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UP AND OVER: Jazlyn Lalonde Fawcett from Fernwood Elementary School competes in the high jump at the annual Salt Spring Grades 4 and 5 track meet in Portlock Park on May 23.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Responders called for rescues

Two scenarios in one night

BY MARC KITTINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring fire, ambulance, and search and rescue crews had their hands full as they responded to two rescue situations on Thursday evening.

The first call came in at around 6:30 p.m. A man was found with serious injuries in a forested area near Spirit Lake, several hundred metres off Musgrave Road, according to Salt Spring Fire Chief Arjuna George.

Fire department personnel were assisted by B.C. Ambulance Service and Salt Spring Ground Search and Rescue teams to remove the man from the forest. He was brought to Lady Minto Hospital by ambulance and then airlifted to a regional hospital.

The second call came in at around 8 p.m. that same evening as emergency services were clearing the first incident. George said a man had fallen about 30 feet down an embankment on Nose Point Road. Salt

Spring Fire-Rescue was first on the scene, and by the time they arrived the man had climbed back up the embankment.

He was treated for his injuries on scene and transported to Lady Minto Hospital. Search and rescue volunteers were also on scene for this incident, ready to provide rope-rescue assistance.

"It was a busy weekend," George said. "I'm not sure how many calls we had, but I'm guessing it was at least 10."

POLITICS

Elizabeth May fined for criminal contempt over protest

Conviction does not give MP a criminal record

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Elizabeth May was fined \$1,500 after pleading guilty to criminal contempt of court on Monday.

May was charged for her part in protesting the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion during a March 23 protest at a Kinder Morgan worksite in Burnaby.

B.C. Supreme Court Justice Kenneth Affleck sentenced May to an elevated fine that was three times higher than what the Crown and May's defence lawyer jointly requested. During his judgement, Affleck said that perception of a higher purpose did not give people the right to pick and choose which aspects of the law to uphold. His decision also stemmed from his finding that May had "exploited her role as member of Parliament and party leader" to encourage others to act illegally.

The judgement came a day before the federal government announced that it would buy the existing pipeline and expansion infrastructure from Kinder Morgan at a cost of \$4.5 billion to ensure the project goes ahead despite shareholder uncertainty.

In a press conference given from the steps of the Vancouver courthouse on Monday morning, May said her court process was complete other than signing the final paperwork and paying the fine, which she was about to do. Otherwise, she said, she could talk indefinitely about reasons why the pipeline project must be stopped.

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SENIORS HOUSING

Meadowlane project enters Trust's rezoning stream

Construction planned to begin in 2019

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Gulf Islands Seniors Residence Association is moving ahead with an ambitious expansion plan, hoping to twin its Meadowbrook residence with a brand new complex called Meadowlane in the next two years.

GISRA president Janet Smith and project consultant Richard Walker hosted a day of information sessions at Community Gospel Chapel on Thursday, meeting with prospective residents, neighbours and technical consultants working on water issues in separate periods. Walker reported the good news that a rezoning application for the Kings Lane property purchased for the new devel-

opment had been submitted to the Islands Trust and could be expected to appear at a Local Trust Committee meeting in the near future.

With 30 people on the waitlist for the 37 units that GISRA currently operates at Meadowbrook, the projected September 2020 opening date couldn't come too soon. The project aims to bring in another 36 units of affordable seniors housing plus six "transitional" rental suites at market rate for seniors transitioning between home ownership and the residence model. The proposed three-storey building will also include space for an expanded Kings Lane Medical Clinic, leaving the existing building available for other ventures such as a possible new location for the Salt Spring Seniors Centre.

Walker said that GISRA has worked with Islands Trust and Capital

Regional District staff from the outset to choose a property that would work with local regulations, narrowing down the choice from around a dozen potential locations to three, and then to the ultimate selection. The property purchase was completed in October.

Benefits to the location include two existing North Salt Spring Waterworks connections and that it's near the hospital, pharmacies and grocery stores. A further plus is there was no First Nations interest or concerns.

"You eat this elephant one bite at a time. You take the possible issues and you address them and you move forward," Walker explained.

To fully meet water needs, an innovative plan including water collection, mass storage in underground vaults and an on-site treatment plant is proposed. Walker said it was impor-

tant to the board not to put strain on groundwater and neighbourhood wells. The development will actually inject some of its treated water back into the water table.

"So far [the Islands Trust and the CRD] love that, because so far we're one of the only projects that's not putting another straw into the milkshake," Walker said.

Sewage will also be treated on site and the building is planned to produce net-zero energy, whether by solar power, geo-thermal or some other means.

With only 33 per cent lot coverage permitted, much of the property will remain green space. Underground parking will help accommodate up to 93 spaces as well as electric scooter and vehicle charging stations.

In regard to how GISRA proposes to fund a project that may cost up to

\$25 million to develop, Walker said Smith has already worked on her contacts in Ottawa and has learned about grant opportunities from a variety of programs. If successful, they will be funnelled through the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Regional and provincial housing initiatives are also at prime, Walker said, and local philanthropists with deep pockets may play a role.

The project's leads are hoping their rezoning application has exceeded Trust requirements with the amount of information submitted and that this will help expedite the rezoning process. GISRA is looking at a 14-month construction phase that would hopefully begin in summer 2019. They have already collected an overflow list of people interested in the units.

ACTIVISM

GISS students protest pipeline expansion



PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

Gulf Islands Secondary School students show their opposition to the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion project after walking out from class last Wednesday.

Demonstration helps make young voices heard

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

More than 100 Gulf Islands Secondary School students walked out of class last Wednesday afternoon to protest against the Trans Mountain pipeline.

The walkout was part of province-wide student demonstrations against the controversial project. According to GISS organizers, students have been getting more and more frustrated with political issues and are motivated to speak out against what is going on.

"We want to get involved. We actually care and we want to see that more power is put into our hands," said Bonnie Reynolds, one of the organizers. "We are actually the growing influence and we are the ones who should be listened to."

Grade 12 student Junan Adam-Gordon was another one of the organizers. He got the idea for a school protest when he visited the Kinder Morgan site in Burnaby earlier this year.

Adam-Gordon said he met another youth there who "was trying to organize a province-wide walkout to

"We want to get involved. We actually care and we want to see that more power is put into our hands."

BONNIE REYNOLDS
Protest co-organizer

raise awareness and support opposition to the Kinder Morgan pipeline. I thought that our school could do that."

The protest also helped inform other students about the issue.

"I think the main goal is making people aware that this is happening. We want to let people know what is going on in the world and what we're fighting for," said Adam-Gordon. "If a tanker spilled, it would affect all of us."

While the event was not officially sanctioned by the school, many staff were supportive of the students.

"Admin says that they can't say no and they can't say yes," said Adam-Gordon. "They're going to support whatever happens out on this field. The teachers themselves have been

very supportive."

GISS has an enrolment of approximately 600 students.

Reynolds and Adam-Gordon said there has been an increase in political awareness in young people, and a push to get more young voices involved in politics. In March, a bill was introduced by B.C. Green Party leader Andrew Weaver that would lower the voting age from 18 to 16 years old, but it has not been looked at since March 13.

"A lot of people are telling youth that the future is on our shoulders and we'll have to deal with the consequences of previous generations' actions," Reynolds said. "I do believe that many youth are getting frustrated with that and are looking for a way of speaking out, raising awareness and being able to use their voice to mobilize the government towards actually taking action."

The pipeline has fuelled protests across the province and weakened the relationship between Alberta and B.C. On Tuesday morning, the federal government announced that it will buy the Trans Mountain pipeline and infrastructure from Kinder Morgan for \$4.5 billion. Kinder Morgan had previously stated it would abandon the project if all political issues were not resolved by May 31.

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ENVIRONMENT

Island plastic recycling program expands on June 1

Recycle BC champions shopping bag reduction strategy

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring residents will have more opportunity to recycle plastic packaging beginning June 1, with a pilot program launched by Recycle BC coming to the island's depot.

The world crisis of plastic pollution came into sharp focus for many Canadians on Earth Day, when the federal government launched a campaign for global and domestic action on marine plastic litter and ocean preservation.

Recycle BC, the industry stewardship program responsible for paper and plastic packaging in the province since 2014, also took the occasion of Earth Day to launch the #BringYourBag challenge in partnership with the Retail Council of Canada and local grocery store chains.

"We all need to work together to reduce the use of single-use bags," said Allen Langdon, managing director of Recycle BC, in announcing the campaign. "By sharing a common goal, and through a combination of incentives and education, we're encouraging positive behaviour change to keep plastic bags out of our landfills and oceans."

In an interview with the Driftwood, Langdon said plastic bags are the number one contaminant polluting paper-recycling streams, which has an adverse effect on the markets that purchase those materials. China is no longer taking paper from many jurisdictions because of its new policy on contamination, for example. Plastic bags are also most likely to end up in landfills or the ocean without ever entering the recycling chain.

The Ellen MacArthur Foundation and the World Economic Forum issued a report in January that predicts at current



PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

A plastic recycling bin at the Salt Spring Recycling Depot. The island program is set to expand with flexible plastic packaging options starting this Friday.

rates, plastic will outweigh fish in the oceans by 2050.

Their report The New Plastics Economy estimated there are already 150 million tons of plastic in the world's oceans, with eight million tons more added each year. Seventy per cent of ocean garbage is non-degradable plastic.

Recycle BC is a participating member in the foundation's New Plastics Economy initiative, which includes working toward goals such as a circular economy that reduces new plastic use, and creating a glob-

al plastics protocol.

Langdon said that because of the environmental impact, Recycle BC is concentrating on reducing or eliminating single-use plastic bags as much as possible. The organization is also looking at recycling plastic to its full lifespan of seven different cycles, after which point it starts to break down.

"From our perspective, that's a better approach than using it once and then maybe using it for something else and then going to a landfill," Langdon said.

He said rigid plastic recycling has improved with greater control of the process now in local hands. Plastics used to be sold in mixed bales; buyers in overseas markets often salvaged the items they wanted and threw away the rest; now these plastics are processed into pellets in B.C. They are then shipped to two markets — China and Spain — where they are turned into new, long-lived products such as picture frames and crown moulding.

"It's a start. Eventually it's our goal to see more of this product returning to new packaging," Langdon said, adding one of the problems is that new plastic is so cheap to buy. However, the provincial stewardship law that requires producers to pay a fee for every kilogram of paper and plastic packaging they create provides a built-in incentive to cut back.

One of the frustrating things for Gulf Islands residents about the 2014 change to the industry responsibility model is that paper and plastic recycling options actually decreased in some cases. That's because local recycling depots marketed their own waste materials and were able to find buyers for items that may now only be coming on stream under the provincial model.

