



ONLINE AT gulfislandsdriftwood.com

CONTRACTORS directory

Build, Repair, Renovate, Marine, Perimeter Islands

Apprentices
GET YOUR NAIL DOWN
THEIR CAREERS

Energy grants
ACT NOW
TO GET
NEARLY
FUNDS

More than 85
ads & listings
for home
improvement
work

A guide to those who build, repair, renovate, etc. also to
supply materials for property and home improvement
projects and construction in the Gulf Islands

Driftwood
THIS ISLANDS GUIDE

Driftwood

GULF ISLANDS

Wednesday, January 25, 2012 — YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER SINCE 1960 52ND YEAR — ISSUE 4 \$1.25 (incl. PST)

TRAGEDY

Sailboat resident drowns in harbour

Rick Legallou described as a
'quiet and reserved' man

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring RCMP blame Sunday's ferocious winter storm for the death of a 61-year-old island man who fell off his sailboat and drowned in Ganges Harbour on Sunday morning.

"The wind was absolutely incredible," said Sgt. George Jenkins. "I've never seen anything like it before. It was just crazy."

"Definitely nobody should have been out there."

Jenkins was tying up the RCMP vessel near the coast guard dock when the operator of an island-based marine salvage company arrived with a drowning victim just before noon on Sunday.

Richard Legallou, the long-time resident of a sailing boat moored in Ganges Harbour, failed to regain consciousness despite a fervent effort by Eagle Eye Vessel Assist, BC Ambulance Service, Salt Spring Fire-Rescue and Ganges Coast Guard personnel.

"The Vessel Assist people and the coast guard did a pretty heroic job of getting him in and onto the dock and doing CPR until the ambulance paramedics got there moments later," said Greg Middleton, a witness who was in the harbour at the time.

Nick Boychuk, the owner of Eagle Eye Vessel Assist, said he and his crew departed their base at Ganges Marina around 11:45 a.m. in search of a vessel adrift when reports that a person was also in the water came across his VHF radio.

Boychuk's crew located Sevens, Legallou's double-ended 24-foot sailboat, between two private



Emergency services personnel perform CPR on the body of Richard Legallou, who was pulled from Ganges Harbour waters Sunday.

HARBOUR DEATH continued on 2

FERRIES

Ferry act review make affordability pitch

Gordon Macatee's report now in government hands

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The BC Ferry Commission's review of the Coastal Ferry Act has cited affordability as the key issue affecting the ferry system and calls for changes that will put less burden on riders in the future.

The results of a public consultation and review process that was initiated by Ferry Commissioner Gordon Macatee last spring were delivered to Transportation Minister Blair Lekstrom Tuesday morning and include measures that could give riders priority over profitability.

"The key point seems to be that instead of the commission office making sure the corporation is financially sustainable, their suggestion is that the Coastal Ferry Act put its users first," said Harold Swierenga, chair of Salt Spring's Ferry Advisory Committee.

"That, to me, is going to require a complete change of philosophy from the provincial government."

Swierenga said there are both surprises and expected points in the review. At the heart of the findings is the recommendation to keep fare increases in line with

inflation based on the Consumer Price Index, rather than requiring revenue from riders to cover capital expenditures, rising fuel costs and vessel replacements.

FERRY REVIEW continued on 4

Grow your WEALTH

EMD Nesbitt Burns

Joni Ganderton
Investment Advisor
250-537-1654

7 93573 8357 8

INSERTS

- Country Grocer
- Ganges Pharmasave
- Thrifty Foods
- Sears
- The Source
- Uptown Pizza
- Staples

email: driftwood@gulfislands.net 250.537.9933 website: www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com

INDEX

Arts.....	11	Expert Advice.....	18
Classifieds.....	19	Letters.....	9
Editorial.....	8	Sports.....	23
		What's On.....	16

North End Fitness

250-537-5217

BEDDIS ROAD GARAGE

Repairs to all makes & models

181A BEDDIS ROAD
250-537-4122

the islanders airline

Complimentary ground transportation to the main terminal

250.537.9880 saltspringair.com

Get your frequent flyer discount card, online or in the office

FALL/WINTER NOV 6TH TO JAN 31, (NO SERVICE 25/12 & 01/01)

Direct Ganges To Downtown: 7:55am daily (except sun) 10:30am daily 2:35am daily
Direct Ganges to Van airport: 7:55am Daily (except Sun) 10:30am daily 2:35pm Daily
Direct Van Airport to Ganges: 9:00am daily (except Sun) 11:35am Daily 3:40pm Daily
Direct Downtown to Ganges: 8:45am Daily (except Sun) 11:20am Daily 3:25pm Daily

HENRI PROCTER

250.537.1201

MACDONALD REALTY
SALT SPRING ISLANDS

realtysaltspringisland.com

DON'T BE LEFT IN THE DARK! Check our Honda Generators 1000 watts ~ 6500 watts

Winter Hours:
8:30am-5:00pm
Monday-Friday

Closed Weekends
January & February



HARBOURS END MARINE & EQUIPMENT

122 Upper Ganges Rd. at the head of Ganges Harbour Mon. - Fri. 8:30am - 5:00pm
closed weekends Jan. & Feb. 250-537-4202

Tide Tables

AT FULFORD HARBOUR

Pacific Standard Time - measured in feet
sponsored by Harbours End Marine & Equipment Ltd.

	TIME	HEIGHT m	HEIGHT ft		TIME	HEIGHT m	HEIGHT ft
JAN				SA	08:22	3.4	11.2
25	07:13	3.5	11.5		15:17	1.7	5.6
WE	12:56	2.3	7.5		20:59	2.4	7.9
	17:27	2.8	9.2				
26	00:09	0.9	3.0	29	01:50	1.9	6.2
TH	07:37	3.5	11.5	SU	08:44	3.3	10.8
	13:44	2.1	6.9		16:03	1.5	4.9
	18:28	2.7	8.9		22:44	2.4	7.9
27	00:43	1.2	3.9	30	02:21	2.2	7.2
FR	08:00	3.4	11.2	MO	09:06	3.2	10.5
	14:31	1.9	6.2		16:50	1.3	4.3
	19:37	2.5	8.2	31	01:11	2.5	8.2
28	01:17	1.6	5.2	TU	02:50	2.5	8.2
					09:30	3.2	10.5
					17:40	1.2	3.9

NEWSBEAT

Police and coroner's office investigate death

HARBOUR DEATH

continued from 1

docks on the northeastern side of Ganges Harbour. Legallou's body was spotted between his boat and the shoreline moments after Boychuk arrived.

"Our 35-foot tug went out to get the boat off the beach, and then my wife [Celine] brought the inflatable," he said.

Boychuk and his crew loaded Legallou onto the inflatable and took it to the coast guard dock.

Sgt. Jenkins said Legallou showed no signs of life at that point. He said CPR was conducted because nobody knew how long Legallou had been in the frigid water.

Mark Coulter watched much of the drama unfold from his trimaran moored close to the shoreline where Legallou's body was recovered.

"I saw the boat as it drifted underneath a dock on the northeastern shore of the harbour and called the coast guard on Channel 16," he said. "The water was too rough for me to get into my rowboat to do anything."

According to Coulter and many others who live and work by the water, Legallou was a reclusive individual who lived on his boat since the late 1990s.

"He was a pretty nice guy and pretty low-key guy," said



At left, Rick Legallou rows to his boat in Ganges Harbour (photo taken by John Cameron on Jan. 11, 2012) and Legallou in the Driftwood's Salt Spring Says feature on Jan. 4, 2012.



Coulter, who knew Legallou for nearly 20 years.

Coulter said Legallou built Sevens by hand in Calgary before moving to the West Coast. He said Legallou's ex-wife and daughter still live on the prairies.

The owner of a boat moored near Sevens last summer recalled having frequent dinghy races to the shore with Legallou. The man, who asked that he not be identified, said he often invited his neighbour over for tea.

"But that was never really his thing," he said.

Rod MacDonald, skipper of the Aqua Star 1, knew Legallou as a "quiet and reserved" harbour resident.

MacDonald spent most of Sunday on the water transporting BC Hydro crews throughout the southern Gulf Islands.

"It was rough and windy," MacDonald said. "There was a good sea running. We were out all night."

Outside his home office at Ganges Marina, Boychuk said he recorded gale-force winds of up to 47 knots, or roughly 85 kilometres per hour. Several weather warnings had been issued prior to Sunday's winds.

At its peak, the storm cut power to 2,500 BC Hydro customers in the Gulf Islands and up to 25,000 clients on Vancouver Island.

"It was a very intense storm," said Ted Olynky, BC Hydro's community relation's manager for the Vancouver Island region. "Usually they're centered in specific areas but this storm covered the whole east coast of the island."

The storm also caused havoc with travel plans as BC Fer-

ries was forced to cancel several sailings between the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island. Additional sailings were added to Monday's schedule to assist with the backlog of weekend travellers.

Heavy winds caused up to \$50,000 of damage to the docks at Ganges Marina and blew several vessels loose of their moorings. Boychuk said the task to retrieve Legallou was his 11th call of the morning.

Jenkins said police are working with staff from the coroner's office to recreate how Legallou ended up in the water.

"At this juncture we don't know what happened," Sgt. Jenkins said. "There's a number of things that could have happened."

RCMP say Legallou was not wearing a life jacket when his body was recovered.

Sear
SEAPLANES
Our Islands. Our World.

More daily flights home from the mainland

- 6 scheduled flights daily between Ganges and Vancouver Airport
- Newest, fastest and quietest Seaplane fleet in Canada
- **Free parking and free shuttle bus** to main YVR terminal and bus exchange
- Frequent flyer discount
- Charter flights available to other destinations, including USA.

For scheduled flight info please call

1-800-447-3247

or visit our website at

seairseaplanes.com



(Ganges ↔ Vancouver)

**Book your flight on-line and SAVE \$5.00
on a return trip airfare.**

(Vancouver ↔ Ganges)

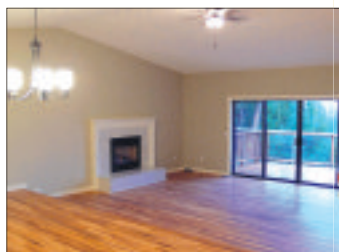
3 SPECIAL PROPERTIES! SEE LI...



Very private 3 bed, 3 bath home on easy care 1.85 acres. Wood stove, wood floors. Self-contained suite can be a mortgage helper or used by inlaws. Very close to town. A charmer!
LiRead.com/1696.htm \$649,000



Authentic oceanfront loghome, part of Maracaibo Estates, 3 bed, 3 bath, large living area, master suite with solarium, 2.71 acres. Shared access to dock, tennis, beaches, pool, & more!
LiRead.com/1378.htm \$1,090,000+share



New Listing! Oceanview home in Channel Ridge! Wood floors, new furnace, new deck, gas fireplace, 2 bed, 2 bath, Double garage. Sunny S/W/W exposures. Easy care property. Just move in! LiRead.com/1726.htm \$599,000

**SEA TO SKY
PREMIER
PROPERTIES
PLATINUM COLLECTION**

Li Read 250-537-7647
**New in 2012, Ed Davis joins as
Li's licensed assistant. Welcome!**
Call about our Boat Show presentation
LiRead33@Gmail.com www.liread.com



#4 - 105 Rainbow Road,
across from Ganges Marina



Newsbeat

Heads up!

Seniors Forum:

Monday, JANUARY 30
ArtSpring, 2 to 4 p.m.

IMMIGRATION

Salt Spring immigration battle gains important ally

Elizabeth May to aid island family's appeal

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A lengthy immigration process that began three years ago and then turned into an epic legal battle for a local woman may change at last with a promise of help from MP Elizabeth May.

"It's only since the new year that we've received any positive news," Jennifer Lannan said of her Nigerian husband Johnson Emekoba's immigration process, which seemingly ended with a rejection last August.

Lannan and Emekoba first met in South Korea in 2007. As she observes, their relationship was similar to many others: the couple met while out with friends, they lived in the same neighbourhood and they dated a while before falling in love. She was teaching English and he was running a textile export business. They were married in 2008.

Three years ago the pair thought about coming to Salt Spring for Christmas, so Emekoba was going to apply for a visitor's visa. Learning that Canadian officials don't like to issue these visas because of suspicions the applicant will stay on and work illegally, Emekoba decided to apply for immigrant status instead with Lannan as his sponsor.

In 2009 they started Emekoba's immigration process in Ghana, where all of English-speaking West Africa's applications are processed. One year later Emekoba was asked to return to Accra for an interview regarding the couple's relationship — and was optimistically told by an agent that he could go home and be with his wife pending a routine

criminal record check for his time spent in South Korea.

But as Lannan points out, the veracity of their relationship was never really a question, and the criminal record check was much more challenging than it seemed. It took them four countries and five consulates before it was accomplished. And in the end, it was being truthful about their situation that seemed to be their downfall.

**"We never lied
about anything
— that's what
really hurts me
about this
situation."**

JENNIFER LANNAN
*Separated from
husband by federal
immigration decision*

in Africa but for all types of non-Western nationals trying to enter South Korea, where corruption is rampant.

At the same time, as an eldest son Emekoba was facing enormous pressure to support his family. He's now put three siblings through university.

"It seems hard to understand in Canada, but they do overstay their visas," Lannan said.

"We never lied about anything — that's what really hurts me about this situation," Lannan said.

At issue was Emekoba's entry and exit from South Korea — he used someone else's information for a better chance of getting a business visa, on the advice of an agent he paid for help in Nigeria. Lannan said that is a common practice, not just



Jennifer Lannan and her son Gerard

"They don't want to go home. If you go to those places you can understand why they want to get out."

During the process Lannan conceived her son Gerard, now 11 months old and the perfect model of childhood happiness — but she probably wouldn't have thought about having a child if she had realized immigration law would keep Gerard separated from his father, whose entry visa was finally rejected last August after a two-year process.

Lannan feels the Canadian immigration system needs to be more careful about the applications it receives, and also said rejections should be communicated as early as possible. She knows of other couples who avoided the criminal record check by lying — stating they met on the internet or that their time in another country was shorter than six months, the period when the check

becomes required.

"We were honest about our relationship. That was of utmost importance to me," she said.

If she had known two years ago the application would be rejected, Lannan said she never would have returned to Salt Spring. She would probably be living in China with her husband right now, where he has moved the operational base of his export business. But since she did come back and now has a child, it's not so easy to disengage from the life she's built.

"You can't just walk away anymore," she said.

Lannan filed a request to appeal the rejection last September, and she has yet to receive a confirmation of the request, much less a date. But when something does get scheduled she'll have a strong ally on her side in Elizabeth May.

Lannan met with the Saanich-Gulf Islands MP's staff last fall and met May again in person when she visited Salt Spring last week. May has promised to attend an appeal as Lannan's representative, hoping her skills as a lawyer and her high profile will help make a positive impact.

In addition to one day reuniting her family, one of Lannan's main hopes is that Citizenship and Immigration Canada will start to make changes as recommended in the Auditor General's 2011 report.

"It took 24 months from start to finish to be rejected — that to me seems really extreme," she said.

Post your comment to this story
online at
www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com



News briefs

Water Council holds AGM on Friday

The Salt Spring Island Water Council will host its first annual AGM before the group's regular bi-monthly meeting on Friday morning at the Lions Hall.

Although all are welcome to attend as observers, participation at the AGM will be limited to the council's approximately 30 members, said Water Council coordinator Peter Lamb.

Lamb encourages everyone to stay for the council's regular meeting which he predicts will begin at around 11 a.m.

The meeting will feature a presentation on rainwater management from a member of the University of Victoria's POLIS Project. POLIS is a research-based think-tank that seeks to foster sustainable living strategies at the academic, political and community levels.

The meeting will also feature a discussion of the council's budget and an ongoing-project update.

The requirement to host an AGM is a consequence of the Water Council's incorporation as a registered society in July of 2011. The AGM begins at 10 a.m.

The Water Council's regular public meetings are held on the last Friday of every other month.

The group is one of the organizations that was at the root of conflict-of-interest allegations involving former CRD and Islands Trust representatives. A Supreme Court of British Columbia judge dismissed the charges in November and this month.

Cat sounds alarm bell

Adult care provider Tom Mitchell received help from an unlikely source one recent night when his charge experienced a small fall.

Mitchell and his friend Dominic, who spends most of his time in a wheelchair, had said goodnight and gone to their respective

rooms after a quiet night spent watching TV.

"After a while as I was beginning to doze off, I was brought mostly awake by a loud caterwauling noise," Mitchell said.

"In my half-awake state I thought some critter had come in the cat door and was spooking Elsie, our large, elderly and affectionate ginger cat."

After lying in bed a few seconds hoping the noise would stop and he could get back to falling asleep, Mitchell reluctantly gave in when the noise continued. He went to see what could be wrong.

"To my dismay and surprise there was Dominic on his hands and knees on his bedroom floor and, due to arthritis in both hips,

unable to get up," Mitchell said.

Dominic's condition made him unable to call for help himself, and Elsie kept up with the noise until her owner was out of his room.

"If she had not woken me up, my friend would have spent a long night on his knees. Three cheers for Elsie the caring cat," Mitchell said.

Wordsmiths ready for spelling bee fundraiser

Contestants are flexing their thinking muscles in preparation for a team Spelling Bee event ben-

efiting high school sports that takes place this Friday, Jan. 27 at GISS.

Starting at 7 p.m., the event will have teams vying for a trophy and bragging rights as the island's reigning intellectuals as well as fabulous prizes donated by local businesses.

The quiz itself will be in 10 sections (eight spelling, one math and one general knowledge) and most questions will be answered by the team, on paper. Scott Hylands and Shilo Zylbergold will be the quizmasters, keeping things moving and amusing.

Everyone is welcome to watch the event and give a donation for coffee/cookies or other food.

Flights from \$85

Offering exclusive WebSaver rates.

Daily flights between Ganges Harbour and Downtown Vancouver.

harbourair.com | 250.537.5525 | 1.800.665.0212

Are you living on income from your investments?

Are they tax efficient?

Call a trusted local professional!

Martin Hoogerdyk, CFP
Investment Advisor
Manulife Securities Incorporated, Member CIPF
tel: 250-537-1730

Manulife Securities Inc. is a registered securities dealer in British Columbia. It is a subsidiary of Manulife Financial Corporation, a company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Grace Point Square
martin.hoogerdyk@manulifesecurities.ca
www.manulifesecurities.ca

Manulife Securities
MANULIFE SECURITIES INCORPORATED

I will help you design your dream home

Dennis Maguire Architect
Part of the Community since 1965

website: www.dmarchitect.ca
email: dmaguire@dmarchitect.ca



Complete Automotive Repairs

- Hydraulic hoses
- Electronic engine analysis
- Tune ups • Oil changes
- Four wheel drive service
- Suspension shocks and struts
- Fuel injection • Tires



HAROLD HARKEMA REPAIRS
427 Fulford-Ganges Rd. • 537-4559 • Mon. - Fri. 8-5

flocking off to Mexico

SALE

70% off the stuff we are sick of looking at.

Everything in the store

She's gone for 2 weeks... Deals Everywhere!

Check it Out!

Love My Kitchen
FINE COOKWARE & ACCESSORIES
149 FULFORD-GANGES RD • 250.537.5882






NEWSBEAT

WATERWORKS

Churchill Road ratepayer opposes waterworks district's 'weird logic'

Parcel tax questions arise before NSSWD meeting

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A North Salt Spring Waterworks District property owner is at the forefront of a rising tide of frustrated ratepayers who say the utility's parcel tax is unfair and too high.

Donna Dobson decided to speak up when she noticed the parcel tax portion of her annual water bill increased 91 per cent between 2006 and 2012.

"If I was investing my money, I'd like that kind of return," she said.

Dobson said her fixed pension makes it difficult for her to keep up with what feels like never-ending annual parcel tax increases. She realizes residents must pay for the service, but wants to know why there have been so many consecutive increases.

"We don't really know what it's all about, so why should we support it?" Dobson said.

Since she received her bill on Jan. 1, the Churchill Road

resident has written to the district, consulted with neighbours and made plans to outline her grievances at the NSSWD's next trustees meeting on Feb. 22.

To make matters worse, Dobson said, the district's policy of basing its parcel tax rate on property size puts single individuals like herself at a disadvantage.

"By some weird logic we are billed according to the land size," Dobson wrote in a Jan. 14 letter addressed to the NSWD. "I have over two acres but only a third is in use. If we had to be taxed it might have made more sense to base it on the number of people living on the property. Why should I be penalized by the size of my lot, when I live alone and consume very little water?"

The NSSWD collects roughly 60 per cent of its annual revenue through ratepayers' parcel tax, according to general manager Trevor Hutton.

In 2006, Hutton said, board members voted to increase the amount of funds it put towards a capital reserve fund for future improvements and upgrades. Creation of the capital reserve fund is intended

to handle unanticipated cost overruns or emergency works. "Most people are well aware of what's happening in some other water districts. A lot of that is because of no reserve fund," he said.

"Why should I be penalized by the size of my lot, when I live alone and consume very little water?"

