Fundraiser aims to help pay Josip Budimcic's legal bills

BUDIMCIC CASE

Scores of islanders marched in protest, shared sentiments of support and met for a community picnic fundraiser to help a local man who’s been dubbed a “war criminal” and faces deportation for friends who do this for me and my family,” Budimcic said when he was found working in an open-air kitchen.

The local handyman greeted people with twin- kling eyes and large calloused handshakes as well- wishers offered hugs and patted him on the back.

“I'm just glad I live in this kind of community, it's a godsend,” Budimcic said.

Flanked by his wife Tatanya and their children Nina, 22, and Vedran, 17, Budimcic described how his family has been overwhelmed by community support.

“So many people called and said they couldn’t come today, but that they are definitely on my side.”

In some ways, he is actually looking forward to a hearing before the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) scheduled for December 3. He even agreed to an open hearing so that the public can hear his story.

“I want to clear my name. I will tell every- thing.”

People who gathered at the event offered numerous stories of how Budimcic had touched their hearts with his generosity and friendship since he moved to the island in 2003.

“We know Joe, and we know that he is the genuine article. That he is a rare, fine, generous, competent, big-hearted man, and that his word can be believed,” said Budimcic supporter Jack Wiggard, who also told Budimcic’s side of the story to the crowd. (See story sidebar.)

Fire protection services will cost Salt Spring taxpayers $1,625,880 in 2008, following the fire board’s passage of its budget bylaw Monday night.

“We don’t feel we are paying any more money than it takes to do the job we are required to do,” said board chair Michael Schubart when fielding ques- tions from members of the public attending the meeting.

Trustee Wayne Wrigley was the sole dissenting trustee. He told the meeting he doesn’t agree with the process used to create the document and the size of the resulting budgets.

“1 don't feel [the process] works in our situation,” he said.

“We tend to end up with big increases year after year.”

Previous years’ operating budgets rose 34, 16 and 21 per cent, respectively.

Wage costs, including new paid positions established this year, account for just over $100,000 of the increase, noted Wrigley, with general expenses covering the rest.

“At this rate our budget in five years will be over $4 mil- lion,” he said.

Wrigley said Tuesday that while he does not blame staff for rising expenditures, he feels...
**Labour dispute dredges harbour AGM**

Board defends controversial firing

**BY MICHAYL SHERRIN**

Discussion over a recent preferred candidate issue dominated discussion at the Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island (HASSI) AGM on Monday night.

A total of 85 islanders attended the meeting and many spoke passionately on both sides of the debate for, or against, the hire of Bart Terwiel, who was released of duties from the harbour management position following the last HASSI meeting on September 13.

"As is true with all decisions made by people in positions of authority, there are undoubtedly questions and concerns about some of the actions Mr. Terwiel has taken. However, we feel that discussion, not dismissal, is the way to handle such disagreements," Marjorie Van der Velden, chair of HASSI, read from a letter signed by 19 islanders on behalf of her son. Following an audit report of HASSI financial statements, harbour authority chair Red Macdonald explained that the board was compelled to dismiss Terwiel because he had not followed explicit account directions that led to $25,480 shortfall this year. Terwiel was previously directed to conduct daily account reconciliation and daily deposits following a $3,537 shortfall in 2008, Macdonald said.

"The board directed the manager to put a number of changes in place in the handling of cash to address the problems," Macdonald read from a prepared statement.

"This year’s audit showed that not only were those directions not followed, but problems had worsened substantially." Several islanders in attendance noted Terwiel’s contributions to the harbour, watched with his hat and uniform pinned to his jacket, expressed concern about the possibility of a wrongful dismissal suit.

"No one is being accused of taking any money," Macdonald said.

"Terwiel was terminated because he did not follow HASSI directions to implement accounting procedures and failed to meet his responsibilities as the manager of harbour finances, Macdonald explained. Terwiel appealed to the board to reconsider termination decisions.

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New curriculum challenges students to lead

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON

A is for Arbutus; B is for Bald Eagle; C is for Cedar. This is how students of Saturna Island learn ABCs. It may not be traditional, but it works with the environment, says the coordinator of the Saturna Ecological Education Centre (SEEC). Steve Dunsmuir is the founder and coordinator of SEEC. With a masters degree in Environmental Education and Communication from Royal Roads University, Dunsmuir put the centre together to keep the school on Saturna alive and create an environmental focus for the students.

“ar has always been my desire to make a school a little different,” he said during an interview at SEEC last Wednesday. “We build the whole teaching and learning idea.”

Young leaders have the opportunity to mentor other students who come to the island on field trips. Mentors help develop activities and goals for the students and assist in teaching. The process is completed under supervision from the school’s Gulf Islands Centre for Ecological Learning (GICEL) educators, who ensure things run smoothly during the course.

SEEC’s younger students also take part and help the older leaders with mentoring. Dunsmuir hopes that students will enjoy their experience.

According to the website, “a new “Shun Lunn” website (shunlunn) was launched on October 19, 2005, Brodrick said. “It has always been my desire to make a school a little different”.

A new Shun Lunn website was launched to avoid vote splitting among Saanich-Gulf Islands candidates in the next federal election. According to the website, the Shun Lunn movement “is a non-partisan, grass-roots campaign currently encouraging the riding to unite behind a democratic process that delivers appropriate representation for the riding’s major- ity. The result should establish one candidate to run against and defeat Gary Lunn, the Conservative incumbent and natural resources min- ister, in the upcoming fed- eral election.”

Shun Lunn promoters aim to hold a pre-election “run-off” style vote among the three opposition can- didates (Green, Liberal and NDP) within the riding. The Shun Lunn website (http://members.shaw.ca/shunlunn) was launched on October 9.

Independent studies is another aspect of the SEEC program. All students must develop a project that involves a mentor and it must benefit the community. Some proposals include making a documentary film about the Mayne Queen ferry, which services the Gulf Islands, creating a field guide for Winter Park Cave on Saturna and developing a field trip on a local sheep farm.

This is the centre’s first official year of operation. It replaces the old curriculum on Saturna, but remains in the same school building, Jessica Revely, ecological educator at SEEC, feels lucky to have the opportunity to teach in the birth year of the centre. She said it’s a real bonding experi- ence for her and the students.

“All the students are super fantastic. It will be sad to see them go.”

Andrew Marchand, a student teacher from Malaspina University-College in Nanoaimo, said the program is great for high school kids because they get a chance to manage groups. As well, he said, the student-teacher ratio is approxi- mately four to one, which is a definite benefit for learning.

Marchand, who finishes his practicum in six weeks, said the program is something he didn’t quite expect.

“I didn’t bring proper clothes for hiking.”

Still, Marchand is delighted to have the experience to teach and learn in and outside of the classroom.

The future of SEEC is just beginning to unfold. Dunsmuir said they will soon need to recruit more students for future semesters despite the fact the ones currently attending would like to stay.

“For some students this is place to be,” Dunsmuir said.

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220 marijuana plants from an indoor growing opera- tion after police responded to an abandoned 911 call on Thursday. The investigation is con- tinuing, local police report ed.

In other RCMP news, two men are under investigation for impaired driving fol- lowing roadside stops last week.

A 56-year-old man was stopped at 8 p.m. on Thurs- day and a 44-year-old man was pulled over during a road check at 1:25 a.m. on Saturday.

Cops bust grow show Salt Spring RCMP seized
NEWSBEAT

BC FERRIES

Smart Card poised to replace commuter ticketing system

** BY CHRIS STEPHENSON
DRAFTED THAT

The winter launch for a B.C. Ferries’ “smart card” will allow passengers to access discounts and receive a tax credit, but some members of the Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC) wonder at what cost.

By Tony Bailey, manager of corporate marketing for B.C. Ferries, gave FAC members a presentation of the electronic swipe card last Thursday on Salt Spring.

Bailey said the card is loaded with cash or credit from the user and swiped at the ticket booth, online or by phone.

She also said users who travel frequently can benefit from a transit tax credit similar to riders of public transportation.

As of December the core features will be available, he said.

To receive discounts on the card, users must load funds in increments of $40 for passengers and $70 for vehicles.

This can also be done through the ticket booth, online or by phone.

Users must also register personal information when they apply for the card if they want the discounts, which will be at the same level as the presently used paper commuter tickets.

Card holders who want to apply for the tax credit must take at least 32 one-way trips during an uninterrupted period of not more than 31 days.

** Why complicate it? **

BOB JONES
FAC chair

Users must also provide a receipt for the cost and use of the card.

FAC chair Bob Jones questioned why passengers would bother to use the card if they must load it in certain increments to access the discounts.

“Why complicate it?” he asked during the meeting.

Committee member Gary Holman also questioned the use of the card.

“Why not just use a debit card?” he asked.

Bailey said users need to fill the card in increments of $40 and $70 to make the discount system fair for everyone.

The cards will be released in December and will eventually replace paper prepaid tickets.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SALT SPRING ISLAND
LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
Proposed Bylaw No. 431

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The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing concerning Proposed Bylaw No. 431, for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained therein.

At the public hearing, all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the provisions of Bylaw 431 may also be viewed on the Islands Trust website at: www.islandstrust.bc.ca

DATE: Thursday, November 1, 2007
LOCATION: ArtSpring, 100 Jackson Avenue, Salt Spring Island
TIME: 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM – Public Information Session

1. By mail to the Islands Trust at 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2M8; 2. To the Islands Trust Public Information Office by Fax to (250) 537-9116; or online at the Islands Trust website via the following URL: http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/ss/meetings.cfm by completing the Hearing, November 1, 2007, Submission Form

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

Pauline Braizer
Deputy Secretary

Copies of the proposed bylaw, and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee, may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, between the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on weekdays, and on November 1, 2007 in the evening.

Enquiries regarding the proposed bylaw may be directed to the Islands Trust at (250) 537-9144. For Toll Free access, request a transfer to the Islands Trust via Enquiry BC: in Victoria (250) 537-9144. For Toll Free access, request a transfer to the Islands Trust via Enquiry BC: in Victoria (250) 537-9144.
Land Use Zoning on Salt Spring Island is regulated by the Islands Trust. Permitted, regulated and prohibited uses of land vary from property to property depending on the zoning of that property. The Islands Trust sets out what property is in what land use zone, and what is permitted, regulated or prohibited in each land use zone. The resulting zoning is found in Salt Spring Island’s Official Community Plan.

The Islands Trust is currently working on a new Draft Official Community Plan and is currently circulating Preliminary Policy Proposals resulting from the recommendations of several focus groups. As Realtors and active members of the Salt Spring Island Community, we have no idea if any or all of these Proposals will be incorporated into the Draft Official Community Plan and whether any or all of the resulting Draft Official Community Plan will be passed or amended.

However, if any or all of the Preliminary Policy Proposals are incorporated into the final Revised Official Community Plan, there could be significant changes from what is currently allowed under the current Official Community Plan. Some, but not all, of the proposals include; to quote:

a) “To regulate the maximum size of residential dwellings and accessory buildings.”
   i) “An aggregate allowable size for dwellings and accessory buildings could be considered.”
   ii) “No house of more than 2,000 sq. ft. should be allowed on a lot of less than ½ acre. This idea represents a minority view of the Focus Group.”
   *defn: Aggregate: To gather into a mass, sum, or whole. To amount to; total.

b) “Amendments to the LUB. The maximum allowable house floor area will be 3000 square feet. Except for properties actively engaged in agricultural operations, two outbuildings are permitted: one up to 1000 square feet, and a second up to 300 square feet.”

c) “Shoreline protection provisions should be extended to include all land within 30m* from the natural boundary of the sea.”
   *30m = 100 feet

d) “Replace the 10 metre shoreline setback with a 30 metre setback for all new building, and a minimum height above high tide of 2 metres. The Local Trust Committee will need to consider the implications of this recommendation. This requirement may compromise use of some smaller shoreline lots and/or curtail the possibility of rebuilding or extending existing residential dwellings.”

e) “What is the policy proposal (down zoning of large parcels)”
   i) “Adjust the overall density of the island through decreasing by 20% the density of parcels with 5 lots subdivision potential or greater.”

f) “We would like to see new buildings required to meet LEED standards. Note: We endorse the suggestion that Salt Spring adopt restrictions on house size.”

Your island realtors have used “…” as all of the above proposals have been taken verbatim from the Official Community Planning Focus Groups Final Reports “as posted on the Islands Trust web site”.

For information on the LEED Program:
http://www.caagbc.org/building_rating_systems/leed_rating_system.php

ASK YOURSELF THIS QUESTION:
DO ANY OF THESE PROPOSALS AFFECT ME?

