the Guardian newspaper of the probability within two years of an irreversible tipping-point for the Amazon, due to rampant logging, fires and encroachment from the actions of Brazil's right-wing president and the most destructive elements of his country's business sector.

Today it's Brazil and the Amazon . . . how many months away will it be till those irreversible tipping-points are due to Canada's continuing deforestation, still-rising GHG emissions and record levels of national consumption?

The time has arrived to look at every major Canadian industry, activity and policy — our own habits too — and determine whether it actively reduces the total of Canada's GHG emissions, or increases it. Each industry that increases that total simply needs to be progressively but promptly phased out, the workers re-trained and then both the assets and liabilities from that industry combined, to ensure that taxpayers and the public purse are not left bearing the burden of remediation and clean-up.

We need to plant billions more trees, all over the country, from the border to the boreal. There is plenty of work to be done — jobs for all! — and for many decades the extractive industries have been pulling enormous profits out of public resources.

Now, some of those profits, that wealth, needs to be re-assigned from the private sphere towards repairing the damage done to the environment, both the climate and the forests of Canada. Whether hidden in off-shore tax havens or right here in Canada, the profit and wealth that was created concurrently with the GHG pollution now needs to be paid by the polluters to help fix the many problems.

You may say this sounds like an unrealistic and radical proposal, but in reality anything less than a solution of this magnitude is just leading us continuingly down a path that results in the breakdown of Canadian society, its natural environment and our kids' future. That cannot be permitted to happen.

You already know this truth, because you yourselves are definitely not stupid or uninformed people.

For many years, surveys have shown Canadians strongly support a more equitable distribution of the nation's wealth and tax-burden for all that the country needs. Wealthy and profitable corporations have taken much, and given very little, far less than they did a few decades ago. The present climate catastrophe highlights the need for immediate change there.

It will be an enormous task to properly inform the adult Canadian public about what has happened to the climate and what needs to happen, if we are to have any chance of addressing the catastrophe emerging now. It will require you to swiftly craft a new political consensus among our leaders that can support and push through the changes required, so we can survive as a global society living in a healthy environment. If not, then otherwise what are the options?

Absent such a nation-wide program of effective and rapid changes, it is clear that the present situation and set of habits — individual and collective — will all just lead us to a disaster, whose magnitude barely anyone has recognized as yet.

I do not think that you or any informed person believes that the totally inadequate response that's been evident so far, or the current proposals from both government and industry for a minimal scaling back of industrial-scale GHG production, has any realistic likelihood of saving the nation and the planet from an irreversible decline and societal collapse, do you?

Please just stop pretending that this is alright. We cannot begin to tackle a problem that you are not willing to admit the true scale of, and to openly discuss the options with the people of Canada.

You happen to have arrived at this point in history as leaders of one of the world's most fortunate nations — inclusive, democratic and affluent (for many of us, at least). If the necessary changes to our society, economy and habits cannot be created and brought into widespread acceptance in Canada, then the likelihood is that there is little hope for anywhere else on earth.

We cannot begin to tackle a problem that you are not willing to admit the true scale of, and to openly discuss the options with the people of Canada.

So the challenge for you, from us your co-citizens, from the circumstances we all face, and from the coming generations who depend on your imagination, courage, initiative and hard work is:

- You have to get this job started, get it properly begun, so that it's clear to everyone everywhere that a truly new phase has decisively arrived;
- Get it explained clearly, engagingly and convincingly to the many millions of us — many who are uninformed or mis-informed — so we understand what's actually needed from us all, to save our climate, Canada's biodiversity and our future;
- And then get it all enacted, so that major shifts and reassignments of the nation's assets and wealth can start to rapidly reduce our emissions, eliminate fossil subsidies, reduce inequality, make work of real value and purpose available for everyone who's willing to engage, fix the problems of water, air, health both mental and physical, clean up and re-vegetate our degraded and polluted sites, support industries that solve problems rather than creating them, protect existing forests that help support the climate, and re-plant trees everywhere.

We have a brief window of opportunity now to start dealing with the problems that a supposedly "free enterprise" system and a resource-based economy have created in Canada. Those problems didn't arise out

of nowhere. They were created by our unfair tax system and by leaving the taxpayer to bear the burdens of everything that corporations refused to acknowledge their responsibility for, from industrial pollution and contaminated sites to disconnected families repeatedly in search of stable, secure employment and the social problems thus caused.

We can choose now to either deal meaningfully, decisively, energetically with our climate crisis and other looming environmental problems, or not. Those are the decisions you will be making in coming months.

If not, we will go down into chaos, social instability, conflict and misery. That is the measure of what is facing us. Every single one of us.

We need you to truly excel now, be the leaders you have been elected to be. Talk to each other meaningfully, talk to the population at large, talk to us as if we needed and deserved to know and to share in this together. Admit to us that we shall all have to make changes, sacrifices, adjustments and tell us that we will come out of it all at the other end as a still better, more just, more generous and capable society than we are now.

You can do this.

You have the brightest and most well-intentioned people in the world on your side, more than willing to work to help save humanity and nature. Make use of them.

Create a new consensus. Tell the truth so persuasively that even those with entrenched opposition come to understand. There are better ways than "another Pearl Harbour" for people to find reasons to come on board and be part of the solution.

But first you have to all be willing to tell the truth, to tell what you have learned from scientists who know and who are willing to not varnish our present situation, or hide it for reasons of short-term profit.

We are all sick of corporations and secretive wealthy interests being permitted to badly warp the public discourse, so that many people just believe lies. The "strong economy" argument they promote for avoiding any real change will do little for us once the economy itself collapses from inaction, greed and the unwillingness to recognize its shortcomings.

We need you to do better than just "business as usual."

We need full disclosure, swift and enlightened change combined with massive information programs to bring deeper understanding and a renewed public discourse, so that the people of Canada take up this task with you in willing and informed consent.

A great wave of informed consent for a global project to save humanity, our environment on which depends each breath, each mouthful of food and sip of water . . . as well as the future of everything else that we care about.

We cannot do this without you, nor you without us.

Best of luck. Thank you all for being there.

We will be right there beside you if you do so.

If not, you are sealing the fate of us all, as I think you are probably aware.

The writer is a long-time Salt Spring resident.

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White poppies

This year on Nov. 11, when the wreaths of red poppies have been laid and all the servicemen and women who were killed and injured in the (far too many) wars have been remembered, Salt Spring Island Quakers will lay a wreath of white poppies.

This will be in remembrance of all victims of war, and will represent a commitment to peace. It also signifies an opposition to any attempt to celebrate or glamorize war.

It is expected that some people will be wearing a white poppy along with their red one. These might be home-made out of paper or crocheted, or supplied by the Peace Pledge Union who work at peace education. Some white poppies will be available at the All Saints church office.

White poppies have been worn in this way in many countries for more than 80 years.

RUTH MILLS,
SALT SPRING

Supporting the arts

It was wonderful to read about GISS teach-

er Jason Donaldson’s ABCDE award in last week’s paper. He is deserving and the words of students who love and benefit from his program are the true verifications of his work.

In the 1990s, another GISS drama teacher, Sue Mackey, received the same award post-humously for all her work in nurturing drama and theatre on the Gulf Islands and providing an enriched environment for theatre arts.

There must be something about the culture in the Gulf Islands that encourages the arts. Many “golds” have been awarded to music groups. Dance groups flourish. In fact, when I first taught at Salt Spring Elementary, there

was an itinerant art teacher, music teacher, French teacher and PE teacher. Imagine that! Funding enough to really promote a range of programs.

This is what our school trustees and superintendent should be working for: a flourishing public-school system. Our (and all) children deserve it. The arts, along with physical education, along with mathematics and literature, languages and laughter.

As various well-known people have said, “If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.”

DEBBIE MAGNUSSON,
SALT SPRING

Capital Regional District

CRD

NOTICE OF ASSENT VOTING OPPORTUNITY

Magic Lake Estates Wastewater Referendum

Qualified Resident Electors and Non-Resident Property Electors of the Magic Lake Estates Sewage Local Service Area located on North Pender Island within the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area will be asked to vote on the following question on **Saturday, November 23, 2019**: “Are you in favour of the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board adopting Bylaw No. 4320, Magic Lake Estates Wastewater System Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 3, 2019”, authorizing the Capital Regional District to borrow an amount up to but not to exceed SIX MILLION DOLLARS (\$6,000,000) for the purpose of administering, planning, designing, acquiring, and constructing the capital renewal and upgrade of the Magic Lake Estates Wastewater System. YES or NO”.

Synopsis of Bylaw No. 4320

The intent of Bylaw No. 4320, Magic Lake Estates Wastewater System Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 3, 2019, is to authorize the Capital Regional District (CRD) to borrow an amount up to but not to exceed \$6,000,000, for the purposes of funding Phase 1 of capital renewal and upgrade of the Magic Lake Estates wastewater system, which will involve the design and construction of facilities for collection, conveyance, treatment and disposal of wastewater, as well as other related works, facilities, real property and equipment purchases, and will include planning, studies, project administration and communications, and staff time. The Magic Lake Estates sewage local service area is located on Pender Island in the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area of the Capital Regional District.

The above synopsis is not an interpretation of Bylaw No. 4320. A copy of the complete bylaw and this notice may be viewed from October 21, 2019 to November 22, 2019, Monday to Friday, at CRD Headquarters, 625 Fisgard Street, 1st Floor Foyer, Victoria, BC, 8:30 am-4:30 pm. The bylaw and other information may also be viewed on the website: www.crd.bc.ca/magiclake-vote

Taxation Impact

The 30-year loan authorization period may ultimately result in an additional estimated parcel tax of \$496, based on borrowing up to \$6,000,000 for the project. This rate is for illustrative purposes only and the actual parcel tax will be based on the amount borrowed and the interest rate at time of borrowing. The interest rate may also change each time the loan is refinanced (after approximately 10 years and then every 5 years thereafter).

Voting Opportunities

- General Voting Day:** voting place will be open from **8 am to 8 pm** Saturday, **November 23, 2019** at:
 - St. Peter’s Church, 4703 Canal Road, Pender Island, BC
- Advance Voting Opportunities:** will be available from **8 am to 8 pm** on Wednesday, **November 13** and Wednesday, **November 20, 2019** at:
 - St. Peter’s Church, 4703 Canal Road, Pender Island, BC
- Mail Ballot Voting:** is available to qualified Resident Electors or Non-Resident Property Electors who:
 - have a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote at another voting opportunity, or
 - expect to be absent from the regional district on general voting day (Saturday, November 23, 2019) and at the times of all advance voting opportunities (Wednesday, November 13 and November 20, 2019)

To Register To Vote By Mail, eligible electors who meet the criteria must submit a completed mail ballot application form in advance of general voting day, November 23, 2019. Application forms are available on the CRD website noted above. Completed application forms may be submitted via email, mail, in person or via fax at the following contact information listed below:

Capital Regional District, c/o Legislative Services, 5th floor, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC, V8W 1R7; Phone: 250.360.3024; Fax: 250.360.3130; Email legserv@crd.bc.ca

If you are not on the Provincial Resident Elector List or the CRD Non-Resident Property List of Electors, you may register at the time of filling in your ballot. If you wish to confirm that your name is on the List of Electors, please call the number listed above.

After receiving a mail ballot application, the CRD will send out the applicable mail ballot package commencing on or about November 4, 2019. If we receive your application at a date that does not permit mailing, you should arrange to pick

up a package from the CRD, Legislative Services, at the address listed above. To be counted for the assent voting, your mail ballot must be received by the Chief Election Officer no later than 8 pm on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at the CRD address listed above. It is the obligation of the person applying to vote by mail ballot to ensure that the mail ballot is received by the Chief Election Officer within this time limit.

Elector Qualifications

Resident Elector: You are entitled to vote as a Resident Elector if you are 18 years or older on voting day (November 23, 2019), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for the past six months and within the boundaries of the Magic Lake Estates sewage local service area for the past 30 days. If registering on voting day, you must provide two documents proving identity and residency (one must have a signature). Please note the CRD is using the Provincial Voters List for Resident Electors.