DONNA DOBSON
NSSWD ratepayer

Commissioners are trying to "catch up" on their capital reserve funding as the district tries to keep pace with rising maintenance and operating costs.

"Although we put our rates up, the cost of doing business keeps going up," Hutton said.

He added that billing people according to the size of their property is approved

by the province's Ministry of Finance and is a commonly accepted practice across B.C.

Hutton said increased water conservation and the installation of more water-efficient fixtures in ratepayers' homes and businesses have resulted in lower consumption revenue during the past five years, a trend that has put additional upward pressure on parcel tax levels.

The parcel tax is not based on the number of people who live on the site because of the difficulty inherent in the collection of such relatively unstable data, he said.

"We have to collect the money. The bottom line is that we are trying to do it the fairest way possible," Hutton said. "Different districts do it in different ways, but the one we're using is fairly general."

Annual NSSWD parcel tax rates are based on four property size categories: up to one acre, one to five acres, five to 10 acres and more than 10 acres. According to the NSSWD website, parcel tax rates for varying land categories are \$284, \$304, \$327 and \$348, respectively. The 2012 rate for Dobson's two-acre property is \$334.

Tying rate hikes to inflation one of ferry commissioner's proposals

FERRY REPORT
continued from 1

"In truth, we think a CPI limit on price caps is necessary to the sustainability of the ferry system itself," Macatee stated at a news conference early Tuesday, noting that a one per cent drop in ridership equals \$5 million in lost revenue.

"There's a tipping point [in fare increases] that's been reached."

Two recommendations that have been called for by the Ferry Advisory Committee Chairs and the Islands Trust are to re-allow the cross-subsidization of minor routes by the profitable major routes, and to remove the goal of "greater reliance on a user-pay system" from the act.

Projecting funding shortfalls that start at \$58 million for fiscal year 2012/13 and rise as high as \$143 million by Performance Term Five, the commissioner identified "seven moving parts" that would help make up the difference if the CPI limit is put in place. Increased government subsidies, as expected, was one part of the proposed solution. Switching fuel to natural gas, moving to a reservations-based system and new marketing initiatives are also among the recommendations.



PHOTO BY TOM FLETCHER

BC Ferry Commissioner Gordon Macatee.

The review further suggests that ferry use capacity could be improved and that users who want affordable fares will have to compromise with a reduction in service levels through the elimination of underused sailings.

That's not an unreasonable request, Swierenga said, noting some sailings go ahead with more crew members than passengers on board. While some people will complain, "it's the question of doing the greater good for the whole ferry system."

Mouat's Trading president Kevin Bell has publicly voiced the opinion that BC Ferries should be funded in line with other transit systems, stating declining ridership over the past few years has meant significant losses to coastal communities like Salt Spring.

"I think it's a terrific report and its recommendations are very good," Bell said after reading the review on Tuesday. He added the idea that the ferry system should be run as a public service rather than a business is a "180 degree turn" from the official viewpoint held since 2003.

"I really hope the communities and these ferry-dependent islands get behind the report and ask the government to implement as many of the recommendations as possible."

Swierenga said there's no telling how long it might take for Lekstrom to speak to the review's recommendations, but the FAC chairs hope to schedule a meeting with the minister in the next few weeks.

"Our next job is to make sure we get the benefit of the recommendations," he said.

"Where it goes from here is the question, because the commissioner does not get to make the decisions."

The commissioner's entire report can be accessed online at www.bcferrycommission.com.

Post your comment to this story online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com

Flying out of Victoria for your winter getaway? We make it easy.

If you've got an early flight, stay the night before with us from only \$109 – and park your car for just \$5 per day while you're away.

We're just 10 minutes from Victoria International Airport.

Stay, Park'n Fly
BOOK NOW \$109*
FROM:
+ \$5 per night parking

* Single/Double | Valid January 1 - March 31, 2012 | Subject to availability

For information call toll free 1 866 659 9445 • 9805 Seaport Place, Sidney

THE
SIDNEY
PIER
HOTEL & SPA
www.sidneypier.com

NEWSBEAT

MARINE RESPONSE

Classic vessel saved from snow load

110-foot Tyee in jeopardy

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The owner of an island-based marine salvage company advises boat owners to pay close attention to their boats during times of heavy snow-fall or freezing rain in the wake of a close call in Ganges Harbour last week.

Nick Boychuk said he believes an accumulation of snow may have been responsible for nearly bringing down a 110-foot vessel moored near the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club on the night of Jan. 18.

"It was sinking and there was probably 10 feet of water inside."

NICK BOYCHUK
Eagle Eye Vessel Assist

Boychuk and his family were among the first to arrive on scene after he received reports of a vessel in distress at approximately 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 18.

By the time they neared the Tyee, the 110-foot former fishing boat was clearly far lower in the water than usual.

"It was sinking and there was probably 10 feet of water inside," Boychuk said.

Boychuk, his spouse Celine and their son Justin received additional assistance from a pair of good Samaritans who helped them pump out the boat.

Although he's unsure how much diesel fuel, oil and hydraulic fluid was on the ship, Boy-

chuk is certain there was enough to cause significant damage.

"I'd hate to see that thing cause a huge spill," Boychuk said. "Once a boat goes down it's a huge problem, instead of going out there for a few hours (to pump it out)."

"One engine holds 25 litres of diesel and that's just what's in the engine. Any amount of fuel in the water sort of magnifies the problem."

The incident did not result in any contamination of the surrounding waters, Boychuk said.

The ship's owner is said to have reported the incident when he arrived home on Wednesday evening. Boychuk suspects the preceding days' snow-fall weighed down the vessel and allowed water to seep into the hull through boards normally well above the water line. He said the phenomenon is especially common among older wooden boats.

Recent conditions have kept salvage companies like Boychuk's Eagle Eye Marine Services busy throughout coastal B.C. since early last week.

"We're like the BCAA of the water," he said.

Last week's incident aboard the Tyee was the only such call reported in Ganges Harbour, he added.

Although efforts to save the Tyee are all in a day's work for Boychuk and his family, he said no payment is expected.

"It's one of those things you do for the community," he said.

Boychuk recommends boat owners clear off snow and ice from their vessels before any significant accumulation. He said rigging a tarp over the boat during such times is not advised.



PHOTO BY LARRY MELOUS

GOOD RIDDANCE: A Mainroad truck and plow clear Lower Ganges Road last Wednesday, after the island was hit by several centimetres of snow. Cold temperatures followed the dump, which weekend rains then washed away.

WATER QUALITY

Lake expert discusses drinking water threats

Rick Nordin addresses public Sunday

With Salt Spring drinking water lakes experiencing blooms of toxin-producing cyanobacteria in recent years, the question inevitably arises: Are Salt Spring lakes in trouble?

Noted B.C. lake expert Rick Nordin will address that issue when he speaks at the Salt Spring Water Preservation Society annual general meeting on Sunday, Jan. 29 at 2:30 p.m. at the Harbour House Hotel.

His presentation will discuss how Salt Spring's drinking water lakes are affected by the introduction of non-native plants and animals, by human-caused disturbances in the watershed and by climate change and what people can do to protect island lakes.

"Salt Spring's drinking water lakes have been of interest to Nordin since the 1970s when, as a scientist with the Ministry of Environment, he was consulted regarding serious algal blooms on St. Mary Lake," states a SSWPS press release. "He continued to help Salt Spring by assisting the Cusheon Lake Stewardship Committee to start

their lake monitoring program and by advising on the Cusheon Lake Watershed Management Plan. Over the years, he has been a much-valued resource to professionals and volunteers working to understand and protect Salt Spring's drinking water lakes."

Nordin is also a retired senior research scientist and instructor at the University of Victoria's Department of Biology.

The whole community is welcome to attend Nordin's talk free of charge.

The Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society is the oldest environmental organization on Salt Spring, working to protect the island's fresh water resources since 1982. In 1994, the society won a case in the Supreme Court of Canada that established the precedent that communities nationwide can declare their lakes "electric motor only" for the purpose of preventing pollution.

The society also owns and manages 272 forested acres on the slopes west of St. Mary Lake now under the protection of a conservation covenant.

For more information, contact the society at ssiwps@gmail.com.

SALES REPRESENTATIVE

The successful candidate must have excellent organizational skills, the ability to build relationships with clients and offer superior customer service. The winning candidate will be a team player and will be called upon to grow an existing account list with a cold calling mandate. The ability to work in an extremely fast-paced environment with a positive attitude is a must. Previous sales experience is required and media sales would be a preferred asset.

This is a commission position and offers a great work environment as well as a benefits package.

Driftwood Gulf Islands Media, includes Gulf Islands Driftwood, Gulf Islands Real Estate, Gulf Islands Aqua, The Gulf Island Visitors Guide, and gulfislandsdriftwood.com as well as many other features and specials.

Those interested in applying should submit their resumé no later than Friday January 27th, 2012 to:

Amber Ogilvie
Driftwood Gulf Islands Media
aogilvie@driftwoodgimmedia.com

Driftwood

Bookkeeping, Payroll and Tax Services

David Waddington
Certified QuickBooks ProAdvisor

QuickBooks Setup and Training

Personalized Tutoring • Ongoing Support

Specializing In Small Business

537-0854
105-B Hereford Ave

START 2012 OFF RIGHT!

1 Month
4 Personal Training sessions
24 hour access swipe card
Only \$79

Please call the gym for details
livingstrongstudios.ca
250.931.5483
120 HEREFORD AVE.

LIVING
STRONG
STUDIO

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

We would like to recognize the following people and businesses who, with their generosity, have helped Salt Spring Hospice renovate their meeting/office space so that it is a more healthy and welcoming place to gather.

Mike Stefanski and Ken Marr
from WINDSOR PLYWOOD
Moriah and David Boone of
FRANKLY SCARLET JEWELLERY
Tracy and Andrew Little from
GANGES FLOOR COVERINGS
Mark Rithaler and staff of
SLEGG CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS LTD.
Eduard Andringa and Dan Logan of
ELEMENTS HOME DESIGN
RICHARD and ROSE MURAKAMI
Rick Traer and staff of POLARIS PLUMBING
MARTIN O'NEIL FLOOR INSTALLATIONS
LLOYD NICHOLSON
Kevin Hale of RONA - Duncan Store
SS LIONS CLUB

We also acknowledge donations of items and time from many Hospice Volunteers. This has helped to create space that when furnished will welcome all those in our community who may look to HOSPICE for help and support.

Salt Spring Hospice

250.537.2770
www.saltspringhospice.org
Office located @ #203 Upper Ganges Centre
(above Golden Restaurant)
Mail: Box 521, Ganges PO, V8K 2W2



Free Seniors Information Forum

Everyone welcome

Artspring Gallery

Monday, 2 - 4 pm

January 30, 2012

(Doors open at 1:30)

Refreshments provided



Speakers:

Andrew Brown, Executive Director; Braehaven & Greenwood's
Maureen O'Brien, Administrator; Meadowbrook
Teron Wolf, General Manager; Heritage Place
Come to hear what services, eligibility criteria, subsidies, etc. apply in each case.

James Pasuta, Barrister & Solicitor

In September 2011 legislation relating to Power of Attorney and Representation Agreements changed. Hear how these important changes may affect you.

THERE WILL BE TIME FOR QUESTIONS FOLLOWING EACH SPEAKER.

SPONSORED BY

To plan for seating, please RSVP
the number in your party attending to:
office@HeritagePlace.info
or call 250-537-8340

Heritage Place
FOR SENIORS

Salt Spring Island Community Services


268 Fulford-Ganges Rd.
250-537-9971
www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca

COUNSELLING SERVICES ARE FREE

- Counselling Services:** Short-term counselling for adults, youth and families.
- Alcohol and Drug Program:** Prevention and treatment service is free and confidential.
- Family Place:** Baby Talk & Breastfeeding Support: Mon. 10:30-12
Stay & Play Drop-In: Fri. 10-1 & Tues/Thurs. 12-3
Parent-Child Mother Goose: Wed. 10-12, Fernwood Elementary
- Let's Do Brunch:** Tuesday, 9:30am - 12:30pm
- Food Bank:** Open Tuesday, 11am - 4pm
- The Wall:** Indoor Rock Climbing Gym, open Thurs. & Sun. 6:30-9:30 pm. Information: ahasenfratz@gmail.com or 250-537-8970
- Recycle Depot:** Open Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm, 349 Rainbow Rd., 250-537-1200.
- Seniors Wellness Programs:** Call Sharon Glover, 250-537-4607.
- Emergency Mental Health Services:** Available 4 pm to midnight at Lady Minto Hospital. Call 250-538-4840
- 24-hr. Crisis Line:** Toll free: 1-866-386-6323. Caller is connected with the Need Crisis Centre in Victoria.


News Updates

Follow the Driftwood on Twitter
<http://twitter.com/GIDriftwood>



Chinese New Year DINNER SPECIAL

The Year of the Dragon



\$22.95 per person plus HST
By Reservation Only

Friday, Jan. 27 • Saturday, Jan. 28
 Sunday, Jan. 29 • Monday, Jan. 30

Golden Island RESTAURANT
 Upper Ganges Centre • 250-537-2535

NEWSBEAT

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Limited data produces snapshot of Gulf Islands students' achievement

Reading comprehension, numeracy targeted

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A report on Gulf Islands student achievement levels for the current school year suggests numeracy and deeper levels of reading comprehension are areas to focus on improving, while basic reading comprehension and writing are strong.

District superintendent Jeff Hopkins released a preliminary version of the annual Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement at School District 64's last monthly board meeting. Hopkins said while the report is basically a "snapshot update" on the more detailed goals set out in the achievement contract published every July, this year provided less information than usual because teacher job action had removed report card data from the analysis.

"There's no surprises," Hop-

kins said of the information gleaned.

"We are happy to see continuing gains in numeracy at the Grade 7 level and continuing gains in reading at all levels — but it's frustrating not to be able to see as much as we would like to."

Hopkins said achievement goals are usually based on very specific targets, identified by report card results. This time around limited information about student performance trends was taken from Foundation Skills Assessment tests, the DART reading diagnostic and provincial exam data.

"This is just a snapshot and that's all it's intended to be," he concluded.

"It's a good instrument for getting people to ask questions, and that's its role. We do like people to ask questions."

Comparing FSA data over a 10-year period, Gulf Islands students have apparently improved Grade 7 numeracy over the past five years, shown long-term improvements in Grade 4 reading and long-term results in

Grade 7 writing. Students from grades 3 to 9 showed strength in reading comprehension, analysis and reading strategies, while provincial exam results for English 12 showed "significant improvement" over the past three years.

Areas needing improvement are reading comprehension skills, with identifying "complex inferences" and "explaining significance" noted as challenges for grades 3 to 9.

Math levels were another area to be improved, with an "apparent cohort" showing numeracy levels had declined from the time they were in Grade 4 to Grade 7. As well, students writing the Math 10 exam did better in 2010-11 than the previous year but overall there was a steady decline in percentile over the four years prior.

Hopkins said FSA results are not entirely reliable, however, because the tests have not been statistically standardized and can vary from year to year. The results are further skewed by the ministry's practice of including students who did not take

the test as "not meeting expectations" rather than removing them from the data pool.

Hopkins said a number of island families do not send their kids to school on FSA test days for philosophical reasons. Around 16 kids did not take the tests last year, which he said can have a huge effect on a small student population. For example, ministry numbers show SD64 FSA results for reading in 2011 at 59 per cent meeting or exceeding expectations at the Grade 7 level. Removing those who did not take the exam, the number becomes 80 per cent.

In terms of strategies, Hopkins said "literature circles" in the classroom are highly effective because they help kids break out of reading in isolation and take cues from stronger readers.

"We intend to deepen and continue that practice," he said.

"We're also making sure we are really personalizing the learning — not assuming students are all in the same place even though they've all read the same thing and answered the same questions."

CRIME

Police arrest suspects in Robin Wood murder case near Melaque, Mexico

Two 18-year-olds in custody

A spokesperson for the Jalisco state attorney general's office is reported to have confirmed that Mexican police have taken two 18-year-old men into custody in connection with the murder of Salt Spring's Robin Wood.

Various media reported last week that Lino Gonzalez said

Jorge Luis Murillo Torres and Ernesto Manuel Esparza Leon were arrested last week at a bus depot near the seaside town of Melaque, approximately 200 kilometres south of Puerto Vallarta.

A third suspect is still being pursued.

Gonzalez has told the media that evidence against the two men includes eye-witness statements, "personal declarations" and a

reconstruction of the crime.

Police are reported to have "reconstructed" the incident with suspects on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Wood was shot at close range on Jan. 3 by thieves who had broken into the home of Salt Spring's Arvid Chalmers. Wood was visiting Chalmers' property after the pair had attended a fundraising concert in a nearby

town.

One of the suspects is alleged to have shot Wood during a brief scuffle in the home at around 1:30 a.m. Wood died while in transit to a nearby hospital.

A celebration of Wood's life was held at Beaver Point Hall on Jan. 14.

Wood was a long-time Salt Spring resident who had resided in Puerto Vallarta for the last few years.



The BEST GIC Rates!

Rates as of Jan. 23, 2012

Our best 5 year rate!		TODAY'S BEST GIC RATES	
2.76%*		RRSP Eligible	
KEEP YOUR NEST EGG!	Term	Average 5 Yr Rate	GIC Direct's Best Rate
 <p>Mafalda Hoogerdijk, EPC INSURANCE BROKER SALT SPRING INSURANCE SERVICES Grace Point Square 250.537.1730 mafalda@saltspringinsurance.ca</p> <p>For more information and rates www.saltspringinsurance.ca</p>	1 yr	1.19%	2.50%
	2 yrs	1.22%	2.25%
	3 yrs	1.34%	2.35%
	4 yrs	1.52%	2.45%
	5 yrs	1.81%	2.76%

*Rates subject to change without notice. †Fig. refers to average rates taken from IRMO, Scotia Bank, CIBC, Royal Bank, and TD for respective terms.

VICTORIA . VANCOUVER . KAMLOOPS . KELOWNA

"Accent Inns offers quality where it counts and a \$10 savings, EVERY stay.

B-I-N-G-O!"



Accent Inns

HOW WILL YOU SPEND YOUR SAVINGS?

Mention this ad and

SAVE \$10

off our competitive best available rate!

Reserve NOW | www.accentinns.com | 1.800.663.0298

TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE

Personal Clearing & Introduction to Facilitation Workshop

2 day weekend workshop Jan 28th and 29th

For those who want to transform their lives:

- Why do we constantly repeat actions and behaviours that do not serve us?
- Why does our body regenerate unhealthy cells?
- Why do we have genetic predispositions to certain illnesses or situations?
- Learn how to reprogram your bodymind
- Clear whatever is keeping you from innate health, wisdom and abundance
- Become the limitless being that you are!

FREE INTRO - THURS. JAN. 26th at 6pm
 at Still Point Yoga Studio (behind Harbour House)

with Maureen Mason Edwardson, Author of
 "Your Magical Evolutionary Code Unleashed - The Science of Inner Resonance"



For info contact: Chental Wilson at 250-930-7655 or 250-537-6835 or by email: chentalwilson@yahoo.ca • www.innerresonance.com

Inner Resonance Technologies
 Beyond Belief: Creating New Realities

NEWSBEAT

PATHWAYS

Islanders urged to aid path plans

Lower Ganges Road extension next project on the list

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Community group Island Pathways is hoping Salt Spring residents will unite their desire for more community trails with much-needed financial support following the launch of a new fundraising campaign.

Jean Gelwicks, chair of Island Pathways' Partners Creating Pathways committee, said everywhere she goes people tell her how happy they are with the group's existing work. Then they make some suggestions about where future paths are needed.

"They're all really good places, and Island Pathways would love to build pathways everywhere. About the only thing stopping us is money," Gelwicks said. "Pathways are not cheap — especially if you build them so they need little maintenance and will last for a long time."

Gelwicks said the non-profit group mounted a community fundraising drive when it first launched, but since then has relied mainly on grants, which it has been successful at obtaining. Recently, however, funding sources have been drying up.

"There's been more and more nonprofit

groups going after the same limited funds, and last year we didn't get enough to build the pathways we wanted to," Gelwicks said, adding that of three projects planned, only one short one went ahead.

For example, building permits and design plans for the group's next priority, a pathway along Lower Ganges Road between Sharp and Booth Canal, are in place and ready to go, but around \$50,000 must be found before the project can continue.

In the meantime, Gelwicks said a bridge that is part of the project will be started once the weather improves. The engineering work was donated and Slegg Lumber has supplied the lumber with a partial donation.

Other items on the group's to-do list include extending the Upper Ganges pathway that was put in to Churchill Road last year so that it continues all the way to Long Harbour Road, and bringing the Atkins pathway all the way down that road and around the corner as far as the high school.

Anyone who can help with a donation is asked to pick up a Step Up for Safe Pathways form at Salt Spring Books or to call 250-537-4859 so that one can be sent by mail. The group is also looking for a crew of volunteers who think building a bridge would be fun, and for general pathway building.