THIS LIST IS BY NO MEANS EXHAUSTIVE. Property owners & potential buyers should download a copy of the Preliminary Policy Proposals from the following web site http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/ssp/projects.cfm and review it.

Realtors will attempt to answer questions. However, since the Islands Trust is the most knowledgeable group with regards to these Preliminary Policy Proposals, it is recommended that questions about specific changes relevant to property owners & potential purchasers be directed to the Islands Trust directly by calling (250) 537-9144, or you may wish to contact your two island trustees: Peter Lamb; plamb@islandstrust.bc.ca or George Ehring; gehring@islandstrust.bc.ca

Salt Spring Realtors do not know what will happen with these Preliminary Policy Proposals. We do know that it is important to bring this issue to your attention so property owners & potential purchasers can make an informed decision as possible.

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PUBLIC VOICES

For those wanting serious input into Salt Spring’s new official community plan (OCP), the next few days are crucial.

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) has scheduled 15 hours of daytime and evening meetings where public discussion can take place. No one can criticize the Trust for not providing ample opportunity to provide input and ask questions.

While nothing is carved in stone at this point, and a public hearing on a final version of the proposed bylaw is needed before the process is completed next summer, this is the time to make one’s views heard.

For those intimately involved in a long-range planning exercise and a community review, it’s exciting to create a theoretical community. But unlike the reviews undertaken in the mid-1980s when a tattered ancient community plan needed wholesale updating, the 2007 version of the exercise feels somewhat like a make-work job.

The current OCP, which became effective in 1988, is not nothing comprehensible, so focus group members were not challenged to come up with some original ideas, or ones that are actually needed to address real concerns.

What has prompted a call for restricting house sizes, for example, or creating shoreline setbacks to 30 metres (100 feet) from 18 is questionable.

We hope a few highly visible buildings have not kick-started a movement that could unnecessarily cause problems for a huge number of other present and future property owners.

Trying to solve Fulford village’s ferry-related traffic woes with an OCP policy document is also challenging.

The only substantial problem that arose from the past OCP — besides individuals’ apparent ignorance of the need for development permit areas — was conflict surrounding density transfers. Those can still be a useful tool, but the density receiving areas that should be narrowed, as was suggested by the environment focus group.

Much work has already gone into revising Salt Spring’s OCP, and many of the ideas are sound and not harmful. Volunteers, trustees and staff should be commended on the time and energy expended.

Now it’s the general public’s turn to do some work and say their piece.

Proposed OCP changes have financial impact

BY JIM STANDEN

Let me begin this note by thanking the local real estate firms for bringing this topic to my attention with their notification in the Driftwood of October 10.

The topic was titled “Did you know that the proposed changes to the current community plan (OCP) could negatively affect your property value?”

I also thank the hard-working members of the Islands Trust and the members of the OCP focus groups. There is a most challenging position and I applaud their initiative towards proposing solutions to solving the pressing issues of the day.

I believe the community needs to consider the potential ramifications of the new proposals and consider other creative options. This note will consider just one of the proposals, specifically:

Amendment to the Land Use Bylaw: “Replace the 16-metre shoreline setback with a 30-metre setback for all new buildings.”

It would seem to me, and I am quite perhaps innocent on this topic, that the result of the proposed bylaw could lead to the lowering of the value of the affected properties — those who own buildings within 30 metres of the ocean high water mark. My rationale is that property is valued to some extent by its versatility, and if options such as building additions or replacement at the existing location (after a fire, or perhaps, by a new owner) are no longer allowed, the property would lose a considerable portion of its value.

There is a property located close to my home which is an extreme example. The home is now legally located beyond the current building setback of 10 metres and is quite a desirable property. However, located 30 metres from the shoreline are extremely steep banks. Should fire destroy the home, the proposed rules would prevent replacing it. Should the present or new owner, decide to rebuild, they could not. It would be very difficult to estimate the value of such a property, one that you can own, but never build on. Who would purchase a property, no matter how beautiful, if they cannot live on it?

In addition, I think there could be potential challenges from insurance agencies (who would provide building replacement insurance if that option is no longer available!) and mortgage companies. If property tax assessments are lowered to match the newly appraised value, it would mean reduced tax revenue for the community.

Such changes to the values of assets can be quick and fatal. You only have to watch the plummeting values of income trusts following the Conservative government’s announcement to tax them last October 31.

Can we be creative here?

Restrictions such as an “X” metre rule remove the opportunity for an owner to take their own initiative to implement creative solutions.

I would propose that a possible solution is to have a grandfathering clause applied to all existing waterfront properties, and to apply the new regulations to newly created properties. I’m sure there are other options.

I would encourage the property owners on Salt Spring to have a close look at the proposed changes to the OCP, and to express their thoughts at either the public meetings, or by e-mails or letters to our island trustees, Peter Lamb or George Ehring. Additional information on the new OCP is available at the Islands Trust website at www.islandstrust.bc.ca.

The writer is a retired project manager from the University of Calgary.

This week’s question:

Should federal parties drop candidates to avoid vote splitting?

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

Last week’s question:

Does the delivery of mental health care need to change here?

83% Yes 17% No
Island voices

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: Would you use an electronic smart card to pay for B.C. Ferries travel?

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Salt Spring Island – Shaping the Future

Official Community Plan Review: Community Consultation

Early last year, the Local Trust Committee began a review of our Official Community Plan. After months of hard work by many focus groups, receiving many individual comments, and initial staff review, the Islands Trust is now moving into a public consultation phase of the review. We would like your feedback on the many ideas that have been recommended to us. Your comments will help the Local Trust Committee instruct staff to develop policies to amend, enhance or confirm existing OCP policies.

The Local Trust Committee wants to provide community members with a variety of ways to communicate with the Trust, and make sure that everyone has an opportunity to be heard. We are now holding a series of public meetings where you will have the opportunity to address the trustees and your fellow community members about the OCP.

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Where We Are Now

On October 10 and October 17, the Driftwood will publish articles with short statements that have been developed from the focus group recommendations and individual ideas. Look for these elsewhere in the paper. We hope you will think about these statements and come to the meetings ready to discuss those that most interest you. The themes of these recommendations have been organized into the following areas:

- The Future of Ganges Village and Harbour
- Ensuring Healthy, Adequate Water in the Future
- Preserving and Protecting the Environment
- The Future of Fulford Village
- Assuring our Agricultural Future
- Building a Sustainable Economy
- Addressing our Housing Needs
- Mitigating the Effects of Climate Change and Managing the Use of Energy

The full texts of these statements are also available at the Islands Trust office and on the website. At the meetings, you will be able to look over the material and then speak and listen to the trustees and other community members. If you can’t attend one of these scheduled public meetings, please feel free to provide your comments on this material to the Island Trust office.

Next Steps

Later this fall, after receiving community comment, the Local Trust Committee will give Islands Trust staff detailed directions to prepare draft amendments to the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan. The next phase of the public review will allow you to comment on the draft policies once they are ready.

While this is happening, Islands Trust staff are also consulting with governmental ministries, other agencies, and First Nations that have a legislative interest and mandate in our OCP, and with the Ministry of Community Services, which must approve the OCP prior to adoption. We are also taking this opportunity to update the mapping in the document.

We expect to begin the final steps of the OCP review process in the new year, including first reading of a draft bylaw and the final phase of community consultation. At that time we will hold more information meetings and formal public hearings.


How You Can Get Involved

Attend these meetings in October. They are an opportunity to provide feedback to the trustees as we enter the stage of the review when draft amendments to the OCP will be prepared. At any time, all community members are encouraged to participate in the OCP review, particularly those who have not done so in the past. Please call the Islands Trust office to receive email updates on the OCP review or to let us know how you might like to get involved. We can be reached at:

E-mail address: ssiinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca
website: www.islandstrust.bc.ca
Fax: 250-537-9116
Monday - Friday
Phone: 250-537-9144
Mail: 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2N8
In person: 1-500 Lower Ganges Road (the Hydro Building)
Office Hours: 10:00 am – 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm
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Community vision
On behalf of the Friends of Fulford (FOF) I want to encourage all members of the community to engage in a full and open process of enabling a community-based vision of renewal, development and protection.

JOHN ROWLANDSON, Trustee

More on Lyme
The column on Lyme disease by Peter Vincent and the letter by Diane Murtenssen (Driftwood, October 16) were very accurate. The bacterium causing this disease is widespread in B.C., in a small proportion of ticks and rodents. Before he retired from the B.C. Centre for Disease Control, Dr. Nayan Banerjee surveyed many parts of the province and found evidence of the bacterium in 90 per cent of locations. These included 13 places on the mainland, five on the Gulf Islands and six in the Gulf Islands, including Salt Spring. There is a lot of information about symptoms available on the web and Lyme disease associations in Canada and the U.S. Anyone who thinks they have acquired the disease will probably have to get treatment. There are many tragic cases of people who suffered for years before the disease was properly diagnosed. The official medical establishment is in a state of denial about the disease, and your local doctor is likely to follow the misleading advice given by the establishment. Even internal medicine specialists in Victoria can be part of the denial scenario. Currently, there are very few laboratories in this province that can do the definitive test.

Invest in Joe
Those of you who missed the rally, fundraiser and BBQ for Joe (Badminton) Somebody, his wife and two children missed a heart-warming and empowering event. To see the volunteer support of community and friends for Joe and family was joy for me.

Fueled in Fernwood
I also ran the Victoria Marathon, although my name wasn't mentioned in last week's report.

I had a personal best time of 3:41.52 — at least that was what the overhead clock read when I dashed/staggered across the finish line. It's also a qualifying time for the Boston Marathon in my age group. I then discovered that the electronic time chip fastened to my shoe had come off sometime during the race. Thus, my finish was not recorded or counted.

Nonetheless, I had much to thank all the drivers and people who were patient and understanding as we crossed the finish line. I was pushing my infant son in his stroll-carriage (erratic my training runs. During most of these I was pushing my infant son in his stroller while walking elsewhere on the island. The speeding or erratic drivers we do encounter make my runs very hard. One could venture that a runner is only as fast as the roads on which she runs. Because Fernwood always felt like a safe and kind sanctuary from drivers actually slowing down, it's teaming with friendly residents and pedestrians). I was able to concentrate on my runs and the beautiful ocean views — rather than my safety. So thanks, Fernwood drivers, for going slow You've made me faster.

CARRIE COGAN, SALT SPRING

Tackle ferries
Exciting news! B.C. Ferries is "going to begin collecting information from the public during the 2009-10 fiscal year as part of the company's master plan studies for the Fulford, Long Harbour and Vesuvius terminals." (September 26 Driftwood article).

We've also heard that the expansion of the Fulford terminal has been included in B.C. Ferries 'long-term capital planning program for five years, more likely 10 years — who knows. Sound familiar? Well, much the same was said in 2010 and maybe even 10 years earlier.

Our local Trust committee seems to have accepted that nothing can be done to change this because B.C. Ferries is a private company. Maybe, but not the people of the Friars, the Salt Spring Island community. Otherwise, we will wake up 10 years from now and find that nothing has been done, and the problems are much more worse.

How can the Trust official community planning process even consider expanding the boundaries of the Fulford village — and concentrating future high-density building development withing these boundaries — until a meaningful consultation has been conducted with the people of Fulford and a signed letter of commitment has been delivered from B.C. Ferries to ensure the ferries terminal are ever to be resolved. Action must be taken now by the residents of Salt Spring Island. Otherwise, we will wake up 10 years from now and find that nothing has been done, and the problems are much more worse.

In order to plan or build on land around the Fulford ferry terminal, you need a "asset control" agreement — which many would support. However, they appear unwilling to tackle B.C. Ferries in order to resolve more immediate, long unresovled problems, for which there are known solutions.

MARTYN DAY, #108-149 Fulford-Ganges Road

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OCP PROPOSALS

BY GEORGE EHRING AND PETER LAMB

We’re entering the next phase of our review of the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan (OCP).

During the next several days, we’ll be holding three public meetings to give community members an opportunity to make comments on the ideas that the Trust has received — from our focus groups, advisory committees, other groups, and individuals.

See our full-page ad in this issue for details of the meeting schedule and the timeline for the OCP process.

In order to help stimulate discussion and give you something to think about, we’ve prepared a series of statements that are based on the recommendations we’ve received.

No decisions have been made about any of these recommendations — they’re for the community to discuss, and we hope you’ll let us know what you think.

Of course these statements don’t represent all of the recommendations we received, but they’re a good start on the key ideas.

Here are the statements about the Economy, Potable Water, the Environment, and the Official Community Plan (OCP).