Non-Resident Property Elector: If you are 18 years or older on voting day (November 23, 2019), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for the past six months, have owned and held registered title to property within the boundaries of the Magic Lake Estates sewage local service area for the past 30 days, and do not qualify as a Resident Elector, you may vote as a Non-Resident Property Elector provided that you:

- a) have registered on or before October 11, 2019, or
- b) apply at the time of voting. The following information is required at the time of application:
 - a recent title search, state of title certificate, or property tax notice, showing the names of all of the registered owners,
 - 2 pieces of identification proving identity and residency (one must have a signature), and
 - in the case of more than one owner of the property, a completed consent form signed by the majority of the owners designating you as the person entitled to vote for the property (original signatures only; facsimiles of signatures not acceptable). A copy of the consent form may be downloaded from: www.crd.bc.ca/magiclake-vote

The following examples are acceptable classes of documents for proof of identity:

- BC Driver’s Licence
- BC ID card (BCID)
- BC Services Card
- BC CareCard
- Social Insurance Card (Canada)
- Citizenship Card (Canada)
- Real property tax notice (municipal or rural)
- Credit card or debit card issued by a savings institution
- Utility Bill

Please Note:

- Only one Non-Resident Property Elector may vote per property, regardless of how many owners there may be. Further, you may vote for only one property, no matter how many properties you own within the service area.
- You may register on voting day if you meet the qualifications set out above. If you are already registered as a Non-Resident Property Elector, and provided that you still meet all of the requirements of the *Local Government Act* in order to be registered under this category, you are not required to re-register in order to vote.
- No corporation is entitled to be registered as an elector or have a representative registered as an elector, and no corporation is entitled to vote. Individuals who are on title with corporations are not entitled to register or vote. Individuals who own an undivided interest in land on which the balance is held by a corporation are not entitled to vote.

For questions regarding this voting opportunity contact the Capital Regional District at 250.360.3127, Toll Free at 1.800.663.4425 local 3127, or by email at legserv@crd.bc.ca.

Dated this 6th day of November, 2019

Kristen Morley
Corporate Officer

Rants + ROSES

Roses

Congratulations and fragrant late-blooming rainbow roses to everyone who helped in any way to make Apple Festival 2019 so successful and so much fun. Thanks to: the 17 farm hosts and five non-farm hosts; the organizers who ran a very smooth event; the great volunteers (“The Apple Team”), who are so helpful and enthusiastic; the 11 farms that offered delicious lunches; and the over 1,800 happy apple lovers who came out despite the rain and supported us. They love their apples. Most of all, an amazing toast to Mother Nature and the apple growers who supplied 419 Salt Spring apple varieties that we displayed at Fulford Hall. I believe that is the largest collection of organic apples assembled in Canada. Amazing. Thanks to the growers and collectors who put in such a great effort to assemble that beautiful apple display. Harry Burton

A healthy bunch of red roses for our compassionate, wonderful presenters, helpers and everyone who attended our Fulford Seniors Wellness event last month. Special thanks to Fulford Community Hall Association, Ross and the Historical Society, and Greenwoods Eldercare Society. We are so fortunate to have such dedicated service people here and we are grateful for the chance to be pro-active and informed about our health services.

Sunflowers and squashes to all those who made the Salt Spring Island Foundation’s On the Table project such a huge success: Ellie Langford Parks, Kisae Petersen, Taryn Hancock, Maggie Allison, Kim Hanson, Kate Merry, Julie Reiter, Darlene Gage, Chris Marshall, Brette Little, Robin Jenkinson, Erinanne Harper, Gordon Chutter, Jan Slakov and the Restorative Justice Group, and the Vancouver Foundation.

A bouquet of your best roses to Gordon Lee, “the tree guy,” for his tree work at Greenwoods. Bob McWhirter

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REMEMBRANCE DAY



Over the years, the Driftwood has published wartime photos submitted by community members. Some of those appear here as a Remembrance Day collage. Above from left: Charlie Buckley, left, with fellow POWs in Germany, World War II; Jack Bennett, left, and Jock Goodrich, Seaforth Highlanders; Bill Hoag, second from left in photo taken in Dubai, South Africa in 1942; Canadian army nursing sister Jean (Doerr) Holmes in Hanover, Germany during 1946 occupation. Below from left: Ken Denis, Canadian Navy; Members of Squadron 442; Peggy and Bert Small of the Royal Canadian Air Force.



VETERANS

Normandy veterans connect on Salt Spring

Jack Clements and Harold Blanes to take salute at Nov. 11 ceremony

BY JOHN BINSTED
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Jack Clements and Harold Blanes didn't know each other when they landed on the beaches of Normandy 75 years ago.

Jack was the radio operator/gun loader in a 32-ton Sherman tank, and Harold drove a 10-ton munitions truck. They were both soldiers in Canada's 4th Division that was an element of General Montgomery's Second British Army and part of the more than half a million men and 77,000 vehicles of the Allied landing force.

Jack was a member of "L" Troop and had a tank named "Libya." In the battle for the Falaise Gap in Normandy, a German anti-tank gun fired a shell through Libya's engine compartment, which came to rest six inches from Jack. Libya was repaired and returned to the unit. Jack and his crew opted for another tank so a new five-man crew took Libya. Within days, Libya was hit again and the new crew died.

For Harold, hauling loads of ammunition, the memories of the V-1 buzz bombs being aimed towards his Belgian base and the convoys in support



Harold Blanes, left, and Jack Clements, who were both members of Canada's 4th Division during the Normandy landing 75 years ago and now live at Heritage Place.

PHOTO BY LARRY MELIOUS

of Operation Market Garden undertaken at night to avoid enemy fighter planes stick with him. For both of them, having to dig out the remains of their comrades as well as civilians from the destruction caused by enemy (and "friendly-fire") bombing brought home the horror of war.

Their better memories include a feast of liberated chickens; a recovered barrel of calvados brandy and a

Christmas dinner with a local family of a mother and her four children whose father had been taken for forced labour and then shot by the retreating enemy.

These two young men signed up for the army — one because his brother had already signed up and the other because the navy recruiting office was closed.

Jack was a Vancouver (Burquitlam)

lad who, after shipping home on the SS Mauritania at the end of the war, took up sheet metal work in New Westminster.

He later became a psychiatric nurse and then a building contractor in Coquitlam. In 1975, Jack and his family moved to Salt Spring. Many on the island will know him because of his talent and practice of therapeutic touch, the health food store he ran, as well as his stained-glass works of art.

Harold, a relatively new arrival on Salt Spring to join his daughter, was released from military service in Calgary and headed for the family home in Peace River country. He worked on construction crews and built gas pipelines for many years across Alberta and B.C. before retiring to the Okanagan.

When the war came to an end, Harold was in Enschede, Holland and Jack was in Oldenburg, Germany. For both of them the best memory of World War II was the day it ended. They share their faded black and white photos of friends killed, bivouacs along the line of advance, critical bridges captured and crossed. They tell of the city of Caen flattened by Allied bombers and of the huge communal stewpot contributed to and shared by the people of Hammer in Holland to stave off starvation.

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Differences and commonalities

BLANES AND CLEMENTS

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What can only be sensed is the discomfort they suffered, the misery that often surrounded them and the residue of bitterness left by war.

Today, Jack Clements is 96 years old, his friend Harold Blanes is 99 years old and they are neighbours in the Heritage Place seniors' residence on Salt Spring Island.

On Nov. 11 they will share the podium at the Royal Canadian Legion's Remembrance Day ceremony and take the salute from those marching past in the parade to honour them and the men and women who served in Canada's Armed Forces.



NORMANDY FACTS

- Canadians suffered the highest casualties of any divisions in the British Army Group during the Battle of Normandy.
- 359 Canadian soldiers were killed on D-Day alone.
- More than 5,000 Canadian soldiers died during the two and a half months of fighting.
- More than 13,000 Canadian soldiers were wounded in Normandy.
- Most fallen soldiers are buried in France in the beautiful Bénny-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery and the Bretteville-sur-Laize Canadian War Cemetery.



At left, Harold Blanes, now of Salt Spring Island, in a 10-ton munitions truck in WWII.

Above, members of Jack Clements' L Troop and tanks used in battle.

On November 11, the people of our country who served in wars past will be remembered for their valour.

We thank the men and women who serve our country and make our dreams possible.

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What do you think of when you hear the word Legion? Do you think military or service officers, veterans that served our country, a community club or a place full of comradeship?

All of the above would be correct, but our local Branch 92 of the Royal Canadian Legion is so much more.

It's a gathering place, it is a service club, and it's a place with a warm atmosphere full of friendly faces that welcomes everyone with smiles. It is a place where you can visit with your friends old and new to play pool, cards, darts, or put on your dancing shoes every weekend and enjoy the fantastic line-up of live entertainment that always has something for everyone, no matter your taste.

It is a place where every Thursday night new talent and exciting acts entertain during open mic, and karaoke every second Friday is the spot to let your inner star shine. It is a place where you can eat homestyle cooking prepared lovingly by the Ladies Auxiliary every Friday night or come to the lounge Fridays and Saturdays where Kat's Kitchen serves up some of the best food on the island at reasonable prices. Be sure to come early for the very popular meat draw. It's always a great time with all proceeds going directly back to our community.

With all of these attributes and friendly vibes it is easy to see why our Legion has the most new memberships in B.C. this year and a roster of dedicated volunteers who give tirelessly of their time and skills. As a service club the Legion has given over

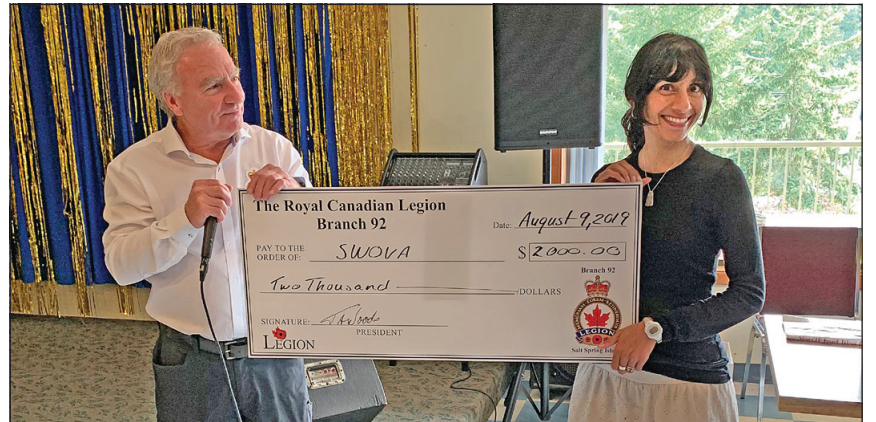
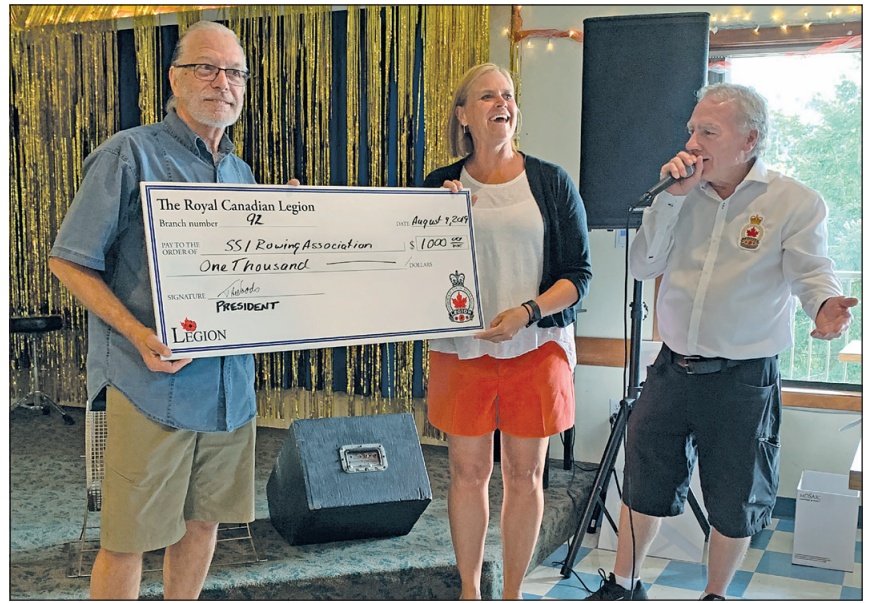
\$53,000 back to our community this year alone. We are proud to say we gave back \$23,723.78 for the poppy grants, \$2,324 in general grants and \$27,534.18 in gaming grants. From Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwoods, to SWOVA, junior clubs and school programs that support our youth and future island leaders, the Legion gives back.