The new "other flexible plastic packing" category should see some of those materials return to the Salt Spring depot list, and provide the opportunity to recycle others for the very first time. The pilot program will include items like chip bags, coffee bags and the plastic net bags used to package onions.

Depot manager Peter Grant said basically the only type of packaging that won't be accepted are items that combine plastic and paper, such as plastic lined paper chip bags.

The end-point for packaging collected during the pilot will fall into one of three areas: items that are "very recyclable," and will therefore be

recycled; items that contribute to research on what consumers' barriers to recycling might be; and items that will be processed into pellets for an alternate fuel source replacing diesel and coal.

The pilot program is expected to transition into a requirement for B.C. depots in 2019.

The federal government launched an online consultation for moving Canada toward zero plastic waste on April 21.

Learn more at ec.plastiques-plastics.ec@canada.ca.

Other Flexible Plastic Packaging Categories Available as of June 1

Stand-up & Zipper Lock Pouches

- Zipper lock pouches for frozen foods like prawns, berries, prepared food, etc.
- Zipper lock bags for fresh foods like grapes, berries, deli meat, etc.
- Stand-up pouches for baby food, hand soap refills, etc.
- Stand-up and zipper lock pouches for things like dried fruits, granola, sugar, oatmeal, quinoa, dish detergent pods, grated cheese, etc.

Crinkly Wrappers and Bags

- Bags for potato chips, candy, dried pasta, cereal, etc.
- Cellophane for flowers, gift baskets, etc.
- Wrappers for cheese slices, snack bars, instant noodles, etc.

Flexible Packaging with Plastic Seals

- Packaging for fresh pasta, pre-packaged deli meats, pre-packaged cheese, etc.

Woven and Net Plastic Bags

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TRANSPORTATION

Malahat detour traffic overwhelms Salt Spring ferries

Cars line up at island terminals

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Drivers who were hoping to find a workable detour between Victoria and Nanaimo after the Malahat was closed on Thursday, May 24 flooded ferries serving Salt Spring, causing two-sailing waits at several terminals.

Three round-trip sailings were added to BC Ferries' Brentwood Bay-Mil Bay crossing over Saanich Inlet, but with just 20-car capacity, that option was quickly over-run.

Salt Spring drivers who were off-island Thursday were caught in the chaos. Those arriving at the Swartz Bay terminal in what would normally be enough time for the 5 p.m. sailing had to wait until 9 p.m. to cross.

By 6 p.m., traffic waiting to leave Salt Spring's Vesuvius terminal had backed up to

before the intersection of Vesuvius Bay and Sunset roads. In addition to multiple sailing waits, BC Ferries issued notice at 7 p.m. that the Howe Sound Queen was operating an hour behind schedule. An extra round-trip sailing was added to accommodate the traffic.

Matt Rissling, owner of the Rock Salt Cafe in Fulford, reported that cars had been backed up for that crossing as well, but all travellers managed to leave the island by the time of the final sailing. BC Ferries added a 9:50 p.m. trip to deal with the overload.

The Malahat section of the Trans-Canada Highway was closed around 11 a.m. Thursday due to an accident between a fuel truck and a van in Goldstream Provincial Park and involved response from a hazardous materials crew. The road re-opened around 2 a.m. Friday.



PHOTO BY PAUL ZOLOB

Cars line up on Vesuvius Bay Road past the Vesuvius Cafe & Store as people attempt to access Vancouver Island while the Trans-Canada Highway near Goldstream Park was closed all day due to a traffic accident.

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Chinook fishing closures ordered to help save orcas

Gulf Islands area closure begins Friday

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Canadian government has ordered new chinook salmon fishery closures and harvest restrictions in a bid to address an imminent threat to southern resident killer whales' survival and recovery.

Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, Dominic LeBlanc, and Minister of Environment and Climate Change Catherine McKenna made the announcement under authority of the Species at Risk Act on Thursday. The goal is a total fishery decrease of 25-35 per cent in order to increase the resident killer whales' prey availability.

The plan calls for recreational finfish and commercial salmon fishery closures in portions of the Strait of Juan de Fuca and waters around the Gulf Islands, and partial closures in the mouth

of the Fraser River to protect key foraging.

Conservationists who have been lobbying the government to do more than just study the situation have lauded the news as an important part of a much bigger fight.

"The recognition of the urgent critical state of this population is a long overdue step in finally getting the needed and urgent protection these whales require to remain an important part of the Salish Sea for generations to come," said Christianne Wilhelmson, executive director of the Georgia Strait Alliance. "Action to ensure orcas' share of Chinook salmon is available to them and enabling more Chinook to return to spawning grounds are important actions, and we look forward to hearing more from the government related to other threats to this species."

Gulf Islands waters affected are DFO subareas 18-2, 18-9, 18-4 and 18-5: through Active Pass and Trincomali Channel

between Mayne and Prevost islands to Swanson Channel and Plumper Sound. The annual closure will run from June 1 to Sept. 1.

Additional measures include reduced harvest limits, size limits and time restrictions in select area closures to protect wild chinook stocks of concern across the B.C. coast.

Salt Spring resident Kathy Scarfo is president of the West Coast Trollers Association, which fishes for salmon on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. Described as a highly selective sustainable fishery, trolling uses hooks and lines towed behind vessels at low speed to make the catch.

Scarfo agreed that with diminishing salmon returns, a solution is needed, but she feels more commitment is required to address the long-term health of both salmon and orcas. She believes that recreational fishing hits fish stocks the hardest both in terms of numbers and timing.

"We need to actively manage the commercial recreation fisheries that have grown uncapped over the last decade by licensing and mandatory catch information," Scarfo said. "Many assume the commercial fishery is the big fishery but as abundance decreased so did the commercial catch. Meanwhile the recreational fishery has expanded."

Thursday's announcements also included over \$9.5 million from the Coastal Restoration Fund to support eight projects to restore habitat for chinook salmon across British Columbia.

However, Scarfo said managing big picture concerns such as climate change impacts like ocean acidification and warming, pollution and increased shipping traffic are even more necessary.

"Micromanaging the symptoms without addressing the major causes won't work in the long run. The DFO has lost the leader in envisioning and using the environmental protections the Fisheries Act pro-

vides to enforce a precautionary approach," Scarfo said.

She added: "If we are to make financial sacrifices, it seems disingenuous that the same government claiming interest in protecting whales in the Salish Sea would roll the dice on a disaster for increased financial benefits to others by promoting tanker traffic through these most valuable waterways."

Information from the DFO is that additional short- and long-term measures to support the recovery of the southern resident killer whales will be announced in the near future. New restrictions on whale watching vessels are considered likely, with voluntary changes announced by the industry last weekend.

The Georgia Strait Alliance and other groups have pointed out that acoustic and physical disturbance from vessels interferes with the whales' ability to hunt and communicate, making shipping and boat activity another significant factor in their survival.

Fundraiser for arrestees set for June 9

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"I remain a Member of Parliament; I'm holding my head up high," May said. "My job continues: to do everything I can to best represent the constituents of Saanich-Gulf Islands, and to protect the Salish Sea, to stand with First Nations in solidarity, and to continue to speak, as we can in a democracy, against this project."

"I clearly respect the rule of law," May added. "I respect the court process that I just went through."

May said she continues to believe non-violent civil disobedience has a place in a functioning democracy. She also explained that although her offence is called "criminal contempt of court," it is actually a common law matter and she therefore does not

have a criminal record or any related restrictions that would impact her job as MP.

"I clearly respect the rule of law. I respect the court process that I just went through."

ELIZABETH MAY
Saanich-Gulf Islands MP

Nine people from Salt Spring were also charged for participating in the protests. Myna Lee Johnstone and Jan Slakov pled guilty and have been sentenced to community service and/or fines. Six of the others are working together with a defence lawyer in Vancouver and will learn more

about their options this week.

May will be part of community fundraiser for the arrested islanders taking place at Fulford Hall on Saturday, June 9. The event will include participation from WSA NEC councillor Mavis Underwood and her granddaughter Grace, Phil Vernon and friends, Bill Henderson, Luke Wallace, Murray Reiss, Reuben George (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) and MLA Adam Olsen.

The program starts at 7 p.m. with entrance by donation.

Also expected to attend is Vancouver environmental engineer Romilly Cavanaugh. Romilly is a former employee of Kinder Morgan, who has been arrested herself for protesting the pipeline expansion.

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BC FERRIES

Vesuvius options explored ahead of vessel retirement

Fulford terminal issues drag on

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Long-term plans and a variety of options for Vesuvius ferry traffic are being examined with the 2019 retirement of the Howe Sound Queen looming ever closer.

The matter was a key topic of discussion at the semi-annual public meeting between BC Ferries executives and Salt Spring's ferry advisory committee, which took place at the Harbour House Hotel conference room on Friday. FAC members have raised significant concerns with plans to replace the Howe Sound Queen with the smaller-capacity Quinitisa, but the switch coupled with extra sailings may be the answer for at least a year until another ship becomes available, the ferry company said.

"We do have some concern with capacity during the summer and we're looking into what we could do," reported Peter Simpson, BC Ferries' director of fleet operational strategy.

FAC chair Harold Swierenga repeated a request for a different vessel, noting frequent traffic issues on the Vesuvius route over



MARK COLLINS

the past year. "As you know, the Howe Sound Queen is running late a lot, and overloading," Swierenga said. "I'd just like to ask that you look at this carefully because it's become a real problem."

BC Ferries CEO and president Mark Collins said that getting a bigger ferry would not necessarily solve the problem, and could add to overflow traffic in the roadway. The inability to deal with extra traffic that way was illustrated just the day before, when the Malahat portion of the Trans-Canada highway was closed after an accident and fuel spill, sending Vancouver Island drivers to attempt a detour route over Salt Spring.

Collins observed that adding terminal space isn't easy when there's private property involved and no land available for purchase.

"If the Quinitisa could add more round trips and leave on time, that would be a better experience," Collins suggested.

One potential solution to ease overloads on the route is to add an early morning sailing dedicated to

dangerous cargo and commercial traffic, freeing up three trips per week to regular car passengers.

Looking further ahead, BC Ferries is working toward fleet standardization and could eventually replace the single ferry with two small ferries running in tandem. That would allow for a longer service day but would require an extra berth at either Crofton or Vesuvius to store the second ferry overnight.

BC Ferries plans improvements to both terminal areas between 2020 and 2023, but washroom improvements in each terminal will start before that. A procurement process is in place and work is scheduled for the current budget.

As for the long-awaited Fulford terminal expansion plan, inability to finalize a deal with a local property owner has BC Ferries looking at other options. The company is considering building out into the harbour instead of a larger base on land.

Fulford resident Gladys Campbell, who attended the meeting, asked BC Ferries to employ flaggers and traffic directors to ensure there is road access to the 100 homes located beyond the terminal space. Traffic issues are especially evident for the 7:50,

9:50 and 11:50 morning sailings, she said.