Economy

• Expand opportunities for home-based businesses by allowing more employees and relaxing rules about the square footage they may occupy in a home.
• Encourage locally owned small businesses, especially those that provide year-round employment, that build on the existing human capital on the island, and that expand local production to meet the needs of islanders.
• Ensure that zoning provides for an adequate supply of affordable business and office space, especially in island villages.
• Facilitate careful expansion of light industrial activity on the island by allowing for new clustered sites for low-impact industrial development.
• Help protect the long-term future of the tourism industry by ensuring that its growth is managed and that its activities protect the important environmental and ecological features that are important reasons why tourists come to the island.
• Protect local businesses by putting an upper limit on the size of commercial and industrial buildings.
• Help diversify tourism by encouraging shoulder and off-season activity, “green” tourism and low-impact tourist activities.
• Create opportunities for educational and training facilities.
• Building a Sustainable Economy

Environment

• Strengthen regulations in development permit areas (DPAs) and extend measures to protect sensitive ecosystems.
• To provide better guidance for trustees and landowners, update our definition of “sustainability” in the OCP in order to protect the environment and maintain healthy ecosystems, ensuring the preservation of the island and its natural beauty for future generations.
• Protect environmentally significant areas by considering the downzoning of larger properties, or encouraging transfer of density from larger undisturbed areas to more settled areas.
• Reduce impacts on the environment and provide clarity for landowners and developers by implementing a “development approval information process” that would require applicants for development permits and rezonings to provide an assessment of possible environmental impacts and a plan to avoid or mitigate such impacts.
• Strengthen reference to the precautionary principle.
• Create a core greenway and protected areas network.
• In order to better protect undeveloped land, amend density transfer policies so that densities can be transferred only to existing more densely settled areas, or those within a planned hamlet or public transportation corridor.
• Review amenity zoning provisions, ensuring that community benefits are substantial and that appropriate measures are in place to evaluate the benefits of proposals.
• Ensuring Healthy, Adequate Water in the Future
• Undertake a comprehensive water management plan for Salt Spring Island, and coordinate governance of water management issues.
• Control growth in areas supplied by surface water to ensure a balance of supply and demand, and ensure that all new development provides a plan to address all water-related issues.
• Create a DPA for all community watersheds.
• Protect future water supplies by requiring adequate minimum lot sizes in areas served by ground water.
• Develop an island-wide water conservation policy, including measures for rainwater catchment and water recycling.

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The Future of Fulford Village

• Resolve traffic congestion by working with B.C. Ferries to expand the terminal at Fulford into the harbour, ensuring that the capacity of the parking area is large enough to accommodate a full load of vehicle traffic, crew parking, a safe drop-off and pick-up area, and spaces for walk-on passengers.
• Ensure that the character of Fulford village is maintained by including in the OCP a separate development Permit Area for the village area.
• Preserve the historic character of Fulford village by designating a heritage conservation area for the historic village core.
• Ensure that future development of Fulford village does not exceed available water supply and safe sewage treatment capacity.
• Provide emergency access (only) to the upper Morningside neighbourhood by allowing for an emergency connection from South Ridge to Sunnyside.
• Review the areas where future conservation is needed and increased residential densities would be permitted by carefully considering the location of the village boundary.
• Enhance pedestrian and cycling safety by supporting installation of a sidewalk and bicycle path along the inland side of the Fulford-Ganges Road in the village area.

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Outraged

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I cannot express my outrage as I could have found. What a place this would be if we all decided to throw our dead pets off shore.

Instead, your shallow heart seems to have left a permanent heart-wrenching image on my mind and in my soul for always. You had no right to impose your loss on myself and others who swim in our beautiful waters all year long.

Storing Lord have mercy on the spirit of your dog. May you also help yourself and others to diminish the pro-found picture we carry in our hearts and minds.

As for you in your time of death, may you live long enough to feel remorse over your actions.

May he also help myself and Islander.

TRUDY SAVAGE,
SALT SPRING ISLAND SEALS GROUP MEMBER

Eco-sanctuaries

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THE LAST WILD WOLVES

What are the advantages and the limitations of a PEV, a personal electric vehicle? This is a vehicle that is powered by an electric motor running off a battery instead of by an internal-combustion engine. We can divide two-wheeled PEVs into two groups, both are designed to carry one person and some luggage.

- Electric scooters that may also have a set of pedals to help on the hills, and electrified bicycles that have a motor to help on the hills.
- E-bicycle offers a moderate amount of exercise.

Consider: it's realistic for a 150 pound person to travel from Victoria to Fulford and back on a scooter with a standard 20-amp-hour battery pack. Recharging the batteries from that trip will take about six hours, at a cost of about ten cents per kilowatt hour. For most of us, a PEV won't replace our car, but it does offer a viable and enjoyable alternative for someone who would like to reduce their dependence on petro-travel.

As an awareness of our personal responsibility for climate change and ecological breakdown matures, we will naturally seek less damaging ways to live our lives. Electric vehicles can play forward as an exciting future as consumer demand, evolving battery technology and rising fuel prices make them an increasingly attractive alternative to our harmful petro-powered habits.

Chris Dixon, E V Riders, Salt Spring Island 250-537-2840 ewriders.ca eevriders.net

Walking the Talk . . .

Local hero—Dorothy Cutting

Dorothy Cutting is a long time crusader for alternative transportation. She purchased her first hybrid car way back in 2002, and ensured each Member of Parliament received a copy of Bobbi-Hunter’s groundbreaking book on climate change called 2030: Confronting Thermageddon in Our Lifetime, also in 2002. Whether speaking on Salt Spring or further afield, Dorothy is on the ‘cutting edge’ of the drive to sustainability.

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**Newsbeat**

**Community returns stolen statue**

**Missing items tracked down**

**By Chris Stephenson**

The Buddha is back safe and sound at Family Jewels after the sculpture was stolen along with approximately $10,000 in jewellery on June 28.

Store owner Cathy Ward said after the Driftwood published a July 4 article with a photo of the statue, residents fanned out across the island and kept a lookout for the stolen items. Last in the summer her jewellery started trickling in, as did the Buddha.

"I was surprised and touched by the residents," she said.

Ward said several islanders approached her or called to express their concern they had bought or were given the stolen items.

In a letter Ward wrote to the Salt Spring RCM hope that with our low-cost licence will also allow the LWD to operate outdoors and save expenses until a building is required to house the processing facility. "We can operate the pilot for up to two years and we hope that with our low-cost-" tech-project, we can prove the process," Robbins said.

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Several factors contributed to the move that will eliminate 600 tons of landfill material, provide a valuable Class-A soil amendment and reduce LWD hauling and tipping costs by as much as $100,000 annually.

Recent upgrades to the treatment plant now remove more liquid from the final cake, long-term debt ($425,000) used to purchase the 18-acre LWD treatment-plant site on Burgoyne Bay reaches maturity in 2009 and the Capital Regional District (CRD) has been developing a new solid-waste licence that could provide wood chips that will be mixed with bio-waste to create the final compost.

Bolt also commented the committee on the island’s Trust who have worked toward this composting project. "We’ve had tough times over the years, but it seems to be working very well!"

Earlier this year, the LWD approved expenditure of $425,000 for site improvements, septage processing equipment and for site irrigation. Installation of a water well and distribution system, and design and construction of the pilot compost facility.

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**NEWSBEAT**

**COURT DOCKET**

Grow-op operator reaps $1,500 fine in Ganges court

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

RCMP acted on landlord’s hunch

A Provincial Court judge ordered 26-year-old David Coo- per of Salt Spring Island to pay a $1,500 fine after he pleaded guilty last week to his role in operating a 70-plant grow-op.

According to RCMP records, Cooper indicated he didn’t think it was illegal to grow marijuana and that growing such a modest amount “wasn’t such a big deal” when officers entered the home he was renting in April of 2006. Nathan Battaglio was ordered to pay a $500 fine after pleading guilty to possession of marijuana.

RCMP officers charged Battaglio after they found him on the scene when police executed a search of the property. RCMP arrested Cooper on a later visit to the home, where he tried to prevent officers from entering the premises.

Police obtained the warrant after the property’s landlord noticed the smell of marijuana emanating from the home while he worked on the roof. When they arrived at the site, police discovered 28 full-grown plants and 19 smaller specimens in two basement rooms. Police sub- sequently confiscated the plants and all production equipment.

As a result of the plea, Cooper is not allowed to use or possess fire- arms for 10 years and must forfeit all equipment used in the produc- tion of marijuana confiscated from the roof.

“Like so many young people, he seems to believe production is not an offence and, like so many other people, Mr. Coo- per did not feel like it was a big deal,” said Justice Judith Kay, when handing down her judg- ment in Ganges Provincial Court on Thursday, October 9. “Quite- such a time as the Criminal Code of Canada is changed, however, production of marijuana remains an offence.”

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Cool wet weather no excuse to pack up the tools

Winter projects span aesthetic to functional

BY SEAN MCINTYRE

As long as it doesn’t involve raising the roof, the Gulf Islands’ mild climate means just about anything goes when it comes to winter projects around the house.

One of the biggest changes Mouat’s Hardware manager Kim Young notices at the store around this time of year is the flood of folks looking to make their homes warmer, cozier and more welcoming during the darker winter months.

Stockpiling light bulbs, applying weather stripping to windows and doorways, buying space heaters and even blankets are common requests when the air shows a chill.

“More people are moving indoors and comfort things top the list,” Young said.

Because entertaining moves indoors, she added, there’s often a big rush on kitchen wares, not to mention covers to help protect all that unused patio furniture until spring returns.

According to Paddy Petersen, a contract sales associate at Slegg Lumber, moving indoors and sealing up the home for the winter means people, especially owners of older homes, should pay special attention to their home’s ventilation.

Without adequate air circulation, that cozy winter home can easily become a breeding ground for mildew and mold. If left untreated, she added, the result can lead to serious respiratory problems for residents and major structural damage for the home.

“If you don’t have good ventilation, you’re going to get mildew,” she said. “You want your house to breathe through the winter. All you need is a ladder and a few tools.”

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Products may be sprayed onto problem areas in corners and around window frames before the mold penetrates the house’s studs.

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Before it comes to that, she said, people can venture into their attics and crawl-spaces to make sure their home is adequately insulated, and check that doors and windows have adequate weather stripping to keep the moisture outside where it belongs.

For those of you with the mildew under control, Windsor Plywood’s Mike Stefancsik recommends looking into an array of manageable do-it-yourself reno projects ranging from applying a fresh coat of paint to installing new flooring.

“You see a lot more people trying to wrap up [their homes], but as long as you can open the windows and keep the fan moving, there’s no trouble switching to interior work,” he said.

Flooring options cost anywhere from one dollar to nearly four dollars per square foot, depending on the quality and type of material used.

“Because of the area, wood is always very popular,” he said.

Tips on interior painting, the installation of new doors and drywalling projects, he said, are available to those who want to do more than spend a winter staring at the walls.
GARDEN TIPS

Gardener’s duties continue in backyard through fall

Tackle the weeds before winter hits, say experts

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON

The warm summer days have left with the cold damp wind, but green-thumb enthusiasts shouldn’t abandon their backyard pursuits yet, as experts say it’s time to put on the gloves and break out the cutters one more time before winter.

Chris Schmah, owner of Foxglove Farm and Garden Supplies, said about a thousand things need attention outdoors before the cold-season hits.

“If I feel behind just standing here,” he said during an interview last Friday at his store.

Schmah said now is the opportune time to plant perennials like daylilies, crocuses or tulips as they can develop a strong root base over the winter.

He also suggested planting fall rye or winter wheat in the garden to help with weed control during the rainy months.

Schmah said for stone fruit trees like peaches, gardeners should apply a dormant spray to kill bacteria and keep the trees safe for the winter.

For the backyard, Schmah advises putting away any patio furniture that may get damaged from the rain and cold temperatures.

“People forget to do that and it rots,” he said.

He also suggests anyone with ponds should clean out all the sludge. If fish live in the pond, their feeding time should be reduced since they don’t eat much in the colder months.

“The fish really slow down in the winter,” he said.

Salt Spring horticulturist Marsha Goldberg, who is the director of the seed sanctuary on Salt Spring, said gardeners should clean their vegetable patch and take out any tomato plants.

“They are so prone to disease. You should never compost tomatoes and never let them sit around.”

For lawns, Goldberg said people should keep leaves off the lawn, cut the grass once in October and then leave it to grow for the winter.

After the final cut, pull out the weeds.

“It’s best to get rid of any broad-leaf weeds like dandelions. They really pop up in the moisture.”

Goldberg advises waiting until springtime to spread fertilizer on the lawn.

“A lot of people like fertilizer, but I don’t recommend it. It gets washed away in the winter and if it’s too cool it doesn’t activate.”