A dedicated executive board of volunteers works hard to make sure all donation and support requests are given the attention and merit they deserve. One hundred per cent of the meat draw and gaming proceeds go directly back to our community. While the Poppy Fund is intended to aid veterans, it also benefits our aging population when veterans live in the same facility. The majority of the money goes to Lady Minto Extended Care and Greenwoods, and other local facilities.

Membership has its privileges and the Legion is no exception. Once you become a member you are part of the club and will enjoy more than discounted rates on beverages and entertainment. You will have the satisfaction of knowing you are part of something bigger than just a night out with friends. You become part of something you can feel proud of, knowing you are also giving back and that when you purchase a membership you are aiding veterans across Canada.

The executive and staff work hard to make sure that everyone is welcome, appreciated and enjoys their time here. Volunteers are what makes the Legion work as well as it does and we welcome anyone with any skill set to become part of who we are and what we do.

Your Royal Canadian Legion is committed to making a difference in the lives of veterans and their families, providing essential services in our communities and remembering the men and women that sacrificed their lives for our country.



PHOTOS COURTESY RC LEGION BRANCH 92

From top, Salt Spring Island Rowing Association members Mike Lakin and Stacy Mitchell hold a cheque representing the \$1,000 granted to their group to help repair rowing sculls damaged in last December's windstorm after RCL Branch 92 president Tom Woods makes the presentation; Woods holds one side of a symbolic \$2,000 cheque for SWOVA youth programs with SWOVA executive director Janine Fernandes-Hayden. The two grants were part of \$27,534 given to registered charities as a result of local Legion meat draw proceeds this year.

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REMEMBERING PAST NOV. 11 PARADES



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From 2009: Mike Winter salutes with Keith Lavender seen behind.



From 2003: Boy Scouts watch the proceedings.



From 2000: Part of the parade of veterans.



Above, from 2009: Dorothy Hitchcock places a wreath at the cenotaph.

At right, from 2005: Cenotaph plaque and one of the wreaths that can be purchased from the Legion and placed at the Ganges cenotaph in Centennial Park on Remembrance Day.



From 2000: Nancy Holcroft in the parade.



From 2005: Ted Coombes salutes during a rainy Remembrance Day ceremony.



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WORLD WAR II

Memoirs recount Normandy weeks in WWII

Geoffrey Donald Corry is the late father of Leslie Corry, a long-time Salt Spring Island resident.

Geoffrey Corry served in WWII, enlisting with 2 Battalion of the Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) beginning in July 1942. In June of 1943 he went to England to serve with the 1 Battalion of that regiment and was squadron commander, where he fought, was wounded and subsequently relieved of duty.

In 1987 Corry compiled "Normandy Memoirs," which are part of the archives of the Caen Canadian War Museum in France. Some excerpts are published here.

D-Day

D-Day, 6 June 1944. We had slept fitfully, some not at all. The sea was swelling, the early light of dawn showing an overcast, rain-darkened sky, the horizon difficult to see. The transport lurched and rolled, frustrated by the convoy's slow speed across the channel. I went on deck, happy to escape the pungent atmosphere of the small cabin, a mixture of woolly body odour and oil-impregnated air. My fellow officers joined me to view an extraordinary sight: in every direction there were ships, ships, ships of every size, shape and purpose. There were destroyers, cruisers, Landing Craft

Tanks, Landing Craft Infantry, mine-sweepers, escort vessels, transports and battleships, their huge bulk blocking the distance. Suddenly I realized that with this armed might, the invasion would succeed. It was as simple as that.

We had boarded the transport (RMS Llangibby Castle) 36 hours earlier, on the evening of 4 June. We were not to know at that time that D-Day had been postponed for a day, hence our incarceration on the overcrowded vessel. We were the reinforcement group, specially assigned to the 7th Brigade, 3rd Canadian Infantry Division.

The five officers of our group were slated to replace the immediate casualties of the 1st Battalion, the Canadian Scottish Regiment, our parent regiment. We realized from our briefings, however, that there would be no guarantee we would serve with our unit once the landing took place.

We had soldiers with us under our command whom we had only met for the first time in our concentration area. They were, as we were, reinforcements to be sent where needed, depending on casualties suffered by the assaulting units. Good soldiers all of them. Well trained as "back-ups," but obviously not to the standard of the Battalion troops who had served and trained together

since 1941. However, despite these shortcomings, we developed a close relationship in those few short days before landing.

The assaulting troops touched down in France at about 0600 hours under a tremendous bombardment. We, as the reinforcement group, landed about four hours later. While waiting for orders to disembark, all of our troops were on the deck of the transport, watching the preparations.

We were not to know at that time that D-Day had been postponed for a day, hence our incarceration on the overcrowded vessel.

The disembarkation drill called for the troops to clamber over the side of the transport and descend by rope ladders to the Landing Craft Assault waiting below. I looked over the side of the transport and there was an L.C.A. badly damaged and sinking, trying to get alongside under command of a sailor who

was partially overcome by fumes from his damaged engine.

A rope happened to be hanging down to the L.C.A. from the deck of the transport, 30 feet below. With little thought I handed my glasses to someone, climbed over the railing and slid down the rope to the deck of the L.C.A. I reached the sailor, lifted him fireman style, and attempted to carry him along the bulwark of the L.C.A. to where the bow was being held from the side hatch of the transport.

This was not the thing to do: a wave hit the L.C.A. and I found myself together with the semi-conscious sailor in the water between the one thousand ton L.C.A. and the sixteen hundred thousand ton transport. Why both of us were not crushed to death I will never know.

Fortunately, sailors at the hatch managed to secure the bow of the L.C.A. long enough for us to be pulled over the side and through the hatch before the next big wave. We were wet, but no one was hurt, and the asphyxiated sailor recovered in the transport's sick bay. I even received my glasses back, along with my friend saying, "What a bloody foolish thing to do," while slapping my back.

Our actual landing was uneventful, as by that time (approximately noon) the beach area had been

secured. We waded ashore in chest high water but as I was already wet it made little difference.

The Courseulles beach was a scene of organized chaos: landing craft disgorging troops. Landing craft assaults badly damaged and abandoned, equipment scattered, vehicles stranded, wounded waiting to be evacuated, bodies both Canadian and German, but through it all a steady flow of troops, vehicles and tanks slowly moving inland. My first experience of seeing a dead man — it gave me a lurch and then it was over . . .

Then we were past the shell houses and into the farmland, where we finally bivouacked in a wooded area some two miles inland. We immediately dug in and waited for nightfall or to be called forward to replace casualties in the Battalion, which, we learned later, had penetrated further (six miles) than any other formation in the Second Army.

Battle of Caen

On 6 July we were told that the battle of Caen was about to take place, and on the evening of 7 July the Battalion was relieved by a British armoured regiment and began moving east to the village of Caron.

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Deafening noise and chaos

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That same evening we were given an aerial display of might that few have seen. To soften up Caen the Allies sent in 500 bombers at about 2,000 feet, on a route that took them directly over us. In addition, the Royal Navy joined the barrage with its battle-ships' 16-inch guns, and as these huge shells passed over our heads at about 500 feet, they sounded exactly like an express train travelling through the sky. The combined noise of aircraft and naval shells was the continuous roar of a giant waterfall, overpowering and deadening. This assault lasted over an hour and we couldn't help feeling a little sorry for those unfortunates on the receiving end, but, on the other hand, it did give us a great boost in morale.

At Caron we got what sleep we could. I was more fortunate than others as two of my enterprising soldiers raided a farmhouse and presented me with a very soiled but very thick mattress. Although we were supposed to be in slit trenches I really couldn't refuse this generosity and spent the night before our biggest battle very comfortably.

The next morning, after a good breakfast provided by the Battalion's A Echelon, we moved to the assembly area, midpoint between Vieux Caron and Gruchy, where we dug in. We had received our detailed orders by then and knew that the Battalion's objective was the heavily defended village of Cussy and that C Company would be left forward in the Battalion attack, with my platoon left forward of the Company. Jack Gallagher's platoon would be on my right.

The assembly area was subject to heavy sniper fire. Suddenly, as I was checking my men, I received a tremendous blow to the head and found myself on my hands and knees staring at my steel helmet. It had a jagged hole through the rim, where the bullet had passed through, cutting the chin strap and grazing the side of my head. I got to my feet blind with fury that someone should have the audacity to fire at me and, shouting at my men, began to clear the area. We discovered later that units of 9 Brigade had passed through these fields but had not bothered to check the enemy positions left behind. The result was that my platoon and No. 13 (Jack Gallagher's) succeeded in flushing out 30 Germans who had hidden in the by-passed dug-outs.

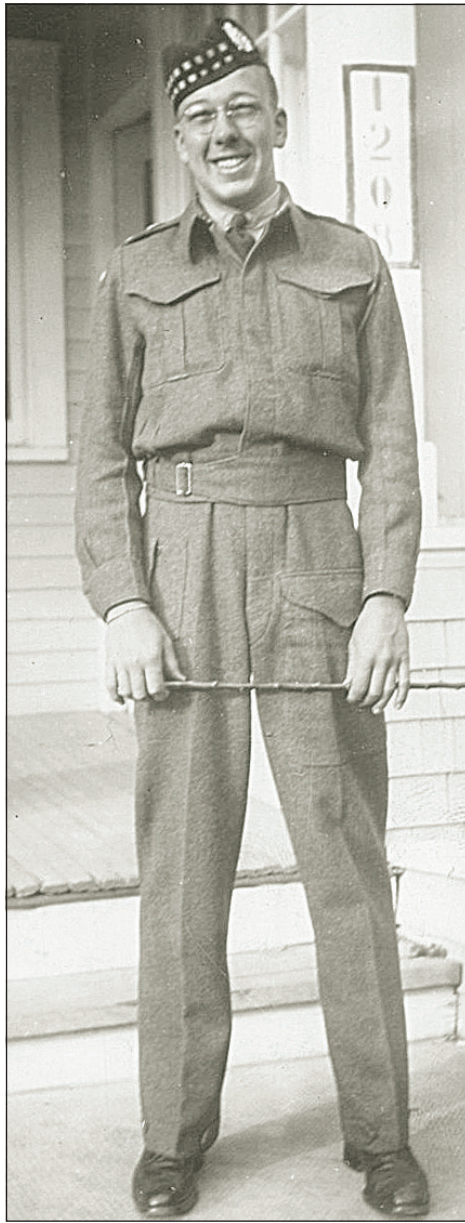


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Geoffrey Donald Corry in WWII. Corry remained an officer in the Canadian army after the war was over as a Lt.-Col., had a history degree from UBC and was honorary colonel of the Canadian Scottish Regiment.

At 1730 hours [of July 8], we moved across the Start Line. B Company was on the right of C Company, with B and D Companies in reserve. The reserve platoon of C Company was No. 14, commanded by Lieutenant Harling, who was a veteran of the Italian campaign and had joined us the night before. Harling was shot between the eyes just as he crossed the start line. Ironical and very sad.