"Now we are having full loads 12 months of the year at that time," Campbell said.

Davit incident details shared

In other business at Friday's meeting, Collins provided more information on the incident with a lifeboat lowering mechanism that caused the Queen of Cumberland to be out of service for a month, impacting ferry service to the Southern Gulf Islands and Salt Spring.

Collins explained the davit wire that snapped was only two weeks old. The accident was severe for one of the crew members involved in testing lifeboat deployment.

"He was grievously injured. It could have been a fatality — there's no doubt about that," Collins said.

As a result of the WorkSafeBC investigation, the faulty davit was not repaired but was seized and sent to a lab for testing. The \$500,000 part is not available "off the shelf" and has to be engineered specifically to a vessel, and then certified at various steps by the authorizing agency.

BC Ferries was able to locate a davit of the right size but not the same model that was meant for a ship in Newfoundland. The part had to be transported via flatbed truck. When it arrived, the Queen of Cumberland had to be modified in order to accept it, with additional training and certification required.

Collins said that when the incident first occurred it did not seem that it would take a month to resolve, but one lesson learned was to share more information early on, and to try to restore expected service levels more promptly and efficiently. As more crew members on the other routes are trained on the Salish-class vessels, switching those boats into service will become easier. At least one more Salish vessel may be constructed.

"Standardization of the fleet will be a big step," Collins said.

As well, crew members will no longer enter boats to release them in drills, as it's not something they would do in an emergency. Other davits of the same make in the fleet have been inspected and precautions taken against similar incidents. An internal investigation is underway along with those being conducted by WorkSafeBC and Transport Canada.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Hiking map marks anniversary

Island trails and paths charted

BY JEAN GELWICKS
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Island Pathways is pleased to announce the completion of their long-awaited hiking map that the group has called Salt Spring Island on Foot — Public Trails, Paths and Beach Walks.

We say "long-awaited" as this map took Island Pathways much longer to complete than anticipated, but now that it is printed we are quite proud of it and hope others will be as well.

The Salt Spring Visitor Information Centre has wanted a hiking map for tourists for years. "Where can I hike on Salt Spring?" is one of the most asked questions at the centre. This is why IP decided to take on this project in the first place and why we are especially happy to have it ready just in time for summer visitors as well as islanders.

Salt Spring Island on Foot is the perfect introduction to all of the public trails, paths, beach accesses and walks on the island. It includes elevation contours, distances, level of difficulty, accurate GPS trail locations, amenities, descriptions of trails, with many photographs to give the user a hint of what to expect. It will be available at the info centre, Salt Spring Books, Black Sheep Books, Tanner's Books in Sidney and a number of B&Bs, to name a few places.

To create this map Island Pathways relied on a number of dedicated volunteers who put literally hundreds of hours into hiking and GPSing the trails, organizing all the GPS work, taking photographs, writing and proofreading and designing the map. We also want to thank the owners of the lands that many of the trails are on: BC Parks, CRD Regional Parks, Parks and Rec-

reation Commission, Islands Trust Fund, Salt Spring Island Conservancy, and Salt Spring Water Preservation Society for working with them on this project and supporting the map.

We will be launching the map and saying thank yous at Island Pathways' 30th anniversary celebration on June 24 at 10 a.m. starting at the Farmers' Institute and then on the pathways around Ganges until 1:30 p.m., when everyone will meet back at the institute to see who has won all the prizes. This event will be a day full of all kinds of family-friendly activities, including decorated bike and helmet contests for kids with lots of prizes, an Active Transportation Fair, passports to fill in with stickers (which could win the holder prizes), cake, drinks and hikes, walks and rambles as well as all kinds of things happening on the pathways that people will not want to miss out on.

The day will start with a short but sweet map launch so IP can say their thank yous for all the support they have received as an organization for the map but also for their work on the Ganges Village Pathway Network, Bike to Work Week, Helmets for Life Program and other activities they have been involved with over the last 30 years. They hope everyone will attend to help them celebrate. Look in upcoming issues of the Driftwood closer to the date for more information on Island Pathways' 30th anniversary celebration.

Island Pathways is now in the process of making a new cycling map that will be called Salt Spring Island on Wheels. Eventually we hope to sell the two new maps as a pair since they complement each other.

The writer is the hiking map project manager.



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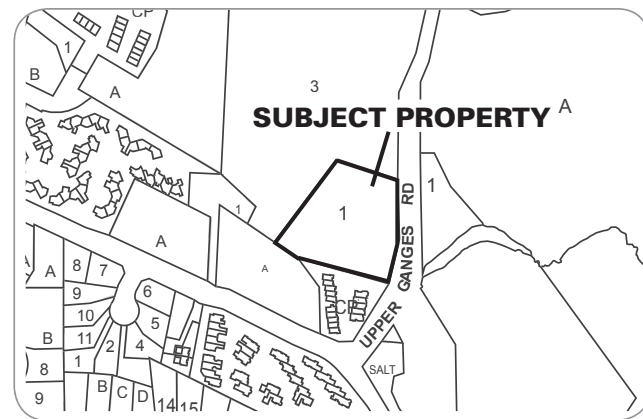
PUBLIC HEARING

SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

What are the bylaw changes about?

Bylaw No. 508 amends the Commercial Accommodation 1 (f) zone of the Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw to:

- Permit up to 55 commercial guest accommodation units
- Permit up to 3 accessory dwelling units



How do I get more information?

Copies of the bylaws and other information is available at the Islands Trust office at #1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2N8 from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays from May 24, 2018. Written submissions are welcome up until the conclusion of the Public Hearing.

A Community Information Meeting (CIM) to answer any questions about the proposed bylaw amendment will take place at 9:30 a.m. The Public Hearing will commence immediately following the CIM.

OPINION



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Gold - Best Cartoonist (Dennis Parker)



EDITORIAL

Open roads

Serious summer overloads came early to Salt Spring last week when travellers stranded by a Malahat closure detoured through the island via two of our ferry terminals.

A collision involving a fuel truck and courier van saw the Trans-Canada highway closed near Goldstream Park for more than 13 hours on Thursday.

For Salt Spring residents hoping to get on or off the island in the usual way that evening, the extra ferry traffic was an unexpected obstacle. People travelling on Vancouver Island whose plans were turned upside down by the road closure were impacted even more.

A 2015 Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure report about highway closures explains that accident sites must be thoroughly investigated by the

THE ISSUE:

Road closures

WE SAY:

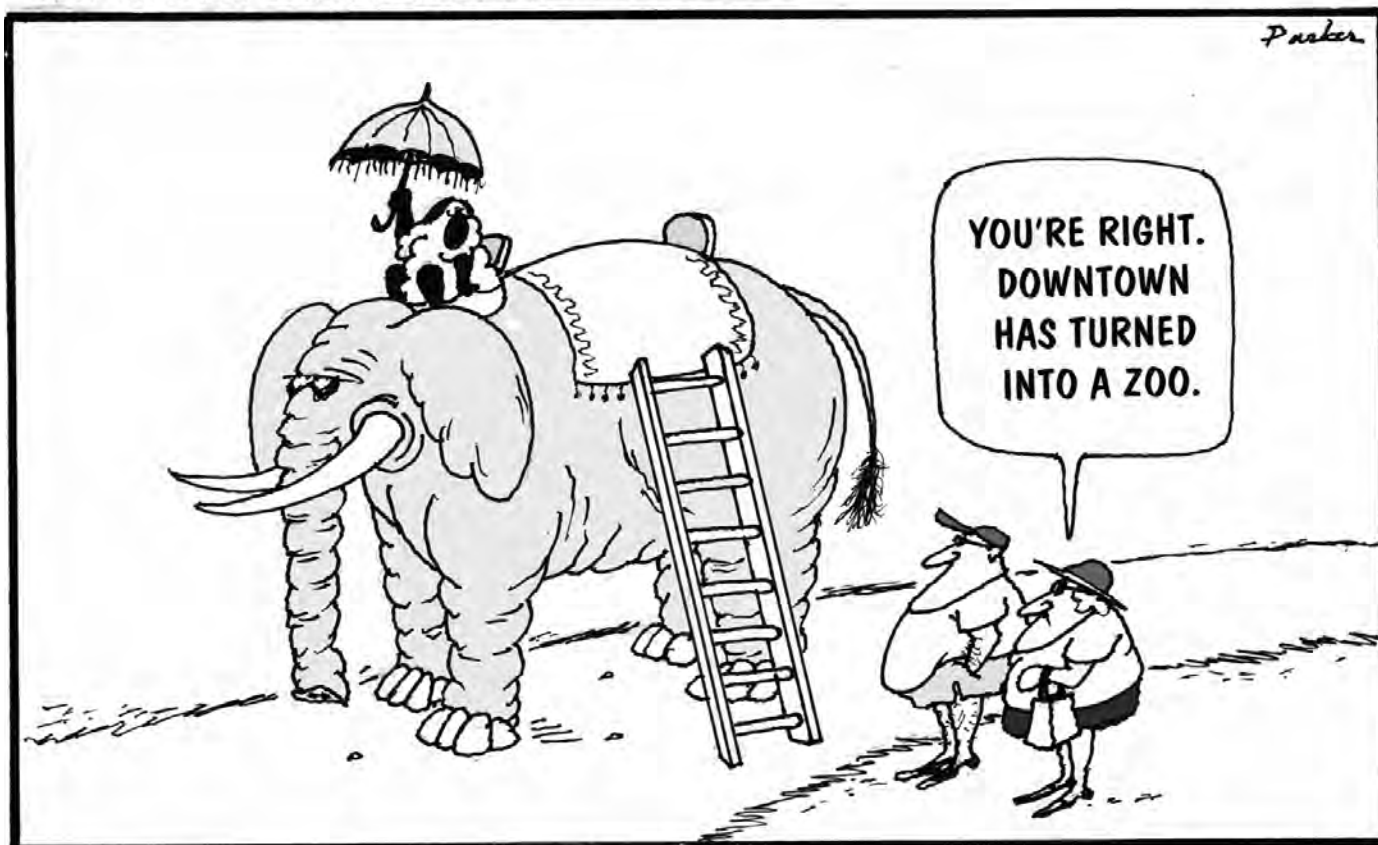
Speed them up & slow down drivers

RCMP because they are potential crime scenes. Examining the area in detail and documenting it with photographs must be undertaken once the victims have received medical treatment and hazardous materials are dealt with. That whole process obviously takes time. But why it needs a highway to be completely closed for 13 hours beggars belief. Videotaping every square inch of a scene can be done relatively quickly, for instance.