Permaculturalist Patti Bauer offers another idea for lawns or grassy areas: turn parts of them into a vegetable garden for the spring by using a sheet of mulch.

“I take a jug of peroxide with me and clean it up. This will save you a lot of grief.”

MARSHA GOLDBERG
Horticulturist

Gardeners can place a sheet of cardboard on a section of lawn and cover it with mature manure and straw or hay.

“Then create a trench around the area for water drainage. Over the winter the grass will die and earth worms will eat the cardboard and stir up the soil. The manure and straw will act as a fertilizer.”

“It will be a beautiful spot,” Bauer said.

Bauer, who works with the Salt Spring Energy Strategy, said if residents already have a garden planted with winter greens, now is a good time to cover it with a floating plastic or cotton sheet, called a cloche, to prevent damage.

She also said residents should mulch their garden by putting organic material such as leaves, straw or hay on top of the soil.

“Do not leave any soil exposed.”

Bauer also said that planting winter-growing legumes like fava beans is beneficial as they increase soil fertility to help plants grow in the spring.

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BOAT MAINTENANCE

Vessels need some TLC for upcoming cold season

BY CHRIS STEPHENSON

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BY LAUREN DODGE

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HOME HEATING

New-technology woodstoves improve burning efficiency

Along with seasoned firewood

More than one million Canadian families heat their homes at least partly with wood. The benefits of wood heating include having control over the fuel supply, security from electrical power interruptions and shelter from the rising costs of more conventional forms of energy.

To help you make sure your wood heat is “done right” this winter, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation has a number of tips for enhancing the effectiveness, safety and efficiency of your wood heating system, including:

• Newer technology woodstoves burn up to 80 per cent cleaner than traditional stoves. If you’re planning a new wood heating system or think it might be time to replace your older stove, upgrade to an EPA/CSA B415-certified, low-emission, high-efficiency woodburning appliance to save time, effort and money.

• For efficient heating all winter long, use only good quality, seasoned firewood that’s cut to the right size for your woodburning appliance.

• When storing firewood, split the wood into a variety of sizes ranging from 8 to 15 cm (3 to 6 inches) in diameter, and cut the logs into pieces that are at least 8 cm (3 inches) shorter than your firebox and probably no more than 40 cm (16 inches) in length. Plus, remember that wood should be stored fully sheltered from rain and snow.

• To build a fire with little or no smoke, start by removing excess ash from the firebox. Next, open the air control fully, locate the place where the main supply of combustion air enters the firebox, and build a kindling fire with dry wood that is finely split to produce numerous edges where fire can catch.

• To keep your wood heater operating safely and efficiently, try to prevent the wood from smouldering excessively. After an overnight fire, remove a small amount of ash from the front of the firebox, and rake any coals left at the back of the firebox towards the inlet where the combustion air enters.

• Lastly, remember that wood burns best in cycles, so make sure to burn each load of wood down to coals before reloading your stove.

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FRESH LOOK: Deb Stevenson paints a freshly dry-walled house under construction on Salt Spring.
Moving from clutter to “flow” in a busy family home

BY DAWN HAGE
FALL FIX-UP

Life in the 21st century is busy, and whether at home or out in the workplace, most of the parents that I know are running at warp speed. It’s a huge challenge to keep on top of clutter, mess, laundry, sports, bills, dishes, homework, recycling and lost socks and still feel that you can come home in an environment that doesn’t make you want to scream or turn on your heel and walk right back out the door.

When your home is constantly messy and cluttered, it’s really difficult to accomplish all the other tasks that we expect to perform both for ourselves and for our families. Rather than a comforting place of refuge it becomes yet one more brick on an already too heavy load.

Fixing your home, one room at a time, is like meeting your needs one step at a time, until your very home moves your life into organization that functions at a high level both practically and emotionally.

My own theory on how to permanently defeat the clutter falls in line with the concepts in The Emotional House and I have recently discovered that you can create a living space that actually functions very well for a family, is easy to keep clean and even allows one to find an occasional moment of calm.

The theory involves first identifying the true function of a room and then removing any extraneous items that interfere with the function, no matter how attached you may be to them. This creates a “flow” and when a room flows, it simply works like a dream.

When I have found the correct arrangement in a room, I’m amazed by how quickly I can pull it back together after heavy use. When a room flows, it takes minutes. It also tends to stay reasonably ordered all the time, and generally looks and feels open and clean.

The first challenge is defining the true function. You have to look at how a room is really being used, not how you would ideally like it to be used, particularly in families with children. Also, be aware that as kids grow, this function will change, and a room that was working beautifully for a few years can start to block up and will need to be reorganized from time to time.

The foyer or entranceway to my house provides a perfect example of the principle of flow.

“The entryway’s importance should not be underestimated — it is where you are received every time you arrive home,” writes Robyn. “Your front hall is a very transitional function: it’s a bridge between the outside world and your inner sanctuary.”

My foyer is a big room and tends to be a “demagnetizing” ground for whatever everybody brings in the door. Over the years, I have tried to create storage solutions for all the stuff, hoping that if everyone had a hook or a cubby or a drawer, that the floor would remain uncluttered.

It simply didn’t work — the hooks over-flowed, the storage bins were stuffed full and the daily items continued to fly in the door and get dumped wherever they landed.

“Once everything was empty and cleared out, I eliminated the storage containers and hooks,” says Robyn. “I got rid of two small tables, a bench, about five Rubbermaid bins (now empty) and a bookcase (previously full of hooks but hidden behind a door).”

The room now contains hooks on the walls (that remain uncrowded because the only coats hanging on them are the ones we use all the time), a rug on the floor, a small corner table where we put mail and moveables to be returned, and three stacking wire cubes that contain the few hats, mitts and summer flip flops that we actually wear.

That’s it. And the room is always clean, clear, open and friendly. The kids can come home from school and drop their knapsacks because there is a huge empty space to do that and/or an available hook to hang them. Nothing else gets dropped or piles up because there is nothing to drop it on or pile it into. All I have to do is vacuum the rug occasionally — it’s absolutely amazing.

We continued throughout the house in the same manner and now (after about 20 trips to thrift stores and the recycling depot) my bedroom, living room, family room, dining room, kitchen and hallways have the same open, clean, warm, flowing feel. They were broken before by clutter, too much furniture and a misplaced idea of how they should fit in. Now that they flow, the whole house feels calmer and more inviting.

“At all, a house is truly only a home when it reflects and supports the occupants, from entry to attic,” concludes Robyn.

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“And since all refrigerant used in the unit is completely sealed and not circulated to the conditioned space, there is no danger of environmentally harmful materials escaping and the system never needs to be recharged.” The Unichiller is also reputedly “much quieter than conventional outdoor condensing units.”

As many islanders know, relying on wood heat means either lots of sweat — if you have to gather it yourself — or tears when it comes to paying someone else for seasoned, dry wood. Even though it seemed to take longer “to get the wood in” in the last few years, it wasn’t so much the hard work involved as environmental concerns that prompted us to consider heating options. We had heard of heat pumps, but it wasn’t until Michael stumbled upon an installation in action while walking by TJ Beans that they appeared as an option. Mark Devereaux of Gulf Islands Heating and Refrigeration was installing an innocuous-looking air-conditioner-like unit for the cafe that he explained was part of a ductless heat pump system, and the latest rage. Mark expounded on its virtues and planted a terribly exciting seed.

A couple of months later, we had taken the plunge with a Fujitsu Halcyon wall-mount ed 18000 BTU unit from Mark. It cost about $3,500. The “work” involved with heating 1,300 square feet of living space now consists of sliding the remote control out of its sleeve and pointing it high up on our wall to set the temperature. Our unit is a small one, yet it still seems to pump the heat from the living room up a long hallway to the kitchen. It’s hard to imagine that a change of heating system can be so life-altering, but that’s what it’s been.

The only unanswered question at this point is how much higher the hydro bill will be, but heat pumps are supposed to be economical to run. We’ve got lots of dry wood stacked in the woodshed, just in case, but I think and hope it will be saved for “special occasions” like blizzards and power outages.
WATER SYSTEMS

Well cap regulations come into effect this month

Part of ground water protection plan

All wells (except geotechnical wells and drainage wells) must have a secure well cap in place by October 31 to be in compliance with British Columbia’s Ground Water Protection Regulation.

This requirement applies to all existing wells, as well as newly constructed wells.

Environment Minister Barry Penner advises well owners that a secure well cap is one of the most cost-effective ways to protect a well’s water quality.

For example, a secure, vermin-proof cap for a domestic well costs about $80. Caps prevent contaminants or animals from entering the well.

In addition, they prevent contamination of the larger body of ground water the well and neighbouring wells get their water from.

If a well does not have a cap, one must be securely installed on the well by the end of this month.

Caps for most wells are commercially available and can be purchased through a qualified well pump installer or by the well owner. If a commercial well cap does not fit a well, a well cap designed, fabricated and installed by a qualified well pump installer or by the well owner. If a commercial well cap is installed on the well, as well as the surrounding area, it should be re-installed as soon as possible.

A well cap can either be installed by the qualified well pump installer or by the well owner. A commercial well cap does not fit a well, a commercial well pump installer or well driller can usually design, fabricate and install a cap for a well that meets the standards of the regulations.

The well cap should be secured on the well at all times, except when it is necessary to disinfect, or perform maintenance or repair work to the interior of the well or the well pump.

If a cap is removed, it should be re-installed as soon as possible.

For more information about the Ground Water Protection Regulation and requirements for wells, visit www.env.gov.bc.ca/wsd/plan_protect_sustain/groundwater/index.html.

GARDEN CLUB

Day in the life of an orchardist featured at garden club meeting

Apple expert is guest speaker

Harry Burton is the guest speaker at the Salt Spring Island Garden Club meeting on October 24.

After the success of the Ninth Annual Apple Festival last month and the mentions in many magazines, including Harrowsmith and the WestJet In-flight periodical, Burton says, “The message” is that Salt Spring Island has over 350 varieties of organically grown apples on its many farms.

Burton arrived on Salt Spring a little over 20 years ago and says, “Apples have always been a part of my life and once I saw Salt Spring and the incredible growing potential here, it was the start of everything.”

The evening is entitled A Day in the Life of an Orchardist and there will be apples to see, taste and discuss, followed by a slide presentation of Apple Luscious Organic Orchard.

It has been a busy year for Harry Burton. He was a recipient of a Countryside Canada Award and just recently the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce awarded Apple Luscious Organic Orchard the Farm/Agricultural Business Award of 2007.

The Salt Spring Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. at Meaden Hall. New members are very welcome to attend and $5 is the suggested donation for non-members.
Growing organic nothing but fun for new islanders

Doctors turned farmers take their own advice

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
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A handwritten quotation by a friend, taped beside the refrigerator reads: “If this is a dance, the farm is leading.” That may be so, but Ben Luna is surely the happiest dance partner in the world.

Not everyone would be so joyful after a year of learning the farm trade from scratch, including 12-hour days, excessive water and tragic animal deaths. But joyful is the best way to describe Ben and his wife Kiki Romuald, the new owners of the former guest house and farm on Chu-Au Drive — though you might at times consider using terms like gleeful, ecstatic, or simply blessed.

Kiki and Ben came to Salt Spring around a year ago, bringing their three sons and leaving behind careers as naturopathic physicians in Portland and their original home, Washington, D.C. While Kiki admits she came here “kicking and screaming,” Ben had been armchair farming for years and was convinced it was time to make the change.

“A typical prescription for city doctors is for patients to get back to nature — we decided to take our own advice and get out of Dodge,” Ben explained during a tour of the farm. “You know, a tenant of natural healing is food is your best medicine; but the part that’s often forgotten is growing your own food and farming your own food is just as important as making your own food, so now we’re trying to farm our own food.”

The couple found an ideal location, a working farm for 15 years before they purchased it, with many mature fruit trees, outbuildings and a lovely farmhouse. They renamed it Giacopuzzi Farm, after Ben’s grandmother in Italy.

“There’s lots of Giacopuzzi farms in Vennos, so we’re hoping they send us their good vibes.”

The two have implemented many improvements, growing only organically and using heritage techniques. They have just only secured working visas as “farmer/investors,” the past year has been all about learning and experimentation, with plans to go commercial next year.

Even after the end of a dismal summer, a walk through the farm reveals a wealth of production. There are fig and filbert trees, many varieties of plums and apples, strawberries and blueberries still producing, and tomatoes and hot peppers in the greenhouse. Sheaves of 18 varieties of heritage wheat stand ready to be threshed, and Ben is especially excited about his hay-tack stand ready to be threshed, and Ben is especially excited about his hay-tack stand ready to be threshed, and Ben is especially excited about his hay-tack stands “made the old-fashioned way.”