PHOTO BY LARRY MELIGUS

SCOTTISH PRIDE: Salt Spring Pipes and Drums members get the blood flowing at the annual Burns supper event at the Legion on Friday night, where the beloved haggis was also toasted and enjoyed.

ISLANDS TRUST

Trust seeks opinions on budget proposal

Deadline set for March 1

The Islands Trust has proposed spending \$63,000 more in the 2012-13 budget year and wants to hear what the public has to say about the plan.

Trust Council's financial planning committee is recommending that a \$6.9-million budget be adopted, which would mean a one per cent increase in property taxes to fund Trust operations. For the owner of a property assessed at \$450,000, the increase would be \$3.

A council press release outlines projects it hopes to fund in the coming year:

- Review and update of the Islands Trust Policy Statement, adopted in 1994. The Islands Trust has applied for a grant for the extensive community consultation that would be required for this project. If a grant is offered and Trust Council decides to proceed with the review at its March quarterly meeting, the grant would minimize the impact on property taxes.
- Compliance with provincial

requirements under the Riparian Areas Regulation. Funding to continue the work to bring the Islands Trust Area into compliance includes public consultation to develop necessary bylaws, and mapping streams where the regulation would apply.

- Increases to the remuneration for trustees elected in 2011. A revised remuneration bylaw was passed by Trust Council last year.

- Significant improvements to the management and accessibility of Trust records. In 2011 a new system replaced a 30-year-old system to ensure efficient tracking and retrieval of documents required by the public, trustees, staff and other parties. The two-year implementation plan for the new system will be completed in 2012-2013.

For more details about the proposed budget, see www.islandstrust.bc.ca, which also describes where to send input by the March 1 deadline, or visit the Salt Spring, Gabriola or Victoria Islands Trust offices.

A final decision will be made at the March 6 to 8 Trust Council meeting on Gabriola Island.

Wines, Beers, Ciders & Coolers.

ON PREMISES WINE AND BEER MAKING

AT
THE *Wine Cellar*



Harry & Gerry

131 PRICE ROAD • 250 931 1963
TUES. - SAT. 12:30 - 4:30 OR BY APPT.

ON CALL & ON TIME

Our Island's
only Interprovincial
Journeyman Glaziers



TROY KAYE

- Auto Glass
- Residential & Commercial
- Aluminum Fabrication
- Custom Skylights
- Mirrors & Shower Doors
- Custom Sunrooms

Free Estimates
Your "clear" choice for glass.



Kapa Kai Glass
250-653-4148

Are YOU in the directory?

To advertise in the next SSI directory
Please call 250-537-2000 or email
lionsdirectory@telus.net

To add a new listing or change
your current listing
Deadline is February 15, 2012

We do not get automatic changes
from Telus or Shaw so it is up to
you to add or update your listing.



Lions Publications

INSIDE SALES/ ADMIN ASSISTANT

Driftwood Gulf Islands Media has an immediate opening for an inside sales and administrative assistant

We're looking for someone who enjoys working with the public in a busy office environment. Experience in sales is an asset and previous administrative experience essential. Proficiency in MS Office and experience with Macintosh a must. This is a salary plus commission position, a benefit program is available.

Driftwood Gulf Islands Media, includes Gulf Islands Driftwood, Gulf Islands Real Estate, Gulf Islands Aqua, The Gulf Island Visitors Guide, and gulfislandsdriftwood.com as well as many other features and specials.

Those interested in applying should submit their resume no later than
Friday January 27th, 2012 to:

Amber Ogilvie
Driftwood Gulf Islands Media
aogilvie@driftwoodgimmedia.com

Driftwood
DRIFTWOOD GULF ISLANDS MEDIA

*Model shown is a 2012 Outback 2.5i 6MT (4D) (P) with MSRP of \$31,105 including freight & PDI (H. 2012), destination fees (\$385) and air and tire levies (\$20). License, taxes, insurance and registration extra. **2.9% finance and lease rates available on all new 2012 Outback models for a 24-month term. Financing and leasing programs available through Toyota Credit Canada Inc. or approved credit. Dealers may sell for less.

THE NEW 2012 OUTBACK

2012 Outback 2.5i

Snow. Mobile.

Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive. Traction Control. Go.

STANDARD FEATURES: • 8.7 inches of ground clearance • Symmetrical full-time AWD • 170HP BOXER engine • 6-speed manual transmission with Hill Holder system • Heated front seats • Driver and front passenger front- and side-impact airbags • Air Conditioning • And more.

Incomparably equipped from **\$31,105***

Lease/Finance
24 mos., as low as
2.9%**



SUBARU



SAUNDERS SUBARU
1-888-849-3091 • 1784 Island Highway

Drop by today...
Coffee is always on!

DLR6932

www.saunders.subarudealer.ca

Opinion



Gold - Feature Series (Affordable Housing)
Gold - Outstanding Reporter Initiative (Sean McIntyre - Housing Series)
Gold - Ad Design (Soapworks) | Gold - Special Section (50th Anniversary)
Silver - Editorial Page | Bronze - General Excellence
Bronze - Community Newspaper Magazine (Gulf Islands)
2011 Canadian Community Newspapers Association Awards
Gold - Photo Essay (Day in the Life)
Gold - Special Section (Driftwood 50th Anniversary)
Bronze - General Excellence | Bronze - Ad Design (Soapworks)
Bronze - Special Publication (Gulf Islands)
2011 BC & Yukon Community Newspapers Association Awards



EDITORIAL

Charting a new course

In September 2011, B.C. Ferry Commissioner Gord Macatee was on Salt Spring as part of a coastal tour that sought public opinion on the fallout from increasing ferry costs.

His visit happened to coincide with a meeting of Trust Council, a quarterly gathering of Islands Trust officials who represent the breadth of the ferry dependent Gulf Islands. The words of elected officials who spoke of the ferry fares' economic and social consequences on each of their island communities amplified the voices of more than 50 Salt Spring residents who chimed in with similar themes.

By the time Macatee embarked on his tour, escalating ferry fares had grown to become endured like a tired joke or a nasty habit. Despite the familiar refrain and rising apathy, more than

THE ISSUE:

Ferry Commission CFA Review

WE SAY:

Bang-on report needs province's response

2,000 people who attended the commissioner's 40 official meetings appear to have delivered a clear message.

Their recurring calls for greater affordability, accountability and financial sustainability led the commissioner to note, in his BC Ferry Commission's Review of the Coastal Ferry Act

released on Tuesday, that ferry fares have reached a "tipping point of affordability" that "impose significant hardship on ferry dependent communities."

The final report outlines no fewer than 31 recommendations the BC Ferry Commission feels are needed to restore BC Ferries.

Among highlights is a call to consider the interests of ferry users by capping fare hikes to the rate of inflation and getting the province and municipal governments to contribute more money to the quasi-crown corporation.

It's as if, nearly a decade after B.C. Ferries was given the water wings to float on its own as a private corporation, the BC Ferry Commission has tossed it a life ring.

With no election anywhere on the horizon, it will be interesting to see if the province and BC Ferries can overlook their ideologies about running BC Ferries as a private for-profit corporation and heed the commission's suggestions to restore a service that is desperately important to the livelihoods and well-being of so many island residents.

Otherwise we may need to invite Macatee back to the island for another round.



Trustees on right recycling track

BY JOHN WILCOX

While I respect Rod Martens as a colleague and fellow member of Salt Spring's market garden community, I cannot share his vehement condemnation of the recent actions of the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee and of John Quesnel and his metal recycling business, which Rod calls a junkyard. (See "Dangerous precedent" letter on Page 9 of this paper; also published online last week.)

While I too appreciate showing respect for law and order, Rod needs to know the history of the order of the law by which Salt Spring's Land Use Bylaw 355 was brought into existence when he calls for respect of a law.

Would Rod come down as hard on the Farmers' Institute and our Island Natural Growers land use committee if he knew how our farm community also contested this bylaw? Our committee condemned it as a fundamentally flawed ordinance.

The order by which the law was enacted exposes the problem. It's not just a zoning bylaw that John Quesnel is contending with. It is a bylaw many citizens of Salt Spring contested before it was enacted. LUB 355 reduced and made many normal farm practices on Salt Spring illegal. It's not just a law to outlaw what Rod calls a junkyard in a residential neighbourhood.

Had Rod really heard the trustees' reasoning for not terminating Quesnel's operation immediately, perhaps his opinion and commentary would have been more moderate. Rod needs to know of the common sense allowance that asks for more time by which to either have the operation changed to accommodate the concerns of other residents of the countryside or to create new zoning onto which this essential island business can be moved.

Respect for Bylaw 355 does come into question here. It must be remembered that on the day Bylaw 355 was passed (June 28, 2001), it was given third reading without allowing the Farmers' Institute and Island Natural Growers land use committee and

VIEWPOINT

other concerned citizens to consider its final draft changes before it was passed. Citizens, by provincial law, were supposed to have been allowed consideration and input on the final draft of the bylaw before it was enacted. This opportunity was disallowed by our local Trust committee.

Our first access to this official legislation (the province's largest omnibus bylaw in history) was only allowed after the chair of the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee, David Essig of Thetis Island, held his copy aloft at the front of the council chamber declaring that he had not read the thing. Did anyone want his copy? On behalf of our agricultural land use committee I raced to the front and now own the copy of the bylaw David professed that day.

Is Rod's condemnation of our trustees acceptable here? Common sense, not disrespect for the law, appears to be what is behind the trustees' decision to work things out. Should a law, passed as it was in this way, by an agency which denied due process to its citizens even stand? It is relevant, as demonstrated at enactment, that the chair of the council professed in public not to know what he was voting to enact. Should such a law passed this way even command normal law and order respect?

Even without an appreciation of such irresponsible action for due process which attended the creation of this law, the trustees did the right common-sense thing in allowing more time to facilitate a solution to the island's recycling problem. It came out at the meeting that few, if any, of our existing waste transfer stations are operating on land zoned for such a purpose. It's important to remember the rationale for such a zoning anomaly. Garbage and recycling are Salt Spring's biggest and most important export.

The writer has lived on Salt Spring since 1973.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do current ferry rates inhibit your travel plans?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should the Trust give help to SS Metal Recycling?

149 YES 153 NO

Driftwood

Published every Wednesday by Driftwood Publishing Ltd.
Tony Richards, MANAGING DIRECTOR
328 Lower Ganges Rd., Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3
Phone: 250-537-9933 Fax: 250-537-2613 Toll Free: 1-877-537-9934
Email: inquiries@gulfislandsdriftwood.com Website: www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday

Subscription Rates: In the Gulf Islands \$53.20* Elsewhere in Canada \$89.60* Foreign: \$235.00* Digital Edition: \$53.20 anywhere | Prices include HST | *Includes digital edition



We acknowledge the financial support of the Government of Canada through the Canada Periodical Fund of the Department of Canadian Heritage.
International Standards Serial Number 1198-7782



Amber Ogilvie
PUBLISHER
aogilvie@gulfislandsdriftwood.com



Gail Sjuberg
MANAGING EDITOR
news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com



Lorraine Sullivan
PRODUCTION MANAGER
production@gulfislandsdriftwood.com



Eva Kuhn
OFFICE MANAGER
ekuhn@gulfislandsdriftwood.com

Editorial: Sean McIntyre, Derrick Lundy, Elizabeth Nolan | Front Office: Alice Richards
Production: Kaye Segee | Advertising: Rick MacKinnon, Erin Jory

Member of: Canadian Community Newspapers Association, B.C. & Yukon Community Newspapers Association, B.C. Press Council



IslandVoices

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"If I was investing my money, I'd like that kind of return."

DONNA DOBSON, ON NSSWD 91 PER CENT HIKE IN SIX YEARS

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: How do you cope with the wet and windy winter weather?

**SEAN BRENNAN**

We've been lucky this year, but I try to get through by thinking about a beach.

**LORENA BECK**

I have my gumboots and remember that maybe tomorrow the sun will come out.

**BETTIE PELLETT**

It's a wonderful time to read books and even get out to see what's happening in the garden. It's just part of our wonderful life here.

**TANNER SMITH**

Watching a lot of movies.

**PAUL PIPER**

I like to build a big wood fire and take a few snow days.

Letters to the editor

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

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

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

Thankful for Co-op station

I very much enjoyed Shilo Zylbergold's column on the perils and frustrations of getting some gas at the Co-op station in Ganges. ("The dog-eat-dog world of SS auto refuelling," Jan. 18.)

It was entertaining and fun to read, of course — just a little bit exaggerated for the sake of good reading. And, certainly the station is usually very busy during the day. I have seen a number of instances of "station-rage" when tempers flared because of the waits and perception of line-jumping or people who seem to be taking a long time to do a simple task. The Co-op and its staff seem to turn a blind eye to the chaos. Staff seem to be afraid to venture outside to direct traffic or help people and there is no system of which way to line up. (Maybe

there can't be since different vehicles fill up on different sides.) So maybe the Co-op could do more.

However, the point I want to make, which seems to have escaped the writer, is why the Co-op is so popular. Before the Co-op opened on Salt Spring, residents were subject to drastically inflated gas prices. We were typically paying 25 to 30 cents more per litre than on Vancouver Island. The Co-op came in with a very reasonable policy of pricing their gas within one to two cents per litre of prices in Crofton, probably reflecting the real cost of bringing the fuel over on the ferry.

We used to make sure our tank was as close to empty as possible if we were leaving the island, and of course full on the way back. Now we pay less for gas than Vancouverites!

And, not only are islanders saving a lot of money, there is now much less incentive to

leave the island to get gas and other products. BC Ferries is helping with its steep increases in fares. This must be helping island businesses as fewer people leave the island to go shopping. This situation can't hurt tourism, either.

So, let's be thankful that the Co-op came onto the island. Maybe they should open a second station!

DREW BODALY,
SALT SPRING

Dangerous precedent

The illegal metal recycling operation on Rainbow Road has managed to capture the sympathies of our new batch of local trustees and, in the process, made itself an island of self government in a brand new season of Stockholm Syndrome: Salt Spring Island.

Pandering to their base, the local Trust committee has managed to set the flimsy bar

of responsible indecision-making even lower in becoming both champion and zero-commission real estate agent for this enterprise, throwing nearby taxpayers residents under the scrapyard bus.

Not satisfied with an unbiased staff report that recognizes that this business — in its current location — violates both the letter of zoning laws and the spirit of the official community plan, the committee has kicked the can down the road another year and will ensure that the next staff report says the right things. Kafka would approve.

Anyone who believes the noise, air and water pollution from a junkyard belongs in a residential neighbourhood needs to picture that business — or one just like it — in their own backyard. Then they need to remind the Trust that zoning laws exist for a reason, that trustees are meant to lead their constituents within the

confines of the law and that encouraging contempt of the law sets a dangerous precedent.

ROD MARTENS,
SALT SPRING

Editor's note: The above letter was published on our website last week.

Road clearing

Wednesday, Jan. 18 was a wild day for most of us on the island.

I had to take the 7:50 a.m. ferry from Fulford in order to attend a financial planning committee meeting of the Islands Trust in Victoria. Getting down my rather steep driveway and then to Fulford was a challenge amid snow and ice. Much to my relief I was able to follow a snowplow/sander for most of the way, which contributed hugely to keeping me on the road.

Highway 17 into Victoria was bad, to put it mildly. No sign of any clearing at all. Just

made it into the Trust offices in time for the 10 o'clock meeting ... imagine my amazement to find that only one other of the 10 committee members had made it in. The other members merely phoned in. I guess we on Salt Spring are made of sterner stuff!

I managed to slither my way back to catch the 5 p.m. return ferry. Again, the roads were appalling. Quite literally, I never saw a sander or a plow on the Vancouver Island part of my trip in either direction.

So the point of this letter is to express my deep appreciation to have found, on returning to home turf, that all major roads had been sanded and plowed. What wonderful service! Unless one has seen the "other side," we sometimes forget to be thankful for what we have.

PETER GROVE,
SALT SPRING TRUSTEE

MORE LETTERS continued on 10

Coffee shop culture needs real live chatter

At the risk of waxing nostalgic, let's hark back to the Chatterbox Café, that legendary coffee shop of the late 1980s, operating out of a defunct real estate office on the site that is now NatureWorks grocery. If memory serves, it had one of those little bells that jingled when the front door opened. Not that you could hear the bell. The place was always full. The Chatterbox was a cacophony of pungent hot coffee, caffeinated conversation, jangling silverware and spikey haired waitresses with nose studs barking out food orders.

The Chatterbox was iconic "Salt Spring" and the very definition of a classic coffee shop. Of course, in the late '80s, the electronic zeitgeist was slightly different. State-of-the-art cell phones were the size of a size 10 Oxford, computers were still as immense as hope chests and coffee was dispensed from giant five-gallon Bunnomatic urns.

My, how things have changed. Salt Spring's coffee shops all sport massive Italian espresso machines, drizzling out thick black shots bearing the name of exotic locales half-way around the world — Ethiopian yirgacheffe, Sumatra, Papua New Guinea. The jangling of coffee spoons has been supplanted by the clicking of laptop keyboards and Blackberries. The Chatterbox roar of chitchat is now the one-way murmur of cell-phone conversation.

Howard Schultz is the founder of Starbucks. He is as responsible for changing the way North America drinks coffee as Steve Jobs was for changing the landscape of personal comput-

ers. Schultz envisioned the coffee house as being the "third place" — the other two being home and office. He envisioned the coffee house as a comfortable sanctuary inhabited by like-minded souls sipping a small caffeinated luxury — a reprieve from the everyday frantic craziness that describes the lives of the beleaguered working stiff.

While there remains a vestige of the original dream, Starbucks and coffee shops around the globe have had to swim with the electronic tsunami driven by Steve Jobs and Apple. Salt Spring is not immune to this sea change. With few exceptions our coffee shops offer and trumpet their Wi-Fi hot spots. TJ Beans goes further, offering free North American long distance and laptop charging stations. At what point does a café become someone's satellite office that sells coffee? Has the tail begun wagging the dog? What differentiates McDonald's (which now offers inexpensive, machine-made cappuccinos and free Wi-Fi) from the Salt Spring Coffee Company?

Many take full advantage of these niceties. Armed with a cell phone and a laptop, one's office can be anywhere with a few internet signal bars. Why bother to rent office space?

These internet hobos have become more than a slight annoyance to shop operators. A budding Bill Gates or an aspiring Margaret Atwood can decimate a café's bottom line in

**Peter Vincent**

HEAD TO HEAD

short order, as they park themselves at a table with a \$2 cup of drip coffee and stay for hours fielding calls and banging away on their laptops.

Do the math. The average Starbucks customer spends \$3.50 and I'm guessing stays for 20 minutes. If there is some guy sitting at one table for four hours, that represents a potential 12 turnovers and a loss of about \$100, assuming that most tables live with two chairs. If you welcome four or five of these "guests" during the day, it can make a serious dent in the coffee shop's business plan. This may well explain why most Starbucks locations now sport drive-through window service — maximum profit with minimal overhead.

What's the answer for the small-town coffee shop that doesn't have the option of a drive-through? How do you pay the rent and make payroll without tossing out regulars who chronically overstay their welcome? Some shops have begun shutting down power outlets so that struggling authors can invoke their muse only as long as their laptop batteries hold out.

Some shops stubbornly choose not to participate. Recently, I discovered a coffee shop at the lower end of Fisgard Street in Victoria called Beans Around the World. I sat down with my latte and turned on my laptop, only to discover there was no internet. Vaguely incensed, I cornered the manager who was busy penciling in staff hours at the table next to me. "We feel that

Wi-Fi is the antithesis of what a coffee house should be." Counter culture. What a concept.

Beans Around the World is always packed. It is a cacophony of pungent hot coffee, caffeinated conversation, jangling silverware and spikey haired waitresses with nose studs barking out food orders. Wait a minute ... I've seen this before.

A great coffee shop isn't defined by electronics or big shiny espresso machines. It's about the passion of people pulling the shots and the people enjoying them. Great atmosphere is hard to define. It is the intangible end result of the personal vision of the owner.

In Ganges, we have plenty of coffee shops to cover all personality types. The Roasters brings an urban, slightly corporate game to the table. TJ Beans, a slightly more home-grown feel, with the owners often sitting on the steps outside next to a dog water bowl. Café Talia offers a quiet refuge from the madding crowd. Try these out, and all the other little coffee shops scattered over the island. One of them is sure to fit.

It's time the Chamber of Commerce had a Chatterbox Counterculture Award, in recognition of the Salt Spring coffee shop that most exemplifies the exuberance of that original namesake and the crazy quilt fabric that defines Salt Spring.

In the meantime, make mine an extra hot skinny latte in a porcelain cup. Ich bin ein Salt Springer!

republicofsaltspring@mac.com

SHOP LOCALLY & SAVE

Complete set of
s.v. prescription glasses

only **\$99.00**

GULF ISLANDS
OPTICAL

Lancer Building, 323 Lower Ganges Road
250-537-2648

Attention New
Salt Springers!



Welcome Wagon
A Community Tradition

Don't miss your
opportunity for a
great welcome visit.
Call Haley today for
your greeting, gifts
& useful info.