When such incidents occur, it seems incredible that emergency services cannot accommodate at least one creeping lane of traffic past the trouble spot along a shoulder within at least a few hours of the incident. Instead of commissioning ways to reduce the amount of time required to process crash scenes, politicians have called for new roads to be constructed or even a bridge to be built from north of the Malahat to Saanich Peninsula. Clearly the expenditure required for either of those scenarios is not justified in order to accommodate the rare occasions when roads are fully closed.

The best way to reduce road closures is to cut down on the reason they occur, which is usually due to poor driving practices resulting in an accident. Most often, crashes are speed related. Serious enforcement of speed limits and improved signage on the Malahat would go a long way towards making the road safer and reducing those road-closing crashes in the first place.

NEW SHUTTLE SERVICE PROPOSED FOR GANGES



VIEWPOINT by Peter S. Hatfield

Safer alternative to pipeline detailed

Following is a description and references for transport of bitumen that may be quicker, cheaper and safer for health and environmental protection than building a pipeline for transport of diluted bitumen (Dilbit).

A promising development is underway at CNRail, Calgary, for transportation of bitumen in solid form. Readers should be aware of this recent CN development for rail transport of bitumen or heavy crude oil, trademarked as "CanaPux," putting both safety and environmental protection foremost.

CanaPux are solid, dry, bitumen pellets, soap-bar size, that meet rigorous strength requirements for bulk transport, float on water, do not leak, dissolve or create dust, and are inert, non-flammable and non-explosive.

CanaPux can be transported in readily available open rail gondola cars, unloaded at port locations, stored in ground piles and conveyor loaded into equally available bulk cargo ships. At destination, pellets are shedded and separated for use of bitumen and polymer recycled for reuse.

In the event of an accident and spill, the solid pellets floating on the surface of water or scattered on land can be readily picked up by hand, construction equipment, nets or booms with virtually no health danger or damage to the environment.

Additional to the above favourable properties, the transport of solid bitumen pellets in gondola cars and bulk cargo ships promises low cost along with extreme flexibility for limited amounts of solid pellets or short order lead times to meet varying market requirements. Import of expensive, toxic and extremely flammable diluent for thinning bitumen

to enable pumping through pipelines is also not required.

Hugely advantageous is that while pipelines have a fixed route and destination, rail lines have varied routes and terminals at numerous locations. Anywhere rail lines go, so can bitumen pellets.

CN has selected Toyo Engineering Canada Ltd., Calgary for CanaPux pilot project design and build to demonstrate transport of solid bitumen pellets by rail. A CN spokesperson has stated that "This partnership with Toyo continues our development of a new supply chain having the potential to unlock offshore markets as well as regular markets for Canada's energy products."

Further information for CN can be accessed at CNInnovation.ca, which will be updated as the project develops or by telecom to CNRail, Calgary at 403-798-2122. Toyo Engineering Canada Ltd. can be accessed by email at general.mail@toyo-eng.ca or by telephone at 403-266-4400.

Should solid bitumen capacity be required to more closely match the capacity of the proposed Kinder Morgan pipeline, additional pellet manufacturing facilities can be built under a licensing agreement to suit.

Every effort must be made to contact MLAs and MPs and media as soon as possible to make them aware of this viable, safe alternative to the Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion.

The writer is a professional engineer and a member of Concerned Professional Engineers of B.C. whose brother Chris lives on Salt Spring.

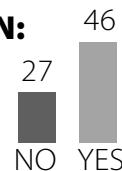
THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Are you pleased with the feds' pipeline purchase? ☐ 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 CRD consider managing local docks?



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "You eat this elephant one bite at a time. You take the possible issues and you address them and you move forward."

RICHARD WALKER, MEADOW LANE PROJECT CONSULTANT

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: Why are you doing Bike to Work Week?



BOB MACKIE

Active transportation and a bikeway through the island is important to all Salt Spring-



DAVID ELDERTON

Folks who ride bikes are healthier and happier. I'd like to be a part of that.



ROBIN JENKINSON

To create a healthier future for our children.



SEAN MULLIGAN

I do it every week for my health and for the environment.



STEPHEN SEVERN

It's good exercise and good for the environment.

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. Send your letters to news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com

It does take a village

When everyone pulls their oar in the same direction, amazing things happen. Many are rowing together to right the good ship Greenwood — miles beyond what a chairperson and executive director could ever do! Among them, the hardworking staff members who provide compassionate care to our residents at Greenwood and Braehaven 365 days a year, the leadership team, GPs, medical personnel, board members that have donated hundreds and hundreds of hours over the last couple of years, the faithful volunteers, Meals on Wheels coordinator and drivers, community program

facilitators, supportive families, Greenwood Foundation, Salt Spring Foundation, LMH Auxiliary, LMH Foundation, Lions, high school students, pharmacist from Uptown, business and private donors, children who come to visit and share their exuberance, the CRD director, helpful lawyers, BC Housing, excavator operator, tradespeople, performers — the list is endless and it spells out one very powerful word: community!

Collectively, let's keep connecting the dots, expand the network and create a comprehensive social plan so that we can move from "a patchwork to a framework" for everyone in our community.

BARB AUST,
CHAIRPERSON, GREENWOODS
ELDERCARE SOCIETY

Great girls

My husband, grandson and I want to send a thank you to the Salt Spring Storm, your U12 girls fast-pitch team.

On the Saturday before Mother's Day my family and I were at the Swartz Bay ferry terminal waiting to catch the ferry to return home to Fort Langley. While waiting, our grandson wanted to play in the playground. There were no other children, and then the softball team arrived, I guess to catch the ferry back to Salt Spring.

Initially, the girls were playing and talking to each other and our grandson was watching them and wanted to play. He is only three years old. Well, to our great surprise the girls invited him to play tag. He was

very excited. After running around for awhile the girls sat under the tree and included him again in their chatting. They asked him questions and they were very kind.

When we wanted to return to our vehicle, our grandson did not want to leave. He flat out refused, so to get him to return to the car, I asked if he would like to take the girls to meet his dad who was in the car. He liked that idea. I spoke to one of the parents and coach to make sure they were comfortable with this request. It was agreed, so a few of the girls walked him to the car. He was excited for them to meet his dad. It worked. He got in the car and was able to say goodbye to the girls.

We want to say that the girls demonstrated leader-

ship, stewardship, teamwork, respect and inclusion of others. What wonderful young people they are and we are so grateful to have met them.

AUDREY MASCHI,
FORT LANGLEY

Pipeline too risky

I am a resident of Galiano Island and am surrounded by the Salish Sea. Because of this, I have to weigh the pros and cons of the looming Kinder Morgan pipeline perhaps more than the average Canadian.

Where the government sees potential economic growth, I see potential environmental catastrophe.

While the government uses our tax dollars to prop up bil-

lion-dollar corporations that promote this primitive form of energy, I see social services funding falling by the wayside.

At a time when our air has never been more polluted, our oceans never more acidic and the last of our old-growth forests vanishing before our children may ever visit them, might it not be the time for all people, including our feeble federal government, to consider the repercussions of our decisions, for today, and more importantly, for tomorrow.

The Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion project is too risky for the economy, climate, coast and progress on Indigenous reconciliation.

TAHIRIH ROCKAFELLA,
GALIANO ISLAND

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Classic and classless phone scams abound

It's not easy to remain honest and trusting in a world populated with those who are willing and able to take advantage of these qualities for financial gain. Con artists line up in droves in order to sucker those among us who have faith that all intentions are good intentions.

It started out innocently enough with an incoming phone call just moments after we had seated ourselves at the dinner table to partake of our evening supper. Past experience has taught me that 90 per cent of telephone calls at mealtime or in the middle of the night are robocalls emanating from the other side of the equator and halfway across the globe.

The first sound you hear is silence followed in a couple of seconds by an audible click. If it is not a robocall, and there is actually a human being speaking to you, the first thing they will do is stumble a few times in vain attempts to pronounce your name correctly (even if it is something as impossibly difficult as "Bob"). What usually follows is a sales pitch for an ocean cruise or for a million free air miles but you will never know because by this time you have realized that someone or something you don't know is trying to sell you something you don't want. You end the call by slamming down the receiver (or whatever it's called in this age of smart phone gadgets). You curse under your breath as you try to somehow restore the ambience at the dinner table before this rude interruption.

This time it's different. Instead of a meek,

mild-mannered, bumbling salesperson on the other end of the line, I find myself being verbally accosted by the booming voice of Robocop himself. He identifies himself as the Police Chief Inspector of Uganda and informs me that I have been caught in an international police sting operation involving the RCMP, CSIS, FBI, CIA, Scotland Yard, MI6, Interpol, and even the Russian KGB. He claims that I have been under 24-hour-a-day surveillance for months, my phone lines have been wire-tapped, and all my friends are actually undercover officers gathering evidence against me.

He informs me that, as we speak, a SWAT team equipped with full body armour, assault weapons, and legal search warrants have surrounded the house. He threatens that, on his command, they are ready to kick down the front door in order to apprehend me.

It is at this point in the conversation that I take a look back in shame as I mentally review my life of crime. Was it the time I pulled the tag off the new mattress we had just purchased? Or perhaps it was that moment of weakness in the bulk foods section of the supermarket when I had written the wrong code number on the white twist tie and thereby was able to get a large bag of organic pistachios for the price of ridiculously cheaper lime jello.

Yes, my criminal past had finally caught



Shilo Zylbergold

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

up with me. It was only a matter of time before the dragnet strings were pulled tight by the long arm of the law, and my sordid misdeeds would cause my life to become permanently entangled.

A wave of paranoia engulfed me. My jig was up. There was, however, a single ray of hope. Normally, the Ugandan police chief informed me, they would toss my family and me in the deepest, darkest dungeon and throw away the key. But if I were to cooperate, they might be willing to make an exception and drop all charges against me.

Yes, all I needed to do was provide them with a few pieces of information which would allow the secret service to wipe my slate clean.

What exactly was this information that could free me from these criminal implications? Was it a list of the names of underground revolutionaries? Was it the secret code by which anti-government terrorists communicated with each other? Was it the names of double agents and moles who had infiltrated key government positions?

No, what they wanted from me specifically was my bank account number, credit cards and PIN numbers, and copies of my driver's licence and passport. Oh yes, and if I could throw in my Netflix password, that would be grand.

It was slowly beginning to dawn on me. I was not a criminal mastermind. My picture profile was not on display in every post office on the continent. For the time being at least, children were still safe to play in the meadows and lime jello could freely be differentiated from pistachios.

As it turns out, I had almost been the victim of a classic yet classless phone scam. It seems inconceivable that anyone could be taken in by such a blatant distortion of prime time crime thrillers and pulp science fiction all rolled into one threatening phone call. As I was to find out later from the actual local gendarmerie, there are more than a few who genuinely fall for the scare tactics. They give the scamming crooks everything they want and even agree to not report the odious phone swindle to the authorities on the pretext that it would compromise the identities of the undercover cops.