The noise was deafening. Our guns firing. Enemy mortars, eighty-eights and machine-gun firing. No good ducking. Must keep moving. Must keep the platoon moving. Buzz, buzz, buzz. At least I can still hear them. Must keep moving. Check section on left, section on right, me in centre with runner behind. Keep moving. Our shells landing 50 yards in front. Great shooting. Some falling behind. Realize not ours but German. Moving ahead

in a box between opposing artillery barrages. Eerie feeling . . . Christ, a walled village. Too much to the right. Company off line. Can't take whole village with one platoon. To hell with it. Time to charge.

"Come on men, up the Scottish!" I yell and in we go at the dead run. Pass through break in wall, move left into small orchards, one section with me. Look ahead to see German behind wall. Aim Schmeisser and fire. Chips fly from wall. Missed.

Great blow on leg. Fall down. Shit! I'm hit! Funny, not much pain. Get up and hobble to east side of orchard. Where are my men? All killed or wounded. All alone.

Look around wall. Boom! Part of wall collapses. Bloody big Panther tank staring me in the face. Duck back behind wall. Must get off leg. Lie down against wall, behind small pile of rubble. Poke my head up. Twang! Two Germans, 50 feet away, potting at me. Another hole in helmet. What to do. Lie still. Might think you're dead. If they rush have only pistol and grenade. Grenade best. Slowly ease off belt. Place finger in ring. If I raise up to throw, make great target. Have to throw on one side. Good time to pray.

I lay there for what seemed like hours (although possibly only one) while the battle raged in the other half of the village. It seemed ironic that in this considerable orchard, there were three lone soldiers all flat on their bellies waiting for the first move. Suddenly there was a shout, the stutter of a machine gun and Tom Carney appeared running through the orchard with the remainder of the platoon. They killed the two Germans and then Tom found me. I was never so glad to see anyone in my whole life. Prayer helps!

He didn't say much except, "You're hit," which I already knew, and that the village was in our hands. He picked me up fireman style, carried me to Company Headquarters at the near side of the village, dumped me, and returned to the platoon. Des Crofton was

not there, but the Second-in-Command, Hec Alexander, was answering the track carrier's wireless set.

"What are you doing here?" he asked. "I have just come from my platoon," I said. "Well, you had better get back to your platoon," he said. "Yes sir," I replied, and thought, "heartless bastard." Of course, I had neglected to tell him I was wounded. So I picked up a piece of wood and hobbled back towards the platoon headquarters.

When I arrived back at the platoon, Tom asked, "What the hell are you doing here?" I didn't explain as enemy gun and mortar fire began to fall, so we crouched in a dug-out, which only hours before had been occupied by Germans. It eased up and I started to go and inspect my positions, but my leg was so stiff and painful that I could not even hobble. Tom went out and reported, "Everything under control."

Night fell and no German counter-attack. This was fortunate because my platoon was down to half strength and the other platoons were probably not much better. A very painful night. The shock had worn off and the pain took over.

At first light there was still no enemy activity so Tom arranged for two of our soldiers to carry me back to Company Headquarters once again. This time Hec Alexander believed what he saw and put me in a jeep to be taken back to the Regimental Aid Post. The Germans began firing mortars and suddenly I found myself sitting alone in the jeep. I couldn't move, but everyone else could and had all dived for cover.

The mortar fire ceased and I was taken to the Regimental Aid Post and then eventually to the Army hospital on the beach. There the bullet was removed from my leg bone, and the following morning I was flown to England, then driven by ambulance to a hospital on the Astor estate. How green it was. How quiet it was. How lucky I was.

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WORLD WAR II

Dutch museum seeks further Halifax info

Driftwood photo sparks interest from war museum in the Netherlands

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Volunteers with a small military museum in Achtmaal, Netherlands are hoping someone on Salt Spring can help them further their attempts to honour the crew of a Canadian plane that crashed in their community in 1943.

Paul de Rooij of the Militair Historisch Museum contacted the Driftwood earlier this year after "a lucky shot" on the internet turned up a photo that was published in the Driftwood's War and Remembrance pages back in 2007.

"On the evening of 22nd October 1943 the Canadian Halifax LK959 ZL-D crashed in Achtmaal (Ostaaiken)," he writes. "All eight crew members were killed. The crew is buried in Bergen op Zoom, which is about 20 kilometres from here. In our museum we provide information on that crash to the visitors. Unfortunately we never were able to find a picture of the crew."

The photo, submitted to the

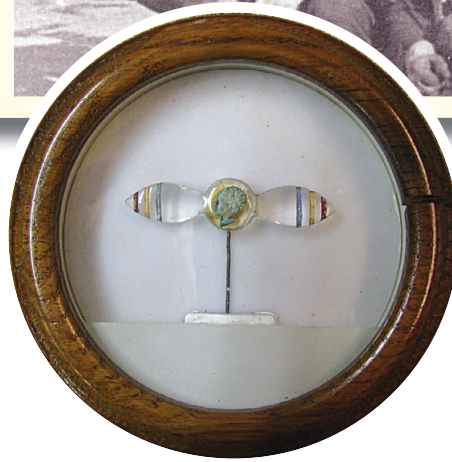
Driftwood by a "W. Weston," identifies a Lieut. Jack Weston as a crew member of the Halifax and the fact that everyone on the plane died, but no further information. A past listed phone number for a W. Weston is no longer in service.

De Rooij would appreciate hearing from anyone who may know the W. Weston who submitted the photograph seen at right, or any information about the individuals in the photo. He can be reached at pmderooij@ziggo.nl.

He also provided an interesting addition to the Halifax story.

"The day after the crash, a young man took some parts of the Plexiglass canopy of the Halifax and made a small propeller. In the middle he fixed a part of a silver 10 cent coin which is the Dutch queen Wilhelmina. When the Germans overrun the Netherlands in May 1940, she fled with her family to England and later to Canada.

"When the village of this young man was liberated on the 27th of October 1944, he was wearing this small self-made ornament on his jacket. Some years ago he gave it to the museum. We even made a memorial information board on the place where the Halifax crashed."



Above, photo of seven of eight Canadian Halifax LK959 ZL-D crew members whose plane crashed on Oct. 22, 1943 near Achtmaal, Netherlands. The photo was submitted to the Driftwood by W. Weston as part of Remembrance Day pages in 2007.

At left is an ornament made by a young resident of Achtmaal using parts of the Plexiglass canopy of the Halifax. It is in the military museum in that area.

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With apologies to Col. John McCrae

By ANNE ZELLER

In Flanders Fields the weeds now grow
Where once stood poppies row on row
Which marked our place, and in the skies
The jets fly whining overhead

And restless lie the fruitless dead.
We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, we loved, we fought, we died.
Then nations' over weaning pride
Set troops again to fratricide.



From underneath a battered sod
We cry out to an angry God
Why did we die in awful pain?
Was our sacrifice in vain?

We threw the torch to you who won
But victory was short, and now the gun
The missile, rocket and the flare
Illuminate the choking air.

Could you not find a way to peace
And let our fruitless heartaches cease?
We cry, beneath the weeds that grow
Between the crosses, row and row
In Flanders Fields.

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BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

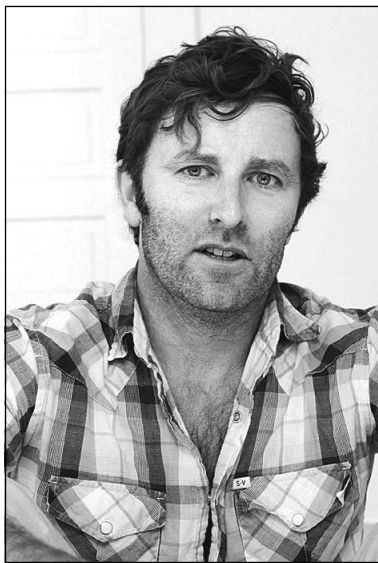
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Acclaimed author, broadcaster and raconteur-extraordinaire Grant Lawrence comes to Fulford Hall Nov. 15, bringing his hit Stories and Songs show to Salt Spring.

Community members should expect a highly entertaining evening filled with true stories about outlandish coastal characters mixed with great live music.

Lawrence last appeared on the island almost exactly nine years ago for the launch of his award-winning first book about life on Desolation Sound, *Adventures in Solitude*. The well-attended evening at the ArtSpring gallery included songs performed by Lawrence's wife, three-time Juno nominee Jill Barber. He has since written two more well-received books, one detailing his love of hockey and the team of Vancouver musicians he put together, and another recounting stories from the road during his two decades as frontman of The Smugglers.

The upcoming event at Fulford Hall will see Lawrence recount (with visuals) some of the stories from all three books, as well as his podcasts. The eve-



Writer-broadcaster Grant Lawrence and his musician wife Jill Barber perform with friends at Fulford Hall on Nov. 15 and at the Galiano Community Hall on Nov. 16.

ning will resemble that 2010 launch except in a souped-up format with more content and the addition of more great musicians. In addition to Barber, the show includes Vancouver's Ashleigh Ball (Hey Ocean!) and Salt Spring's young folk hero Luke Wallace.

Lawrence is also well known as a CBC radio broadcaster and the innovator behind the Radio 3 program. In some ways he's continuing the legacy of late, beloved CBC personality Stuart McLean and his travelling Vinyl Cafe roadshow.

"Stuart was really good

friends with my wife, and I first met him through Jill," Lawrence said. "I loved the Vinyl Cafe and I loved that there was this hour on national radio dedicated to storytelling."

Lawrence said with his own attention span he also appreciates the variety-style format, which breaks up the need to listen to one performer for 90 minutes. One big difference between their formats is that while McLean's readings came from his fictional universe, Lawrence's stories are from his real life experience and local history.

While all of his books have been popular, people can't seem to get enough of the world first explored in *Adventures in Solitude*. Lawrence has gone deeper into some of the back stories of Desolation Sound characters like the Cougar Lady, Bernard the German and the Russell Island Hermit in his subsequent podcasts.

"They all came to somewhat fascinating ends. Tracing the histories of these people has been really interesting," Lawrence said.

Kids might show up at the event wanting to hear more about the mysterious Spaghetti Bandit, who quietly helped himself to supplies at a number of Desolation Sound cabins in the off-season. Lawrence has recently been working on more stories about a woman who farmed oysters on the sound for 40 years and hosted the nude potluck that famously figures in the first book.

"I'm fascinated by what's really happened on our coast, the types of people it attracts, from the early settlers to the hippies and draft dodgers to the present day," Lawrence said. "I've found that wherever I go on the coast, people relate to those stories really well."

The evening has in fact proved a hit all around the province, with previous tour dates in the southern Gulf Islands, the northern islands,

the B.C. Interior and the Lower Mainland. Lawrence said it's all been good practice for Salt Spring's discerning community of artists, musicians and writers. Next Friday's show starts at 7:30 p.m., concludes at 9:30 and includes an intermission.

The evening is presented by Salt Spring Books, with partial proceeds going to the Salt Spring Gymnastics Association.

The show is also at the south Galiano Community Hall on Saturday, Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m.



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EXHIBITIONS

Women unite around Unwritten theme

Salt Spring ArtSpring gallery show opens this Friday

A group of Salt Spring women is coming together once again to share meaningful art that addresses a particular theme, and this year the show at the ArtSpring gallery will include more participation than ever.

Unwritten, Unspoken, Unheard opens this Friday, Nov. 8 at 4 p.m. with an opening reception taking place Saturday, Nov. 9 from 5 to 7 p.m.

There are 16 women in the show and the works will vary in mediums: paint, glass, up-cycling or repurposing, installations, mixed media, movement and perhaps some words. As well, there will be interactive pieces for viewers and a special opening night event.

Show coordinator Sam Barlow explains this is the seventh year that a group of women has come together to produce an art show based on a theme, which varies each year. Previous themes have included A Love Story, Pieces of Her Story and This is Who I Am.

"A number of us have been participants in this show every year," Barlow said. "Through the years women who have seen our show have asked to join us because they have been inspired

and impressed with our work."

Barlow was inspired to create this year's theme almost immediately after the 2018 show concluded, while she was visiting family in Vancouver.

"I was browsing through a paper while I enjoyed my morning tea when I came across a page that had the word Unwritten in large letters.