250-537-1558

WELCOME
WAGON
SINCE 1958

OPINION

MORE LETTERS

Food bank gratitude

I wish to send my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to each and every person and business that has given so generously to the food bank and Christmas hamper programs this past year.

These programs would not exist as well as they do without the support of the following local businesses that give so generously and faithfully each year. My thanks to Mike and his staff at Thrifty's, Paul and his staff at Country Grocer, Salt Spring Coffee, SeaChange Savouries Canada, Salt Spring Cheese, Soya Nova Tofu, Foxglove Farm and Garden, Island Star Video and StarBarks.

I would also like to thank all of the service clubs, churches and the schools, the choirs, ArtSpring, the fire department, Shaw Cable, Island Savings, CIBC, Bank of Montreal, Pharmasave, the Driftwood and the many friends, neighbours and fellow islanders who give us money and food donations. We also can't leave out the anonymous donors who contribute so quietly during the year and need to be thanked as well.

Also, the Let's Do Brunch program sincerely thanks and appreciates all the delicious donations of soup, bread, muffins and other goodies from Barb's Buns, Penny's Pantry, Bruce's Kitchen, Embe Bakery and Auntie Pesto's.

Lastly but certainly not least, my heart sends huge thanks to all the volunteers who graciously donate their time and energy throughout the year at the weekly food bank and lunch program and then give their all at Christmas time for the hampers.

These much-needed community programs would not exist with-

out the dedication of volunteers, so let me say many thanks and blessings to you all.

GLORIA MCEACHERN,
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
SS COMMUNITY SERVICES

Excellent care

I have lived on the island for more than 40 years and have used the hospital many, many times.

The most recent time I spent four days at Lady Minto Hospital and experienced excellent care from all the staff. They are truly amazing.

I want people to know that with all the modern technology we have, we have a wonderful little hospital that we cannot afford to lose.

Please consider donating some funds to Lady Minto Hospital so we can keep the hospital open and keep the wonderful staff we have.

DEBERA GILMAN,
SALT SPRING

Long-term thinking needed

I think the Northern Gateway pipeline controversy is being framed incorrectly, as the economy versus the environment.

The argument is actually between the long-term view, which is assessing the overall future damage to our planet and the broader human community, and the short-term approach, which is concerned with local self-interest.

Most of us are now aware that we need to reduce our use of fossil fuels in order to provide our children and grandchildren, and other creatures, with viable, decent lives. The tar sands project itself is an extraordinarily destructive product of old-style, short-term thinking; delivering its heavy crude on land and on the ocean brings the additional likelihood of catastrophic accidents.

Our dislike of change, and our inability to imagine a horribly different world, contribute

to our clinging to the status quo and ignoring the warning signs. Unfortunately, we know — from the examples of the Mayans, the Greenland Norse and Easter Island — that our species does not have a good record of understanding consequences and thinking clearly about the future.

We are the generation that must face reality and begin, at this critical point in our history, to see beyond the old patterns that have landed us at this crossroads. We need long-term thinking.

MARLYN HORSDAL,
REYNOLDS ROAD

Amazing neighbour

I have the most amazing neighbour here on Salt Spring.

His name is Michael Hoadley. I call him Mikey. He is a 34-year-old, brain-injured (from birth) young adult.

He trudged through the cold and snow three or four times a day from his place up the road to mine, while I was sick in bed this past couple of weeks, to stoke the fire, replenish the firewood on my porch and inside beside my wood stove, empty my compost bucket, check my mail and to just basically check in on me. Today, when my home-support helper couldn't get here because of the snow, he has already been here five times and will come back again, he assures me.

What could our community do for Mikey (and other unsung heroes like him), one friend on Facebook wondered when I posted this note. Any thoughts? Although he does it because, as he constantly (and repeatedly) tells me, he loves to work!

He is an angel. An unsung hero. A most appreciated neighbour. And a friend. Thank you, Mikey. My life is brighter — and warmer! — because you are in it!

LISA SIGURGEIRSON MAXX,
SALT SPRING

RANTS and Roses

Rants

I love dogs, but once again that "I#%&***#!" white (dirty yellow) German shepherd dog went racing right by me chasing six peaceful deer uphill into a clear-cut area. Again, the doe with an injured leg (and probably now pregnant) was among them. Who owns this dog that runs loose in the Rainbow Road area? You and your dog are ill-mannered, disrespectful

and plain dumb. Not all dogs chase deer — they can be trained, or at the least, controlled. Donna Grant

Roses

To Lois Peterson and her family, including the team with Gulf Islands Septic and GIS Sales and Rentals, we at the BC SPCA on Salt Spring send several truck loads of long-stemmed and gorgeously fragrant roses to each and all. Your contributions to our shelter, including cash donations, and also looking out for all animals on the island are highly appreciated. Our residents at the shelter put two paws up in your direction, saluting the generosity and spirit with which you help us care and protect them.

A bouncing bouquet of yellow and black roses to Lyle and Lee-Ann, who sponsored Yoni Marmorstein, who works in Africa with Hoops for Hope. The alumni basketball competition held on Dec. 23 raised \$700 for orphaned children in Africa. H4H uses basketball to teach AIDS awareness. Lyle and Lee-Ann are more than coaches, they are mentors. Sharon Bronstein

Armloads of roses to Kelly, Wayne and family for helping me off a slippery slope, and to the Blue Angel who truly went above and beyond on a snowy Sunday.

A dozen paper roses to the Times Colonist deliverer. Thank you for slushing through the snow to deliver the paper every day to the readers on the north end. It really is appreciated. Joanna

Roses, whole bushes of them, to the Salt Spring Island Foundation for the grant providing new equipment for the library. The new book carts make it easier for our volunteers to shelve books in the smaller temporary library, and the children who come for StoryTime love the new rug in the library annex. We look forward to moving this equipment into the new library this fall where it will help us better serve the community for years to come.

Several dozen snow-white roses to the person/s who shovelled our driveway. We arrived home from work late Thursday night to find that someone had shovelled the driveway

and sidewalk. What a thoughtful thing to do! Only on Salt Spring! Thanks from Gyle and Sam

A very special thank you to Martinus for taking time and energy out of your days to fix my glasses until I can get my new ones. My mom told me you wouldn't let her pay you, so I say a "tip of the hat" to you! I greatly appreciate your kindness. Adler Rabson

A paddy-wagon full of fragrant red roses to RCMP officer Kent and auxiliary officer Dan for driving me home on Saturday night when I decided the road was too icy for me to continue driving safely. Thanks, guys! Leslie Wallace

The family of Eleanor Lloyd, long-time resident of Vesuvius Bay, invites her Salt Spring friends to visit her at daughter Kitty Lloyd's in Brentwood Bay. Call 250-652-8392 to visit. Mum would love to see you!

Huge heartfelt thanks to Luke, Sam and family for being so incredibly gracious, loving and supportive to all of Robin's family and friends during such a difficult time. You embody the loving spirit that has always been present in his home. We love you.

Kickstart your savings in the time it takes to go for coffee.

Invest in your RSP for as little as \$5 a day. All it takes to get started is one quick appointment.



ISLAND SAVINGS
iscu.com

**SAVE
BIG!**

**SAVE UP TO 60% off
EXISTING HEATING COSTS**

Receive up to \$2,100 in Gov't Rebates!
Ask about our Senior Discounts.

• On staff Engineers • Gov't Certified Technicians • Air Quality Monitoring

INSTALLATION & SERVICE

FOR OVER 80 YEARS friends have been telling friends
about our Reliable team you can trust.

WESTISLE
HEATING & COOLING
DIVISION OF FOSTER AIR



TRANE
It's Hard To Stop A Trane.

**MITSUBISHI
ELECTRIC**

LENNOX
more climate control
innovation never felt so good.

Call anytime, 24 HOURS A DAY
www.westisle.ca • 250-746-9600

We're not comfortable until you are!

Arts & Entertainment

CONCERT

Alchemy of new music pianist Egoyan illuminates composers



Acclaimed Victoria-born pianist Eve Egoyan performs at ArtSpring Saturday.

PHOTO BY ERIN RILEY

Repertoire connects us to events of our time

Distinguished Canadian pianist Eve Egoyan visits Salt Spring on Saturday, Jan. 28 for an important concert at ArtSpring.

What makes the concert important, according to executive director George Sipos, is that Egoyan is the most significant contemporary Canadian pianist to devote her artistic life to so-called "new music."

"All music, of course, was new at one time, including the works of Mozart, Beethoven,

Schumann and the rest of what we now call 'classical' composers," said Sipos. "In our time, however, we tend to reserve the term 'new music' for work by living composers who often explore innovative and sometimes unfamiliar musical languages."

The first half of Egoyan's concert will feature the music of Erik Satie, who wrote almost a hundred years ago.

"We now find his music very familiar and comfortable, though at the beginning of the 20th century audiences found his Dadaist minimalism quite different from the thundering of the late Romantic music of the day."

The second half of

the program features work by Ann Southam, a major Canadian composer who died in 2010 after a long and brilliant career. Here is how Salt Spring's own Elissa Poole, a frequent music reviewer for the *Globe and Mail*, describes Southam's music: "So different from the joyful minimalism of her earlier music, the late Ann Southam's final works for piano, written for Eve Egoyan, are spare and haunting."

The fact that Southam composed new work specifically for Egoyan speaks to her extraordinary credentials as a pianist.

International Piano Magazine describes her this way: "Eve Egoyan's

pianism has strengths in abundance, fully justifying Michael Finnissy's testimony that 'she illuminates the music she plays; an alchemy, authenticity and fearlessness.'"

Sipos feels this all adds up to a significant concert experience for our community, an event that connects us to currents in the real live actual music of our time performed by one of its key Canadian interpreters. That, plus a most enjoyable evening.

Tickets for the 8 p.m. concert are available at \$28 for adults and \$5 for youth from the ArtSpring Ticket Centre (250-537-2102) or online at www.tickets.artspring.ca.

SALT SPRING INN

PRIME RIB DINNER

AAA ANGUS BEEF

Every Thursday 5pm

250-537-9339

FEB 11-14th

4 nights of

Valentine's specials!

3 course Mexican Dinner with fresh lime margaritas

Make a reservation & enjoy a fabulous Valentine's dinner @ Rock Salt Restaurant & Cafe on **Saturday, Feb 11 through Tuesday, Feb 14th** & be entered to win dinner for two on the house!

WIN DINNER FOR TWO!

we're social

note: other promotions do not apply on Tuesday, February 14th

FREE WIFI

www.rocksaltrestaurant.com

News Updates

Follow the Driftwood on Twitter

<http://twitter.com/GIDriftwood>

One Thousand Cranes

by Colin Thomas and translated by Iyoshio Yoshihara

SALT SPRING ISLAND

Dates: February 13, 7:00 pm
February 14, 2:00 pm

Venue: ArtSpring
100 Jackson Ave

Tickets: Adult \$20/Youth \$15
250.537.2102 or 866.537.2102 (toll free) or
Raven Street Market Cafe 250.537.2273

Familiar Face, Familiar Place

Sleggs is very pleased to welcome

Lyle Brown to the team

Come in and say hello (the Coffee's always on)

SLEGG LUMBER

Mon.-Fri. 7am-5pm, Sat. 8:30-5:00
www.slegglumber.ca

804 Fulford-Ganges Road
250-537-4978

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

MUSIC & MUNCH

Peter Prince ready to share 'soul songs'

Next Wednesday at All Saints

A Music and Munch favourite returns to the All Saints stage on Wednesday, Feb. 1.

Well-known singer-songwriter Peter Prince will share some of his newest work at the free recital beginning at 12:10 p.m.

"I'm looking forward to playing a couple of recently written piano-led songs, as well as guitar-led tunes from my forthcoming album," said Prince. "My favourite songs are the ones currently emerging from my soul. Playing intuitively, connecting with an audience and getting their live reaction helps me refine the song before recording it."

Prince recalls his previous performance at All Saints.



Peter Prince on inspirational Mount Maxwell.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

"There are often excellent singers among the Music and Munch patrons. It was a thrill for me to hear their harmonies resounding in the hallowed

space. They obviously enjoy the opportunity to learn a new song and blend their voices, and to that effect I'll offer a few sing-alongs at the upcoming show."

Prince's most recent release, Pacific Day, consists of ear-catching melodies that combine elements of folk, jazz and world music.

"Over his finger-picking guitar and blues harp, he voices tough and tender messages of heart and substance," states a press release. "Compelling stories behind his songs and passionate performances move both body and soul."

Prince's fusion of acoustic roots and global rhythms can be found on his five solo albums, as well as soundtracks for film and television. See www.peterprince.com for more information.

Wednesday's recital is followed by an optional light lunch, for which tickets (\$5.50) must be purchased before the show.

Is your life pointing you in a new direction?

Let me help you with that first step.

Call me to discuss your Real Estate options

Kerry Chalmers

250.537.5515

kerrychalmers@saltspring.com
www.saltspring-realestate.com



ROYAL LEPAGE
Salt Spring Realty

SECOND ANNUAL VALENTINE DANCE



SINGING SHIFT BIG BAND

MEADEN HALL (AT THE LEGION)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

DOORS OPEN AT 8:00 PM

\$20 EACH OR \$35 PER COUPLE

TICKETS IN ADVANCE AT: RE/IMAX - SALTSRING, ACOUSTIC PLANET, STUFF AND NONSENSE

LITERARY FESTIVAL

Galiano hosts third annual literary festival

Eye-popping line-up for Feb. 24-26 weekend

Galiano Island Books is writing the next chapter in a burgeoning tradition with the third annual Galiano Literary Festival set for the Feb. 24 to 26 weekend.

With a theme of Books: Windows to the Past, the Present and the Future, it will once again offer the opportunity to meet an exciting line-up of writers in an informal setting on beautiful Galiano Island.

Throughout the three-day celebration, festival-goers will meet a variety of writers from the Gulf Islands and across B.C. and participate in workshops, readings and panels.

This year's line-up includes: George Bowring, Marie Clements, Charles Demers, Patrick Friesen, Zsuzsi Gartner, Kim Goldberg, Genni Gunn, Eve Joseph, Susan Juby, Grant Lawrence, Kit Pearson, Pamela Porter, Bob Robertson, Linda Cullen, Linda Richards, Timothy Taylor, Audrey Thomas, Rhea Tregebov, Robert J. Wiersema and Mark Zuehlke.

The theme will allow authors "to tell us of the past, explore the complex issues of the present, and create alternate realities of what the future might hold. How does the lens of our current values and beliefs distort how we see and describe the past and how do we use the past to explain or justify who

we are? How do books help us to explore and change our views of current events and the world in which we live? How do speculations about the future shape our thinking and decision making today?"

The festival takes place at the Galiano Oceanfront Inn, "a world-class resort which will provide the same relaxed and cozy yet elegant atmosphere festival goers have come to expect."

Bob Robertson and his wife Linda Cullen of Double Exposure fame will be attending the festival, with Robertson making the keynote address.

A musical Bruce Springsteen celebration with Robert J. Wiersema reading from his new book on Springsteen, called Walk Like a Man, will take place at the South Galiano Community Hall on Sunday, Feb. 26, which festival attendees are also welcome to attend.

The Galiano Inn is a short walk from the ferry dock and Galiano Island Books, so visitors can leave cars at home or at the ferry terminal in Tsawwassen or Victoria. There are also rental smart cars and a shuttle available through the inn.

Event tickets can be purchased at Galiano Island Books or by calling 250-539-3340 or toll free at 1-877-795-BOOK (2665).

See www.galiano-literaryfestival.wordpress.com for the latest schedule and registration information, including available workshops.

THE LOCAL
LIQUOR STORE • BAR & BISTRO

4 DAYS ONLY

Wednesday Jan. 25 to Saturday Jan. 28

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28

SALE PRICES EFFECTIVE

10% off

ALL SCOTCHES 700ML - 750ML

WHILE QUANTITIES LAST

#108-149 Fulford Ganges Rd.

250-537-9463

100% LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED

People & Community

Lots of Stuff
20%-50% off



Salt Spring Books

104 McPhillips Avenue • 250-537-2812

Thank you to all my Salt Spring customers
over the past 20 years.

Happy New Year and Good Luck in 2012

interior/exterior

clean reliable service

Jennifer Davidson
painting

HOME: 250.537.2979 | CELL: 250.537.7843



**News
Updates**

Follow the Driftwood on Twitter
<http://twitter.com/GIDriftwood>



CONSERVANCY

Did You Know?

We have helped
our community protect
3000 acres of
natural landscape

Email: ssic@saltspringconservancy.ca www.saltspringconservancy.ca

salt spring
forum presents

EATING DIRT

**AUTHOUR CHARLOTTE GILL
ON LIFE WITH THE
TREE PLANTING
TRIBE**

FEBRUARY 4 - ARTSPRING - 7:30PM
TICKETS \$15 - Forum Members pay \$10

Available in advance from our partners:



Presented with support from:



Canada Council
for the Arts

FITNESS

Salt Spring woman joins E84 challenge to reach her goals

Cathie Cunningham
promotes 'grassroots'
health movement

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A local woman is inviting fellow islanders to get behind a new fitness program called the E84 Challenge that's being championed by Buns of Steel star Tamilee Webb.

Webb's name may not invoke instant recognition, but her trademark series of videos for "buns and abs" were mega-catchwords of the early '90s. The former star of the workout scene is now back as the face of Evolv health products' new campaign, which aims to create major lifestyle changes in the space of three months.

"The whole focus is on assisting people in improving their health and fitness. It's not a diet craze but more about feeling good from the inside out and on all levels," said local enthusiast Cathie Cunningham, one of the latest North American subscribers to take on the challenge.

"There's a lot of motivation for people to try and improve how they feel, in all aspects, in 2012."

Cunningham became aware of the campaign through Evolv, a product line that includes enhanced water and energy shakes.

"The company behind it is something I've loved since the first day I was introduced to it—they're very, very amazing products," she explained.

People who take the 84-day challenge can choose whether they want to incorporate the products or not. Different programs make it suitable for a variety of fitness goals, whether to lose weight, to tone an already fit body, or to modify an active routine for serious athletes and weekend warriors.

"With many fitness programs, people crash and burn because they haven't got the whole picture," Cunningham said.

"E84's three-month program has you change lifestyle habits one day at a time, so it's very doable and it's



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Cathie Cunningham works out at North End Fitness, which is offering a three-month membership special for E84 Challenge folks.

supported by the products."

Cunningham had been on the challenge for about two weeks at the time of the Driftwood interview and said she was already feeling the benefit. She has a flexible goal of losing around 20 pounds, but her nursing history has also established a lifelong interest in health and body science.

The E84 program is based on up-to-date research and designed by Olympic trainers and sports medicine experts. Webb's (unpaid) involvement has been an added incentive and inspiration.

"She's always been interested in helping people feel better," Cunningham said. "That's why she's so supportive of the E84 program."

Cunningham was able to meet Webb in person last weekend at a fitness conference at the Delta Town & Country Inn. The fitness

queen arrived with just two hours' sleep and no luggage in wake of the Seattle snowstorm, but despite her difficulties, Cunningham said Webb reaffirmed her own optimism and personal commitment with her inspiring words.

"She said we need to take possession of our own health and well-being, and that in the last decade or so we've really slipped in that. Advocating for yourself is so important."

Cunningham hopes others will join the grassroots movement. To aid in the pursuit, North End Fitness has a deal on three-month memberships for those taking the E84 challenge. Information cards are available at the gym, and Cunningham welcomes anyone interested to contact her at 250-537-8902 or cathie.cunningham@shaw.ca.

Child Honouring Principle of the Week

Non-violence

Non-violence is a loving, peaceful way to approach people and situations. It means not hurting others or ourselves in any way. It's about speaking with respect and showing compassion. It means knowing the difference between friendly teasing and bullying; not trying to hurt others to get what we want; knowing when our play is too rough for another; and changing a behaviour (physical or verbal) when others ask us to.

As part of the My Drawing Our World project, area students are creating drawings of Centre for Child Honouring "principles of the week," some of which have been given to the Driftwood for publication by project coordinator Tracy Harrison.

Next week marks the last in the series.



Isabella Battryn is a Grade 7 student at Quamichan Middle School in Duncan. In her drawing she suggests we live, laugh and love in a world of peace.

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

FILMMAKING

Youth film contest gets rolling in advance of March festival

Submission deadline is Feb. 16

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Film Festival organizers are searching for creative young people interested in the prospect of an all-expenses-paid filmmaking course at the Gulf Islands Film and Television School on Galiano Island.

The festival's second annual film contest costs nothing to enter and is open to anyone between the ages of 14 and 19 with a story to tell and access to a camera.

Participants can choose any topic they desire and are free to experiment with a variety of different formats.

The six films entered in last year's competition featured animation, stop-motion techniques and traditional video. Themes varied from sports

and entertainment to a heart-breaking documentary about death and dying.

"It was pretty exciting," said Judy McPhee, a film festival board member. "It's all over the board. It's nice to see what they come up with."

Eligible entries must be between two and four minutes in length, but can be on any topic students desire.