Nobody asked me, but can it really be possible that there are enough gullible people around to make such obviously dishonest schemes lucrative? The notorious 19th-century American circus impresario P.T. Barnum is attributed with the quote "There's a sucker born every minute," but phone scams seem to show that he was probably underestimating how frequently people are willing to be duped. I know I've learned my lesson. I'll be happy to tell you about it as soon as they let me out of witness protection.

MORE LETTERS

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Catch them with the munchies

Regarding pot and driving detection, the government may consider the obvious, and benefit from the cost savings.

Rather than investing a ton of money into so-called detection systems for pot, the government may consider setting up tables behind screens at roadside checking stations. The driver who is suspected of being “high” would be escorted to the tables and presented with a bag of Doritos and some chocolate bars. They would be sent to this station to then sit there.

I am sure anyone who is high may start eating the chips, or digging into the chocolate bars. Caught you!

A cheap and easy system, I think.

GRANT GRAYSON,
SALT SPRING

Climate change

This is an excerpt from a letter written by my late husband on Thursday, May 23, 1956, bearing the same post date.

“The weather since Monday . . . has been very warm and just like a miniature heatwave and with any luck it may rain soon. I hope you have had some . . . I wonder whether our climate is changing!!”

ROWENA DIXON,
LOWER GANGES ROAD

Fossil fuel expansion makes no sense

BY JAN SLAKOV

What do we make of Alberta premier Rachel Notley’s statement, in the lead up to the premier’s meeting: “My only priority is to get the pipeline built”?

It symbolizes what “protectors” are up against with the pipeline touted as an end in itself, regardless of its real costs.

So much about the Kinder Morgan (KM) project is being ignored in mainstream media, such as:

Democracy Concerns

- The Harper government gutted environmental laws, resulting in an assessment that “denied procedural fairness [leaving the NEB with] a pile of worthless assertions, untested as evidence.” (Elizabeth May)

- Former leader of the official opposition in Alberta, Kevin Taft, author of Oil’s Deep State, wonders how Notley became a “big oil crusader.” “Rachel Notley may be in office but the oil industry is in power,” he said.

Economic Concerns

- Andrew Nikiforuk: “KM simply wants to walk away from an unviable project whose costs have ballooned from \$5.4 billion to more than \$7.4 billion.”

- Lawyer Eugene Kung: “The economic case for getting oil [actually dilbit] to tidewater by pipeline in Canada has evaporated.”

- Journalist Bruce Livesey argues we are less dependent on the oil industry than we are led to believe. It “generates minimal

tax revenue [with Canada imposing taxes] that are a fraction of taxes imposed on the same companies in countries like Nigeria, Indonesia and the Ivory Coast. In Alberta, the province collects more in taxes from gaming and alcohol sales than it does from oil royalties.”

- Dr. T. Hancock, of UVic’s school of public health and social policy: “A wise government would be investing in energy conservation [. . .] and in clean and renewable energy systems. This is the health-enhancing, job-creating economy of the future, not fossil fuels.”

Dissing Indigenous Rights

- The National Observer uncovered evidence that the federal government “instructed public servants . . . to approve the oil pipeline, several weeks before the government had concluded its consultations with First Nations.”

- In a letter to “Justin and Rachel” in Focus Magazine, author Briony Penn explains how assertions of strong First Nations support for the expansion are hollow.

- Nan Gregory committed civil disobedience to “stand up for a just and honourable reconciliation.” “If government and industry continue with their business-as-usual agenda laying pipelines across disputed territories, would that not render inconsequential potential Supreme Court rulings on current cases regarding Indigenous sovereignty and land claims? Is this not con-

tempt of court writ large?”

Ecological Irresponsibility

- 236 groups from 44 countries have written to Prime Minister Trudeau: “Climate leaders cannot expand major fossil fuel expansion.”

- Even evidence submitted by Kinder Morgan shows “increased tanker traffic in the Salish Sea will place the orcas at a high risk of a population decline.”

- Former Premier Gordon Campbell’s chief of staff, Martyn Brown: “Environment and Climate Change Canada found that the ‘twinning’ Trans Mountain pipeline stands to generate 21 to 26 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) every year in associated upstream greenhouse gases . . . That is indeed a climate crime against future generations.”

Fossil fuel companies deliberately hid the truth about the climate consequences of their actions; they ought to be paying reparations instead of using their money to lobby and bully us into submission. Our democracy has been undermined, but we can’t give up. Let’s follow the example of Martin Luther King, Jr. who lived in the conviction that “the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.”

The writer was assisted in this piece by fellow Salt Spring residents Ronald Ada, Peter Lamb, Sandra Leckie, Jo Logan, Tom Mitchell, Marcelle Roy and Jean Wilkinson.

Lyme disease ignored at our peril

BY S. SHEWCHUK

I read the recent pieces about Lyme disease by Frants Attorp (April 11 Driftwood) and Reuben Kaufmann (May 9) with great concern about the information presented.

Kaufmann’s article prompted me to revisit yet another Driftwood piece from May 27, 2009 entitled “Province in denial about Lyme disease” by biologist John Sprague. Sprague points to a B.C. Centre for Disease Control study which put the incidence of Lyme-carrying ticks on Salt Spring at five per cent rather than the fraction of one per cent in coastal ticks suggested by Kaufmann.

Kaufmann also suggests that “coastal B.C. is as far from an endemic area as one can get,” whereas a 2009 Canadian Medical Association Journal article states that “Surveillance by the BCCDC suggests that established populations of [tick species] *Ixodes Pacificus* and areas where [the Lyme bacterium] *B. Burgdorferi* is endemic are widely distributed in southern British Columbia.” (CMAJ, June 9, 2009; 180(12)). I also refer readers to the book Ending Denial: The Lyme Epidemic, a Canadian Public Health Disaster, in which editor H. Ferrie writes, “In countries where accurate data are kept (not in Canada!) it is known that Lyme incidence annual outpaces AIDS and cancer combined.”

Also worth addressing is Kaufmann’s suggestion that a “rational” approach in determining when to treat a bite is to preserve the tick in question for weighing and testing. Experts in tick-borne disease state that infected ticks can transmit pathogens in as little as four hours, which within days move into the central nervous system. This makes delays risky, particularly in endemic areas. What’s more, few people are lucky enough to retain the tick that bit them; many never even remember seeing a tick, particularly as in the nymphal state they are barely visible.

Kaufmann also suggests that Erythema Migrans (EM) rashes from coastal tick bites might actually be allergic reactions to tick compounds, “perhaps most of the time.” I

suppose that if one doubts the presence of Lyme on the south coast one would necessarily also have to doubt the existence of EM rashes. Perhaps it’s more important to note that the EM rash, while an unequivocal sign of infection, is not broadly useful as a diagnostic marker, as various Lyme experts again and again state it is only present in 30 to 60 per cent of infected populations.

It’s worth noting that the focus on ticks as the primary vector of Lyme disease fails to acknowledge other means of transmission. The Lyme bacterium — a sort of devilishly intelligent and intractable cousin of the syphilis bacterium — has also been found in other biting insects such as fleas, mites, flies and mosquitoes. While little research has been done thus far, cases of transfer to humans have been documented. Moreover, Lyme bacteria can be found in the body fluids of an infected individual and can be passed through the placenta or through breastmilk. Indeed, some experts suggest that humans may well be the most significant “vector” of Lyme of all, through congenital and sexual transfer. (See Harvey & Salvato, Medical Hypotheses 2003; 60(5), 742-759). As yet another example, animals can contract the bacterium through ingesting the urine of infected animals (i.e. while grazing). We also don’t know to what degree tick-borne pathogens are present in our blood supply.

On a personal level, I can add to Attorp’s and Kaufmann’s contributions with a cautionary tale, from the perspective of a fellow Salt Springer experiencing the reality of Lyme disease without timely diagnosis and treatment. I became severely disabled in 2003, as an unknown illness had ravaged my muscles, joints, immune system, nervous system and vision. Swelling in the brain led to a series of small strokes, which left me unable to speak for years. I went from possessing unusual strength and stamina to being unable to stand or sit upright, and ultimately spent years largely housebound and bedridden due to unremitting pain, fevers and weakness.

After three years of fruitless investigation, I was finally diagnosed with tick-borne illnesses by an infectious disease specialist and made huge strides with the appropriate drugs. But because the infection had advanced so far before diagnosis and treatment, I experienced permanent damage and remain prone to relapses. It was also very hard to obtain needed medications even after a diagnosis supported by a positive blood test. A recent relapse has once again plunged me into the bewildering world of Lyme and the terrifying experience of smouldering fevers, swollen joints, trembling limbs, unearthly peripheral neuropathies and nauseating pain, among other features. It’s like being dismantled alive, part by part.

Twelve years after diagnosis I find that, despite MP Elizabeth May’s superlative effort to combat the denial of Lyme thus far, there is still no local framework to adequately address Lyme, the needed medications again aren’t covered, and no “Lyme literate” physicians or specialists are to be found. Individuals are generally forced to navigate a profoundly incapacitating and complex illness with very few resources and guidance, sometimes succumbing to permanent disability and the penury which often ensues.

Hence, regarding Attorp’s bite, I suggest that 28 days of prophylactic therapy may be a mercifully modest price to pay to prevent a potentially disastrous outcome, with far greater costs to both the individual and to society. As things are now, early treatment seems to offer the only real hope, as in the late stages the bacterium can become virtually impossible to eradicate.

It’s curious that I’ve personally encountered so many individuals — right here on Salt Spring and elsewhere in Canada — afflicted with this ostensibly rare illness. Three of them did not survive the infection. We underestimate the prevalence of Lyme at our peril.

The writer has first-hand knowledge of Lyme disease.

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Canada's health-care systems need a major upgrade

BY CURT FIRESTONE AND GWEN MCDONALD

Andre Picard, award winning health care Globe and Mail journalist was the Salt Spring Forum's guest speaker on Saturday.

With approximately 150 people attending, he talked about the structural and administrative deterrents to quality health care in Canada.

"You can't deliver modern health care with a 1950 model," he said.

Picard is on a book tour for his latest book, *Matters of Life and Death, Public Health Issues in Canada*. All quotes included here are directly from this new book.

"Every Canadian needs a medical home, a central co-ordination point for their care - preventive, acute and chronic - and an electronic medical record."

Picard pointed out that the perfect electronic medical record (EMR) computer system has yet to be developed. It needs to be a record for patient and

clinical professional use; must protect confidentiality and should enhance patient-clinician communication. Too often current EMR systems take the clinician's attention away from the patient interaction while entering data into the record.

"We need to extend universal health coverage to prescription drugs." While some provinces include prescription drugs in their plans (Quebec, Ontario for those over 65), others require patients to pay out of pocket or with private insurance plans or a combination thereof.