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The huge outpouring of support and goodwill has helped convince Kiki that when they got right after all, and they both agree it’s been wonderful “to get to be somewhere where we could learn and grow with such a progressive community.”

With all their progress over the past year, there have also been the inevitable mistakes. When Kiki was away this spring, for example, Ben harvested the earliest shoots in the asparagus field, which turned out to be horse tails. “I was cutting them and sautéing them in butter and the boys were aghast.”

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“Overwhelmingly, however, Ben and Kiki seem uniquely fortunate in finding exactly where they should be in the world, even if they insist on regarding it as fun.”

“We’re just cracking ourselves up, most of the time,” Ben’s wife Kiki adds, “Dan Jason to me is the coolest — I mean, I assume he’s won many awards. He should win a lot more, he’s so inspirational.”

Ben and Kiki also note the extreme generosity of newcomers and information given by Island Natural Growers, Marsha Goldberg, Susan and Julia Grace at Moonstruck Cheese, Craig and Cathy Sneedhouse of Natureworks, and Chris Schmah at Foxgrove.

Doctors turned farmers, Ben and Kiki now run the farm with such a progressive community.

Ben Luna (centre) is seen with his family (and four-legged friends) at their Giacopuzzi Farm on Salt Spring.
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Ivan Sayers began collecting vintage clothing in 1965 and produced his first lecture in 2007 with one of Canada’s leading experts in women’s vintage fashion and a curator at the Vancouver Museum.

“I’ve always been interested in the history. I wheeled and dealt in antiques, less so in clothing, and put myself through school. But I kept all the good stuff, of course!” said Sayers. “History is about understanding society and people. I do that through clothes.”

This past Friday a sold-out ArtSpring mostly female crowd was treated to “the good stuff” as Sayers took the stage to share his personal collection and knowledge about women’s clothing history. Sayers builds each costume using a garage sale, theatre companies, the Internet and family estates, collecting everything but the face. For extensive research and years of hunting at costume parties or cutting up estates, Sayers builds each costume using a garage sale, theatre companies, the Internet and family estates, collecting everything but the face. After extensive research and years of hunting at costume parties or cutting up estates, Sayers builds each costume using a garage sale, theatre companies, the Internet and family estates, collecting everything but the face.

“Too many pieces were being ruined,” said Sayers. “They were being used for costume parties or cut up to make beaded lampshades. It was disastrous so I started holding onto them.”

His knowledge of fashion and onstage showmanship is unquestionable, but where does he find the closet space to house a hundred years of history? He laughs, “I own a three-bedroom house and I sleep in the dining room!”

A Matter of Taste: What Makes Fashion Beautiful was a Salt Spring Island Weavers and Spinners guild benefit for Seeds for Malawi and was organized by Mary Paddison. A second and different show — titled I Can’t Believe She Wore That Dress — run Saturday afternoon.
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ISLAND AUTHORS
Blossom returns for more adventures in book sequel

BY MITCHELL SHERRIN

Pam and Linzi Adams team up for chicken book

A local mother and daughter team have teamed up to share their memories of a special group of island chickens for a new book.

Salt Spring writer Pam Adams worked with her adult daughter Linzi to create a new children’s book, Blossom to Blondie, as a sequel to her locally renowned, Blossom and Friends. (1999).

It has just been released by Morriss Printing Company Ltd. of Victoria, and a reading/launch runs at West of the Moon on Saturday, October 20 from 2-3 p.m.

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“The toughest read-aloud critics have teamed up to share their memories of a special group of island chickens for a new book.

“Any family that lives closely with animals, you get closer, especially if the family lives with the animals instead of acting as a master with animals that must conform,” Pam said.

Accordingly, within Blossom and Friends, Pam wrote about a time when one chicken snuck into the house to eat food and another chicken later snuck in to watch TV.

As for hints about new stories, Pam sated readers will just have to pick up a book.

“They’ve been in suspense for seven years. They can wait a little longer.”

One of the charming things about these books is that while the stories are told from the chicken’s perspective, unlike most children’s stories, the chickens act and think in the way one might expect a real chicken to conduct itself.

“These are definitely stories from a chicken’s point of view,” said Pam. “As told by our feathered friends,” added Linzi.

“Their unique, a real legend and she had charisma,” Pam smiled as she recalled the real chicken named Blossom.

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Women show results of fabric art intensive

Four local fabric artists showed and talked about their work at Stitches last weekend.

The exhibition, which continues this week, represents the learning process and final project results from an advanced course in design and machine stitching at the Gail Harker Creative Studies Center in Washington State.

Sheila Bull, Carol Leach, Susan Paynter and Karen Tottman are the artists who participated in the course. The four Salt Spring women travelled once every three months over the past couple of years to take part in a class of 13. Paynter said the idea behind the course was play itself as artists and sewers.

Besides their many samples, many of which make appealing art pieces collaged together and hung on the wall, each woman had her work study scrapbook on display. Here one could delve into the intricate thought process behind the final projects, which had to be some kind of book

Creatives process revealed through riot of colour and texture at Stitches

On the back panels of the pages, Paynter has included text by Emily Carr and Bill Reid. Her book is “a social statement against logging and clearcut logging.”

Leach is an art school graduate who has used this project to work through her emotions regarding her mother, a once vibrant character now suffering from Alzheimer’s disease. Some of Leach’s samples are recreations of her paintings done in fabric, incredibly bright and alluring abstract flowers and plants. Her final project is the least like what one thinks of as a book: the tabletop sculptural piece is a garden of beautifully stitched flowers and leaves, supported by and caged by a metal fence and trellises.

Bull’s book Four Seasons resembles a standing screen in miniature. The six panels are framed by wood doweling and held together with wire. On either end is a round mirror piece, referencing Lewis Carroll’s Through the Looking Glass. The four central panels are themed for each season with an arboretum in winter, cherry blossoms, ripe cherries and fall leaves. Tottman’s book also resembles a mini screen in four panels, which is the background for a diorama-type seascape. Her inspiration came from a photograph of multi-coloured nets tangled on the beach, which she is skilled at translating — bright green, orange and yellow strands have been recreated, tangled yet distinct.

Each of the artists on show displays a level of skill and creativity only to be seen at advanced levels. We are lucky on Salt Spring to have access to their work.
**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

**POETRY REVIEW**

**Graham writes poems you want to read**

What Someone Wanted by Shirley Graham

**BY TANYA LESTER**

**DRAWFOD COMMISSIONER**

If you could hold Shirley Graham’s poems in What Someone Wanted, their structure would feel like smooth polished gems that you could not help but turn over and over in the palm of your hand.

Not that these poems could ever actually be held any more than the theme of this poet’s first collection can be.

It is about wanting what is no longer there, has never been there or will never be there, even in a million years. In a prose poem called Hummingbird Tea, a secretary drinks hibiscus tea:

More than once she pictured herself gathering the flowers from the red tea bag and shaping it into a ball of semi-liquid nectar. Then she carries the glowing ball to the window at the end of the south corridor and holds it out to the sky. From above, between skyscrapers, a giant/iridescent hummingbird swoops down, shatters the window with its needle-beak and sucks the nectar in her/his hands, in tail curving in toward the sidewalk below the building.

It is also about wanting to fix things, to help others heal. The women in Club Footed Pigeon are “crazy in their passion for the wounded”:

Every lunch hour the old women of the park make sure he’s the first to eat. He stations himself at strategic junctions and lets the marina fall straight into his beak.

Shirley Graham is seen with her son Tai as she signs her new book at a Lions Hall launch.

**ISLAND WRITERS**

**Locals add culinary images to new Hedgerow release**

Smart also makes award shortlist

Briony Penn and Christine Smart have found themselves in literary news this month.

Smart’s book Decked and Dancing, published by Hedgerow Press of Sidney, was recently nominated as a finalist for the 2007 Acorn-Plantos Award for People’s Poetry.

Smart is one of six finalists for the award, based on judges’ reviews of works submitted.

Penn and Smart are also featured in an unusual book set for release on Saturday, October 28 at Winchester Galleries in Oak Bay.

Asked to think about how and when they learned to cook, 12 writers and artists contributed their memories, artwork and recipes to Apples Under the Bed: Recollections and Recipes from B.C. Writers and Artists, also published by Hedgerow.

“A variety of styles and moods, the authors take us back to their childhoods in many different parts of the world, offering glimpses of creative lives not usually found in standard biographies,” states a press release.

Smart begins her essay in the book with poems.

She writes of learning to bake bread and cakes on the Ottawa Valley farm where she was raised, about an aunt who went around the countryside baking from recipes “of her own compositions” for overworked farm women.

Then she turns to prose to write amusingly of the new food ideas brought home from the wide world by each of her sisters in turn.

Environmentalist and politician Penn provides the unexpected.

“I have never been a cook,” she writes. “A cook by definition likes to cook and I like to gather and eat things raw.”

**BRIONY PENN**

Writer

Son with some strong comments about environmental awareness along the way.

Apples Under the Bed also contains essays and full-colour illustrations from nine B.C. artists.

It is available at local bookstores for $27.95.

**Letter to the editor?**

**Press release?**

**What’s On calendar event?**

Send it to news@gulfislands.net.
Salt Spring Blues Art Salon is a yearly event that celebrates the island's vibrant arts community. Here's the rest of October's activities at ArtSpring:

- **Monday, October 22, 7:30 p.m.** The Last Wild Wolves — presented by Salt Spring Books and ArtSpring. Author Ian McAllister lived for 17 years on B.C.'s northernmost island documenting the lives of B.C.'s last remaining totally wild wolves. Tonight he presents a slide show of this amazing adventure.

- **October 23-25:** AmarAh Gabriel: A Painter's Journey, Retrospective and Celebration. Join the Salt Spring artist as she shares some of her memories and art created in such diverse places as the Gaspe, Toronto, Colorado, Pender Island and the present new works produced on Salt Spring Island. The exhibition will include paintings, drawings, journals, and a video presentation of work in progress. A slide show and talk about some of the concerns that inform her work promise to be an intimate journey into the mind of this creative artist. Opening night celebration is on Tuesday, October 23, 4-8 p.m.; slide show and talk is on Monday, October 29, 8 p.m.

- **Wednesday, October 24, 8 p.m.** Canadian comedian and singer/guitarist Lesli Elliot is back with his inimitable evening of song and comedy. He sells out ArtSpring each time he visits.

- **Friday, October 26, 8 p.m.** and **Saturday, October 27, 2:30 p.m.** Salt Spring Concert Band presents Return of the Demons. The band and director Dawn Hague are back to spook, scare, excite and entertain with Return of the Demons III. Fun for the whole family, this fast-paced fright-fest will feature many great Halloween-themed music and irreverent special effects planned to leave audience members shrieking in delight. Look forward to classics like The War of the Worlds, March to the Scaffold and In the Hall of the Mountain King. Be prepared to be dazzled by Jungle, The Headless Horseman and Phantom Rider as well as special surprise guests. Not to be missed!

- **Tuesday, October 30, 8 p.m.** Markus Groh — among the finest pianists in the world today. A spellbinding virtuoso, Groh reveals shapes, textures and colours that one seldom hears in a live performance. He divides his time between Berlin and New York and is a specialist in Romantic repertoire, as evidenced by his choice of two big Brahms works and Liszt's Sonata in B minor for this evening's concert. Pre-concert chat 7 p.m.

**WHAT'S ON AT ARTSPRING**

**Retrospective, slide show and Halloween**

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**FINE ART**

Lore Schmidts art captures ‘play on the senses’

Entities exhibit at Salt Spring Art Salon

On Saturday, October 20 and Sunday, October 21, islanders will have the opportunity to view some new entities.

Lore Schmidts is an island painter who will display 24 of his newest paintings dubbed “entities” at the Salt Spring Art Salon.

"Entities are paintings – abstracted from the landscape of tropical jungle walks and rainforest hikes where the Trickster plays on the senses," explains press material.

"Some of us, for just a moment, are visited by glimpses of beings or subtle flashes of hidden faces. They disappear just as stirring, raising doubt as to whether they were there in the first place. One could swear they saw something." These images, press material states, stay with us, embazoned in our minds forever, begging us to question reality and inspiring one to recreate this ‘fleeting brush with the divine.’

Schmidts invites people to join in this experience and see if one can explore the foliage of the creative mind. The exhibit will be shown Saturday, October 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, October 21 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Salt Spring Art Salon is located at 601 Upper Ganges Road.

**Attention New Salt Springers!**

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ISLAND ARTISTS

Amarah Gabriel hails artistic life with retrospective at ArtSpring

Slide show and workshop also planned

Sixty years ago, on a stately street in downtown Toronto close to Lake Ontario, Amarah Gabriel began a journey as she was introduced to the beauty and love of nature and art.