In an effort to engage more island students in the film festival weekend, organizers hope to screen all submissions during a special time slot at the film festival in early March.

Winners of last year's competition, Shasta Steadman, Nicholas James and Daniel Irving, were selected by a panel of veteran island filmmakers.

GIFTS has provided youth and adults with cutting-edge film instruction from its eclectic and forested setting

for 15 years. Graduates have moved on to create nationally and internationally acclaimed films.

For students who need a bit more inspiration and don't mind a little last-minute pressure before the Feb. 16 contest deadline, film festival organizers have scheduled a free two-day film-making weekend workshop on Feb. 10 and 11. Workshop participants need not be planning to enter the film competition.

Registration is limited and the course is filling up quickly, so prospective attendees are asked to sign up at the GISS media arts class or contact contact McPhee at 250-537-1752.

More information about the Salt Spring Film Festival is available online at www.saltspringfilmfestival.com.

The 2012 Salt Spring Film Festival runs from Friday, March 2 to Sunday, March 4.

REMEMBERED WELLNESS

An intensive with the practitioners of the Green Raven Centre

Kim Hanson, Cal Steel, Petra Hasenfratz, Jamie Capranos

Acupuncture, Osteopathy, Massage Therapy, Homeopathy, Herbal Medicine

February 2 & 3

250-537-0602

info@jamiecapranos.com



CENTRE FOR BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT

Travelling? NEED LUGGAGE?



Now
30-50% off

Samsonite, Delsey, Skyway, Swiss Gear and more!

We sell adaptors for all countries!

Pack your Bags

DUNCAN MALL

250-748-8009

Here's my Card!

Despite every technological advance, business cards remain an essential business tool.

Be a part of this popular feature...10 weeks of display advertising and your business card on heavy stock, perforated for easy separation delivered as an insert to over 4000 Driftwood readers.

Blue Velvet Upholstering
#6-315 Upper Ganges Road

Kim Nash
250.537.4369
bluevelvet@uniserve.com

The Happy Denturist
Brian Harris
29 YEARS OF COMPETENT & FRIENDLY SERVICE

- COMPLETE DENTURE SERVICES
- IN-HOUSE LAB
- SAME DAY RELINES/REPAIRS
- PARTIAL DENTURES
- DENTURES OVER IMPLANTS

NO HST • FERRY PICKUP AT CROFTON
250-246-4674
thehappydenturist.ca
#7-8377 CHEMAINUS ROAD
\$25 DISCOUNT

The Island's Complete Hot Tub, Pool & Sauna Sales & Service Centre



Weekly, Bi-Weekly Pool & Spa Maintenance
Parts & Supplies Stocked

Holger Hermann, BFA

Holger@hermann.ca

250-537-5147

100 Twinflower Way,
Salt Spring Island

Serving all the Gulf Islands since 1999

SALT SPRING INSURANCE SERVICES



Mafalda Hoogerdyk, EPC
INSURANCE BROKER
REGISTERED DEPOSIT BROKER

#1102 115 Fulford Ganges Rd
Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2T9
mafalda@saltspringinsurance.ca

T: 250.537.1730 F: 250.537.4008
Toll Free: 1.888.577.3377
www.saltspringinsurance.ca

This high profile advertising space is available, call
250.537.9933

Call to reserve your space now!

CONTACT ONE OF OUR SALES REPRESENTATIVES AND LEARN MORE



RICK MACKINNON
250-537-9933 EXT. 202
rmackinnon@driftwoodgimmedia.com



ERIN JORY
250-537-9933 EXT. 211
ejory@driftwoodgimmedia.com

Driftwood
GULF ISLANDS
YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER SINCE 1969

iwav
Island Women Against Violence

SAFE • FREE • CONFIDENTIAL

Salt Spring Transition House & Help Line
250-537-0735 or
toll-free 1-877-435-7544

Women's Outreach Services
250-537-0717 or
toll-free 1-877-537-0717

Stopping the Violence Counselling for Women
250-538-5568

Children Who Witness Abuse Counselling
250-538-5569

'Transitions' Thrift Store
#1-144 McPhillips Ave.
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

Please visit our website
www.iwav.org

Funded by the
BC Ministry of Community Services

CELEBRATE DONATE FAMILY REMEMBER RELAY FOR LIFE INSPIRE VOLUNTEER FIGHT BACK

Volunteers wanted!!

Join the biggest cancer fundraising event to make the biggest difference by becoming a volunteer on our 2012 Relay for Life Committee. Please contact Erin Pringle at 250.221.0845 or pringle.erin@hotmail.com to see how you can make a difference!

Saltspring Island Relay For Life ~ June 1st/2nd, 6pm to 6am
Portlock Park, Vesuvius Bay Road

Enter a team online today!

RELAY FOR LIFE
Canadian Cancer Society

RELAIS POUR LA VIE
Société canadienne du cancer

relayforlife.ca

What's On This Week

www.driftwoodgimedia.com/calendar



What's On - the go!
Scan this barcode with your smartphone to download, instructions below.

Wed. January 25	Thurs. January 26	Fri. January 27	Sat. January 28	Sun. January 29	Mon. January 30	Tues. January 31
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Open Stage with Richard Cross. Moby's, 9 PM. ACTIVITIES Ballet with Naomi Jason. All ages. SS Arts Academy, 320 Upper Ganges Rd. 6 PM. Hip-Hop for Kids with Naomi Jason. SS Arts Academy, 3:45 PM. Smartsomatics. North End Fitness, 3 to 4 PM. Lady Minto Hospital Foundation Workshop. HeartStart: AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) for a Safer Salt Spring. All Saints, 7 PM. Let's Dance Latin American Rhythms. Core Inn, 6 PM. Robbie Burns Bash. Members and guests. Salt Spring Seniors Services Society, 2 PM. Salt Spring Antique & Classic Car Club. AGM and annual planning meeting. New members welcome. ArtSpring, 7 PM.	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Live Music at the Local with Richard Cross, 6 PM. ACTIVITIES Dance, Stretch, Breathe with Naomi Jason. The Gatehouse, 9:30 AM. Parent-Child Mother Goose Program. Fulford Elementary School, 10 AM. Richard Heinberg Webcast. Live webcast with author of The End of Growth: Adapting to our New Economic Reality. A Transition Salt Spring and Salt Spring Conservancy Event. ArtSpring, 7 PM. SS Trail and Nature Club AGM. Guest speaker Paul Linton on Wildflowers of Salt Spring Island. Community Gospel Chapel, 11:45 AM. Pickle-Ball. Fulford Hall, 7 to 9 PM. Chamber Mixer. Say goodbye to Tony Richards and hello to new Driftwood publisher Amber Ogilvie at Moby's event. 5 to 7 p.m.	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Billie Woods Live at the Harbour House. 6 PM. Live Music at Moby's with The Coalition. Dance/rock. 9 PM. ACTIVITIES Women Empowering Women: Support Midwifery in Uganda. An evening of prayer, ceremony and yoga. Ganges Yoga Centre, 6:30 PM. Universal Dances of Universal Peace. 471 Sky Valley Rd. 7 PM. A Writer's Quartet. Jim Warren, Juli Macdonnell, Elaina Hyde-Mills and Lottie Devindisch will read from their just released or soon-to-be-released first publications. All Saints, 7 PM. Salt Spring Spelling Bee. Ten teams take part in a fun evening at GISS. Fundraiser for GISS sports, 7 p.m. StoryTime at the Library Annex. Count on Reading: Lots and lots of Animals. Preschool & early grade children, 1 PM. Salt Spring Water Council Society. AGM at Lions Hall at 10 AM, regular meeting at 11 AM.	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Eve Egoyan: New Music Pianist. ArtSpring, 8 PM, with a pre-concert chat at 7 PM. Lloyd English and Ian Van Wyck. Live at the Harbour House, 6 PM. Live Music with Innuendo Productions. Featuring Dan Snakehead and Applecat: Dance/DJ. Moby's, 9 PM. The Barley Bros. Salt Spring Inn, 6 PM. ACTIVITIES Tango Milonga. All Saints. 4 PM. Burns Night Dinner and Dance. Fulford Hall. 5:30 PM. (Check for ticket availability first at 250-537-0721.) Canadian Federation of University Women Speakers Event. Linda Kavelin Popov speaks on how to navigate end of life issues for ourselves and our loved ones with grace. Harbour House, 10 AM. Metropolitan Opera HD Live. Handel's Rodelinda. ArtSpring, 9:30 AM. Wake Up Your Magical Self! 2 day Level 1 Integrative Healing Workshop. Harbour House, 9-5 PM.	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Diana English Live. Harbour House, 6 PM. ACTIVITIES SRhythms Class with Shawna Devlin. Moving Meditation Practice. Ganges Yoga Studio, 9:30 AM. Half-Day Meditation. Salt Spring Zen Circle practice. 210 Cedar Lane, 7:50 AM to 12:30 PM. Pre-register at 250-537-1721. SS Water Preservation Society AGM. Guest speaker Rick Nordin, Ph.D. on the topic of Are Salt Spring Lakes in Trouble? Harbour House Hotel, 2:30 PM. Pickle-Ball. Fulford Hall, 10 AM to 12 noon, and from 2 to 4 PM upon request.	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT SS Folk Club with Tara and Colleen Eccleston. Fulford Hall, 7 PM. Rock Salt Unplugged. Live music. Rock Salt Restaurant, 6 PM. ACTIVITIES Senior's Forum. Sponsored by Heritage Place for Seniors. Free info session. Jim Pasuta, Barrister & Solicitor, Info/ Register: 537-8340. ArtSpring, 2 PM. Women's Disc Golf. Mout's Park, main entrance, 1:30 PM.	ACTIVITIES Hip-Hop/Cardio/Stretch. With Naomi Jason Tuesdays at the SS Arts Academy, 5:15 to 6:30 PM. Wed. February 1 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Peter Prince Concert. Music & Munch recital at All Saints, 12:10 PM. ACTIVITIES Smartsomatics. North End Fitness, 3 to 4 PM. Ballet with Naomi Jason. All ages. Arts Academy, 6 PM. Hip-Hop for Kids with Naomi Jason. Arts Academy, 3:45 PM. Let's Dance Latin American Rhythms. Core Inn, 6 PM. Documentary Film Event. Screening of "I Am" with filmmaker Jennifer Abbott. Proceeds to the Centre for Child Honouring and the Seven Ravens Farm African Permaculture Project. Fritz Movie Theatre, 7 PM.

THE FRITZ MOVIE THEATRE
JOIN US ON FACEBOOK
FRI. JAN 27 - TUES. FEB 1
at Central Hall call 250-537-4656
To watch the preview go to www.thefritz.ca

HUGO

Plays Friday to Tuesday 7:00 pm
Sunday 4:00 pm matinee and 7:00 pm

www.driftwoodgulfislandsmedia.com/calendar/events/

view our new online comprehensive interactive calendar of events listings

we want to be YOUR go-to-place for everything happening on Salt Spring

25% off private party classified ads with a Resident's Card.

Offer available all day Thursday, every week

250.537.9933
driftwood@gulfislands.net

Driftwood
YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER SINCE 1948

CINEMA

- **Hugo**, an orphan boy living in the walls of a Paris train station, meets a girl who has the key to a machine left by his father. With her help, he searches for the answer to a mystery linking an old toy shop owner, a hidden message from his late father, and a mechanical man. A Martin Scorsese film, based on the bestseller, The Invention of Hugo Cabret. Hugo is an extravagant, elegant, fantasy family film, nominated for 11 Academy Awards, including best picture.

EXHIBITIONS

- **The Salt Spring Photography Club** is presenting **The Best of 2011** photography show during the month of January, throughout the lobby of ArtSpring. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and during ArtSpring performances.
- **Jonathan Yardley** exhibits "wet west coast" watercolours and a series of pen, ink and watercolour sketches from Venice at Cafe Talia through January.
- **Samantha Sanderson and Khadeja McCall** show work at Island Savings until mid-March.
- **Artwork** on display at **Barb's Bakery and Bistro** this month focuses on the benefit of being in the moment in two separate but linked shows; one side featuring children's art produced at workshops facilitated by **Shelby Johnstone**, and the other **Johnstone's** photographic work exploring themes of children, nature and technology.
- **Rust and Blossom**, a photo exhibit by **Odette Graham** of Salt Spring Island Florist and **Ramona Lam**, is on now at the Fernwood Road Cafe.
- **Country Roasters Cafe**, in **Country Grocer**, will be showcasing the work of three photographers throughout the month of January. **Rachel Page**, **Curt Firestone** and **Avril Kirby** are members of the **Salt Spring Photography Club**.
- **Gecko Green Living** at 103 McPhillips Ave. is showing art and photography by local artists **Diane Mortensen**, **Juliana Slomka** and **Elehna de Sousa**.
- **Barbra Edwards** shows paintings at **Marketplace Cafe**.
- **Robert Prince** shows relief pieces at **Penny's Pantry**.
- **The Porch Gallery** is open Sundays from 12 to 4 p.m. at the home of **Mother Tongue Publishing's** **Mona Fertig & Peter Haase**, 290 Fulford-Ganges Rd. Featuring work of **George Fertig**, **Jack Akroyd**, **Irene Hoffer Reid**, **Wim Blom**, **Ina D.D. Uththoff**, **Garry Sim**, **LeRoy Jensen**, **Gordon Caruso** and **Peter Haase**.
- See **Lyman Whitaker's** wind sculptures at **Grace Point Square**.
- See the **sculpture garden** outside of **Mahon Hall** in Ganges.

GISS Athletics Program Spelling Bee

GISS Multi-purpose Room
Friday, January 27, 7:00 p.m.

THRIFTY FOODS™
Ganges, Mout's Centre • 7:30am to 8pm • Customer Service 250-537-1522

Squeeze Me!!

TEMPUR
1-800-8874321
www.tempurcanada.com

The only mattress recognized by NASA and certified by the Space Foundation

A better night's sleep, no springs attached!

UNCLE ALBERT'S FURNITURE

107 2nd St. Duncan Mon.-Sat. 9-5:30
1-800-593-5303 Sun 11-4

THE AD YOUR CAR DOESN'T WANT YOU TO KNOW ABOUT

LEASE FOR **\$179[#]** | **2.99%***

APR PER MONTH FOR 48 MONTHS
\$1,632 DOWNPAYMENT OAC. INCLUDES FREIGHT & PDI.

2012 Civic Sedan DX

MODEL FB2E2CEX

LOWEST INTRODUCTORY PRICE IN 15 YEARS.

STARTING FROM ONLY **\$16,385**
MSRP* INCLUDES FREIGHT AND PDI.

Civic 1.4

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

SOCIAL CHANGE

Next Abbott film at The Fritz

Feb. 1 benefit for two island groups

Salt Spring residents can view a special screening of *I AM* with its executive producer and editor at The Fritz Movie Theatre next Wednesday.

Jennifer Abbott, who recently moved to Salt Spring, is best known as one of the directors and the editor of the internationally acclaimed film *The Corporation*. Sometimes billed as Canada's most successful documentary, *The Corporation* was held over in theatres internationally, won 26 international awards and is credited as one of the top 10 films to inspire the Occupy movement.

"I AM is an utterly engaging and entertaining non-fiction



JENNIFER ABBOTT

Centre for Child Honouring and Seven Ravens Farm, which are co-presenting the evening.

The film shares the story of Tom Shadyac, director of such Hollywood blockbusters as *Ace Ventura*, *Liar Liar*, *Patch Adams* and *Bruce Almighty*, as he offers himself as a flawed character in the narrative of the film.

"With great wit, warmth, curiosity and masterful storytelling,

film that poses two practical and provocative questions: what's wrong with our world, and what can we do about it?" states a press release from the

I AM recounts what happened to Tom after a cycling accident left him incapacitated, possibly for good. Though he ultimately recovered, he emerged with a new sense of purpose, determined to share his own revelations about his prior life of excess and greed, and to investigate how he as an individual, and we as a species, could improve the way we live and walk in the world."

The film features Desmond Tutu, Howard Zinn, Noam Chomsky, Lynn McTaggart, Coleman Barks and Thom Hartman.

Proceeds from the Feb. 1 screening, which begins at 7 p.m., will go to the Centre for Child Honouring and Seven Ravens Farm's Primary School Permaculture Garden Projects in Africa.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Bridge addicts brave rude breath

Winter wind no deterrent

BY JILL EVANS

DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Blow, blow, thou winter wind,

Thou art not so unkind

As cards' ingratitude;

Thy tooth is not so keen,

Because thou art not seen,

Although thy breath be rude.

(Sorry Mr. Shakespeare.)

BRIDGETRICKS

Well, on Jan. 9 the winter wind wasn't all that unkind for the five full tables who showed up for bridge, and the cards were not ungrateful for the way they were played by Flo and George Laundry, who won the evening. They were followed by Prem Margolese and Paul Retallack, then Liz

and Oleh Mycyk, with Patricia Hewett and Bob Morrisette in the fourth spot.

By Jan. 16, though, the weather's tooth was keener, but four full tables still arrived. There were different winners this time — Charles Kahn and newcomer Jonathan Chilvers, with Jennifer Quick and Gillian Mouat in second place. The Hewett-Morrisette pair maintained

their successful position in third place this time.

And then the snow and rudier breath arrived, but bridge addicts still sing out:

Then, heigh-ho, the holly!

This life is most jolly.

And plan to come back for another go.

For information, please contact George Laundry at 250-653-9095 or pastorale@shaw.ca.

MEDITATION

Zen circle helps achieve balance

Half-day session on Jan. 29

After welcoming the New Year, many people look forward to a more balanced life.

To support people in their resolutions, the Salt Spring Zen Circle is holding a half-day of sitting and walking meditation on Sunday, Jan. 29.

Both beginners and experienced meditators are welcome, and instruction is offered to those who would like it. Chairs and meditation cushions are provided.

"As welcome as it may be, mental silence can also seem daunting since most of us keep busy schedules and to-do lists constantly running through our minds," notes a press release.

Zen teacher Peter Levitt, who has practised Zen for 40 years and will be giving a teaching at this practice, offers this reassurance: "When our minds wander while meditating, we gently bring the focus back to our breath. With regular practice, that longed-for quiet concentration and sense of peace will come naturally. We all know how to do this, but we have to create an opportunity for it to take place."

The half day of Zen practice takes place from 7:50 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at 210 Cedar Lane.

There is no fee for Sunday's practice. However, in keeping with Zen tradition, donations for the teacher are gratefully accepted.

For further information or to register, contact Simon Rompre at 250-537-1721.

Gulf Islands secondary school basketball

upcoming schedule of events

- Jan 27/28 - Senior Boys away to Brenthwood Tourney
- Jan 27 - GISS Athletics Fundraiser "Spelling Bee"

full schedule: www.gulfislandssecondary.ca/homeschedule.html

Meet the Team



Meet four GISS Senior Boys bball players:

Jordan Chien (#15) - Small forward, Jordan has been putting up big numbers in rebounds and blocked shots this season. **Eli Gold (#2)** - Guard, Eli has an all-around offensive game, putting up assists, taking the ball to the rack, and raining 3-pointers. **Dylan Bullach (#11)** - Shooting guard, Dylan is a 3 point specialist and solid defender on the perimeter. **Paul Jordan (#13)** - Starting small forward, Paul is an offensive threat anywhere on the floor - scoring from the outside and in the paint. (Photo credit: Juli Paul)

Congratulations to all!

The community spirit of Salt Spring Island is alive and well.

We are proud to be associated with these people who continue to give so freely their time to support GISS sports.

THIS WEEK SPONSORED BY:

SAUNDERS SUBARU

1-888-849-3091 • 1784 Island Highway

Drop by today...Coffee is always on!

CLP652 WWW.SAUNDERS.SUBARUDEALER.CA

Here's my Card!

Despite every technological advance, business cards remain an essential business tool.

Be a part of this popular feature...10 weeks of display advertising and your business card on heavy stock, perforated for easy separation delivered as an insert to over 4000 Driftwood readers.

Gulf Islands Carpet & Upholstery Care
 Get Clean • Never • We Clean Them!
 537-4944
 Toll Free 1-888-537-4944
 Lorne Bascom
 lorneb123@gmail.com

www.indsor on the web!!
 facebook
 twitter
www.windsorssi.com
 STAY CONNECTED
Windsor Plywood
 166 RAINBOW ROAD
 Neighbours helping neighbours
 ...build their dreams
 PH: 250-537-5564 FAX: 250-537-1207
 OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 7 AM - 5:30 PM / SATURDAY 8 AM - 5:30 PM / CLOSED SUNDAYS

REYNOLDS
 CARPET & UPHOLSTERY CLEANING
 FLOOD RESTORATIONS
 TILE & GROUT CLEANING
 PAUL REYNOLDS
 owner/operator
 250-537-4208
 JOSH LACY
 certified technician
 FREE ESTIMATES
 "Since 1964"

Salt Spring GARBAGE Ltd. SERVICES
 250-537-2167 360 BLACKBURN RD
 ss garbage@shaw.ca
1ST
 ...in Residential Service
 ...in Container Service
 ...in Commercial Service
 ...in Special Clean-ups
 ...in Customer Service

Bruce's Big Buy OF THE Week!
Spinach, Asiago & Ham QUICHES REG. \$3.40 **SALE \$3.00**
EMBE BAKERY
 PRESENT THIS CARD JAN. 25 - JAN. 31, 2012

CONTACT ONE OF OUR SALES REPRESENTATIVES AND LEARN MORE



RICK MACKINNON
 250-537-9933 EXT. 202
rmackinnon@driftwoodmedia.com



ERIN JORY
 250-537-9933 EXT. 211
ejory@driftwoodmedia.com

Dashwood
 CONSTRUCTION LTD.