"We need to treat people where they live, in the community . . ." It is less expensive to provide visiting nursing and other home services than to hospitalize someone, or move them into extended care facilities. Patients are emotionally strengthened, and are more responsive to care by being at home.

"Let's stop pretending that health is merely a medical issue, and spending as though it were." "Good education,

housing, income and the environment are essential to good health." We must invest in prevention, if we desire positive medical intervention to be effective. This is particularly true in many of our Indigenous communities where the social determinants of health are virtually non-existent.

Picard makes the point that there is adequate funding in Canada for good health care for all. The problem is in the way that funding is allocated. We have too many specialists and not enough primary care providers. We have a concentration of providers in urban areas and a lack in rural areas. We use a model of care that reimburses for procedures and acts rather than providing comprehensive, holistic care.

Primary care does not just mean having a family doctor. The family doctor should be part of a team in a community-based care centre. A team of providers could include: nurse practitioners, registered nurses, social workers,

pharmacists, physical therapists, mental health workers, dentists and, in the case of a community like Salt Spring, a gerontologist to work with vulnerable seniors. Community health centres providing walk-in and ongoing care would take a huge patient and financial burden off of emergency rooms, which are designed for emergencies with expensive, intensive acute-care services.

"Canada has the least universal health care of all countries offering universal health care." Yet today, Globe and Mail journalists Andre Picard and Jeffrey Simpson are taking the topic of health-care delivery reform off the family dining table and putting it directly into the public discourse.

Candidates for office can not ignore it; communities around Canada are doing something about it. That is certainly true for Salt Spring Island.

The writers are members of the Salt Spring Community Health Society.

Consumer rights violated by B.C.'s real estate act changes

BY MARIANNE HOBBS

In a few days — June 15 — the B.C. government plans to enact legislation regarding how real estate transactions are to be conducted in our province.

This act will have serious negative ramifications for us who live in smaller real estate jurisdictions. Under the proposed rules you will no longer be able to entrust the sale of your property to a chosen-by-you agent to oversee this sometimes stressful and sad, sometimes joyous and necessary, transaction from start to closing!

Furthermore, a deal may fall apart if any of the parties involved recognizes any person involved in the proceedings, even if the realtor did any business with an interested party a decade ago! In short, sellers will have to "import" an agent — say from Nanaimo — someone unknown and unfamiliar with Salt

Spring's water, septic, sewer and neighbourhood foibles.

Yes, in bigger areas there have been wrongs, yet, no mention, no censuring has been proposed to one important player in the transaction, the lawyer. It's his job to dot the "i's and "cross the t's." In the end, it is the real estate lawyer who advises his client whether he feels the deal is in his client's best interests. Why is no mention made of or no sanctions placed on the lawyers? Why is the onus only placed on the agents?

Our local realtors are our neighbours, our friends. They support local charities, attend our churches, do business in our shops and restaurants. They even coach our kids. They deserve our support at this confusing and stressful time.

Although some may perceive them as "rich," they are not. They put in untold,

unpaid hours evaluating, preparing, hopefully listing, advertising and showing homes and, in the end, earn nothing if a deal collapses. Would you work for free?

Some say realtors drive prices up. Again, a false assumption. Both buyers and sellers are educated consumers. They already have a ballpark figure in mind, one they are willing to pay and willing to accept. The agent is the middle man, bringing both parties together to facilitate a conclusion acceptable to both parties.

Watch House Hunters for a week and you'll discover that B.C. prices are not out of whack. Price is driven by simple economics: supply and demand. Homes in highly sought-after locations, those with the fabulous appliances, special counters and upgraded baths will garner more. It's not the real-

tor's doing!

Please, protect your rights as a consumer: support our realtors. Email Carole James at FIN.minister@gov.bc.ca and voice your opposition to this draconian piece of legislation. Tell her not to throw the baby out with the bathwater.

The writer is a Salt Spring resident.

RANTS and Roses

Rants

Whoever let their husky/shepherd mix dog loose around 11 a.m. on the morning of May 6, on Quarry Drive, it ran past a few of my neighbours' back yards on the ocean side chasing a mother deer and her two fawns. One fawn was later found dead from a dog on the beach. Please do not let your dogs run wild. As you know, that is against the law. We have seen this dog running free and barking and chasing anything a few times. Please have some respect for wildlife. You are breaking the law with your dog running wild! A. Schoen

Roses

A lovely big bunch of Nootka roses and B.C. poppies to Banana Joe and all the other PARC staff who just gave the community pathways their spring cutting. They look spectacular. Thank you, guys. Island Pathways

A big boatload of thank yous to all the contributors and to the community for supporting our annual marine garage sale. Gulf Islands Marine Rescue Society

Many thanks and roses to Randy and Paula of Brinkworthy, who graciously donated their nearly new human-powered lawnmower to Gulf Islands Families Together Society after our old one broke down. Bob and Chris from GIFTS sincerely appreciate your generosity.

Roses to the many individuals and businesses who donated their returnable items and/or money to Operation Trackshoes over the past year. Your help has greatly reduced the cost to send our athletes to Victoria for this year's event. Although all the numbers aren't in yet, the total donations are projected to be well over \$1,000. I'd like to personally thank my partner in this fundraising venture, an Operations Trackshoes participant himself, Christopher Joynson. Bob Delion

A lovely bouquet of Lions International yellow hybrid tea roses to president Lorne Bunyan and the Lions Club for allowing us to use their parking lot for our successful second Annual Rotary Shredder Day. So much appreciated. And sweet smelling dark pink "gratitude" roses to our two generous sponsors, Symmetric Designs and Island Savings. Thank you from the Rotary Club of Salt Spring Island.

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ART SCENE

Jill Louise Campbell celebrates seasonal art release

New works unveiled at Ganges gallery

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

One of Salt Spring's most recognizable talents has new work celebrating the many joys of spring and a matching fresh look to her supporting gallery, Jill Louise Campbell Fine Art.

Campbell has shown her work on Salt Spring since 1992, and has had her own gallery in Mouat's Harbour Building since 1996. She updates that space every year, and for 2018 the look combines soft grey walls and freshly hand-painted floors with a stunning accent wall in deep plum.

Visitors who attended the gallery's seasonal opening on May 18 most likely didn't spend much time noticing the décor, with the abundance of Campbell's vividly energetic work inside commanding all the attention. New originals were on view, plus a wide variety of reproductions in a range of sizes and forms, including new extra large triptychs.

Canadian communications philosopher Marshall McLuhan famously divided types of media into cool and hot varieties, and in one way Campbell's paintings are the epitome of



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Jill Louise Campbell with a small portion of the art on view at her gallery, with Provence lavender fields in the new triptych format seen at top.

"hot," dazzling the eye with an abundance of information. Yet they more accurately belong to the "cool" definition in the way they encourage viewer engage-

ment and interaction. Campbell favours a shallow depth of field in her landscapes with the elements pushed close to the viewer. Though painted in

watercolour, this is no long contemplation of misty vista, but a world that is deeply saturated with pigment and energy jumping out for an embrace.

Campbell and her family spent a year living in the south of France before they moved to Salt Spring, and she has found many similarities between the two regions. Both places can produce loving scenes of neighbours' cottages immersed in thickets of flowers and sunny valleys running between cool blue hills.

"I try to take things I know really intimately," Campbell said, referencing a lovely small work featuring an inherited china setting and flowers, all in fresh purple-blue and white.

The new works from her Fulford collection celebrate island heritage buildings — the old United church in the Burgoyne Valley, and Fulford village's funky commercial buildings. Mount Maxwell is also in evidence, its stark cliffside softened by a cascade of spring leaves overhead and to either side of the winding valley road that transports the viewer straight into the heart of the painting.

Boats and the sea are another source of inspiration, as is Campbell's richly visual dream life. Her travels have also produced many series. In addition

to Provence and Languedoc in France, her special places include Italy and the American South West — which offers an entirely different set of colours and forms to inspire.

"I'm really interested in dream and myth and legends," Campbell said. "When I go I'm really listening to the music of the land."

Campbell's originals are deeply so — she actually hand paints the matting and works the frames with wax and chalk paint to create extra layers of depth. She has also innovated a method of personalizing her reproduced works for clients with a smaller budget by layering over the reproduction with fresh one-of-a-kind detailing that extends into the matte space.

While the magical landscapes of other countries are always a draw, Campbell's Salt Spring roots run deep, and her production process also reflects the connection to home. Her husband Duart produces all the giclee prints on-island, art cards and calendars are printed on Salt Spring by Contour Grafix, and even her canvas stretcher bars come from close by.

New work from the seasonal opening is available for viewing at the gallery. Campbell's next release is set for Canada Day.

CONCERTS

Viva Chorale! presents spring program with 'journeys' theme

Harmony Women's Vocal Ensemble joins June 2-3 shows

Viva Chorale! community choir caps off its spring season with a concert that takes place at All Saints this weekend, with shows set for Saturday and Sunday, June 2 and 3.

Special guests are the Harmony Women's Vocal Ensemble from Coquitlam, who will take the stage for the second part of the show, which celebrates the idea of journeys in many forms.

"The theme for the upcoming concert came to me from a choral setting of the Alfred Lord Tennyson poem entitled Crossing the Bar," explained Viva Chorale! music director Caroni Young.

"The imagery of this poem is beautiful as the opening lines depict 'Sunset and Evening Star and One Clear Call for Me.' But the depiction of crossing the sand bar and looking towards the next step in our final journey really resonated with me. This led me to think about the other journeys that we take throughout our lives. Sometimes they involve travel and journeys to far-off lands to explore and discover new cultures."

Cultural sounds the singers explore through the program include work by Erev Shel Shoshanim, who invites the listener to a gorgeous warm evening in the Israeli desert and to be surrounded by spices and the scent of roses. Nelly Bly hints at a journey to the southern United States to a different time and era. There are also songs of journeys that one longs to take, as in Dougie MacLean's Caledonia and his wish to return home to Scotland.

Young said one of the most profound pieces of the concert will be the premiere of the piece entitled Journey, which Viva Chorale! commissioned from composer

and violinist Stan Gubbiotti.

"Stan's piece touches on our life journey and how our daily decisions will impact not only ourselves but also our community and neighbours. We are shaped by our decisions and 'May the path which we choose to walk lead us to a path of peace and of love,'" Young said.

Gubbiotti will be in attendance at the concert with his family.

The event will culminate in the Harmony Women's Vocal Ensemble and Viva Chorale! performing several mass pieces.

Saturday's show begins at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday's is at 2 p.m.

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RECITALS

Kaizenjammers trio returns to All Saints recital stage

Tea à Tempo presentation
on June 6

Music Makers of the Anglican Parish are pleased to have Salt Spring's trio Kaizenjammers return to the Tea à Tempo stage for a concert on Wednesday, June 6 in All Saints By-the-Sea church.