"The ad was about the future development of Oakridge, an area in Vancouver. That word, however, sat in my body and my imagination. Right away I thought about our show and the fact that this would be a great theme."

When Barlow returned home she sent out an email to everyone who had been a part of the previous show and asked them what they thought of Unwritten as the next theme.

"By the end of the week Unwritten had morphed into Unwritten, Unspoken, Unheard. We all felt it left each of us open to interpret the words, their meaning, the stories, as we each worked creatively in our own mediums. I am sure some of the artists will admit that we did find the theme to really push us, to make us go deeper inside, to let go of what we think something should look like," Barlow said.

The show will continue daily through Nov. 24.

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Wed. Nov. 6	Thu. Nov. 7	Fri. Nov. 8	Sat. Nov. 9	Sun. Nov. 10	Tue. Nov. 12	Wed. Nov. 13
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Tea à Tempo – Kerry Graham and Friends. Bassoonist Kerry Graham presents The Faithful Music Master – the Chamber Music of Telemann along with Bo Curtis (flute), Carolyn Hatch (violin) and Jane Phillips (cello). All Saints. 2:10 p.m. ACTIVITIES Tech Tutoring with Peter Freeman. Every Wednesday at the library in three 50-minute sessions between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Salt Spring Historical Society: John M. MacFarlane. Author of Around the World in a Dugout Canoe gives an illustrated talk. The book tells the true story of a little-understood character, Captain John Voss, and his refitted Nuu-Chah-Nulth cedar canoe. Central Hall. 2 p.m. (Note that the SSHS meeting is being held one week earlier than usual.) Rest & Recharge. A two-hour restorative yin practice. Today and on Nov. 20 with Sarah Jane Smith at The Nest. 6:30 p.m. Info/register: sarahjane@thenesthotyoga.com or 250-537-6638. Insight/Mindfulness Meditation. A guided session of meditation in the Buddhist tradition by Heather Martin at Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice (St. Mary’s Church in Fulford). 7 to 9 p.m. Music Bingo. Wednesdays with Taylor at Moby’s Pub. 7:30 to 10 p.m.	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Open Mic & Jam. At the Legion on Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. Open Mic at Moby’s. Thursdays at Moby’s Pub. 8:30 to 11:45 p.m. ACTIVITIES Tech Tutoring with Jim Watkins. Every Thursday at the library. 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Norman Fischer Book Launch. Highly respected poet, author and zen teacher Norman Fischer will be on Salt Spring to share his latest book called The World Could be Otherwise: Imagination and the Bodhisattva Path. Lions Hall. 7 p.m. Poetry Open Mic. Featured poet Karen Lee White is Northern Salish, Tuscara, Chippewa and Scots from Vancouver Island. Library program room. Reader sign-up 6:45 p.m., open mic at 7, featured poet at 7:30 p.m.	ACTIVITIES Ask Salt Spring: Neighbours Helping Neighbours Find Answers. Special guest from Emergency Preparedness Operations, Brian Bogdanovich, helps answer questions on whether you are ready for the next big storm or emergency. Thrifty Foods floral shop. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Family Movie Matinee – Smallfoot. Kids and families welcome to library screening with free popcorn. Kids under 10 must be signed in and out. Fridays at 2:30 p.m. Karaoke Night at the Legion. KJ Drew will help you get your Do Re Mi and your wiggles out at the best karaoke lounge on the island. Legion. 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. 	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT The WannaBeatles! Return. Salt Spring’s WannaBeatles! show returns to the Legion. 8 p.m. Tom Hooper and the Angry Hippies. Live music at Moby’s. 9 p.m. ACTIVITIES What’s It Worth – Free Appraisal Event. See Friday’s listing. Met Opera: Madama Butterfly. ArtSpring. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fool Proof. Salt Spring-raised performing artist Nayana Fielkov offers a one-day clowning workshop at Lions Hall. 12 noon to 4:30 pm. Email nayanafielkov@gmail.com to register and for questions. Art Show Opening: Unwritten, Unspoken, Unheard. Opening event for an exhibit of work by 16 Salt Spring women artists at the ArtSpring gallery. 5 to 7 p.m. 7th Annual Abattoir Birthday Bash. Enjoy live music from Scout and Tom and a farm-to-table buffet, plus silent auction. Fulford Hall. 5:30 p.m. Tickets through plantofarm.org. Drones and their Use in a Major Disaster. Philip Reece of Indro Robotics gives free presentation on understanding drone capabilities and their use in a major emergency. Emergency Preparedness Series for Salt Spring Islanders. Salt Spring Public Library. 5 to 7 p.m.	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Oleanna. See Friday’s listing, except time is 2 p.m. ACTIVITIES What’s It Worth – Free Appraisal Event. See Friday’s listing, except the time is 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. . Mon. Nov. 11 ACTIVITIES Remembrance Day Activities. Salt Spring Legion offers breakfast by donation at Meaden Hall from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Bus transportation from the Legion to Centennial Park starts at 10. Parade leaves at 10:30 a.m. and service at Centennial Park starts at 11. All are welcome to an open house at the Legion following the service. Tue. Nov. 12 ACTIVITIES Trivia Tuesday. At Moby’s Pub. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.	ACTIVITIES Book Launch: Angela Crocker and Vicki McLeod present Digital Legacy Plan. When you die, what will your digital legacy be? What will be left about you online? How will your online accounts be accessed and handled? Crocker and McLeod team up in this presentation to give ideas and tips on how to handle digital legacies. Salt Spring Public Library. 2 to 4 p.m. Argentine Tango Practice. All welcome to learn the art of Argentine tango at All Saints on Tuesdays. 8 to 10 p.m.  Wed. Nov. 13 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Oleanna. Salt Spring Community Theatre presents David Mamet play with a special fundraiser performance for SWOVA. Mahon Hall. 7:30 p.m.	ACTIVITIES Salt Spring Film Festival presents nîpawistamâsowin: We Will Stand Up. In August 2016, a young Cree man named Colten Boushie was shot and killed after entering Gerald Stanley’s Saskatchewan farm with his friends. Award-winning filmmaker Tasha Hubbard follows the journey of Colten’s family as they search for justice, taking their fight to the highest echelons of power and, ultimately, the United Nations. Screening with director in attendance, co-presented by the Stqeeye’ Learning Society (Xwaaqwu’um Village). ArtSpring. 7 p.m. Tech Tutoring with Peter Freeman. See last Wednesday’s listing. Insight/Mindfulness Meditation. See last Wednesday’s listing. Music Bingo. See last Wednesday’s listing.



David French and Metta Rose star in Oleanna, running at Mahon Hall Nov. 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15 and 16.

THE FRITZ CINEMA • Margaret Atwood: A Word After a Word after a Word is Power runs Friday, Nov. 8, to Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. each night plus a 3 p.m. Sunday matinee. Rated PG. 94 minutes. For more movie info go to www.thefritz.ca EXHIBITIONS • Unwritten, Unspoken, Unheard , an exhibit of work by 16 women artists, opens in the ArtSpring gallery on Friday, Nov. 8 at 4 p.m., with an opening reception on Saturday, Nov. 9. The show continues daily until Nov. 24. • Melanie Thompson’s exhibit called Shadow Show runs at Salt Spring Gallery until Nov. 13.	EXHIBITIONS • Melodie Herbert and Philippa Tattersall exhibit paintings in the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room through November. • The Venter Gallery showcases work by Deon Venter from his critically acclaimed Missing and Highway of Tear series along with a selection of Kathy Venter’s polychrome ceramic sculptures. • Andy Poystila has an exhibition in the Jankura Lounge at ArtSpring through November. • Mary Laucks shows new abstract works in the ArtSpring lobby in the month of November.	Duo Paris Moscou World’s best accordion duo Saturday Nov. 9 All Saints By-the-Sea • 6:30 p.m. THRIFTY FOODS  Ganges, Mouat’s Centre • 7:30am to 9pm • Customer Service 250-537-1522
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ART REVIEW

Thompson's Shadow Show captivates

Salt Spring Gallery show continues to Nov. 13

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring artist well known for her basket-weaving skills and incorporation of interesting materials is exploring an intriguing side of her work at Salt Spring Gallery this month, where the combination of sculptural forms and light comes to the forefront in The Shadow Show.

While shadows often feature in pieces like Thompson's standing lamps made of reeds and rushes or her sculptural basketry forms, this time the side product has been actively courted and developed.

"Shadows as an important visual element have always been an important part of my work," Thompson explains in her artist's statement. "From the first lamps I made that cast their shadows up and out, patterning ceilings, walls and floors, to the work of this exhibit, I have been intrigued by shadows, their beauty and impermanence."

In The Shadow Show Thompson has provided a rich and robust collection of work that explores the dialogue between the object and the shadow cast, with many different materials and shapes explored. Though pieces were specifically created with their shadows in mind, each object is pleasing and remarkable in its own right.

A set of hanging fish traps made from looped penny-bright copper wire, for example, demonstrates elegant yet organic elongated forms that echo the awaited prey. A different set of basketry fish traps rest on bulbous bottoms, with tighter weaving at the base opening up to chaotic loose stick ends at the rim. Contrary to her usual practice when making baskets, Thompson has painted the ends of the rib, so natural buff and brown tones get uplifted with the contrast of vermillion or robin's egg blue.

Much of the work created for the show came about through self-created "residencies" in Thompson's own studio, in which she gave herself the task of finding new ways to use materials she's collected over the years.



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Exhibits from Melanie Thompson's Shadow Show at Salt Spring Gallery.

"I pull everything out and the only rule is that it doesn't go back in," she explained. "You can make whatever you want, as long as you use it up. One of the other things I said is I don't want to make a basket, because that would always be the thing I would do, so I'm going to try to come up with other things."

A "wire residency" helped Thompson produce hanging sculptural forms made with open-looped chicken wire. Undulating three-dimensional orbs are set with dried natural elements such as leaves, orange sections or a collar of deer bones. This set produces a particularly interesting effect with the larger shadow elements contrasting with the more subtle doubling of the thin wire.

In a work called Flora, Thompson has clipped and shaped chicken wire to resemble a delicate framework of large blossoms. Rainbow-hued electrical wire becomes the inspiration for other woven sculptures. All Life Comes From Somewhere is a large hanging lamp-shaped bulb in looped copper wire. Nestled inside is a strange organic-looking

shape with dubious origins. It resembles a shell or larva casing, and turns out to be gut used for sausage casing, stretched and dried over an articulated wire frame.

Purely natural forms also find space in the show, such as a set of dried hosta leaves suspended from a driftwood branch, and a large dried arbutus branch with leaves intact. The colours and textures of these pieces complement the metallic pieces extremely well, and magnify the tones of the fall season to excellent effect.

The Shadow Show continues at Salt Spring Gallery until Wednesday, Nov. 13.

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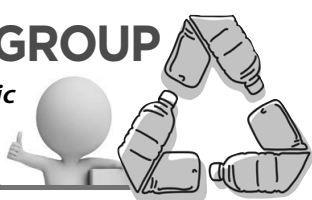
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In January 2019, Chris Wakaluk started asking people on Pender Island for the stories of their lives before coming to Pender. The project, a podcast called The Stories that Brought You Here, started as a creative outlet for Wakaluk, and turned into a way to document and get to know the interesting stories behind the people who call Pender Island home.

"We don't really know much about people's experiences before moving here," Wakaluk said. "The goal is to find out why they were driven to come to the island and what they were doing before they got here."

Since he started, Wakaluk has spoken to 35 Penderites and is looking to expand his podcast into the future. His conversations have two grounding questions: What did you do before coming to Pender? And who on the island has helped you? Aside from that, the conversations vary widely from person to person. To Wakaluk, the podcast has been a great way to showcase how helpful the people on Pender are to each other.

"It has been really amazing to hear through 35 of these that one person after another has been helped by so many people," he said. "Often they don't even know where to start. I'll attempt to get them to name a few people who have really stood out to them, but it has really been fascinating to hear that this island is a really supportive place."