Since 1978

It's a good time to plan with your builder.

- Spring projects
- New houses or renovations

Bring your ideas or drawings and we can talk about timelines.

Steve/Don 250-537-5210

stevedashwood@shaw.ca

www.dashwoodcl.com

expert ADVICE

Phone: 537-9933 or e-mail: sales@gulfislands.net to be a part of this popular feature!

Home Maintenance

Got Snow?



MIKE HUNSBERGER



LIGHTHOUSE VENTURES LIMITED
Get on the list...
Walk into winter prepared.
250-537-6698

Counselling

Is this all there is?

Do you ask yourself this question and find that no matter how much "stuff" you have and how busy you keep yourself you never seem to feel "complete"? You look around at other people and wish you were as "complete" as they seem to be. You are not alone.

We often spend a lot of time and effort trying to fill the "hole" that we feel inside. Sometimes it feels like there is a part of us that needs something but we can neither name what that part is or figure out what it needs. In therapy we often talk about the concept of an "inner child". This inner child needs help in order to feel fulfilled. As a client once said to me, "All I want is for someone to love me". As we worked it through we found it was the little child inside her who was talking. As a child she had not felt loved. In therapy we were able to work with the inner child to resolve this need. It seems the saying, "if you do not deal with history it will deal with you", may indeed be true.

If you feel this way I invite you to call me and we will work towards changing "hole" to "whole".



ELSIE HANNAH

The Healing Place

Counselling Centre

Here you'll find a supportive, safe environment where you can talk openly. Together we can help you find new ways for living fully. All concerns are welcome. Reduced rates available for children.

PH: 250-931-8762 | www.ssi-healingplace.com
Upper Ganges Centre, 202-338 Lower Ganges Rd.

Seniors Services

Is any objective accreditation available for Retirement Communities in BC?

Since 2009, the BCSLA or British Columbia Senior Living Association, formed by industry professionals, has been addressing the needs of seniors in British Columbia, and maintaining benchmarks for quality and service in the senior housing industry. To obtain the BCSLA Seal of Approval, a retirement community must complete both an internal self-assessment and rigorous external review, conducted by a BCSLA appointed Assessor. Once approved, the community must maintain these standards, and undergo periodic re-assessment to ensure continued compliance. In accordance with the mandate of the BCSLA, approved communities are "resident-responsive communities that foster independence and freedom of choice for seniors with a proactive approach to health and wellness. Communities with the Seal of Approval have achieved the highest standards of service". To date, 71 communities in British Columbia have achieved this status. Ask the operator of your residence if they are BCSLA Approved!



TERON WOLF



Teron Wolf
General Manager
250-537-8340

www.HeritagePlace.info

Fitness Expert

A few fitness tips for wellness and a Healthy New Year

1. Hydrate - Drink at least 8 glasses of water each day. At a cellular level you "burn more calories" if you are well hydrated. If you are not used to drinking water gradually sip throughout the day - you will slowly increase your ability to hold water.

2. Eat three meals a day - Most people skip breakfast, eat little lunch and then eat most of their daily calories at the end of the day. Choose to keep the calorie furnace burning and fuel your body's metabolism all day. Wait 20 minutes after a meal for dessert and see if you still need it.

3. Practice posture - Keep in tune with your posture: your confidence and appearance will improve just by sitting straight, standing tall or moving with good posture.

4. Activities - Swimming and Aquafit are great ways to get and keep fit. It is a total body workout with no impact and easy on the joints.

Keep moving, have fun and all the best in 2012!



BRENDA AKERMAN

Rainbow Road
indoor pool

250-537-1402 • 262 Rainbow Road

Mechanic

How do you like winter so far?

Although this winter has been unseasonably warm your vehicle is still benefiting from your preparations for cold weather. Help your vehicle stay ready for winter.

Check your oil regularly and be sure your windshield washer fluid is topped up. Check your tire pressures and take a minute every now and then to walk around your vehicle keeping an eye out for problems that may have developed since your last service. If you spot something out of the ordinary get in to your service provider and have it checked out. It's unlikely we will get away with this mild weather for the whole season. A little prevention can go a long way towards worry-free driving.

Drive Safe, Gyle



GYLE KEATING

SALT SPRING AUTO SERVICE Tread Shed

537-2876 • #2-319 Upper Ganges Rd.
Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm

Pool & Spa

Why do we have to "shock" our pool and/or spa?

Over time, pool and spa water accumulates a build up of waste material, which can give it a cloudy, dull appearance. This accumulation provides nutrients for unwanted bacteria and algae and reduces your sanitizer's (chlorine or bromine) effectiveness. To shock is to oxidize bath wastes and to remove chlorine that has combined with these wastes to form irritating (to nose and skin) chloramines. Shocking can be done with one of the following: granular chlorine or bromine; non-chlorine shock (potassium mono persulfate); new oxidizer products which also contain clarifiers like Spaguard Spa Lite. Always remember to leave your hot tub or pool cover off after shocking: 1 hour for chlorine and bromine (6-8 hours for pools), ½ hour for non-chlorine oxidizers. For further information, visit the water analysis lab at Aquafun, where water testing is provided free of charge to our customers.



GLORIA WINNITOIY



AQUAFUN
FAMILY POOLS & SPAS

5265 TRANS. CAN. HWY. 250-748-2611
YOUR VALLEY POOL, SPA & SAUNA STORE BioGuard

Heating

New Year - New Beginnings!

Well here we are. Two weeks into 2012 already! Did you make any resolutions? If so have you kept them? The neat thing is that either way, you can always "re-resolve" any time you want. Why not resolve now to replace or retrofit your old, inefficient heating system with a new high-efficiency heat pump-based system? It just makes sense to act sooner than later. This is one time when you really don't want to procrastinate any longer.

The incentives and grants being offered are expiring soon. Besides that, the sooner you do away with your electric baseboards, electric boilers, electric furnaces, oil, gas, or wood-fired furnaces, the sooner you can start putting some of BC Hydro's money back in your pocket! Why pass up such an opportunity?

Outer Limits Sheet Metal Ltd. can help you find the best solution for your unique situation. Give us a call today and I'll quote you a fair price for a quality heating system. Unless you think the world is going to end...



MATT BECK

Outer Limits Sheet Metal Ltd.
• Geothermal Heat Pumps • Air Source Heat Pumps
• Ductless Mini-Split Heat Pumps
PH: 250-653-9378 Fax: 250-653-9574
723 Stewart Rd. Salt Spring Island BC V8K 2A2
outerlimitsheetmetal@gmail.com www.outerlimitsheetmetal.ca

Real Estate

IS IT BETTER TO LIST NOW OR WAIT UNTIL SPRING ARRIVES?

Often sellers will say to me "I want to wait till my spring garden blooms". Many, many homes have lovely spring gardens; the better plan is to get the jump on the season and avoid undue competition as the listings supply expands later in the year.

By listing now, your residence will:

- stand out when it comes on the market on a day when there are few other new listings - buyers are waiting;
 - possibly be the only listing that a buyer receives instant email notification about, when listed this time of year;
 - have a better position in the market - price-point wise, BEFORE all the new competition is available;
 - many "last year" temporarily off the market (while owners vacation) listings, burst back onto the market in April & May...your listing can stand out more effectively - SOONER.
- I sell many homes in January and February that may not have sold at the same price later in the year, due to better buys coming on the market as the spring progresses.

This old adage is really true for real estate:

"Why Wait till Spring? - Do it NOW!"



JAN MACPHERSON

Call Jan Macpherson
for a presentation & marketing consultation.

RE/MAX Salt Spring

Direct 250-537-9894

Office/Pager 1-800-731-7137

jan@saltspringguide.com

www.SaltSpringGuide.com



* Based on 2010 closed transactions. Source CREAA & RE/MAX internal data.

Your Finances

Smart Planning often starts with an RRSP

Preparing for retirement should start early with a savings strategy that will make it possible for you to accumulate the most wealth for use (and enjoyment!) through all your retirement years. The best retirement savings strategy for most Canadians is a Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) because your contributions and all the income that accumulates in your plan are tax deferred until you start using that money in retirement. Add in the fact that your contributions can be used to reduce taxes and the *magic of compounding* that enhances RRSP growth over time, and it's easy to see why a registered plan makes such good financial sense.

This year, the contribution deadline for RRSPs is

February 29, 2012 - don't miss it!

Contributing to your RRSP is an important way to save for retirement - but it's just one part of a solid retirement plan. Get all the facts (and good advice) from your professional advisor to make sure your retirement dreams blossom into enjoyable reality.



MARKUS WENZEL
B.B.A. (Hons) Consultant

The Plan by **Investors Group**
Investors Group Financial Services Inc.

250-653-9788

markus.wenzel@investorsgroup.com

TM Trademark owned by IGM Financial Inc. and licensed to its subsidiary corporations. Commissions, fees and expenses may be associated with mutual fund investments. Read the prospectus before investing. Mutual funds are not guaranteed, values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated.

DRIFTWOOD Classifieds

www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com

CALL

250-537-9933

OR 310-3535 • OVER 20,000 CLASSIFIEDS ON-LINE UPDATED DAILY

PLACE AN AD

In person at 328 Lower Ganges Rd., Ganges
By telephone 250-537-9933 or 310-3535
 or fax 250-537-2613

By email to classified@gulfislands.net

By post to Driftwood, 328 Lower Ganges Rd.,
 Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2V3

Payment
 By cash, debit,
 Mastercard or Visa.
 Classifieds are prepaid
 unless you have
 an advertising account.

DEADLINES

Driftwood

**PUBLISHED
WEDNESDAYS**

Display deadline: **Monday 4 pm**
 Word ad deadline: **Tuesday 10 am**

WHAT IT COSTS

3 LINE CLASSIFIEDS
 \$12.95 + additional lines 92¢ ea
 All ads are posted to BCClassified.com

EMPLOYMENT ADS
 3 line rate \$14.96 + additional
 lines 1.25¢ ea

All ads are posted to
 BCJobNetwork.com and
 BCClassified.com

DISPLAY ADS
 \$11.20 per col. inch

YOUR AD ON-LINE

All ads booked in the Driftwood
 Classifieds appear on-line at
www.bcclassified.com

Employment ads also listed on line at
www.bcjobnetwork.com

Auto ads also listed on line at
www.bcautocentral.com

Over 20,000 on-line ads updated daily

BOOK YOUR AD ON-LINE

Book your classifieds online
 - open 24 hours a day
www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com
 or
bcclassified.com

bcclassified.com

Please check your ad after the first insertion. Should an error appear in an advertisement, Driftwood Publishing Ltd. is only liable for the amount paid for the space occupied by the portion of the advertisement in which the error occurred. Driftwood Publishing Ltd. will accept responsibility for only one incorrect insertion.

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEATHS

*Elizabeth Anne Hickman
(Bettie) nee MacKenzie*
AUGUST 4, 1920 - JANUARY 12, 2012
 Predeceased by her brother Andy and great-grandson Aaron.
 Survived by her husband William Robert Hickman
 and her dear friend Robert Emiry.
 Loving Mother to Andy (Caro), Don (Sheri), & Kathryn Ann
 Loving Grandmother to Sheralin, Ted, Jill and Sonya
 Loving Great-grandmother to Tanner, Stormey, Christopher, Justice, Paige, Jack and Levi.



Bettie taught elementary school for a short time before marrying and travelling extensively with her diplomat husband, living in many countries to which they were posted. Later, she worked as a secretary. Because of her love and enthusiasm for new languages, customs, cultures and people she has friends all around the world. She always enjoyed taking part in live theatre, and after retirement became a model and appeared in several movies shot in Vancouver. The embodiment of charm and good manners herself, she had a repertoire of voices she used to animate dolls and stuffed toys. Much to the delight of her audience, she often used this talent as an outlet for an alter-ego she was far too genteel to express in person.

Regal, charming and open-minded, Bettie loved to laugh. Her joy for life, people and adventure could not be contained. Her positive outlook continued even in her last hours when she was planning for another trip to Salt Spring. Although, she lived in West Vancouver, she loved the Island and made many friends here while visiting family. She was a national treasure, and we feel privileged to have been part of her life. We will miss her generous spirit and unconditional love.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to
 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 4480 Oak St., Vancouver.

DEATHS

DEATHS

DEATHS

Elizabeth Lovell Gibson

(nee McEwen)

Feb. 15 1915 - Jan. 16 2012

Elizabeth (Betty) Gibson was born in Clinton Township, Lincoln County, Ontario on February 5, 1915, and passed away at the age of 96 on January 16, 2012 at Greenwoods Home in Ganges, Salt Spring Island, BC. She is survived by her husband Andrew, by their daughter Molly Van Poelgeest, and by grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Betty was a Registered Nurse in Ontario, and practiced professionally in many locations in Canada and the U.S.A. until retiring to Salt Spring Island in 1984.

Betty had been an accomplished equestrienne as a young woman, and remained interested all of her life. Following retirement her home interests were principally gardens, flowers and birds, while beyond the home she was active in different organizations devoted to the betterment of society locally and beyond. She was one of the first members of The Raging Grannies, who, by means of song, satire and humour, directed a critical eye on genetic manipulation, certain forestry and fisheries practices, and on many other threats to our society.

Betty was one of the founding members of OGIFA, the Ometepe-Gulf Islands Friendship Association, devoted to helping the people of Nicaragua, principally on Ometepe Island, by importing their coffee at the Fair Trade price, and using the proceeds from sales here to finance many much-needed improvements in their lives, such as schools, roads, water lines, and a small loans bank for women's enterprises. Betty visited Nicaragua many times, proving, in her seventies, that she could handle a spirited horse on the challenging back-country roads.

We would like to express our grateful appreciation for the superb care that Betty has received during this time and for the last twenty five years from Dr. Janet McPhail. We also thank the staff of Greenwoods Care Home, whose kindly and efficient professionalism was very important to Betty and to her family during the final months of her life.

There will be a celebration of her life at her home on Saturday, February 18, 1 to 3 p.m.



FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATIONS

Connie & Jim
 are very excited to
 announce the arrival
 of their beautiful
 granddaughter
*Marlee Maria
Moulton*
 Born 6:25 a.m.,
 Jan. 19, 2012 at
 Lady Minto Hospital.
 Congratulations to
 proud parents
Tami and Jason,
 big sister *Olivia*
 and cousin *Jerin.*
 Special thanks to
Maggie, Summer
 and *Mardon.*

DEATHS

CARDS OF THANKS

On behalf of her
 daughter, Maureen
 Lloyd and herself,
 Noreen Christian
 would like to ex-
 press her heartfelt
 thanks to all those
 who offered their
 condolences on the
 occasion of the
 passing of her son
 John David Chris-
 tian, on Dec. 29,
 2011.

COMING EVENTS

**CALL FOR ENTRIES
10TH ANNUAL**
 Kitty Coleman Woodland
 Art & Bloom Festival.
 Fine Art and Quality Crafts
 Juried Show.
 Presented in a spectacular
 outdoor setting
 May 19, 20, 21
 Applications for Artists are
 available at
woodlandgardens.ca or
 phone 250-338-6901

DEATHS



**Dr. John David
CHRISTIAN**

May 7, 1942 Edmonton -
 Dec. 29, 2011 Salt Spring Island

John enjoyed his work as a Psychoanalyst and made significant contributions to the field working at the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal, teaching students at McGill, sitting on Canada-wide research committees and in private practice in Montreal and Salt Spring.

He also loved outdoor pursuits and being on the water. He built the 39 ft. sailboat Touch The Clouds and sailed from Montreal to Salt Spring via the Galapagos, Marquesas and Panama. He sailed the west coast while living for over two decades on his boat mainly powered by wind and solar energy and rainwater collection, wanting low impact on the earth.

He loved the connection with nature he found rowing into Ganges Harbour early each morning, and spent many hours following his interest in the behaviour of birds.

John believed strongly that young children should be treated with utmost kindness and had high regard for early childhood education.

He was appreciated and loved by many friends and by those who worked with him.

And to all those people who worked with John, he loved you, recognized your beauty and strength, knew you as the finest people, and had great respect for each of you.

He is survived by his mother Noreen Christian, sister Maureen Lloyd, many nieces, nephews, and cousins across Canada, his loving partner Elizabeth Buchanan and her daughter Elizabeth Woods.

A Gathering in memory of John will be held Saturday Jan. 28, 3 - 5 P.M. Please RSVP to Carol Brown at 250-537-1224. In lieu of flowers, a donation to a Salt Spring preschool, daycare or a Waldorf school would be greatly appreciated.

**NEWS
UPDATES**

Follow the Driftwood on Twitter

<http://twitter.com/GIDriftwood>

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

**SALT SPRING FILM
FESTIVAL SOCIETY**
**Annual
General Meeting**
 2011-2012
**Tuesday, February 21
5:00 PM**
 Gulf Islands Senior
 Secondary School
 Room S104C
 Membership can be
 renewed at the door.
 For more information:
mreiss@telus.net

**Salt Spring Island
Agricultural Alliance**
**ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING**
 SSI Farmers Institute
 Thursday
 February 16, 2012
 2 to 4pm

COMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

**SALT SPRING ISLAND
WATER PRESERVATION
SOCIETY**
 Annual General Meeting
 on Sun. Jan. 29
 at 2:30 pm
 at
 The Harbour House Hotel
 Crofton Room
 Guest speaker -
Rick Nordin PhD
 Retired Research Scientist
 at UVic
 "Are Salt Spring Lakes in
 Trouble?"
 Effects of Climate
 Change, Development and
 Introduced species on
 B.C. Lakes
All Welcome

News Updates
 Follow the Driftwood on Twitter
<http://twitter.com/GIDriftwood/>

COMING EVENTS



TAOIST TAI CHI

For Health & Relaxation

**INTRODUCTORY CLASS
AND OPEN HOUSE**

Wed. Feb. 1, 7-8pm
 All Saints Anglican Church, Ganges
New weekly classes start
Thurs. Feb. 2 10:30am-noon &
Wed. Feb. 8 6:30-8pm.
Call Stephanie 250-537-1721

COMING EVENTS

COMING EVENTS

355B Blackburn Rd.
 250.537.9130

**Salt Spring
Centre School**
 Where learning connects the child to the world.

Open House
Feb. 1st, 4-6pm
**REGISTRATION FOR NEW STUDENTS
OPENS FEB. 1ST**

OFFERING:
**FULL DAY,
HALF DAY + PRE
KINDERGARTEN**
GRADES 1-6
5 DAY SCHOOL WEEK

- Montessori-inspired Primary Program
- Leadership Program for intermediate grades
- Eco-Education on 70 acres of land
- Theatre, Music, Fine Arts focus

www.saltspringcentreschool.ca **K - GRADE 6**

DRIFTWOOD CLASSIFIEDS

DEADLINES
TUESDAY 10 AM

classified@gulfislands.net

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

Weekend Residential Retreat
February 3-5th 2012
Heather Martin

Residential weekend of intensive practice. Suitable for both beginning and experienced practitioners.

Friday February 3rd - 3:30-5:00 pm
Sunday 5th - 3:00 pm

 In-house accommodation \$248
 Camping \$188
 Commuting \$112
 Plus donation to teacher at end of retreat

 To register: www.ssvipassana.org

News Updates

 Follow the Driftwood on Twitter
<http://twitter.com/GIDriftwood>

COMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

WOMEN & MONEY
Being fearless in turbulent times

 3 week workshop series
 Beginning Feb 11 (every Sat. morning)
 By donation

 \$10 registration fee
 Call 250-931-8801 or debbywetmore@shaw.ca

 For more info www.deborahwetmore.com

INFORMATION

Alcoholics Anonymous Service Meetings
Salt Spring 250-537-7573

Galena 250-539-2222

Portlock 250-629-3631

 For further information contact: Jim.G.250-537-2135

COMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

INFORMATION



THE aims and objectives of the LADY MINTO HOSPITAL FOUNDATION are to raise funds which will be used to expand and enhance the delivery of medical care by the Hospital to Gulf Islands residents. You can help the Foundation attain these goals by a gift of funds, real or personal property, memorial bequests, endowments, life insurance or securities. All donations will be recognized in the Hospital and receipts for Income Tax purposes will be issued.