Press material from the Music Makers group explains that John Reid, Michael Aronoff and Warren Langley have been making music together for three years, crossing musical borders all the time and making them their own. They cover roots, blues, folk, old timey and light jazz, as well as a healthy smattering of original tunes.

"Their sound is quite unique as well. Reid is on acoustic guitar, harmonica and a drum kit made from luggage and a toe shaker. Aronoff is on electric bass and, occasionally, guitar and mandolin. Langley plays harmonica and theremin, sometimes both at once. They all sing."

The name Kaizen is a Japanese word for "continuous improvement." The group jokes that "even though they think it doesn't get any better than that . . . it does."

Kaizenjammers are sure to entertain with toe-tapping rhythms and a comfortable stage presence.

The free concert begins at 2:10 p.m. and is followed by optional tea and treats at about 3 p.m.



PHOTO COURTESY THE KAIZENJAMMERS

From left, John Reid, Warren Langley and Michael Aronoff — The Kaizenjammers.

AMERICANA MUSIC

PitchFork lineup contains fresh gems

Cleaves and Jewell
in June

PitchFork Social is presenting two stellar shows next month, with Slaid Cleaves performing on June 16 and Eilen Jewell on the 25th.

Cleaves is described on the PitchFork Social website as "a rootsy singer and songwriter who's made his bed in the folk world." PitchFork founder David Youngson adds that the performer who lives in Texas but grew up in Maine is "like a young John Prine."

Jewell earns high praise from dozens of reviewers, including from Kate Everson of Country Standard Time, who wrote, "It's not an overstatement to say that Eilen Jewell is Johnny Cash reincarnate . . . Jewell packs a punch that doesn't bruise

until after the meaning of her work sets into listeners' bones."

Concert time for both shows at Bullock Lake Farm is 7:30 p.m.

Tickets and more information are available through www.pitchforksocial.com.

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EXHIBIT

'Fringe' group shares artwork

Creativity flourishes
through supportive
program

The Artists From the Fringe group presents new work at an exhibit in the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room beginning with a reception from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, June 1.

Called A Journey Into the Minds of the People Under the Stairs, the exhibit consists of artwork created at weekly drop-in Art Jam sessions, thanks to art supplies donated by local artists at space provided

by the Salt Spring United Church.

"With all the news about the lack of affordable housing on Salt Spring it seems impressive that folks who have been living on the fringes of our society for years are participating in this program, which allows them to put aside the many daily challenges they face," said volunteer program facilitator Lynne Johnson.

"Instead of being defined by a multitude of negative stereotypes they are defined as creators and artists. They come on Sundays to explore their artistic

abilities, share ideas and celebrate their strengths in an atmosphere of acceptance."

Some of the artists will be in attendance at Friday's reception, where more than 100 works will be available to peruse. All sale proceeds support the artists.

The show and sale runs in the program room through June 29.

Art Jam also sees nutritious snacks provided courtesy of funding from the Salt Spring Foundation, and weekly foot care and clean socks are provided by retired foot care nurse Debra Newberry.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Comedy with a cause at Legion

All-star line-up visits Salt
Spring on Friday

Laughter is the best medicine, according to an all-star trio of stand-up comics, and they're coming to Salt Spring's Royal Canadian Legion to provide a special evening of intensive treatment on Friday, June 1.

"The 2018 Comedy for Quality of Life Tour is drawing big laughs coast to coast across Canada in support of veterans with post traumatic stress disorder and other forms of mental illness. Net proceeds go to veterans' health

programs and awareness is the goal, but these nationally known comics don't let anything get in the way of a joke," press material explains.

Calgary-based headliners Daryl Makk and James Moore (Just For Laughs Festival, the Comedy Network) are described as "hilariously edgy veterans of the stand-up scene" who have worked with some of the biggest names in the business.

Nova Scotian comic Eric Payne is also a 23-year veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces who copes with PTSD.

Friday's show at the Legion starts at 8 p.m.

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what's on this week



Wed. May 30	Thur. May 31	Fri. June 1	Sat. June 2	Sun. June 3	Tue. June 5	Wed. June 6
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Madeleine Roger & Logan McKillop. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m. GISS Dance Presents: PDA – Public Display of Art. GISS dance program term-end show. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m. ACTIVITIES Bittancourt House Museum. Museum open at the Farmers' Institute. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday through June 29. Film Screening: Death by Joy. Part of the End of the Reel film series presented by Salt Spring Hospice at the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room. Filmmaker Jim Cribb from Pender Island will be in attendance for the viewing of his film. 7 p.m.	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT House Concert: Madeleine Roger, & Logan & Meghan McKillop. The Sanctuary House Show Series presents an evening of storytelling and original folk songs at The Sanctuary at 191 Walker's Hook Road. 7 p.m. Shuttle bus leaves from Moby's Pub at 6:30 p.m. Advance tickets through meghanmckillop191@gmail.com. Open Mic with Jesse. Open Mic Night every Thursday at Moby's Pub. 8:30 to 11:45 p.m. ACTIVITIES Bittancourt House Museum. See Wednesday's listing. Birding in Burgoyne Bay. Peter McAllister leads a birding walk in Burgoyne Bay Park beginning at 6 a.m. Meet at the road, near the barns, where there's a wide path heading into the meadows. New birders are very welcome. The event will wrap up by 8 a.m. Bike to Work Week – Celebration Station. Salt Spring Elementary PAC is hosting an Eat & Greet, along with helmet decorating, bike mechanic checks, and an orange-cone bike course. SSE. 7:45 to 8:30 a.m. Book Launch: Patrick Friesen and Eve Joseph. Poetry event: Patrick Friesen launches Songen, and Eve Joseph launches Quarrels. Salt Spring Public Library. 7 p.m.	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Hownd. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m. Comedy for Quality of Life Tour. Comedy show and fundraiser for PTSD veterans featuring James Moore, Daryl Makk and Eric Payne at the Legion lounge. 8 p.m.  Fabulous Flakes. Live rock band at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m. ACTIVITIES Bittancourt House Museum. See Wednesday's listing.  Artists From The Fringe – Opening Reception. Artists From The Fringe presents A Journey Into The Minds Of The People Under The Stairs, featuring artwork by Salt Spring's homeless and vulnerable population through a weekly drop-in program at the United Church. Reception with artists in attendance runs from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Library program room. Show continues to June 29.	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT K-Tones. Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m. Viva Chorale! Community Choir Concert. Viva Chorale! Community Choir performs with Harmony Women's Vocal Ensemble of Coquitlam. All Saints By-the-Sea at 7:30 p.m. The Neil Young Show. Tribute band at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m. ACTIVITIES Saturday Market in the Park. Famous market of locally produced art, crafts and food. Centennial Park. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fault Line Record Sale. LPs & CDs from the collections of David Wisdom and Nigel Harrison. Fault Line Projects gallery. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anthony Bruce Book Launch. Anthony (Tony) Bruce launches his latest book, To Seek the Wind of Sorrow, at the Salt Spring Public Library. 3 p.m.	ACTIVITIES Salt Spring Unitarian Fellowship. Annual general meeting plus Amanda Tarling speaking about Spiritual Practices for These Times. All UFSSI members and friends encouraged to come and help the group plan its future course. Salt Spring Seniors Centre. 10:30 a.m. Artists in the Garden. Free fine art, live music and lively conversation every Sunday in the summer at Dragonfly Fine Art Supplies. 12 to 4 p.m. Havan Ceremony with Pandit Tejomaya. Traditional sacred fire ceremony known as a havan. St. Mary's Church in Fulford. 1 to 4 p.m. For further information, see www.staroftheseassi.ca or email staroftheseassi@gmail.com. Fault Line Record Sale. LPs & CDs from the collections of David Wisdom and Nigel Harrison. Fault Line Projects gallery. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tue. June 5 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Open Mic With David Jacquest. Tuesdays at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m. GISPA Presents Orpheus & Eurydice. Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts original production. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.	ACTIVITIES Tuesday Farmers Market. Food-only market that specializes in authentic, local fresh products opens for the season. Runs every Tuesday, June through October at Centennial Park from 2 to 6 p.m. Bruce Rivard Collection - Reception and Auction. Final event for legacy show benefiting Rivard's family, with MC Dave Phillips. Salt Spring Gallery. 5 to 8 p.m. Film Screening: HEAL. HEAL is a science-backed documentary following real people that reveals the amazing ability of the body to heal itself. Salt Spring Public Library. 7 p.m. Tickets at Salt Spring Books.	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Tea at Tempo: Kaizenjammers. Salt Spring trio performs at All Saints. 2:10 p.m., followed by tea and treats at 3 p.m. GISPA Presents Orpheus & Eurydice. See Tuesday's listing. ACTIVITIES Bittancourt House Museum. See last Wednesday's listing. Artist Talk With Judy Anderson. Judy Anderson, winner of the Joan McConnell Award at SSNAP 2017, gives a presentation at Salt Spring Public Library. 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.



Thur. May 31
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
GISS Dance Presents: PDA – Public Display of Art.
See Wednesday's listing.

Vargo.
Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.



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EXHIBITIONS
• Today, May 30, is the last day to see the **Salt Spring Photography Club's** annual Eclectic Visions show upstairs at **Gallery 8**.
• **Bruce Rivard Legacy Art Show** runs at **Salt Spring Gallery** on Fri., Sat. and Sun., June 1-3, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Tuesday, June 5, concluding with an art auction for unsold pieces MCed by Dave Phillips from 5 to 8 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS
• **Artists From the Fringe** present their annual art show in the **library program room** beginning with a reception on Friday, June 1 from 4 to 6 p.m. Show runs through June 29.
• **Fault Line Projects** presents In the Way: Photographs from a Lost World by David Wisdom, accompanied by the soundtrack Music for Art Galleries, with a CD & Vinyl sale from Wisdom's extensive collection on Sat., June 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sun., June 4, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
• **Duthie Gallery** shows Observations: Woodlands - paintings, drawings and photographs by **Susan Benson, Sibeal Foyle, Rosalie Matchett** and **Janet Dwyer** on Thursdays through Mondays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until June 5.
• Vintage Salt Spring / Out of the Archives is an exhibit of work by League 181 artists **Judith Borbas, Don Hodgins, Peter Eyles, Herb Otto, Wendy Wickland** and **Dulcy Wilson** showing in the **ArtSpring lobby** through June.
• **Artists in the Garden** runs every Sunday at **Dragonfly Fine Art Supplies** at 155 Rainbow Rd. with live music, fine art and more from 12 to 4 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS
• **Jill Louise Campbell Art Gallery** presents Inspired Salt Spring, new paintings of Salt Spring by **Jill Louise Campbell**.
• **Mikaela Morgan** shows acrylic paintings & **Craig Patterson** shows driftwood light sculptures through June at **Kizmit galeria and cafe**. Thursdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
• **Jeanne Lyons** Exhibit: Exiles, Witnesses and Guardians, including works on paper using graphite and coloured pencil, shows in the **ArtSpring lobby** through May.
Hedgerow House shows paintings by **Daina Deblette** of Ocean Art Studio through May.
• **Venter Gallery** exhibits work by **Kathy Venter, Deon Venter** and **Wim Blom**.
• **Vivienne Challandes** shows her artwork of all-recycled materials in **Island Savings** through May.