Wakaluk chose podcasting because it lends itself nicely to the kinds of stories he wants to tell. He releases a new episode roughly every two weeks, and that episodic format allows him to reach out to someone, interview them, edit and produce the episodes, as well as work at a full-time job. Each podcast takes roughly 10 hours to complete, and having the two-week schedule allows him to take the time to create something worthwhile.

"Podcasting was the best way to go about doing this, because the technology is available to bring it to a wider audience," he said. "If I had attempted this 15 years ago without the medium of podcasting being as widespread as it is now, I don't think it would have worked."

Wakaluk does not have certain people he wants to talk to, but is open to following the flow of potential guests. One of his goals is to give people the chance to be interviewed who would otherwise never get the chance to tell their stories.

He is also working on a similar project called The Southern Gulf Islands Heritage Recordings, in which he interviews long-time residents of the islands. For this project, Wakaluk's voice is not present on the recordings. He wants the voices of the old-time residents to shine through with their



PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

Chris Wakaluk working on his podcast called The Stories that Brought You Here.

stories. They discuss how things were on the island starting in the 1930s, and how things have changed over the years until now. Wakaluk hopes to interview people from all of the Southern Gulf Islands.

The heritage project was initially funded by the Ptarmigan Arts Society on Pender, and Wakaluk was able to make two episodes with their funding. He is currently looking for more funding opportunities for future episodes.

The Stories that Brought You Here and the first two episodes of the Southern Gulf Islands Heritage Recordings are available online at <https://thestoriesthatbroughtyouhere.podbean.com/>.

FILM SCREENING

Colten Boushie's story told in documentary

Award-winning filmmaker attends screening event

SUBMITTED BY SS FILM FESTIVAL SOCIETY

After October's sold-out screening of Honeyland, the Salt Spring Film Festival's Best of the Fests film series continues at ArtSpring on Nov. 13 with nîpawistamâsowin: We Will Stand Up, an award-winning documentary from the National Film Board.

In August 2016, a young Cree man named Colten Boushie was shot and killed after entering Gerald Stanley's Saskatchewan farm with his friends. The emotionally charged trial and subsequent acquittal of Stanley provoked national outrage, captured international attention and raised questions about anti-Indigenous racism within both the judicial system and the nation.



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Award-winning filmmaker Tasha Hubbard attends a Salt Spring Film Festival screening of her work on Nov. 13.

Award-winning filmmaker Tasha Hubbard follows the journey of Boushie's family as they search for justice, taking their fight all the way to the United Nations. Hubbard deftly illustrates how

the long history of violence against Indigenous people continues to define life in Canada, and the impact of systems that have been the instruments of colonial domination for centuries.

At once urgent and intimate, nîpawistamâsowin: We Will Stand Up is a profound portrait of a family standing up for a more just society for future generations.

Hubbard will be in attendance to present the film along with invited Indigenous elders. The film will be followed by an onstage conversation between Hubbard and local award-winning Métis filmmaker Christine Welsh.

Co-presented by the Stqeeey' Learning Society (Xwaaqw'um Village), the film starts at 7 p.m. More information can be found on the film festival website at www.saltspringfilmfestival.com.



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The Sun and Retrograde Mercury both in Scorpio will cross paths this week. Positively, when this happens our focus is sharpened. Due to the influences of Scorpio in this case, we can add the word deepened to the equation. They will connect at 18 Scorpio which so happens to be a powerful point for Mercury. Negatively, this crossing can manifest as upsets and miscommunications especially the winged messenger of the gods is retrograde. Meanwhile, just hours prior, the Moon was aligned with Uranus. This tends to produce unexpected turns. Combined, these events could easily manifest as quirky episodes and bloopers. On November 12 the Moon Waxes to Full in Taurus. This stands to produce a reverse of fortunes for the better since Jupiter in Sagittarius is the outlet for this dynamic. If issues arise as a consequence of any of the above, watch for exaggeration or inflated reactions.

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)

The waxing is charged with passion. Yet, it is a passion that can and probably has and will continue to swing in different directions. A stimulated libido is certainly one of them, perhaps the strongest. Yet, there is also an urge to dive deeply into things, on one hand, and to be adventurous too. The Taurus Full Moon will increase all of the above.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)

The Sun in your solar house of relationships directs the focus to that arena specifically. Your ruling planet Venus, having entered the house of Scorpio along with Jupiter, suggests that you are excited to explore new territory. Yet, this does not refer to geography per se. In some respects, you are after earned returns and are determined to do what you must to get them.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

This lunar cycle is pushing you to be more disciplined. The health and quality of your over lifestyle is a central focus. This has been true for some time, actually, yet it is getting extra emphasis in this cycle. Looking back upon the past couple of years, you may notice you have changed both in appearance and perspectives. Keep working it.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

Scorpio is the sign of design and it is strongly positioned for you to enter into creative expressions of this kind. This comes with a strong dose of originality and inventiveness specific to this lunar cycle. The Full Moon will bring added emphasis to focus. It remains that clearing the clutter may be necessary to support the creative flow.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

This Scorpio cycle comes with the destiny of activating you at core levels. Personal power is the central theme. Yet, as is generally true of Scorpio, it comes with shedding some old skins. Some of these are linked to what is blocking the realization of your dreams while others refer to illusions and denials that lead you away from your power.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

The birth of new perspectives and priorities is a core feature of this cycle. Some of these are prompted by financial needs and interests while others involve where and how your time and energy is directed. Quality and effectiveness are key words in this regard. Know the difference between your sphere of influence and of concern and focus on your influence.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

Themes involving money, abundance, power, and self-esteem are featured in this lunar cycle. Before it is over you will discover where you need to invest more energy and perhaps where you need to cut ties. Generally, you have been focused on expansion and increase. Yet, you are also learning that you need to focus more, where it really counts.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

This New Moon cycle in your sign continues to lead you into new directions. It is likely that you find yourself at a fork in the road and must decide which the best one is. Each comes with its own challenges and rewards. Your decision invariably includes deciphering which will bring the greatest returns for the least investment.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

Taking time out has and continues to be a central theme. Yet, with Venus now in your sign, you also want to express yourself in new and powerful ways. Expressing beauty is featured, yet it vies with expressions of truth. The difference is that while beauty is simply that, even though it comes down to personal preferences, truth can be ugly. Focus to weave truth and beauty.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

You are discovering more fully who you are and are not your friends. This also extends to include words like allies, connections and associates. Power is a keyword regarding all of these. The power you seek now is that of talent and creative ability. Either way, you still have to get involved. This includes giving more and taking creative leads and calculated risks.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

Changes and opportunities are both underway especially in your public and professional life. Promotions and other advances are featured. These can be understood as rewards for past efforts. These returns can also be negative if your behavior patterns over the past number of years have been wayward or unfocused. Either way, you should anticipate a busier workload.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

This cycle has synchronized with seeing a bigger picture. Since Scorpio is involved, deeper is another keyword to describe your focus. Positively, you understand more clearly what constitutes the next series of steps that you need to take. Coming to a clearer realization of where your energies are best directed and where they are not is the gift. Mind your own business, literally.



PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Salt Spring Elementary School Parent Advisory Committee hosts a Halloween Harvest Lunch on Thursday, offering herbed biscuits, roasted vegetable-squash soup and apple sauce made from ingredients grown in the school garden to every student, teacher and parent in the school community. Clockwise from top left: Dan Perry, Paula Cole, Keen Perry and baby Lyric come dressed up for fun; volunteers Anna Pugh, Robin Jenkinson, Michelle Goss and Julie-Ann Ishikawa serve up lunch; knight Apollo Gaudet strongly recommends the apple sauce; Sierra Helfrich lends a hand at the serving table.



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EMERGENCY PROGRAM

Emergency training on offer

SSERT program builds community resilience

BY MARC KITTINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Island Emergency Program is holding its first Salt Spring Emergency Resilience Training program starting on Wednesday, Nov. 13.

SSERT is designed to help people learn to protect themselves, their families and their neighbours in an emergency situation. It is taught by first responders and other experts, and will feature training in fire extinguisher use, triage, first aid, hydro and home safety, radio communications, chainsaw safety, generator safety, evacuation technique, POD management and home preparedness.

Based on a similar program run in Vancouver, SSERT gives people the chance to

build skills and resilience, according to SSIEP coordinator Brian Bogdanovich.

"First responders aren't always going to be there," he told the Driftwood. "People need to be able to function on their own. There's only so many cops and firefighters that are on duty at one time. A house fire can take up the resources of just about every first responder on this island pretty quickly. . . At the end of the day, you're on your own for whatever period of time it is."

The free program is 12 hours over the course of four nights. The first set of sessions runs Nov. 13, 14, 18 and 20 from 6 until 9 p.m. at the Ganges fire hall. A second session will be held Nov. 24, 25, Dec. 2 and 4 at the same location and times.

Those interested in participating can sign up at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/salt-spring-emergency-resilience-training-ssert-tickets-77388792963>.

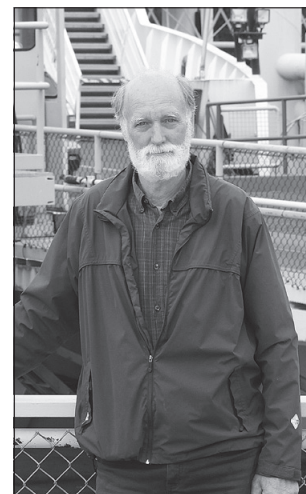


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Last Week's Answer: Gary Blake
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SALT SPRING Star of the WEEK

Harold Swierenga



Harold Swierenga is the long-time chair of the Salt Spring Ferry Advisory Committee, and has stayed on for multiple terms to hold BC Ferries to account on matters like Fulford terminal traffic issues and through-fare transfers. Harold has often leant his facilitation talents to act as moderator at local government election debates. He is a retired economics professor and previously served as Reeve (head of municipal council) of the town of Almonte, Ont.

YOUTH LIT

Moving on from the YA section

Fiction and non-fiction choices for youth ready to expand horizons

If you are a young reader, at some point, the day comes when you're ready to move out. You're not necessarily done with the library's Young Adult section (half of YA readers are adults; some say more than half), but there's a big world out there in the "adult" sections: biographies, memoirs, mysteries, sci-fi, romance, nonfiction.

Where to start? We asked authors, library staff and volunteers to recommend books that work for newbies to the non-kiddie sections of the Salt Spring Island Public Library.

FICTION

GOOD OMENS by Terry Pratchett and Neil Gaiman

Comic rendering of Armageddon by two of British fantasy's greatest writers. While good and evil forces work together to try to stop the end of a world they've grown quite fond of, Adam Young, age 11, is unaware that he has a dark but hilarious destiny. Bonus: you can now watch the TV series on Amazon.

THE MARTIAN by Andy Weir

Astronaut Mark Watney is trapped alone and injured on Mars, with failing equipment and a few potatoes. What follows is a mile-a-minute problem-solving survival thriller that's full of gritty optimism.

THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME by Mark Haddon

A British boy with many challeng-



Lavonne Leong
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es tackles a small mystery that nearly unravels his whole life. This riveting bestseller was made into a hit play, too.

JANE EYRE by Charlotte Bronte

This is a great "classic" to start with. Although it was written in the 19th century, the main character speaks in the first person (as with many YA novels) and is sharp, observant, and sometimes, so over it. I think of Jane Eyre as girl power, 150 years before its time.

THE BELL JAR by Sylvia Plath

Written in the 1950s, poet Sylvia Plath's only novel is a semi-autobiographical account of a brilliant young university student who wins a glamorous magazine internship in New York City but struggles with her mental health. The voice is sharp and unforgettable.

THE LIFE OF PI by Yann Martel

First published in Canada, and written by a Canadian, this fanciful, philosophical novel features a boy and a live tiger adrift on a raft in the Indian Ocean — and much more besides. It's an entertaining story of growth, resilience and the relativity of truth.