As Gabrielle celebrates her 68th birthday, the journey continues at her garden studio overlooking the water on Salt Spring Island.

“The colour and form of lush flowers, vegetables and the swift, deft strokes of colour on canvas by her beloved aunt were some of her earliest and treasured memories,” explains a press release.

“Guided by the late, sunlight dancing on the water, the energy, the power and mystery of waves elicited deep emotions. Trips to the Art Gallery of Ontario created a fascination with the art of great artists such as Van Gogh, Rembrandt, Emily Carr and Georgia O’Keefe. She has continued to develop her lifelong passion for colour, light, art and nature throughout her life’s experiences.”

CELEBRATIONS

Island kicks off peace celebrations on weekend

Saturday event raises awareness

A Salt Spring peace party planned for this weekend brings islanders together for music and dance.

This year’s event, called Planet Peace, is sponsored by Peace Work! and the Copper Kettle Community Partnership organization. Co-ordinator Cherie Geavuva said the party is about countering the effects of war and violence in the world.

“Really it is to bring out the community for peace,” Planet Peace starts at 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 20 at Mahon Hall. Geavuva said entertainers like Stargazer Kids, Danski Kidz and Aaron Ahleman will kick up the party during the day and evening.

As well, organizations like the Burma awareness group and the Japanese Garden Society will have booths set up to raise awareness about how people can get involved on Salt Spring.

Live and silent auctions are also scheduled at the event. Items for sale include art works by Patricia Brown, Jonathan Yardley and Osman Phillips, and the silent auction includes approximately 50 contributors.

Ableman, who will play some tracks from his new CD, said the peace party comes with a message.

“On a community level, peace has to start with the heart and then radiate out to the community. One way for Ableman is to play music.

“He is also involved with a musical theatre group that deals with global issues called Planet Express.

“The group will perform during Saturday’s party. He hopes to raise capital for a full tour.

“I want to get young people inspired and interested in the power of people,” Ableman said.

Another peace event on Salt Spring this month is the second annual Child and Youth Peace Gathering. Kids from all over Salt Spring will come togethe at Salt Spring Centre School on Wednesday, October 24 to discuss peace.

This year participants will create a huge scrapbook on why they love to live on the planet.

The gathering starts at 1 p.m. and the public is welcome to attend.

For information on either event call Geavuva at 537-1027.

PUMPKIN PATCH: Chi Chi Smallwolf finds a perfect pumpkin for Halloween at the Saturday market in Ganges.
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**Friday, Oct 19**
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  - Monthly Giving Mixer

**Saturday, Oct 20**
- **LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**
  - Magic of Talent at & Back

**Sunday, Oct 21**
- **LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**
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**Monday, Oct 22**
- **ACTIVITIES**
  - Ocho Kundaline Morning Meditation, Drop-in. 9:30 p.m. Info: Ferns, 537-2799
  - Eckhart Tolle Practicing Presence Group Drop-in. 7:30 a.m. Info: Ferns, 537-2799
  - Eagles Yoga: Mondays with Carolyne at Ganges Yoga Studio. 7 p.m. Info: 537-2799

**Tuesdays, Oct 23**
- **LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**
  - The Poetry Club. Free 6-syrup icone begins. 7 p.m. Info: 537-2799
  - Mountain Soap. Paradox Poets. 6:45 p.m. Call to confirm. 537-2899
  - West African Dance Classes. Live performance on custom ukulele at Branch Pt. Fulford Hall. 7 p.m. Info: 653-2631

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**ADDED EVENTS**

**Upcoming Events**
- **ArtSpring**
  - Opening reception on Tues., Oct. 23, 4-9 p.m.; slide show and talk on Oct. 25, 7-9 p.m.; and a workshop on Oct. 27.
  - Featuring works by Lore Schmidts, Janaki Larsen, Ronald T. Crawford, Klee Larsen-Crawford, Michael and Aja Robb, Birgit Freybe Batemen, and new photographs by Birgit Freybe Batemen.

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BY ANDREA RABINOVITCH

When retired people ask me to be on a board or to volunteer, I list the full-time job, two part-time jobs, the occasional volunteer committee, two kids, one international student, one husband and a house that take up all my time as the reason I’m unable to help out.

Please note that cultivating friendships, staying in reasonable shape so I don’t die while teaching dance, time to myself and sleep are nowhere on that list.

I’m not whining (although that last paragraph belies that statement), but it’s hard to have an identity when you’re spread so thin.

As your vehicle so identifies you as a certain type — a friend of mine did her masters thesis on the correlation of Corvette owners and their sexual self-esteem — what vehicle does a multi-tasker like myself drive?

When I asked Victoria Hyundai manager Colby Perkins the demographic of Santa Fe drivers, he replied, “Everybody from soccer moms to real estate agents.” I’m kind of both, so taking a test drive in the 2007 Santa Fe seemed to make sense.

Last Saturday, after getting up at five to catch the 6:15 ferry, taking my son to the Royal Winnipeg Ballet audition and master class, schmoozing with all attendant arts types, shopping for

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I didn't even think that I was in a vehicle that wasn't my own. This one was a tad cleaner and had that new car smell, but if deja vu from St. John's Newfoundland to Victoria. Why not head out to Mount Washington for a ski weekend! For sure I can drive three kids to three different schools and then pick them up to drive them to three different activities!

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'Go-to guy' drives Ford Skyliner

BY ALYN EDWARDS
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTCWOOD

When Fred Davies drove his 1959 Ford Skyliner for the first time last year, it wouldn't have been remarkable except that Fred has been working on his car since buying it in 1972. The restoration wasn't quite finished. But Fred didn't care. He just wanted to drive his car.

This consummate classic car restorer has worked on dozens of cars for other people over the past three decades. Fred has come to be known as the “go-to guy” to fix these complicated hideaway hardtops.

The Ford Skyliner was designed for Ford in the mid-1950s by a then 27-year-old body engineer named Ben Smith. Ford was heavily involved with concept cars and bringing innovations to the marketplace. The first Skyliner was a 1954 Ford model featuring a plexiglass see-through roof over the front seat.

But Ford became intrigued with the idea of having a two-door hardtop for the 1956 Lincoln Continental. But Ben Smith got the design job after convincing the company that he could build the Skyliner as a specific model in the company that he could build the Skyliner as a specific model in the

The idea of having a two-door hardtop convertible was put into production. But the Skyliner was never a popular model. Sales fell off and sales became sluggish. But Ford didn't care. He just wanted to drive his car.

Finally picked the 1959 Skyliner

DAVIES CLASSIC (continued on B14)

The 1959 Ford Skyliner owned by Fred Davies pictured with a brand new Volkswagen retractable convertible. Both vehicles were displayed at the surprise birthday party for Fred held by his friends at an Aldergrove farm.

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When the red line starts to head down the thermometer, most of us are guilty of finding ways to avoid spending too much time outside.

Doing things like keeping your car’s interior clean becomes less of a priority.

The problem is we still like to open the door to a clean vehicle.

After all, we aren’t the only ones that will be enjoying the ride and who wants to get caught with interior dust, grime and debris?

Here are a few tips on how to get maximum results with minimum effort.

**Keep it clean**

Every time you leave your vehicle, take a look around. Get the kids involved to remove those gas receipts, beverage containers and snack wrappers. When you are ready to do the interior you will save a lot of time if there is no debris to gather up and remove.

**Get some help**

A good quality, high-powered wet/dry vacuum will be your best friend when it comes to detailing your interior. New on the market is the time-saving Dirt Hound Wall Vac. The unit mounts on the wall of your garage and is ready to go when you are. The vac stays put while you take the 21-foot hose to your vehicle. Use the attachments to handle the rest.

**Lighten up a deep clean**

Deep cleaning the carpets is quicker and easier than you may think.

The blower feature in your wet/dry vacuum works well to blow debris off of either plastic or carpeted mats. If you have some tough stains on the carpet, simply use some of your household carpet cleaner to do the work for you. Use the blower feature again to speed up the time you would normally wait to dry off damp areas, but do not allow the vac to operate unattended.

**Polish it up**

Cleaning windows doesn’t have to be a major chore. Use a little window cleaner and wipe it off with some newspaper. They will be amazed in no time.

**Finish it off**

Never underestimate the power of scent. A car’s interior can be revitalized in moments with a squeeze of air freshener. Better yet, pick up a low-cost auto freshener that hangs from the interior.

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**Sidney Transmissions**

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He was getting closer when he stricken with cancer last year.

His biggest fear was that he would never drive the car that had been with him for more than three decades. But his friends weren’t going to let this happen.

So a group of car enthusiasts and friends led by his son Dale, a service manager with Langley Volkswagen, decided to roll up their sleeves and get to work.

Material for a new interior was ordered from SMI Fabrics in Oregon, the radio was sent out for repair, the engine was worked on and made to run and Dale rebuilt the transmission that was slipping badly.

Others worked to make the complicated top mechanism work had been part of the parts that were never put on the car. This car was going to be finished.

In mid-September of 2006, friends of Fred Davies gathered at a Fraser Valley farm to display their cars along the beautiful Wedgewood Blue 1959 Ford Skyliner that had been part of Fred’s life for so long. It was a surprise birthday party for the car’s owner.

His son had brought the partially completed car over a trailer and the sight of his car surrounded by all his friends brought tears to the very surprised owner’s eyes. After the birthday celebration, the work continued. Vancouver upholsterer Al Decker and visiting upholsterer Nat DeRose from Annapolis Custom Upholstery in Nova Scotia pitched in volunteering their time to cut, sew and install the complicated tri-coloured seat upholstery in just one day.

Then a few weeks later, the B.C. Ford Retractable Club held a cruise through the Fraser Valley in warm summer sunshine that ended with a tour of the Stave Falls power generation dam in Mission. Fred arrived driving his car for the first time.

The first thing he did was to retract his Skyliner’s top in a salute to all the people who had helped make this happen.
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Studies show that with proper legislation, including mandatory size limitations and adult supervision, it is safe and it is responsible to allow youth to ride age-appropriate youth-sized ATVs and off-road motorcycles,” stated COHV president Bob Ramsay. “The introduction of this CD and activity book is just one more tool for us to help reach our youth and their parents in our efforts to ensure that everyone enjoys safe family recreation.

According to the COHV and NBATV, banning youth from riding age-appropriate ATVs or for government to introduce legislation around education, training and mandatory supervision requirements has been discussed. A detailed statistical analysis by Heiden Associates, a product safety and economic consulting firm in the U.S.A. found that ATV safety legislation in Kentucky, New Jersey and Texas resulted in significant improvements in youth safety.

For more information on the Adventure Trails program, visit www.adventuretrail.ca.

SMART DRIVING

Safety tips shared during car safety month

October is car safety month in Canada, says a non-profit advocacy group in the automotive industry. Car Care Canada, which promotes safety and maintenance of vehicles, said there are five ways in which drivers can actively participate.

Drivers should conduct regular maintenance on their vehicles and follow a scheduled plan. This includes changing the oil and filter regularly and maintaining proper air pressure in their tires. Car Care Canada also recommends a brake check on the vehicle in case drivers need to make a quick stop on a cold winter night.

Winter drivers should carry an emergency road kit that includes jumper cables, blankets, matches, flares and water. Car Care Canada also offers three driving tips for the coming season. The advocacy group said it is important to understand the ability of the driver.

“Driving is a skill and it is important to recognize and change old habits,” Car Care explained on its website. “For example, look down the road instead of the bumper ahead of you.”

Also be aware of the surroundings. Drivers can get easily distracted by music, mobile phones or talking with passengers.

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ICBC offers some seasonal driving tips

As the West Coast heads from fall to winter driving, ICBC reminds motorists to slow down.

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Rain creates slippery road conditions by mixing water and debris from vehicle exhaust.

During dry weather, oil, grease and dirt settle into the pavement.

The first hour of a steady rain draws the oily mixture to the surface.

If it rains long and hard enough, the mixture will wash away, but then the water itself becomes the hazard.

Traction is the key to keeping your vehicle in control in both situations.

When the roads are wet and slippery, motorists are advised to:

• Slow down.
• Turn off the cruise control.
• The only way to stop wheels from spinning and maintain control is to immediately reduce power.

This will ensure you have optimal visibility of the road ahead, and that other motorists can see you.

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Daytime running lights do not activate the tail lights. Instead, turn on your low beam headlights which also illuminate your tail lights.

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Salt Spring well served by ELF and Mother Goose

BY EMMA YARDLEY (state ban)

Benjamin Stocks told his mom he felt left out when his older brother started going to school. Luckily for Benjamin, this year the newly opened Early Learning Family (ELF) Centre at Salt Spring Elementary School has given him a chance to do just that.