Please help YOUR Hospital so it can help YOU
 135 Crofton Rd.
 Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 1T1
 250-538-4845
www.ladymintohospitalfoundation.org

COMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

 Re: The estate of **MARY McDONALD**, Deceased, formerly of 11031 Chemainus Road, Ladysmith, BC, V9G 1Z2

 Creditors and others having claims against the Estate of MARY McDONALD, are hereby notified under section 38 of the *Trustee Act* that particulars of their claims should be sent to the Executors at Box 414, Ganges P.O., Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2W1, on or before February 29, 2012, after which date the Executors will distribute the estate among the parties entitled to it, having regard to the claims of which the Executor then has notice. James Pasuta, Solicitor for the Estate of MARY McDONALD

PERSONALS

DATING SERVICE. Long-Term/Short-Term Relationships, free to try!! 1-877-297-9883. Live intimate conversation. Call: #7878 or 1-888-534-6884. Live adult 1on1. Call: 1-866-311-9640 or #5015. Meet Local Single Ladies. 1-877-804-5381. (18+)

TRAVEL

GETAWAYS

LONG BEACH - Ucluelet - Deluxe waterfront cabin, sleeps 6, BBQ. Storm watchers 2 nights \$239 / 3 nights \$299. Pets Okay. Rick 604-306-0891

LONG BEACH - Ucluelet - Deluxe waterfront cabin, sleeps 6, BBQ. Storm watchers 2 nights \$239 / 3 nights \$299. Pets Okay. Rick 604-306-0891

COMING EVENTS

TRAVEL

TIMESHARE

CANCEL YOUR Timeshare. No Risk Program. Stop mortgage & maintenance payments today. 100% Money back guarantee. Free Consultation. Call us now. We can help! 1-888-356-5248.

TRAVEL

BRING THE family! Sizzling specials at Florida's best beach! New Smyrna Beach, Florida. See it all at: www.nsbfla.com/bonjour or call 1-800-214-0166

HAWAII ON THE MAINLAND. Where healthy low-cost living can be yours. Modern Arenal Maleku Condominiums, 24/7 secured community. Costa Rica "the most friendly country on earth" 1-780-952-0709; www.CanTico.ca

VACATION SPOTS

SUN & SAND. Beautiful Florida Beach Condo. Google: vrbcs93361.537-8819


BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS

 to Every Hunter in BC! Advertise in The BC Hunting Regulations Synopsis 2012-2014 publication. Increased circulation 250,000 copies! Tremendous Reach, Two Year Edition!
Contact Annemarie at 1 800 661 6335 or hunt@blackpress.ca
BE YOUR Own boss with Great Canadian Dollar Store. Franchise opportunities now available. Call today for details 1-877-388-0123 ext. 229 or visit our website: www.dollarstores.com
DEALERSHIPS Available - Polar Outdoor Furnaces. www.topline-dist.com or email topline@mts.net

INFORMATION

BC Job Network

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

GREAT CAREER Opportunity in Oil and Gas Industry! Looking for young energetic individual with Class 1 license interested in learning to operate a Pile Installation truck/equipment in the Fort St. John, BC area. Opportunity to achieve full time steady work making great wages and benefits. Fax or email resumes to: 1-888-731-8027 or rachel@hittimeservices.com. Check us out www.hittimeservices.com

EDUCATION/TRADE SCHOOLS

ACCOUNTING AND Payroll Trainers needed. Large & small firms depend on certified A&P professionals. No experience needed! Local career training and job placement available. 1-888-424-9417.

AIRLINES ARE Hiring - Train for high paying Aviation Maintenance Career. FAA approved program. Financial aid if qualified - Housing available. Call Aviation Institute of Maintenance (877)818-0783.

COASTAL LOG

SCALING COURSE
 Nanaimo Based Log Scaling Co. is seeking motivated students. **Course to start in March (5 days/week).** Government Exam in June. E-mail for further info: scalingjobs@gmail.com
MEDICAL TRAINEES needed now! Hospitals and Doctors need well trained staff. No experience needed! Local training and job placement available. Call for more info! 1-888-748-4126.

HELP WANTED

LEMARE GROUP is seeking a certified heavy duty mechanic and an experienced off-highway logging truck driver for the North Vancouver Island area. Full time union wages. Send resume by fax to 250-956-4888 or by email to office@lemare.ca

INFORMATION

HELP WANTED

ENJOY WORKING for seniors? Heritage Place for Seniors requires a person with comfortable cooking skills and excellent cleaning habits to work as an Occasional. Preparing the evening meal for residents, cleaning up, rest of one of our Houses is like looking for a family. Set menu. No shopping. Join our team of caring, sharing Homemakers. Candidate will require Food Safe, TB Test, Criminal Record Check. Please mail resume to: Office, Heritage Place, 120 Crofton Rd. Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 1Y4.

EXPERIENCED PARTS Person required for progressive auto/industrial supplier. Hired applicant will receive top wages, full benefits and RRSP bonuses plus moving allowances. Our 26,000 sq.ft. store is located 2.5 hours N.E. of Edmonton, Alberta. Send Resumes to: Sapphire Auto, Box 306, Lac La Biche, AB, T0A 2C0. Email: hr@sapphireinc.net See our company website LacLaBicheRegion.com

THE LEMARE GROUP is seeking Forestry Engineers to assist in road and cut-back design. For those that display the qualities we desire we will provide remuneration that is above industry standard. Send resumes to the Planning Manager at (250)956-4888 or email vstavrakor@lemare.ca

LEMARE GROUP in Port McNeill is seeking an Accounts Payable Clerk to join our team. Your skill set should include strong organization skills, effective time management, attention to details, excellent communication skills, computer literate and an accounting knowledge. Fax resume to 250-956-4888 or email joorin@lemare.ca
PORT HARDY BC. Journeyman GM Technician required. Full-time competitive pay, bonuses, benefits. Avail. immediately. Send resume to klassengm@gm.com or fax (250)949-7440 Attention Cory Klassen.

THE LEMARE GROUP is seeking a Machinist. Full-time union wages. Please send resumes by fax to (250)956-4888 or by email to office@lemare.ca
T-MAR INDUSTRIES located in Campbell River is hiring for the position of Journeyman Heavy Duty Mechanic. Position comes with a competitive benefit package and applicant must possess a valid driver's license. Contact: Joe Fornari. Mail: 5791 Dunn Bay Road, Campbell River BC V9H 1N6. Fax: 250-286-9502 Email: joefornari@t-mar.com

INCOME OPPORTUNITY

HOME BASED BUSINESS. We need serious and motivated people for expanding health & wellness industry. High speed internet and phone essential. Free online training. www.project4wellness.com

Have we got your Phone number or Business Listing for the Salt Spring Island Directory?

☐ To add your new listing...or ☐ To change your current listing

Complete a "Change of Information Card" located on p. 16 of the current phone book. There is a drop off box outside the office door located at the Lions Hall downstairs at 103 Bonnet Ave.

 Alternatively, you can send us an email with information change to lionsdirectory@telus.net. We do not get automatic changes from Telus or Shaw.

Deadline for changes or advertising is February 15, 2011.


Lions Publications

COMING EVENTS

COMING EVENTS

COMING EVENTS

COMING EVENTS

FINANCIAL WORKSHOPS 2012

 Volunteers & Board Members of Non-Profit Organizations
 VITAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION ALL CHARITIES SHOULD KNOW

FUNDING SOURCES:

 How to Approach them Effectively
Tuesday, Feb 7th from 7-10 pm
Portlock Park Portable Room
FEE: \$20.00
Registration Deadline: Feb 3rd
John Binsted, International Consultant, former Chief Operating Officer of the Vancouver Foundation, and current Board Member of the SSI Foundation will guide you through the maze of funding sources. Join fellow volunteers and learn from the invaluable experience of being on the receiving side of grant applications. Understand and approach funding sources with the tools and confidence needed for best possible outcomes.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

 Volunteer Board Members: What You Need to Know
Tuesday, Feb 28th 7-10 pm
Portlock Park Portable Room
Fee: \$20.00
Registration Deadline: Feb 24th
Terry Bolton is Treasurer for the Salt Spring Island Foundation. He has 30 years' experience working in the oil industry as an engineer responsible for the technical and financial aspects of major projects. Did you know that as a volunteer board member you have a fiduciary responsibility to manage the assets of your organization? You are personally accountable for the financial oversight that guides the viability of the organization you govern. Join other volunteers to gain a broader knowledge of the key elements of financial statements and budgets.

REGISTRATION: Forms can be downloaded online at www.crd.bc.ca/ssiparc or by stopping by the PARC office M-F 9-4 pm. Course fee must be included with registration; payments accepted by cash, cheque, debit, or credit card.
INFORMATION: PARC Office at 250 537 4448 or ssiparc@crd.bc.ca

Special thank you to:



INSIDE SALES/ADMIN ASSISTANT

Driftwood Gulf Islands Media has an immediate opening for an inside sales and administrative assistant

We're looking for someone who enjoys working with the public in a busy office environment. Experience in sales is an asset and previous administrative experience essential. Proficiency in MS Office and experience with Macintosh a must. This is a salary plus commission position, a benefit program is available.

 Driftwood Gulf Islands Media, includes Gulf Islands Driftwood, Gulf Islands Real Estate, Gulf Islands Aqua, The Gulf Islander Visitors Guide, and gulfislandsdriftwood.com as well as many other features and specials.

THOSE INTERESTED IN APPLYING SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR RESUMÉ NO LATER THAN FRI. JAN. 27TH, 2012 TO:

SALES REPRESENTATIVE

The successful candidate must have excellent organizational skills, the ability to build relationships with clients and offer superior customer service. The winning candidate will be a team player and will be called upon to grow an existing account list with a cold calling mandate. The ability to work in an extremely fast-paced environment with a positive attitude is a must. Previous sales experience is required and media sales would be a preferred asset.

This is a commission position and offers a great work environment as well as a benefits package.

 Driftwood Gulf Islands Media, includes Gulf Islands Driftwood, Gulf Islands Real Estate, Gulf Islands Aqua, The Gulf Islander Visitors Guide, and gulfislandsdriftwood.com as well as many other features and specials.


Amber Ogilvie

 Driftwood Gulf Islands Media
aogilvie@driftwoodgimedi.com

DRIFTWOOD CLASSIFIEDS

DEADLINES
TUESDAY 10 AM

classified@gulfislands.net

Jobnetwork

TRADES, TECHNICAL

KINGLAND FORD - Journeyman, Small Engine Technician wanted - Rigging boats packages, repairs & maintenance on ATV, Marine, Power Equipment and Motorcycles. Fax: 1 (867) 874-2643 Email resume: employment@kinglandford.com

MILLWRIGHT JOURNEYMAN - BCTQ certification mandatory. Fulltime opening at West Coast Reduction Ltd in Vancouver. Competitive wage and benefits. Email resumes to rpretorius@wcrcl.com

WORK WANTED

CARON CARPENTRY
Serving Salt Spring Island for 27 years. Construction, renovations, property maintenance. John Caron. 250-537-9397, jcaron@telus.net

PERSONAL SERVICES

HEALTH PRODUCTS

\$10 CASH back for every pound you lose. Herbal Magic. Lose Weight Guaranteed! Call Herbal Magic now at 1-800-827-8975 for more information. Limited time offer.

MESSAGE (REG. THERAPISTS)

ALAN JOHNSON, RMT
Restorative and Relaxation
Massage
Maximize Benefit Plans
Studio or Mobile
Flexible Hours
250 538 7571 cell

PERSONAL SERVICES

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Cut Your Debt
Group to 70%
DEBT
FORGIVENESS PROGRAM
Avoid Bankruptcy, Stops
Creditor Calls, Much Lower
Payments at 0% Interest.
We work for YOU, not
your creditors.
- Call Now! -
250-483-3454
www.4pillars.ca/victoria
4 PILLARS CONSULTING GROUP

DROWNING IN Debts? Helping Canadians 25 years. Lower payments by 30%, or cut debts 70% thru Settlements. Avoid bankruptcy! Free consultation. Toll Free 1 877-556-3500, www.mydebtsolution.com

GET BACK ON TRACK! Bad credit? Bills? Unemployed? Need Money? We Lend! If you own your own home - you qualify. Pioneer Acceptance Corp. Member BBB. 1-877-987-1420. www.pioneerwest.com

IF YOU own a home or real estate, Alpine Credits can lend you money. It's that simple. Your credit/income is not an issue. 1-800-587-2161.

MONEY PROVIDER.COM. \$500 Loan and +. No Credit Refused. Fast, Easy, 100% Secure. 1-877-776-1660.

LEGAL SERVICES

CRIMINAL RECORD? Don't let it block employment, travel, education, professional certification, adoption property rental opportunities. For peace of mind & a free consultation call 1-800-347-2540.

PERSONAL SERVICES

LEGAL SERVICES

CRIMINAL RECORD?
Guaranteed Record Removal
since 1989. Confidential, Fast, & Affordable. Our A+BBB Rating assures EMPLOYMENT & TRAVEL FREEDOM.
Call for FREE INFO BOOKLET
1-8-NOW-PARDON
1-866-972-7366
RemoveYourRecord.com

HOME/BUSINESS SERVICES

CONCRETE & PLACING

GULF COAST MATERIALS
Serving the Gulf Islands
• Concrete
• Concrete Pumps
• Sand/Gravel
• Rebar
• Bagged Cement
• Colour & Sealers
Small Load Pick Ups
Available at Yard
345 Rainbow Road
250-537-2611

News Updates
Follow the Driftwood on Twitter
<http://twitter.com/GIDriftwood>

HOME/BUSINESS SERVICES

DRAFTING & DESIGN

LET'S GET STARTED
Bring your sketches & ideas and together we'll design (or upgrade) your dream home. Through the use of computer-aided drawing, we'll quickly produce the working drawings you'll take to your contractor.
HELSET DESIGN
250.537.1037
Ask for Jim

HAULING AND SALVAGE

STRONG WOMAN HAULING
After 15 years of experience, we are now offering our services to the public. We will haul anything you need. We are now offering our services to the public. We will haul anything you need. We are now offering our services to the public. We will haul anything you need.

REAL ESTATE

HOMES WANTED

WE BUY HOUSES
Damaged House? Pretty House? Moving? Divorcing? Estate Sale? We will Buy your House **Quick Cash & Private.** Mortgage Too High and House won't sell? We will Lease Your House, Make your Payments and Buy it Later!
Call: 1-250-616-9053
www.webuyhomesbc.com

REAL ESTATE

HOUSES FOR SALE

HOME, SHOP & ACRES IN PORT ALBERNI, B.C.
\$599,900
When driving to 5555 Golden St. The first thing you notice is the quiet street. The landscaped drive and manicured grounds is the backdrop for the 3600 sqft. custom built 1920's Victorian home. It features 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, a spacious living room, 3 floors, a full kitchen, a full bathroom, a 2400 sq. ft. finished shop with its own facilities surrounded by nature's scenery with Lagoon Creek on two sides of the 2.76 acreage. Close to city amenities and recreational facilities such as golf and marinas.

REAL ESTATE

OTHER AREAS

NAPLES FLORIDA Areal Bank Acquired Condos Only \$189,900. Same unit sold for \$428,895. Own your brand new condo for pennies on the dollar in warm, sunny SW Florida. Walk to over 20 restaurants/100 shops! Must see. Ask about travel incentives. Call 1-866-959-2825, ext 15. www.coconutpointcondos.com

RENTALS

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

1,068 SF. to lease. Merchant Mews nr. Ganges. Skylights bthrm, bay door, upstps office. Richard 250-380-1669 Victoria

COTTAGES

PRIVATE, ONE bedroom cabin, centrally located. Suitable for one person. Long term preferred. \$760/mo. Avail. Feb. 1st, call Mike 250-653-4071

DUPLICES/4PLEXES

MORNINGSIDE ROAD. 1 bdrm + den (can be used as home office). Priv. entrance, \$1000/mo. 1 pet ok. Ref's req'd. Call (250)653-9966.

MOBILE HOMES & PADS

3 BR. 720 sq ft/ mobile home with WD, covered deck, NS, \$800 incl. utilities. On Stewart Rd. Avail. Feb. 1st. Call: 250-537-4078

HOMES FOR RENT

1 BDRM MOBILE home, newly renovated, WD, separate laundry room & storage area. Avail. immed. \$500/mo. Call 250-537-6860.

2 PLUS BDRM house, 1 min walk to Country Grocer. Large yard, \$1100. 250-537-7537.

HOMES FOR RENT

RENTALS

HOMES FOR RENT

1 BDRM townhouse, newly renovated, new W/D, hardwood floors, private patio, storage unit, sunny site close to town. Avail. immed. \$800/mo. Call 250-537-6860.

1 BEDROOM half duplex, separate driveway, private yard, long term, avail. immediately \$750. Contact Island Explorer Property Management, 250-5376-4722.

1 BEDROOM ocean view home. Walk to Fulford Ferry, shared property. WD, NS, NP long term, available immediately \$800. Contact Island Explorer Property Management, 250-5376-4722.

2 BDRM Designer Cabin near central available Feb. 1 for long-term rental. Full kitchen, bath, W/D, in-floor heat. N/S & N/P. \$975 + util. Markus. 250-653-9799.

2 BDRM mobile home, \$650/mo. Renovated with WD, private deck, storage unit, new windows. Avail. Feb. 1. Call 250-537-6860.

2 BEDROOM house, 10 min. to Ganges in rural setting, 1.5 baths, huge south deck, garden, private trails, skylights, woodstove & electric, laundry room, NS, cat okay, \$1100. Long-term. #250-537-1530.

2 BEDROOM ocean view home. Walk to Fulford ferry, shared property, extra storage or small studio space. WD, NS, NP long term, available immediately \$1000. Contact Island Explorer Property Management, 250-5376-4722.

3 BDRM. near Central, lake view, newly renovated, 1.5 baths, carpet, workshop, WD, NS, long-term. \$1350/mo 250-537-4413.

COSY 2-BEDROOM cabin w/deck on shared property. Wood/electric heat. Suite, cat, 2 quiet, NS people. Cat okay, \$800 + util. Avail. now. 250-537-1968.

HOMES FOR RENT

ISLAND EXPLORER

Property Management Ltd. & Real Estate Services

300sf modern suite in Vesuvius

Forest views, on bus route, walk to Vesuvius Ferry, hydro & water, included, suit single person only, N/P, N/S, avail Feb 1st, long term\$575

Cabin by Long Harbour

On shared property, suites single person only, wood & electric heat, long term, available immediately\$595

Ocean view suite

Bachelor, fully furnished or unfurnished, suitable for one person only, N/P, N/S. includes hydro and water, avail immediately, long term\$600

Mid Island home

1 bedroom, 1 bathroom (shower only), W/D, electric & wood heat, shared property, cat okay, N/S, long term\$725

1 bedroom half duplex

Separate driveway, private yard, long term, avail immediately\$750

1 bedroom ocean view home

Walk to Fulford Ferry, shared property, W/D, N/S, N/P, long term, available immediately\$800

2 bedroom ocean view home

Walk to Fulford ferry, shared property, extra storage or small studio space, W/D, N/S, N/P, long term, available immediately\$1000

Ocean view home

2 bedroom, 1 bath, near town, N/P, N/S, wood & electric heat, upper level of house, long term, available immediately\$1195

3 bedroom home in the woods

Wood & electric heat, propane range, W/D, N/S, shared property, long term, available immediately\$1250

High end oceanfront home

2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath, large garage, W/D, N/S, N/P Walk to Fulford Ferry, bright and sunny, on shared property, long term, avail immediately\$1450

Walk to town

3 Bedroom plus hobby room, 2 bath plus large ensuite, wood/electric heat, large lot with fenced garden space, W/D, DW, N/S, N/P, long term, available Jan 1st.\$1650



250-537-4722
1-800-800-9492

Island Explorer is a fully licensed, bonded management company under the laws of the B.C. Govt.

VOCATIONAL REHAB COORDINATOR
Full Time, Permanent Position

Qualifications/Experience:

- 2 yrs experience working in mental health
- Relevant university degree or equivalent
- Demonstrated knowledge of the local employment market
- Experience teaching and/or working with groups
- Program development and management experience

This is a new program operated by Salt Spring Literacy and SS Community Services

For more information or to send a resumé and cover letter please contact:

coordinator@saltspringliteracy.org
Deadline for applications: January 26th

Salt Spring Arts Council
Job Posting:
Artcraft Manager

Salary: \$24,000 - \$26,000 annually.

This is a full-time 32 week contract position.

The Salt Spring Arts Council welcomes applications for the position of Artcraft Manager for the 2012 Season. Artcraft is a not for profit juried retail program of the Council incorporating feature exhibitions within a main show which currently represents about 150 artists. Artcraft is located in Mahon Hall on Salt Spring Island, BC and operates daily from mid June until mid September and again as Wintercraft for 2 weeks in December. Qualifications include extensive experience in managing a retail sales venue, knowledge of contemporary arts and crafts, and excellent communications skills

(written and verbal). Preference will be given to candidates with experience in a not-for-profit environment including organizing volunteer groups. Successful candidate must be available for evening openings or extended hours during the contract period. For detailed statement of qualifications and responsibilities email info@ssartsCouncil subject: Artcraft Manager. Please send resume, cover letter and 3 references by February 7, 2012 to: Search Committee, Salt Spring Island Arts Council 114 Rainbow Road Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2V5

Client Advisor/Employment Advisor—CARE SSG

~ Part-time: 15 hours per week ~

The CA/EA plays a key role as the first point of contact for all unemployed and underemployed clients arriving at **CARE Salt Spring Island**. The CA/EA provides registration services to clients, responds to enquiries from the public, maintains the Job Board, updates community information, assists clients in applying for work using Internet and other technology, provides feedback and guidance on resumé and cover letter development, and disseminates Labour Market Information.