NONFICTION

INTO THE WILD BY JON KRAKAUER

In 1992, inspired by the writings of Thoreau and Jack London, a young

man from a well-off family hitchhiked to Alaska's Stampede Trail and disappeared into the wild with 10 pounds of rice, a .22 caliber rifle, and a few books. Christopher McCandless survived for 113 days, but eventually succumbed — to what? And why? Author Jon Krakauer recreates his life, his final days, and his singular, doomed search for freedom.

SYMPHONY FOR THE CITY OF THE DEAD: DMITRI SHOSTAKOVICH AND THE SIEGE OF LENINGRAD by M.T. Anderson

From the bestselling author of YA novel Feed comes a thoroughly researched and engrossing work of WWII history for young adults. This great gateway history narrative follows the exciting story of Shostakovich's legendary symphony, which enthralled audiences on both sides of the Atlantic and helped nudge the war in the right direction.

I KNOW WHY THE CAGED BIRD SINGS by Maya Angelou

The first of the seven-volume autobiography of the singular African American poet Maya Angelou. Caged Bird recreates her early years in the American south. Angelou tackles challenging topics — racism, rape, autonomy, power — with enormous compassion and page-turning storytelling.

THE FAMILY ROMANOV: MURDER, REBELLION AND THE FALL OF IMPERIAL RUSSIA by Candace Fleming

This work of history wasn't written for children, but the author has written many titles for under-18s, and it shows. In clear, compelling prose, Fleming vividly recreates Russia before the revolution of 1917 and details the unravelling of what was then the richest ruling family on earth.

Remember WHEN

Five years ago

Poor governance and rampant spending emerged as the top concerns islanders had with the Salt Spring Fire Protection District at a public consultation session. Concern expressed about "an energetic purchasing environment" was the summation of the input received by the consultation session host, Walker Resource Group. The group's work would include a detailed review of all aspects of the fire service, including an inventory of its equipment and a projection of future needs, as well as give different options for future consideration.

Ten years ago

Islanders looking for a "hole-in-the-fence" travel scenario at the Swartz Bay ferry terminal could effectively board up that option. The scenario would allow an in-terminal turnaround for Salt Spring ferry users looking to make a connection to Tsawwassen. "It is not affordable, so we are not going to do it," said the company's executive vice president and chief financial officer Rob Clarke. He stressed that BC Ferries did not offer a connecting service to Tsawwassen from Salt Spring. However, a 20-minute reservation cut-off time would be enforced for Salt Spring residents, rather than the 30 minutes for everyone else.

Twenty years ago

The first trees fell as the Texada Land Corporation began logging beside Mount Tuam. The company planned on logging selectively, and said they would match or do better than the regulations required for managed forest lands. That didn't stop protesters from organizing early in the morning at the site of the logging, after meeting and forming a committee to deal with "a subtle, veiled and extremely dangerous attack" on local environmental sensibilities within a few days of learning of the plan.

Thirty years ago

The Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission sent its proposed 1990 budget to the CRD, which included a proposal to hire a full-time permanent recreation director for the island. The budget totalled \$250,000. The cost of hiring the director with an annual salary of \$35,000 was the reason for the budget increase. Other increases included the maintenance costs of the new Ganges sea walk, on which construction had started and was expected to be complete in December 1989.

Fifty years ago

An estimate for a new school was debated by the trustees of the Gulf Islands School District. An option had already been acquired on 10 acres located at Lower Ganges Road and Vesuvius Bay Road. The planned school, which was estimated to cost \$472,200, would have nine classrooms, a library and administrative offices. Feedback from people was that they were glad it would not be built in Ganges, as the area had been experiencing sewage problems. The school would be the biggest single project offered in a school building referendum in the history of the district.

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WEDNESDAY

SALT SPRING GENEALOGY GROUP: Info: Email cloudie48@gmail.com

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Salt Spring Seniors. 2 to 3:30 p.m.

SOUTH SALT SPRING SENIORS meet on the last Wednesday of each month at Fulford Hall at 2 p.m.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

5RHYTHMS MOVEMENT & DANCE CLASS led by Shauna Devlin at All Saints By-the-Sea (downstairs). 9 to 10 a.m.

ALL LEVELS HOT HATHA YOGA with Sarah Jane Smith at The Nest Hot Yoga. 75 mins. 9:30 a.m.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC at SS Seniors Centre board room. 10 to 11 a.m. Confidential, accurate, easy and convenient.

BRIDGE CLUB at the SS Library program room from 12:30 to 4 p.m.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP for people caring for individuals with Alzheimers and others. Every Wednesday at Salt Spring Seniors (379 Lower Ganges Rd.) at 11 a.m. Info: Margaret Monro, 250-537-5004.

COMPUTER HELP — Free help with computer, tablet, smartphone issues at Salt Spring Literacy. By appointment at the literacy centre at 125B Rainbow Rd. or by calling 250-537-9717 or emailing coordinator@saltspringliteracy.org.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE group meets at Salt Spring Seniors. 12:45 p.m. (for 1 p.m. start).

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY offers free access to premium genealogy websites at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 221 Vesuvius Bay Rd. from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.

GAMES AFTERNOON at Salt Spring Seniors. 1 to 3 p.m.

HATHA FLOW YOGA with Dorothy Price at Stowel Lake Farm. 9 to 10:30 a.m.

KUM NYE SERIES: OUTER KUM NYE. At the yurt at the Salt Spring Yoga Centre at 355 Blackburn Rd. Wear loose comfortable clothing suitable for movement and sitting. Sign up for four-week series via info@movingpresence.center.

KIRTAN at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 7:30 p.m.

MEDITATION GROUP suitable for beginners meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10:10 to 11 a.m. Everyone welcome. Info: Deb Stevenson, 250-930-5333.

MEDITATION MEETINGS and teachings with the Salt Spring Vipassana Society. The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. Offered by donation with Insight Meditation teacher Heather Martin. 7 to 8:30 p.m.

MEN'S BRIDGE at Salt Spring Seniors at 7 p.m.

SSI PAINTERS GUILD meets at ArtSpring. 9:30 a.m. For activities see website sspaintersguild.ca.

SSI ROTARY CLUB meets each Wednesday for a deliciously prepared lunch with community focused speakers and presentations at the Harbour House Hotel Crofton Room from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SWING DANCE at SS Elementary School gym. East-Coast, West-Coast, and Lindy Hop. Everyone welcome. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call Larry Nelson or Wendy Hartnett at 250-537-4118.

TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

TECH TUTORING with Peter Freeman at Salt Spring Public Library. Times available at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12 noon. Free training and assistance with tech issues, including Windows, Mac, iPads, eReaders, tablets, using OverDrive, and more.

YOGA - Mixed levels with Celeste Mallett Jason at SSI Wellness Centre. 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. and 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. PLUS Chair Yoga (Seniors) from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

YOGA with Dorothy Price at The Gatehouse at Stowel Lake Farm. 9 to 10:30 a.m. Info: info@santasha-yoga-retreats.com, 250-537-7675

ZEN MEDITATION at 210 Cedar Lane at 7:15 p.m. Call 250-537-2062 for details. Newcomers always welcome.

THURSDAY

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets on the first Thursday of the month at SS Wellness Centre. 1 to 2 p.m. Info: ljcharlton@shaw.ca

VISUALLY IMPAIRED SUPPORT GROUP meets on the first Thursday of the month at SS Seniors Centre, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Info: David at 250-537-8595 or Seniors Centre 250-537-4604.

EVERY THURSDAY

AIKIDO MARTIAL ARTS classes for kids and adults at the SSI Wellness Centre. Kids from 5 to 6 p.m., and adults from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Info: Alan, 250-538-5549; alanwardroper@gmail.com.

AL-ANON for friends and families of alcoholics holds an Easy Does It Lunch Bunch open meeting at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church rear annex. 12 to 1 p.m.

ALL LEVELS WARM YANG YIN YOGA with Sarah Jane Smith at The Nest Hot Yoga. 75 mins. 6 p.m.

DANCE TEMPLE at Beaver Point Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.

INTERMEDIATE HOT VINAYASA with Sarah Jane Smith at The Nest Hot Yoga. 60 mins. 8:30 a.m.

LUNCH at Salt Spring Seniors Centre. 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Phone the centre at 250-537-4604 to reserve your seat.

KUNDALINI YOGA - all levels with Shannon Cowan at the Wellness Centre. 8 to 9:15 a.m.

NIA — The last Thursday daytime series before Christmas Break begins this week - Nov 7.

Classes are 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. at Antler Ridge Dance Studio. This is a 6-week session from Nov 7 to Dec 12. More info: arleensadler@shaw.ca.

OPEN MIC NIGHT at the Legion. 7 to 9 p.m.

PICKLEBALL runs at Fernwood Elementary School from 6 to 9 p.m.

TAOIST TAI CHI for beginners at All Saints By-the-Sea, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.

WOMEN'S YOGA with Jaya Levesque at SSI Wellness Centre. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

VIJNANA YOGA with Liz Young at Stowel Lake Farm. 6 to 7:30 p.m.

YOGA ALL LEVELS with Dorothy Price at SS Centre of Yoga from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

YOGA with Jim Dickinson at SS Seniors. 2 to 3 p.m.

EVERY FRIDAY

COFFEE TIME for seniors is at Salt Spring Seniors from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

DRUM CIRCLE meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 4 to 6 p.m.

ELEMENTARY BRIDGE COACHING. Beginning bridge lessons (but also with more advanced coaching available) at the Salt Spring Library Program Room. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

EVERYBODY STRETCH class with Catherine Bennett at SSI Wellness Centre. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT® CLASS with Anna Haltrecht, 10-11am. Move with less pain and stress by learning how to make any activity more effective and more enjoyable. Info: Anna Haltrecht, 250-537-5681, anna@bonesforever.com

SALT SPRING LIONS CLUB GARAGE SALE drop-off and sales at club hall at 103 Bonnet Ave. 10 a.m. till noon.

STORYTIME at the SS Public Library in the children's corner at 11 a.m. Drop-in program best for kids ages 3-6 and their caregivers.

GAMES NIGHT at the Salt Spring Library Program Room. Facilitator Bryan Dubien brings his vast collection of board games, or you can bring your own. 6 to 9 p.m.

MAH JONGG players gather at Salt Spring Seniors from 12:15 to 2 p.m.

MEAT DRAW at the Legion. 5 to 6 p.m.

MIXED LEVELS YOGA with John Howe at SSI Wellness Centre. 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

EVERY SATURDAY

DAD 'N' ME PANCAKE BREAKFAST at Family Place. For dads and kids aged 0 to 6. 8:30 to 10 a.m.

SALT SPRING LIONS CLUB GARAGE SALE drop-off and sales at club hall at 103 Bonnet Ave. 10 a.m. till noon.

MEAT DRAW at the Legion. 5 to 6 p.m.

PICKLEBALL runs at Salt Spring Elementary School from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Info: hafizbhimi@shaw.ca or 250-653-9579.

TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Open practice. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.

EVERY SUNDAY

FREE POOL at the Legion. 12 to 7 p.m.

KUNDALINI YOGA with Jaya Levesque at SS Wellness Centre. 10 to 11:15 a.m.

PICKLEBALL runs at Salt Spring Elementary School from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Beginners from 9 to 10 a.m.

SUNDAY SATSANG at the SS Centre of Yoga. 3:30 p.m.

UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP meets at Salt Spring Seniors Centre at 10:30 a.m.

EVERY MONDAY

ACTIVE LEARNING group meets at Salt Spring Seniors. 2 to 4 p.m.

ALL LEVELS HOT VINAYASA YOGA with Sarah Jane Smith at The Nest Hot Yoga. 75 mins. 9:30 a.m.

EVERY MONDAY

ALL LEVELS WARM YANG YIN YOGA with Sarah Jane Smith at The Nest Hot Yoga. 75 mins. 6 p.m.

ART STUDIO at Fulford Seniors Annex. 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Info: Ingrid - 250-537-1885.

BOOMERFIT at Beaver Point Hall. 9 to 10 a.m. Exercise classes for the boomer gen. Info: trisha.synergyfit@gmail.com, 250-653-4656.