ELF is a free school-based program for children ages five and under and their caregivers and is part of the StrongStart B.C. project funded by the Ministry of Education.

“Salt Spring really needed it,” said Bronwyn Stocks, who goes to ELF with Benjamin while her older son is at preschool.

“We’re ‘Mommy and Ben’ time. He gets to figure things out on his own, not just following his big brother.”

“They’re joined by other moms, dads, grandparents, babies, toddlers and young kids.”

It is not an early literacy program but rather a fun and stimulating place where parents stay with their kids to play and learn together with the guidance of a certified early childhood educator (ECE).

“It is structured in that it’s all set up here. It’s a space completely designed for kids with paints, play dough, a nature station and all that messy stuff that can be hard to get into at home,” said program facilitator and ECE Janet Hoag.

People are welcome to drop in and out throughout the session, which runs Monday to Thursday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. They also have use of the gym and outdoor playground. Parents and children pitch in to help set up activities and put everything away afterwards. “Behind the play is teaching... kids don’t know that they are learning, but they are,” said Kahryn Akehurst, the early-year coordinator for School District 64. Together with Hoag, Akehurst recognized the importance of programs that “lead from behind” and instigated Salt Spring’s ELF centre.

“It really empowers parents to realize they are the first teachers and gives adults the time and permission to play.”

Reading out loud, singing nursery rhymes and asking your kids open-ended questions are all building blocks of future learning.

“You need understanding of the spoken word before you can learn to read,” says Hoag.

“My hope is that parents will learn the stories and songs, take them home, snuggle down, and read and sing with their children.”

The education ministry has provided funding to open the doors of 80 similar programs across the province after the success of 16 pilot projects that ran last school year.

One of the goals of the early learning programs is creating and supporting social networks. Parents have a chance to hang out with other parents of young children, while kids get used to being around other kids, learn how to share, take turns and follow instructions.

“We’re social beings and we need to learn how to get along. Modelling that behaviour and creating strategies to deal with different situations is so important during these years.”

Another StrongStart B.C. objective is to connect early learning centres with existing family resource programs.

Family Place, a Salt Spring Island Community Services initiative, offers a number of free family resource programs for parents and young children, including an unstructured drop-in play session Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

“It gives parents an opportunity to meet in an alternate play environment and use our resources... such as books and a children’s clothing exchange,” said Ragnhild Flakstad, the Family Place coordinator.

Also, Parent Child Mother Goose, a nursery rhyme and singing program led by Lisa Dodd and Melanie Dashwood, has begun for another year at the Core Inn.

“These programs are also a gateway to other services. Parents can chat with me about parenting or family issues and if I don’t have the answer, I’ll know where to send them,” said Flakstad, who is also a child and family counselor.

Parent Child Mother Goose, a drop-in program for kids aged 18 months to four years and their caregivers, began October 12 and runs to December 12.

Flakstad says they’re already setting up meetings with the school district to discuss resource sharing with ELF, which she hopes will better serve the whole community.

For now, Benjamin Stocks can go to school with his mom and be happy in the knowledge that with such supportive learning centres on the island he will never feel left out.

For more information on ELF call Janet Hoag at 537-5548 ext. 606. To contact Family Place, call 537-9176.

Hard work saluted in memorial company publication

Nathen Wong finds sales niche

A former Salt Spring resident was recently featured for his business success in a specialized publication.

Nathen Wong, who graduated from Gulf Islands Secondary in 2000, took a tourism management course at Capilano College and lived on the island since 1994, was recognized for sales achievement at Westlawn Memorial Gardens in Edmonton in the summer 2007 edition of the Arbor Record.

“Nathen is always the first person in the office in the mornings, and usually one of the last to leave,” states the story. “He is well on his way to making a six-figure income in his first full year of sales at Westlawn.”

The story notes that Wong, 25, left Salt Spring in May 2006, and had to hitchhike to Edmonton from Radium Hot Springs when his 1966 Chevy Nova broke down.
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Operation Christmas Child starts up again

Islander organizes easy charity program

A shoe box isn’t good for much except the recycling bin. But, when the shoe box is filled with toys and other gifts as part of the Christmas Child Boxes, it becomes a treasure chest with the potential to bring joy into the life of a needy child.

Over 37 million children in 130 countries received gift-filled shoe boxes, states recent press material. “The shoe boxes collected from the western part of Canada are sent to Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Venezuela.”

People interested in taking part in this project must first decide if their gift will be for a boy or a girl and choose an age category: two to four, five to nine and 10 to 14.

“The fun starts when you fill the box with toys, school supplies and items such as a toothbrush, soap and toothpaste.”

A donation of $7 is suggested to help with the shipping costs.

Boxes, along with a brochure that supplies labels and gives other important information, are available by calling Nancy Richard-son at 537-1816. Boxes are delivered to the back of the Community Gospel Chapel by November 4.

For further information on the program and Samari- tan’s Purse, see www.samaritanspurse.ca.

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PEOPLE & COMMUNITY

How to live deeply while facing death

Toronto practitioner visits Salt Spring

A Remembrance Day weekend workshop on Salt Spring brings life and death together to teach people how to live and die well.

Organizer Christopher Roy said the workshop is geared towards people who are struggling with death, either themselves or someone close to them. Mentor and teacher Stephen Jenkinson will conduct the workshop over a three-day period from Friday, November 9 to Sunday, November 11.

“Dying is very much a part of living and this workshop teaches us how to die well,” Roy said.

Roy, who was involved with palliative care in Toronto, said medical doctors in North America talk a lot about technical symptoms of dying, but not about how it affects families, or the spiritual aspects.

“Stephen does a lot of work. He gives people things that they can really use,” Roy said when people are about to pass away, the tendency for others is to watch over them, but Jenkinson teaches caregivers to sit with the dying and see what they are going through.

Roy’s wife Natasha Kong said participants can expect not only to learn to be useful caregivers, but how to live life deeply by facing death.

“The skills he has given me are about being able to stay in Canada and support people with the deceased instead of them dying alone,” Kong said.

Jenkinson’s background is varied. He is the co-leader of the Max and Beatrix Wolfe Centre for Children’s Grief and Palliative Care at Mount Sinai Hos-pital in Toronto and assistant professor at the University of Toronto’s School of Family and Community Medicine.

He has helped over 1,000 people die. During their funerals he engages people with the deceased instead of talking about them.

The workshop, called Caring for the Dying is Carrying the Dead, can take place at Beaver Point Hall.

For more information or to register, call Roy or Kong at 537-1817 or visit www.orphanwisdom.com/events.

INTERNATIONAL AID

Paradox of altruism explored in SOLID-workshop

On the weekend of November 2-4, SOLID will host a fascinating and stimulating workshop on Salt Spring island focusing on the challenges of “helping” Africa in this time of the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

The workshop will comple-ment the highly successful Community to Community Conferences held in 2004 and 2006 on Salt Spring that fea- tured a variety of workshops and speakers.

“This two-day workshop is for people already working in Africa, people wanting to go there to help, and those who want to be involved but prefer to stay in Canada and support from afar,” said organizer and SOLID director Anna Callegari. “We are very pleased to wel-come workshop leaders Ron-nar Dalziel and Heather Fenis, offering decades of combined experience working on Afri-ca issues, in both Africa and Canada.”

Workshop participants will benefit from their expertise in leading sessions, as well as their many years of experience in development work in Cana-da and Africa to bring a deeper understanding of the African situation, people and our role in supporting them.

The workshop will include self-awareness exercises, exploring the African context through stories, slides, infor-mation, activities and skill building. Included will be practical examples of existing projects that support those in need, informal fundraising ideas and inspirational con-cerpts for getting started and seeing a project through.

Held at the Ango Retreat on Salt Spring, the event will chal-lenge popular notions of how to help and refine the under-standing of altruism, particu-larly in the African context.

“Many people are moved to try to help the people of Africa that face such dire circum-stances, but are unclear of how to go about helping,” said Cal-legari. “This event is designed to tackle head-on the notions of what constitutes ‘help’ and guide participants to an under-standing of acting in solidarity, rather than out of charity.”

For more information and registration, visit http://www.solidaid.org.ca. Call 537-0863 or e-mail: info@solid-aid.org.ca.
**PEOPLE & COMMUNITY**

**B.C. WILDLIFE**

**Images of rare coastal wolves at ArtSpring slide presentation**

Environmental concerns addressed

**BY CHRIS STEPHENSON**


McAllister will launch his new project through slide show images capturing the essence of the animals and their environment at ArtSpring on Monday, October 22.

McAllister’s book follows the untold story of two wolf packs of the Great Bear Rainforest along the northern coast of B.C. He hopes to promote his environmental concerns for the area.

“[The minister] should know this is a very serious environmental issue.”

“Wolves are very much threatened,” McAllister said.

“In 2005, the wolves have escaped hundreds of years of destruction of habitat, trapping and poisoning.”

He added, “They are very effective animals and very solitary and have a good sense of smell. I knew the only way (to photograph them) was to gain their trust.”

McAllister, who lives in the heart of the Great Bear Rainforest on Denny Island, will send word along the coast trying to befriending the animals. The only way to travel to the area is by boat.

“I had to be part of the landscape, just a guy out there with a tripod.”

Eventually the wolves trusted him and he could get close.

The material and photographs he captured are shown through the eyes of the wolves. McAllister hopes to inform the public about what could be lost if environmental concerns are not addressed.

“The issue is largely void of what’s really at stake.”

McAllister’s first book was the Great Bear Rainforest, published in 1997. The author is a nature photographer and filmmaker. He is also the founding director of the Rainforest Conservation Society and has spent 20 years working to save B.C.’s temperate rainforest from destruction.

Monday’s show starts at 7 p.m. and costs $5.

The event is co-hosted by Salt Spring Books, ArtSpring and the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, with proceeds benefiting ArtSpring and the conservation society.

McAllister will also be available to sign books.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee will hold a public hearing within a Local Trust Committee special meeting on the following proposed bylaws:

1. Three new Land Use policies and new and amended Forest policy that outlines options for rezoning of Forest lands to F2 and F4; subdivision restrictions with respect to Forest land; policy options to rezone F1, F2 and F4 zoned lands to R6 and FR zones; policy regarding the location of buildings and structures in the Forest lands; covenant requirements for rezoning of lands to F2 or F4 and transportation access requirements to allow a dwelling on Forest land;

2. Amended Land Transportation objectives;

3. Two amended Land Transportation policies and four new Land Transportation policies that provide guidance to the management of proposed highway and emergency access locations and possible trail and utility routes, access requirements for Economic Activity Zones, and guidance as to the development of highways and statutory rights of way for emergency access at the time of subdivision;

4. New definitions that assist in the interpretation of proposed objectives and policies; and

5. A revised Map Schedule "C" that outlines existing and proposed highway and emergency access routes and road standards, land status, beach access locations, bicycle routes and roads that may be defined under Section 4 of the Highways Act. Various notations are provided on the map to assist in its interpretation.


In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 197 is to amend Schedule "C" of the Galiano Island Official Community Plan to generally provide new or amended objectives, policies and mapping that relate to transportation, trails, emergency access, road and highways and amends or adds options for rezoning of Forest designated lands. The bylaw provides:

- Three new Land Use policies and new and amended Forest policy that outlines options for rezoning of Forest lands to F2 and F4; subdivision restrictions with respect to Forest land; policy options to rezone F1, F2 and F4 zoned lands to R6 and FR zones; policy regarding the location of buildings and structures in the Forest lands; covenant requirements for rezoning of lands to F2 or F4 and transportation access requirements to allow a dwelling on Forest land;

- Amended Land Transportation objectives;

Bylaw No. 198 – cited as “Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw 127, 1999, Amendment No. 1, 2007”:

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 198 is to introduce means to: rezone lands and identify exception regulations by map notation on Schedule B; amend the screening requirements for F1, F2 and F4 and FLR zones; amend for purposes of clarification the setback requirements in the F2 and FLR zones; establish a lot coverage restriction for a lot zoned F2(a) being a new exception clause to the general F2 zone amendments; amend for purposes of clarification the regulations that apply to permitted residential density in the F3 zone; introduce regulations with respect to a new F4 zone, add policies with respect to public access to water bodies; make various amendments to clarify references to subsections; add a new definition for "lot coverage" and by changing the zoning of lands legally described as District Lot 37, Galiano Island, Cowichan District from Forest 1 (F1) Zone to Forest 4 (F4) Zone. The location of the property is identified on the following map;

A copy of the proposed bylaws and any background material that may be considered by the Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing October 12, 2007.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2)(e) of the Local Government Act, a copy of the proposed bylaws and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaws may also be inspected at the Galiano Island Trustee Office, when the office is opened by Local Trustees. The binder will be at the Trustee Office by October 19, 2007.