Essential Qualifications

- Post Secondary education with a Diploma in Human Services, Administration or combination of education, training, and experience in an employment setting
- Training in and/or working knowledge of Microsoft software applications; Windows, Word, Excel, Access, Outlook, and Publisher
- 2+ years front line experience serving diverse clientele in a demanding and fast-paced environment
- Preference will be given to those with experience providing service to unemployed clients

To apply: Email cover letter and resumé as soon as possible to andrea.davies@careonline.ca

Looking to hire immediately. Only those candidates who are short listed will be contacted.



Funded in whole or part through the Canada-British Columbia Labour Market Development Agreement.

NEWS
UPDATES

Follow the Driftwood on Twitter
<http://twitter.com/GIDriftwood>

photography:
John Cameron

DRIFTWOOD CLASSIFIEDS

DEADLINES
TUESDAY 10 AM

classified@gulfislands.net

RENTALS
HOMES FOR RENT

3 BEDROOM home in the Wood & electric heat, propane range, W/D, N/S, shared property, long term, avail. immed. \$1250. Contact Island Explorer Property Management 250-537-4722.

BACH, SUITE avail. Feb. 1, N/S, N/P. On bus route. \$600/mo. Utilities incl. 538-5505.

BACH, SUITE with loft. South-end. Private acreage, h/s internet, W/D avail. Super clean and cozy. Single only with references. \$625.00 includes hydro. 250-653-4101 iv. message.

CABIN BY Long Harbour on shared property, suites single person only, wood & electric heat, long term, available immediately \$595. Contact Island Explorer Property Management 250-537-4722.

GARDEN SUITE in town, 2 bdrm, fireplace, storage, lg yard, W/D, NS, NP. Available now. \$925. 250-538-0026.

HIGH END oceanfront home, 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath, large garage, W/D, NS, NP. Walk to Fulford Ferry, bright & sunny, on shared property, long term, avail. immed. \$1450. Contact Island Explorer Property Management 250-537-4722.

LONG TERM, 1 bdrm, 780 sq.ft. NS, NP, W/D, \$800 plus util. Ref. req. 250-537-9470.

MID ISLAND home, 1 bdrm, 1 bath (shower only), long term, \$725. Contact Island Explorer Property Management 250-537-4722.

MODERN 1 BDRM ocean view cottage with deck. NS, suits quiet people, cat ok, \$700. Avail now, 250-537-1968.

OCEANVIEW BACHELOR suite, fully furnished or unfurnished, suitable for one person only. NP, NS, includes hydro and water. Avail. immed. , long term \$600/mo. Contact Island Explorer Property Management, 250-537-4722.

OCEANVIEW COTTAGE, 1 bdrm, bright, clean, near Ganges, 600 sq.ft. Avail. immed, long-term, \$850 utilities incl. NS, NP, ref. 204-474-7352.

OCEANVIEW HOME, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, long term, NP, NS, wood/electric heat, upper level of house. Avail. immed. \$1195/mo. Contact Island Explorer Property Management, 250-537-4722.

SMALL HOUSE for rent. 640 sq. ft. 1 bdrm, full kitchen & bathroom plus outdoor storage. Hydro not incl., NS, Lee's Hill, near bus route. \$750/mo. 250-653-4444.

RENTALS
HOMES FOR RENT

SWEET SUITE for rent in a four-plex home. Ground floor, with patio, small fenced garden, lovely yard, & paths to town through the forest. 2 bedrooms, plus living and dining rooms, tub & shower, own washer & dryer. Includes electricity/hydro, looking for long-term, responsible tenants with island references, is this you? Call Maxine at 250-537-1808 to view.

TWO BEDROOM quiet Vesuvius home. Fenced garden. Long-term. Cat okay. \$1000. 537-0718.

VESUVIUS OASIS. Trees, expensive south views, much glass and decks. Vaulted ceiling, fireplace, as new flooring and appliances, \$1150 plus util. 250-537-2809.

WALK TO TOWN. 3 bdrm plus hobby room, 2 bath plus large ensuite, wood/electric heat, large lot with fenced garden space, W/D, DW, NS, NP, long term, avail. Jan 1, \$1650. Contact Island Explorer Property Management 250-537-4722.

WATERFRONT, MODERN, light filled, furnished 3 bdrm, 2 baths home, dock, .9 acres. Avail now through Aug. www.saltspingoceanfronthome.ca Call 250-537-6947

OFFICE/RETAIL

UPPER OFFICE space available in downtown Ganges heritage building, would suit counselor, artist, accountant or other similar type professional. High traffic, and high profile location. Rent negotiable. If interested please email fisher@tmwlaw.ca

STORAGE

STORAGE

- HEATED
- HUMIDITY CONTROLLED
- 9' CEILINGS
- 24 HR. ACCESS

MID ISLAND STORAGE
250-537-4722

RENTALS
SUITES, UPPER

3005F MODERN Suite in Vesuvius Forest views, on bus route, walk to Vesuvius Ferry, hydro & water, included, suit single person only, NP, NS, avail Feb 1, long term, \$575. Contact Island Explorer Property Management 250-537-4722.

TRANSPORTATION

AUTO FINANCING

DreamCatcher Auto Loans "0" Down, Bankruptcy OK - Cash Back 1.15 mt. Approvals 1-800-910-6402 www.PreApproval.cc

FREE CASH Back with \$0 down at Auto Credit Fast. Need a vehicle? Good or Bad credit call Stephanie 1-877-792-0599 DLN 30309. Free delivery www.autocreditfast.ca

WANT A Vehicle but stressed about your credit? Christmas in January, \$500 cash back. We fund your future not your past. All credit situations accepted. www.creditdrivers.ca 1-888-593-6095.

CARS

1978 MG MIDGET plus parts car. Asking \$4,000 250-537-4098.

2002 CHEVROLET CAVALLIER 2-door standard transm. New brakes, only 126,000 km. \$3,000. 537-9397.

2007 CUSTOM Chev HHR. Excellent condition. Loaded. White, 119,000 km, mostly hwy driven. On-Star. \$11,900 firm. 250-755-5191.

MOTORCYCLES

SCOOTERS
Gas & Electric.
Island's Largest Selection.
Vespa & Yamaha & Honda

FINANCING
738 Hillside Ave., Victoria
250-362-8291
www.gatorcycle.com

TRANSPORTATION
SCRAP CAR REMOVAL

SCRAP BATTERIES Wanted! We Buy Scrap Batteries from Cars, Trucks etc. \$4.00/lb. & up! Free pick-up Island Wide. Min. 10 (1864.866.9004 Ask for Brad

SCRAP BATTERIES Wanted We buy scrap batteries from cars, trucks & heavy equip. \$4.00 & up each. Free pick-up anywhere in BC. Minimum 10. Toll Free 1.877.334.2288.

TRUCKS & VANS

1992 TOYOTA Previa Van, excellent shape, no problems, burgundy, 250 K, \$3300 obo. 250-931-7775.

2007 JEEP Wrangler Sahara, 4 door, automatic, hard top. Lady driven, ext. warranty, 68,000km, perfect condition. \$21,700 obo. 250-537-8979.

MARINE

BOATS

OUTBOARDS
Yamaha - Suzuki
Honda

from 2 HP to 250 HP
Four strokes
New & Used
Great Selection
Great Prices

Over 40 years in Victoria

SEVENSTAR
738 Hillside Ave., Victoria
250-362-8291
www.sevenstar.com

TANZER 7.5 Great sails, rigging, bottom re-done 6 mo ago, outboard, 250-537-4102.

News Updates

Follow the Driftwood on Twitter
<http://twitter.com/GIDriftwood>

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

NINTENDO GAME Cube plus games and two controllers. There are about a dozen games; Paper Mario, PacMan Battle, Sonic, and more. \$40. 250-537-7436

20" SANYO TV and Philips DVD player. Work fine, excellent for kids room or spare room. \$50 for both. 250-537-7436

SAM ANDERSON Appliance Repair; prompt, reliable, professional service. 250-537-5268.

SANDSTONE FOR SALE. Call 250-537-7320 for prices and delivery.

LOVESEAT and sofa wanted, matching, contemporary style, neutral colour, call 250-537-1613 evenings.

DEADLINE FOR TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY IS 2:00PM TUESDAY

\$50 Cash Refund

GULF ISLANDS OPTICAL will refund 1/2 the cost of your eye test up to \$50 with your purchase of a complete set of prescription eyewear (cannot be combined with other offers)

Lancer building, 323 Lower Ganges Road, 250-537-2648

SALT SPRING'S ONLY FARRIER

Prompt...Friendly...Reliable

Based on Salt Spring
Next Day Service!

North West Farriers

Fully licenced
Fully certified
WCB insured

HANNA BARCLAY 250.538.1619

This Week's
Horoscope

by Michael O'Connor
www.sunstarastrlogy.com
sunstarastrlogy@gmail.com
1.888.352.2936

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

Many new realizations are coming your way now and this trend will continue. Heart opening experiences are featured. These may have mystical leanings or at least activate feelings of compassion for others. Meanwhile, your ambitions are on the rise. Circumstances are pushing you to be more aware, committed and responsible.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 21)

Your career and/or public life are getting some extra attention. It is possible that you have made some sacrifices in this respect and you are ready to cash in. Loving friends are coming forward, as if suddenly. This stands to be an expansive and exciting time for you. Yet, you may still feel green and realize that you have a lot to learn.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

Your higher mind is being activated. Visions of the future are streaming through your mind. Yet, you are not out of the dark entirely yet. Continued inner work to feel faithful about things is probably necessary. Patience with people and situations remains important. Circumstances are directing you to express compassion and selfless love.

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22)

Probing some of life's deeper mysteries continues as a central theme. You want answers like never before! Meanwhile, increasing the scope and quality of your connections with others feels right. You may still have some deep lingering fears you must contend with. Imagine that in doing so you will claim hidden gifts and powers, because you will!

Leo (Jul 22 – Aug 23)

Exciting relationships activations are yours to enjoy now. The exchange of ideas feels profound and prolific. Sharing higher minded truths will bring rewards. Your desires are running deep these days and the passion is there, yet your drive may not be equal to these. Give more time to achieve your goals; slow down yet persevere.

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22)

Activating changes in your daily routine is now in focus. You want to feel clear in your mind and energetic and so are taking measures to succeed. You may suddenly find yourself changing your diet. Deep feelings of love for significant others are being stimulated. Yet, give them room too be themselves and do not lean either.

Libra (Sep 22 – Oct 22)

An exciting wave of creativity is washing in. This will inspire you to make changes in who

you relate with and how. Relationships will be scrutinized for their worth. You may not act on your feelings right away, at least not outwardly. This is a good time to do inner work to clear subconscious angers, fears and blocks, especially if these are blocking intimacy.

Scorpio (Oct 22 – Nov 21)

Creative projects in the safety of your home spell happiness now. You may be in an inventive mood. Inspirations and/or the need to re-invent yourself some how, or to make changes in your lifestyle are likely. Your social life is poised to expand. You should already see the signs. Make the most of this window of opportunity.

Sagittarius (Nov 21 – Dec 21)

A busy cycle is now underway. With a lot of people to see and places to go you stand to cover a lot of ground. Yet, you may also have unfinished business to attend to, which is a good idea. This may include attending to your health. Desires to remain close to home are also strong. Perhaps you can invite people to your home to strike the balance.

Capricorn (Dec 21 – Jan 19)

Gathering ideas, plans and prospects is on your mind. You want to feel secure that you have everything you need for success. Flirting with new possibilities can include projects as well as people. Yet, you also want freedom or at least are in a very independent mood. Making key investments is part of the plot because you want measurable returns.

Aquarius (Jan 19 – Feb 19)

You are in a pioneering mood and may even feel a bit punchy and aggressive. Many new perceptions are stimulating your thought processes. Getting clear on what are your own genuine needs verses those of others is important now. If you don't you could feel confused and moody or reactive and thus alienate others. Direct your energies to realize your ideals.

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)

Getting things done behind the scenes is extra important now. This is a good time to rest and retreat as well. Balancing both urges can mean accepting fewer invitations or being mindful not to escape into the television or internet.... Get clear on what you want to achieve and pace yourself. The tendency to scatter your energies remains high so be deliberate.

MERCHANDISE FOR SALE - New To You

Merchandise ads with items totalling less than \$200 receive a **50% discount** with your Residents Card

Deadline 10 am Tuesday

BUILDING SUPPLIES

SEE US FOR A FAST QUOTE ON ALL YOUR BUILDING REQUIREMENTS!

- Flooring
- Heating
- Eases
- Plumbing
- Roofing

For all your building requirements, large or small!

REED LUMBER LTD.
804 Fulford-Ganges Rd.
537-4578

FUEL/FIREWOOD

FIREWOOD CUT, SPLIT & DELIVERED

Standing timber & logs wanted

MAHCO 250.537.6170 or 250.538.8622

HONEST OL'S FIREWOOD

GUARANTEED CORD

Cut, Split & delivered Cedar Fence Rails

250-653-4165

FUEL/FIREWOOD

FIREWOOD KONIG & SON

Serving Salt Spring 28 years

Cut, split & delivered Competitive & reliable Standing timber and logs wanted

Kurt Duff 250-537-9531

SEASONED FIREWOOD

Vancouver Island's largest firewood producer offers firewood legally obtained during forest restoration, large cords. Help restore your forest, Burndrywood.com 1-877-902-WOOD.

GARAGE SALES

LIONS GARAGE Sales & Drop Offs: Fridays & Saturdays only, 10am - 12pm. Many household items. We do not accept large appliances, draperies or clothing. Drop-offs accepted only on Fri. & Sat. morning. Please no garbage!! 103 Bonnet Ave.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

CAN'T GET Up Your Stairs? Acorn Stairlifts can help. Call Acorn Stairlifts now! Mention this ad and get 10% off your new Stairlift! Call 1-866-981-5991

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

CAN'T GET Up your stairs? Acorn Stairlifts can help! No obligation consultation. Comprehensive warranty. Can be installed in less than 1 hour. Call now 1-866-981-6591.

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

MORRIS MINI SNOW Tires. Were on Mini Clubman two seasons, like new, on island 99.9% of use, minimal mileage to and from work by wife. Radial Tubeless mud and snow winter tire 175/65 R15. Conti Winter Contact TS 8.10S Continental. Mounted on rim with hub cap. 537-4997.

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

BUY & SAVE QUEEN-SIZE MATTRESS SALE!

GOOD
390 Coil 2 Pc. Sets with 10 Yr. Warranty ... **\$399**

BETTER
Eurotop 640 Coil Dreamland 2 Pc. Sets **\$499**

THE BEST
Euro Pillow Top 800 Coil Juno 13" Thick Mattress with 7 Yr. FULL non pro-rated Warranty, 2 Pcs. Sets **\$599**

39", 54" and King Size Sets also on sale!

WOODEN BUNK-BEDS \$299⁹⁵ WITH MATTRESSES \$499⁹⁵

NO HST STOREWIDE CLEARANCE on all like new and used furniture and accessories, on all carpenter, mechanic's and handyman's tools and hardware.

BUY & SAVE
we buy, sell, trade Mon-Sat 9-5
9818 Fourth Street, Sidney buyandsave.ca

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

SANDSTONE For sale. Call 250-537-7320 for prices and delivery.

STEEL BUILDINGS For all uses! Beat the 2012 steel increase. Make an offer on sell-off models at factory and save thousands now! Call for free Brochure, 1-800-668-5111 ext. 170.

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Arvid Chalmers Ltd. Real Estate

arvid@saltspring.com
537-7148

Sports & Recreation

BASKETBALL

SIMS girls take 2nd at tourney

Grade 8 squad earns comeback wins

Hard work by the Salt Spring Middle School Grade 8 girls basketball team led to a strong second-place finish at a Jan. 20-21 tournament.

All four SIMS games played at the Duncan Christian invitational event were close battles.

The team first faced off against home squad DCS Chargers, whose early lead was dashed by a SIMS rally and win by three points.

The next game, against Queen of Angels, was also a tough one.

"With only two minutes left in the game, the girls were down by two points," said coach Martin Mongard, "[but] they rallied during a time-out and came back on the court

to score four quick baskets and win the game by six points."

On Saturday SIMS lost in the final seconds to a Langley team, although the game then played against Dover was the most frustrating.

The last 30 seconds of the game were tense, as Dover went up by one point.

"Then Jordan Kitchen gained possession of the ball and shot, just as the ref was blowing the whistle," said Mongard. "The ball went in, the buzzer went and the Salt spring girls jumped up in celebration, but the referee waved off the basket."

The starting line consisted of Kitchen, Shayce Johnston, Kaya Mongard, Maddy Haston and Kiara Johnston, plus Page Alerd, Charlotte McIntyre, Jennifer Hernandez and Kirsten Quesnel on the bench.

"As your Member of Parliament, I am proud to be your voice in Ottawa, and I am happy to assist you with federal issues affecting your life. Please contact me if I can be of service."

Elizabeth May, O.C., M.P., Tumbler - Gulf Islands

Constituency office open for public service 10am - 4pm, Tues. to Fri.

Elizabeth May, Member of Parliament, Saanich-Gulf Islands
1111 Fourth St. Sidney BC, V8L 2Y1 Tel: 250-453-3888 | Elizabeth.May@parl.gc.ca

Constituency office open to serve you: conscientious, caring, non-partisan service



PHOTO BY ARUNA FRASER

SIMS Grade 8 girls basketball team after their second-place Duncan tourney finish on Saturday.

OUTDOOR REC

Trail and nature club announces February expeditions

Annual General Meeting

All members are encouraged to attend the annual general meeting on Thursday, Jan. 26 at Community Gospel Chapel. Doors open at 11:45 a.m., with the AGM starting at 12:30 p.m.

A sandwich lunch will be provided for members. Our guest speaker is Paul Linton, who will present Wildflowers of Salt Spring Island.

Trail and Nature Presentations

Thursday, Feb. 23, David Denning presents Geysers, Gardens, Goblins and Grand Staircases: Day-Hiking Some National Parks and Monuments in the Western U.S. beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the lower hall of the United Church.

Hikers

Feb. 7: Barry and Sheila Spence lead a moder-

ate hike along the Cowichan River that loops around Skutz Falls and Marie Canyon. Meet at Portlock Park at 8:30 a.m. to catch the 9 a.m. ferry to Crofton.

Feb. 14: Ashley Hilliard leads a moderate but long hike into Ruckle Park "through the back door." Sturdy footwear is essential. Meet at ArtSpring to carpool at 9:45 a.m. or join at the foot of Meyer Road at 10:05 a.m.

Feb. 21: Susan Hannon leads a moderate hike with steep sections to the new Nature Trust acquisition in Burgoyne Bay. May require some bushwhacking. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or meet at the Burgoyne parking lot at 10.

Feb. 28: Jean Gelwicks leads a moderate hike at Channel Ridge. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9:45.

Walkers

Feb. 7: Donna Way leads a walk to the Indian Reserve. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or meet at the bottom of South Ridge Drive at 10:15.

Feb. 14: Marg Simons leads an off-island walk up Horth Hill in Saanich. It's not a long walk but it is uphill. Carpool from ArtSpring at 9 a.m. (or take the 9 a.m. bus from Ganges) to walk on to the 9:50 a.m. Fulford ferry.

Feb. 21: John Heddle leads a short and easy walk in the beautiful Maracaibo rain forest which has one very wet spot and one very muddy one. Carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m.

Feb. 28: Fred Powell leads a mystery walk. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m.

Ramblers

Feb. 7: Ramble, probably in the Byron Road area. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. and we will decide on the walk and a leader.

Feb. 14: Ramble led by Cathy Darling in the Fernwood area. Gather at the Fernwood Cafe afterward. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. to carpool.

Feb. 21: Ramble led by the Hardings in the Eagleridge/Ontario Place area. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. to carpool.

Feb. 28: Join Terry Ison for a 90-minute ramble on trails to the top of Mouat Park. You can drop out sooner if that's too much for you. For lunch, join others who bring a bag lunch or meet in a restaurant. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.



Expand Trade.



Renew infrastructure.



Create jobs,



right here at home.



We're improving roads, ports, bridges and air connections for greater trade with growing Asian economies. And that's creating jobs here at home. To learn more about the BC Jobs Plan, or to share your ideas, visit BCJobsPlan.ca



THE BC JOBS PLAN



THE 2011 CR-V'S ARE PRICED TO MOVE



MODEL RE3H3BEY

2011 CR-V LX 2WD

\$27,880 – \$3,500

MSRP** INCLUDES FREIGHT AND PDI.

CASH PURCHASE INCENTIVE*

= \$24,380

@BCHonda