CHESS GROUP meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

DANCE TEMPLE at Beaver Point Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.

DARTS players meet for games at the Legion from 6 to 9 p.m.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Salt Spring Seniors Services. Info: George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or pastorale@shaw.ca.

FELDENKRAIS AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT CLASS with Alice Friedman at The Gatehouse, 9 to 10:30 a.m. Info: Alice Friedman, 250-653-4332, alicef@saltspring.com.

NIA. The last Monday daytime series before Christmas Break begins Nov. 18. Classes are 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at All Saints Church - downstairs hall. This is a 5-week session from Nov. 18 to Dec. 16. Info: arleensadler@shaw.ca.

PARKINSON'S MOVEMENT CLASS with Anna Haltrecht, 12:45-2:15 p.m. Small group class using conscious movement and other innovative techniques to encourage regular safe exercise to increase mobility, strength, endurance and balance. Appropriate for people with PD and other neurological conditions. Info: Anna Haltrecht, 250-537-5681, anna@bonesforever.com

PILATES+ CLASS with Anna Haltrecht, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Pilates is a body conditioning system that builds flexibility, strength, endurance and balance. Resistance bands and other tools are also incorporated. This class uses the principles of the Feldenkrais Method® to illuminate and clarify Pilates exercises. Info: Anna Haltrecht, 250-537-5681, anna@bonesforever.com

QUAKER MEETINGS for workshop are held on Mondays at various locations at 6 p.m. Contact Ruth at 250-537-4075 for more information.

SALT SPRING ISLAND QUAKER WORSHIP GROUP meets in Croftonbrook lounge at 6 p.m. Info: Ruth, 250-537-4075.

SALT SPRING PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB holds casual coffee mornings for its members at Penny's on the Green at 10 a.m.

SALT SPRING SCOTTISH DANCERS meet at All Saints By-the-Sea Church from 6 to 8 p.m.

TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. With beginners until 8 p.m. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.

TECH TUTORING WITH CONRAD at the Salt Spring library. ON HIATUS until Nov. 18. iPad, Tablet and eReader tutoring with Conrad Koke. Sign-up sheets are found in the Info Desk Programs binder. Sessions between 12 and 1 p.m.

EVERY MONDAY

TOASTMASTERS, a dedicated band of public speaking learners and enthusiasts, meets at the Salt Spring Public Library. 7 to 9 p.m. Public welcome to attend. See saltspring.toastmastersclubs.org.

THE CLINIC by OPT: Options for Sexual Health is open every Monday at the Core Inn 2nd floor. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 250-537-8786.

YOGA with Celeste Mallett Jason at SSI Wellness Centre: Mixed Levels from both 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.; Level 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE for all levels at the Salt Spring Centre of Yoga. 4:30 to 6 p.m.

EVERY TUESDAY

ALL LEVELS WARM YOGA SCULPT with Howie Baral at The Nest Hot Yoga. 60 mins. 9:30 a.m.

ALL LEVELS HOT HATHA FLOW with Andrea Palframan at The Nest Hot Yoga. 75 mins. 6 p.m.

ARTS & CRAFTS GROUP meets at Salt Spring Seniors from 1 to 3 p.m.

CHAIR YOGA with Cate McEwen at Fulford Seniors Annex. 2 p.m.

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CHOIR at Salt Spring Seniors. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

EVERYBODY STRETCH class with Catherine Bennett at SSI Wellness Centre. 11:30 to 12:30 p.m.

FLOOR HOCKEY at Fulford Hall at 7:30 p.m.

LOST CHORDS seniors choir meets at SS Seniors at 10:30 a.m.

NIA — The last Tuesday evening session before Christmas Break begins Nov. 12. Classes are 5:45 to 7 p.m. at All Saints Church - upstairs hall. This is a 5-week session from Nov. 12 to Dec. 10. Info: arleensadler@shaw.ca

MEN'S GROUP - A council of highly supportive men. 7 to 9:30 p.m. Info: John, call/text 1-519-821-9703, reinless@mender.ca or meetup.com/reinless/

PICKLEBALL games are played at Fernwood Elementary School from 6 to 9 p.m. Instruction and equipment provided for beginners. Info: hafizbhimi@shaw.ca or 250-653-9579.

SS SEARCH & RESCUE - Learn ground survival, search and rescue techniques at the SAR Hall. 7 to 9 p.m.

TAOIST TAI CHI at All Saints By-the-Sea, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Info: Stephanie, 250-537-1721.

UBUNTU sacred chants with Barb Slater. SSI Wellness Centre. 1 to 2:30 p.m.

YOGA WITH DOROTHY PRICE — Slow Flow class at Salt Spring Centre of Yoga from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.

YOGA with Gay Young at Stowel Lake Farm. 5:15 to 6:45 p.m.

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WHERE'D IT GO?: GISS Scorpions senior boys soccer players battling in black during the North Islands final game in Qualicum last week are, from left, Hiatt Grant, Cameron Bradley and Isaac Faulkner. GISS won their first two games of the tournament 2-0 against Carihi of Campbell River and 3-0 against KSS of Qualicum to advance to the final against Brentwood. Scorpions lost the tight game after Brentwood got a last-minute penalty shot to seal a 2-1 win. GISS advanced to the island finals played Nov. 4-5. Results were not available before the Driftwood went to press on Tuesday.

MEN'S CLASSICS SOCCER

Boys fall back with time change

Alternative approval process considered to acquire new shorts

BY FRASER HOPE
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

A week is a long time in politics and football by all accounts as Harold Wilson and Old Boys manager Graham Tweddle have found out to their cost.

The last two games had seen victories for "The Socks." Could Tweddle engineer an extra sock win to complete the "hat-trick?" Enough self doubt amongst the players had emerged from the dressing room during the week: holes in the socks were reported. Would these holes transmogrify into "holes" in Tweddle's game strategy?

Fans and citizens alike stopped this reporter on several occasions during the week to offer donations for new shorts, knowing full well there would be "runs" in the socks and an ongoing refurbishment of team outfit was the only answer needed for a victorious season.

The cooler revenues are straining to meet all of the demands being placed on the team. It was only recently made aware that the Old Boys would now have to pay \$15 a session to use the GISS gym on a Wednesday so essential to develop fitness training, set piece practice and, to add calumny, we would be asked to leave by 8 p.m. Where is the justice in this new demand to hit our financial reserves? Stock market volatility has already caused our financial advisors to reassess the balance of our portfolio. Everyone was urged at Wednesday night practice to "take one for the team." That is, drink your fill of tisanes and wellness drinks that are a hallmark of Salt Spring. Needless to say, the players needed no second exhortation.

Sunday morning saw a sizable crowd in attendance at Portlock Park. Old Boys managed 13 players but prematch warm-ups saw David Toynbee retire to the dugout "hors de combat," leaving Tweddle with only one sub.

It seemed the time change had disrupted the body rhythms of both teams as the first 10 minutes or saw desultory efforts to get involved in what is usually an event-filled fixture. This slow start suited the Old Boys, but suddenly Cowichan threw off the numbing effects of travelling on the MV Quinitsa and laid siege to the Old Boys goal with three successive corners. Obviously the visitors had not entirely shed the "Quints effect" because the defence and goalkeeper Richard Steel handled the situation with aplomb (always wanted to use the word "aplomb" — first time for everything!)

Parks and Rec must replace the bulky heavy rectangular goals at Porlock, as they were a factor in the opening goal of the match when a well-flighted Cowichan shot forced Steel to push the shot onto the crossbar. Regulation goals with their cambered surfaces would have deflected the shot to

safety, but the solid rectangular design saw the ball hit the crossbar off Steel's noggin instead.

The home team began to struggle against one of the best teams in the league, but with skipper Tweddle leading from the front, or should that be the back, Old Boys evened the score with Rainer Funk supplying Mark Aston with an opportunity to split the Cowichan defence for Mike McCormick to come in on goal and around the keeper.

The score remained even at 1-1 until the half, with neither team breaking free from the midfield.

Spectators, players on the bench and the press all noted the significant improvement in Scott Trent Howe's performances over the last several games. "Nowhere Man to Everywhere Man" as he rampaged out of defence with vigour and aplomb. The curse of success! A cross cum shot deflected off Howe for an own goal restored the visitors' lead. Obviously distraught at the turn of events, Howe then managed to give away a penalty shortly afterwards to increase the lead to 3-1 for Cowichan.

As the dark clouds opened up to a watery sunshine to lift the gloom, the stadium was already emptying of fans who had paid big bucks, desperate to see a run of sock victories.

The press box rightly noted the TSN Turning Point of the game was when Cooper was "robbed" of the probable, well maybe possible or more likely improbable, opportunity to level the score at 2-2. If only . . .

The old cliché "It's a game of two halves" was never more appropriate for the Old Boys, but moreso for Howe, who had the most unusual distinction of being MVP for both Cowichan and the Old Boys.

Manager Tweddle took full responsibility for the Jekyll and Hyde Howe performance. "I switched his position from left to right defence," said Tweddle.

However, by the time the players had sampled some new potions from the team cooler, the mood, as always, was positive. A gentle whisper began and increased in volume: "Shorts! Shorts! Shorts! Shorts! Shorts! Shorts! Shorts!" Old Boys management have been given direction from the players.

It was suggested that management should emulate the proposed CRD Safety Service program using the Alternative Approval Process (APP) and ask for an amount to purchase new shorts initially at a cost of \$600, well within the maximum of \$60,000.

The only opposition could come from an AAP counter-petition by electors. The cost to residents has been calculated at \$0.00032 per \$1,000 of assessed property value — about the equivalent of "a cup of coffee every 50 months or so." I cannot see any of the 9,100 eligible voters objecting to such a purchase essential for the Old Boys continued success!

Whether management can persuade the political powers that be at the CRD or not will be revealed this Sunday, same place, same time, when Old Boys FC host Castaways 48s . . . with or without shorts to match the socks.



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VOLLEYBALL

GISS boys win big at tourneys

First win for B team, advancement for A's

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Two local junior boys volleyball teams competed in the mid-island championship tournament held at Gulf Islands Secondary School last Tuesday.

The A team won the tournament, with six match wins and zero losses. They will be advancing to the island championships held this weekend at the high school. The B team also did well, as the young squad netted their first ever win against Queen of Angels School.

This was the first playoff tournament for the teams, and both showed significant improvement over the beginning of the season.

"Many of the 'B' team players hadn't played volleyball at all before last month, and some hadn't really played organized team sports before," said coach Doug Clayton. "Great progress overall."

"As they started as complete rookies, it's pretty exciting to see them starting to play better and better volleyball," he added.

The B team's win was a big step forward for the boys. They have had close games in the past, including some where they scored over 20 points.

"The boys were jubilant, and understandably so," Clayton said. "Finally coming out on top was a massive group accomplishment."

The win also primed the boys for next season, since players from the B team will be moving up to the Junior A team. Clayton explained that Queen of Angels is one of GISS' biggest rivals and the win will inspire the local boys to improve even more for next season.

Based on their performance at the tournament, the A team is poised to do well in this week's island championships tournament where they will be competing against teams from across the island region. The winner of the competition will advance to provincials in Kamloops later in November.

"That will be very good volleyball," said A-team coach Kel-



PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

GISS Junior Boys Volleyball A-team member Thomas Schulze serves the ball during a match against the GISS Junior Boys Volleyball B team last Tuesday.

lie Booth. "It will be very exciting because the teams will be much more closely matched. It should be some good ball."

This year, GISS was able to put in two junior teams because of a large class advancing from the middle school. Booth explained that having that many boys playing will be a "very positive thing going forward for the program."

"These kids have really shone. Volleyball, because you're in such a small space and it's a fairly complex sport, you have to work together. It's the epitome of a team sport . . . It's not like other sports where one player can take the ball to the other end and score. That can't happen in volleyball," she added. "I'm just so pleased and proud of them all."

The A team will be competing this Friday at 1:45, 3 and 7 p.m. Saturday game times are to be determined.

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