Also for the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2)(e) of the Local Government Act, additional copies of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Galiano Island, B.C., commencing October 12, 2007 and can also be viewed on the World Wide Web at the following URL: http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/tc/gl/bylaws.cfm

Written submissions may be delivered to:

1. the office of the Islands Trust by mail at #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, or by Fax (250) 405-5155 or can be sent on-line by going to the Islands Trust Website at the following URL: http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/tc/gl/meetings.cfm and completing the "Public Hearing, October 27, 2007, Submission Form", prior to 4:30 p.m., October 26, 2007.

2. after 4:30 p.m., October 26, 2006 to the Trust Committee at the Public Hearing at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, October 27, 2007

Email comments should not be considered as complying with the requirements of this notice. The Islands Trust does not guarantee that any email comment will be received by the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide email comments, if they are opened and received, to the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee for consideration, but the public should not rely on email as a means of providing a written comment.

Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Regional Planning Manager, at (250) 405-5170 or, for Toll Free access, requests a transfer via Equity 800-566-6439, and elsewhere in B.C. 1-800-663-7867.

NO REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE GALIANO ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Kathy Jones
Deputy Secretary
# CBC News

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ON THE BALL: Salt Spring Alumni player Jude Shugar, left, and Old Boys player Ben Cooper fight for the ball in a weekend match-up between the two local teams. The Alumni won the match 6-0.

SPORTS COMMENTARY

Patrick Cwiklinski

LETS TALK SPORTS

Crossing the line — Kesler/Boulerice fiasco

No room in NHL for vicious hits

With the recent controversy surrounding the now infamous cross-check to the face of Vancouver Canucks forward Ryan Kesler, the National Hockey League (NHL) has responded by giving Philadelphias Flyers enforcer Jesse Boulerice a 25-game suspension.

But even the question still remains, is it enough?

After spending the better part of last week watching various replays that showed different angles of the vicious hit, I came to the conclusion that there is just no room in the world of professional sports for players like Boulerice and even a million apologies wouldn't change the fact that what he did was totally unacceptable and he should not have the privilege of playing in the NHL.

The cross-check to Kesler follows a trend of ugly hits that have ruined the reputations of once-respected players such as Todd Bertuzzi, who most people in British Columbia remember as being a big part of the Canucks' success in the early part of this decade, but across the league he's better known as the man responsible for ending the career of Colorado Avalanche rookie Steve Moore.

There's nothing wrong with playing a physical game.

Everyone loves to see a big hit or good fight every once in a while, but throwing cheap shots at players, especially while your team is up by 7-2 in the third period, is disgraceful.

Furthermore, Boulerice was banned from the Ontario Hockey League (OHL). For a similar incident and yet he is still an active member of the NHL... go figure.

The Philadelphia Flyers have also had bad luck this season with the suspension to Boulerice being the second one the team has received this year. In the pre-season, Steve Downie was suspended for 20 games for a late hit on Ottawa Senator Deaz McAmmond, which resulted in him having to be rushed off the ice on a stretcher.

Dozens of tough and aggressive players in the NHL have had 15-20-year careers without a single suspension and can still intimidate and constantly involve themselves in brawls.

The difference is these players use their heads and know how much is too much, never crossing that line from physical to brutal.

So what's next for Jesse Boulerice?

What happens when he gets back from serving his 25-game suspension? Can we expect a changed man who will never lay a finger on another player again?

The answer... fat chance.

And as long as the NHL lets its players miss a mere 20-30 games on attacks this premeditated and cowardly, I guarantee this will not be the last time we see this happen.

Patrick Cwiklinski is a sports fanatic and a new contributor to the Driftwood sports pages. Watch for lets talk Sports in future issues.

GISS SOCCER

Boys grab 10-0 win

Five players hit net

The Scorpions senior boys soccer team jumped-started their season last Thursday as they attempted to claw their way back into the play-off picture.

Travelling to Ladysmith with a 1-2 record, the Gulf Islands Secondary School team players were all business from the opening whistle.

Playing a 4-4-2 with Calum Gunn shifting to centre back, and Felix Payer moving to centre midfield, the team found an early rhythm, moving the ball quickly and creatively while squelching any Ladysmith attack.

By half time the Scorpions were up 3-0 with goals by Payer, Rodrigo Cruz and Cruza with his second goal.

However, the day belonged to Davis, a veteran with four years on the provincial team and stints with the national program, who blasted home five goals on route to a 10-0 drubbing.

According to coach Doug Pearson, other team members are beginning to turn some heads as well.

Captain Bobby Byon has taken hold of the midfield in the past couple of weeks and added great leadership.

Liam Johnston is also having a break-out season playing left back.

Kevin Brown, who at age 14 is by far the youngest player, has gained a prominent role as a starter at left back.

This week the team travels to Cedar before a home game on Wednesday, October 24 at 3:30 p.m. against Woodland, which currently holds first place.

WHAT'S ON This Week?

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New Arrivals...

• 28 WEEKS LATER • 1408 • FANTASTIC 4 • EVAN ALMIGHTY

SPORTS & RECREATION

SOMMUSIC
Slayers hold onto 2nd place with fourth win of season

Home team fan support appreciated

BY BILL BARRETT

Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) Slayers hosted the Galiano Bulldogs Saturday in a defensive game that rivaled the CFL for excitement.

On offence, the Slayers were not able to run belly plays as often as they would have liked, but 28 Weeks Later pours on humour to de

fect corner kick that landed up field with huge gains, which resulted in their only touchdowns.

Defensive highlights came from defensive back Ryan Raposo, who led the team in tackles with 13 and Tight End Lucas Pultke for an interception and Tyler Layard for sack

ing the Titan quarterback. Strong side safety Hofmann led in tackling, followed by Gordo Fraser, Miles, Derek Owsley, McIvor, Layard, Fyfe, Ben Beaver, Pultke, Brady Moore and Barry Goodwin.

The last two minutes of the game saw the Titans turn the ball over, giving the Slayers their third-yard line and the Slayers held the ball. It was an excellent game with excitement right to the end.

The Slayers still retain possession of second place and their next game is away on Saturday, October 20.

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Sea lions.

The game drew the largest crowd of the season. The Slayers would like to thank their support and encouragement, and Trish Hoffman and all the fans for supporting the team fundraiser.

The Slayers look forward to the next match at home on October 21 at 12:30 p.m. against the Port Alberni Sea Lions.

The fourth quarter saw the Scorpions keep up the great work on defence and hold the Bulldogs off the scoreboard. This gave Barrett another chance to run 40 yards for his last touchdown of the game, along with a field goal, and the score remained 18-7 until the end of the quarter.

The Scorpions kept piling up yards in the third quarter and left the Bulldogs behind 18-0 after Barrett’s third touchdown of the game, a 32 yard run down the middle of the field. Defensively, the Scorpions solid play stayed consistent as Henry Lindemann, who had four tackles, and Kevin Anderson and a sack, worked hard to try to keep the Bulldogs from scoring.

The Scorpions opened the game with an injury after four tackles and a sack, which gave Belmont an opportunity to get their first down touchdown of the game, along with a new field goal and the score remained 18-7 until the end of the quarter.

Salt Spring Dragons celebrated a well-deserved 3-1 victory over Vic West on Sunday.

Vis West came out confident and scored a first goal, but within minutes the Dragons answered right back with a brilliant cross from Mardon Dary, which just needed a light redirection into the box of the net by Sue-Anne Donaldson.

“Our team capitalized on both of our corner kicks,” she said.

One was a short ball assist- ed by Stacey Anderson and lifted just over the keeper’s hands by Donaldson, and the clincher goal came with in the final minutes of the second half. Clara Macken- zie executed a picture-per- fect corner kick that landed on the penalty spot and was shot through a maze of legs, again by Donaldson.

“Their team really wanted to penetrate our solid defensive line, which was a wall of strength,” said Donaldson.

Amy Gessinger had a stellar performance for the Dragons with keeper Joanne O’Connor made some great saves, which encouraged our lead”.

The Dragons look forward to their next match at home on October 21 at 12:30 p.m. against the Vic. As
Sports & Recreation

Youth Soccer

Battles on the soccer pitch

The Salt Spring U10 boys ended their fine weekend with a full roster at a mini-tournament this weekend.

In their first game against Lakehill, the boys were down 2-0 at the half, but kicked into gear with a goal by Josh Brown. Thomas Weatherby ferociously guarded the net in the second half, saving two shots in a row, before succumbing to another. Then Nik Graham scored, leaving Gabe Gold to pop in the final two goals and give Salt Spring a 4-3 win. Graham was also great playing keeper for the first time.

In the second game the players displayed great effort and practiced passing and teamwork, playing hard and having fun against the well-unified Gorge team. The final score was 2-1 for Gorge, with Gold scoring the single goal on a tidy free-kick effort.

The Salt Spring U12 Townsone boys showed great effort and amazing foot control as they played their way to a 4-4 tie against Cowichan Valley (12:30 p.m. at Gorge Field). The Spartans take their 1-1-1 record into Saturday’s tournament this weekend.

The bigger Sooke team started as late-arriving but battled on through to a score of 3-3 in the second half, thanks to a goal by Levitt, assisted by Kopetzki, and to valiant and consistent saves from keeper Eldin Miller-Stead.

The Salt Spring U14 Spartans came up short on a brilliant soccer Saturday in Sooke, losing 2-1 in a tightly fought battle. Unfortunately, the game was ultimately decided by a highly contested penalty kick awarded to a sprawling Sooke player, on what appeared to the Spartans and their fans to be a clean slide check by Arthur Irwin-Cambell.

The bigger Sooke team carried much of the first-half pace. They were able to get one well-placed shot off a goal-mouth scramble past returning keeper Byron Mussell before half time.

Play in the second half began to turn in favour of the hustling Salt Springers, who found a second wind after a goal-mouth scramble and two ties this season.

A brilliant shot by Nick Skeate, assisted by a nice tip from Liam Simpson, was the only goal the Spartans could talk. The Spartans take their 1-1-1 record into Saturday’s home game against Cowichan Valley (12:30 p.m. at GIS).

Salt Spring's U15 Island Star Girls bounced back to win the second half of an extremely physical match against a tough Juan de Fuca club. Salt Spring fell behind 2-0 on the questioned free kick, before battling back with many chances in the final minutes.

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SOCCER LEAGUE

Referee shortage hampering local soccer league functions

Not too late to join October courses

The season is underway and the teams are finally set-tied as another Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association (SSYSYA) soccer season is in full swing. This season we have teams at Boys U-18, U-17, U-14, two at U-12, two at U-11 and U-10, Girls U-18, U-16, U-15, U-13, U-11, U-10, and we also have lots of children playing in the mini program.

It is a very full program and the executive and technical director, Sue Spencer, of SSYSYA have put many hours into getting this all running smoothly.

There are four adult teams at this level with Salt Spring FC (Div. 1 men), Salt Spring Dragons (Div. 2 women) and Salt Spring Old Boys and Salt Spring Alumni both at Master C, all who have had good starts to their season.

The biggest problem the association faces right now, with the growth of teams, is a shortage of referees to cover all these games. As head referee, I’ve come up with a three-pronged program to try to alleviate this problem.

1. Offering a Class 5 referees course, with three sessions running between October 13 and 20.
2. Increasing the number of reserve referees: We hope some adults, particularly in the Super 6 and 8 groups, will take the Class 5 exam to become reserve referees. The course is free.

Reserve referees are used in the event we do not have a referee for a particular game. They must take the Class 5 course listed above. As you can see, we are making attempts to rectify the lack of referees and after

when the local squad retaliated.

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The whole team played well with many excellent attempts on net by Dakota Saunder, Dustin Edwards and Jeremy Marchi. Jordan Girard and Quinn Temmel worked hard on the wings, and Liam Johnston and Julian Smith excelled in the defensive third.

Cameron Barter and Avery Hunter played in many different positions and rose to the challenge.

If we can get 15 people to take a Class 4 course, then we can hold it here and get everyone properly certified to do all youth matches.

In other news, the raffle is coming together and tickets will be available soon, and October 26 is photo day with Dick Davidson.

Anyone with questions about the referee courses should contact meatme@saltspringwireless.com or by phone at 537-4970.

YOUTH SOCCER

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Harvest time

At left, Ian Carmichael shows his enthusiasm for harvest time at a Lee’s Hill vineyard on Salt Spring. Above, Raanan Shankman plucks the grapes from the vines.