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PERSONAL HEALTH

Film takes scientific and spiritual journey

Island resident brings documentary to island

On Tuesday, June 5, Salt Spring Island joins large and small forward-thinking communities around the world in screening what is described as a "game-changing" film.

Since its debut in Los Angeles last October, the independent film called HEAL has travelled to the Netherlands, Ireland, Mexico, Australia, Chile, Denmark, and across the U.S. In Canada, HEAL has already visited Campbell River, Vancouver, Moncton,

Edmonton, Waterloo, Kelowna, Kamloops and Toronto.

On Salt Spring, psychologist Judith Gane of Bringing the Heart Home programs has the licence to show the film, which is a science-backed documentary that reveals the amazing ability of the body to heal itself. The screening takes place at the library's program room beginning at 7 p.m.

Directed by Kelly Noon Gores, HEAL "takes us on a scientific and spiritual journey," said Gane.

"This film keeps us riveted on the edge of our seats as the director follows three real-life people on actual high-stakes

healing journeys. Interspersed with comments and explanations from some of the most brilliant minds of current leading scientists and spiritual teachers, we discover that our thoughts, beliefs and emotions have a huge impact on our health and ability to heal."

Director Gores says, "With scientific evidence, inspiring stories, spiritual insights, and a dash of humour, I hope to not only help people in need of healing but also help shift the medical model from one of symptom management and surviving to one of true wellness and thriving."

HEAL features Dr. Joe Dis-

penza, Dr. Bruce Lipton, Gregg Braden, Anita Moorjani, Deepak Chopra, Michael Bernard Beck, Dr. Kelly Brogan, Joan Borysenko, Anthony William, The Medical Medium, Dr. Darren Weissman and Marianne Williamson.

Gane adds that the film's message is not "anti-medication or Western medicine. This film will empower you with a new understanding of the miraculous nature of the human body and the extraordinary healer within us all."

More information is available at www.healdocumentary.com or from Gane at judithgane@sympatico.ca.

Tickets are at Salt Spring Books.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Fernwood kids learn importance of water

Money raised for Indian drinking wells

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Imagine having to haul 10 litres of water over three kilometres every day just to have something to drink.

Students at Fernwood Elementary got a real life look at what it would be like to have to carry their drinking water on May 24. The kids walked the 1.5 kilometres from the school to St. Mary Lake, where they filled empty jugs with lake water. They then turned around and carried their loads back to the school.

The program was started by teacher Robin Andison 13 years ago. Andison, now retired, still meets the children at the lake to assist with the event.

"It's to raise awareness and make them actually feel that experience of what it's like to haul water," she said. "How would they feel if this is what they'd have to do every day: come and get their water, drink it straight from the lake? It's a real accomplishment for them."

"They can learn about what a good portion of the rest of the world has to do every day to survive."

ROBIN ANDISON

Retired Fernwood teacher

Every year, the water walk raises money to help dig wells in villages in Andhra Pradesh, India. So far, the school has raised enough money to dig 30 wells in the Indian state, providing clean drinking water to around 5,000 people. It also gives the students a chance to understand what a large



PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

Gabriel Gordon fills a jug with water from St. Mary Lake as part of Fernwood Elementary School's annual water walk fundraiser.

part of the world has to do in order to get water.

The students also get a chance to learn about water use, conservation and the importance of potable water in the weeks leading up to the water walk.

"They can learn about what a good portion of the rest of the world has to do every day to survive. They also learn a lot coming up to the water walk about the importance of water and conserving it," said Andison.

The students are only required to carry the amount of water that corresponds to their grade level. Students in Grade 2 carry two litres, those in Grade 3 carry three and so on.

"Some of these kids are just amazing," said Andison. "They are only required to carry four litres at the most, but these older guys will carry eight or 10."

In India, the job of carrying water often falls to the girls. Since they spend hours every day fetching water, they miss out on the chance to go to school. With village wells, fetching water

becomes less of a chore and the quality of drinking water goes up. Girls are also able to go to school and improve their lives.

"If you were doing this for real you'd probably be carrying about eight to 10 litres of water every single morning," Andison said.

The school is partnered with an organization called SOPAR, which is based in Gatineau, Que. The organization does humanitarian work in India, which includes water and sanitation work.

Fernwood school's goal is to raise enough money every year to drill at least two bore wells, which cost \$900 per well. Over the last few years they have been able to exceed that goal, funding three or four wells per year.

The money raised this year will not be counted until May 31, but already the students have brought in over \$800, according to principal Kelda Logan.

"We are well on our way to building at least two, if not three, wells for small villages," she said.

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TRIBUTE

Herb Burnett: all about 'sheer love'

Former Government Agent and volunteer remembered

BY HELEN HINCHLIFF
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

If you've lived on the island for a dozen years or more, you may have encountered Herb Burnett, as I first did, when he was the Government Agent.

My late husband Donald Simmons and I moved to Fulford Harbour in 1986 where we owned rental property. At some point in the early 1990s, the Landlord-Tenant Act was revised, so we turned to Herb to learn our rights and responsibilities. He was eager to help. Herb always seemed to have the answers and, if he didn't, he got on the case with speed and efficiency.

We weren't the only ones to have how-does-the-government-work questions for Herb. "When Elsa and I opened our store in 1991," Linda Koroscil, owner of Love My Kitchen, told me the other day, "Herb helped us find our way through the provincial bureaucracy. He was the most helpful government official I've ever known."

Home owner Michael Butler agreed. "Herb's sense of mission and responsibility as Government Agent far exceeded his pay scale. He was a superb public servant."

When Herb and his wife Pat Robertson moved to the island in the 1970s, he was a surveyor. Earning a living back then required an enormous amount of off-island travel, Pat told me, so she "was glad when Herb finally decided to settle down." That meant living on Desmond Crescent only a block from the Service BC office.

In 2000, Herb became our neighbour when Donald and I bought a place on Desmond Crescent, a location that offered a relatively level route so I could push Donald and his wheelchair into town. Herb was the first to welcome us to the neighbourhood. On our daily walks we often crossed paths. Whether he was mowing his



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO

Herb Burnett pretends to let Terry Fox Run volunteer Jean Southgate chop his long locks at the Shear Herb cancer fundraiser in 2013. Burnett died in April and his celebration of life is set for June 3.

lawn, chopping wood or walking home from work, Herb always had time for a chat and he provided help in ways too numerous to detail here.

In 2005, the *Driftwood* featured him as one of Derrick's Lundy's "Island Pics," treating us not only to Herb's sunny smile but also offering a glimpse of his heart. A master of understatement, he reported his occupation as "bean counter." To be more accurate, he revised it to "human being," listing his hobbies as "philosophy, philanthropy and philology." In other words, Herb was all about love, especially for this community.

He was a great supporter of youth golf at the Blackburn course, teaching kids how to play and sponsoring pizza parties for them. Back in 2006, he co-founded Salt Spring Literacy, providing major support as a long-time board member. On Canada Day he was the first to show up at Island Star Video to blow up balloon figures and to help Tim O'Connor and John Dolman serve hot dogs.

In 2013 he thought up the "Shear Herb" contest. A prostate cancer survivor, Herb supported the Terry Fox Run when he let his hair hang low and then sought donations by offering the highest donor the opportunity to shear it off. The event took place on the deck at TJ Beans with Tim and

John getting first whack, leaving barber Fiona Foster to tidy it up.

Perhaps flying under the radar for many on this island was Herb's role as a "sober alcoholic," having some 30 years of continuous sobriety when he died, a fact I am reliably informed Herb would have permitted me to reveal.

"Herb's was the first sober alcoholic voice I heard when my wife and I were visiting for the first time," one islander told me recently. "I had more than 20 years of continuous sobriety but it is part of our training whenever on the road to check in with the local recovery community. 'Good afternoon, Alcoholics Anonymous,' the voice at the other end of the line said. 'How may I help you?' Herb assumed I was a 'newbie' and he seemed eager to pull me physically through the phone line into the embrace of the program. It was heartwarming and I can assure you there are people on Salt Spring who wouldn't be here today if it weren't for Herb."

For years, another of his friends told me, Herb would leave holiday parties early to be at the other end of the AA telephone line, just in case somebody needed his support.

Bless his heart, Herb had enormous challenges of his own. In 2006, he lost his

hearing and sense of balance first in one ear and then the other, both events a mystery to the medical community but thought to have been caused by a virus. Cochlear implants were only marginally successful, so he took early retirement from the job he loved so dearly. It was tough, but through it all he continued to embrace life and love. I should know because one day he touched me so deeply I was inspired to devote one of my Aging With Grace columns to our encounter.

One fine September day in 2016, I saw him happily piloting a brand new, bright red power scooter. "Wow, Herb," I exclaimed as he was tooling toward me with a big grin. "Have you ever got wheels! This contraption is going to open up the world for you again."

"Helen, I love you," he replied. I was speechless, so he added, "I want you to know that you mean a lot to me."

"Thank you," I replied, knowing it wasn't enough and remembering that earlier in the week I'd also let someone else's love and kind words hang out to dry like Monday morning laundry. Herb wasn't going to let me do that to him. Poking his face through the damp sheets that hung between us, he asked, "Don't you think I deserve a hug?"

"Of course, you do!" I replied, supplying the much-welcomed hug that relieved the tension. He kissed me on the cheek and I returned the favour. I even managed to mutter, "I love you too, Herb." But then I felt compelled to launch into a long-winded account of why it had been so hard. Herb stopped me mid-sentence, replying, "We can't let ourselves carry that kind of baggage around forever. The buck stops here! You can quote me on that!"

Herb Burnett died in April. While mourning his loss, his friends will also celebrate his life and love. You might wish to join us at the Lions Club on June 3 from 1 to 4 p.m.

SPIRITUALITY

Sacred healing fire ceremony unfolds

Pandit Tejomaya leads havan

The final program of the spring schedule at Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice takes place on Sunday, June 3 at St. Mary's Church in Fulford.

People are invited to join Pandit Tejomaya as he leads the group in a traditional sacred fire ceremony known as a havan from 1 to 4 p.m.

According to Star of the Sea, havans are performed at countless celebrations and auspicious events across India, some lasting for many days.

"Here at Star of the Sea, Panditji will guide us through a havan focused on healing: healing for our own lives, for our community, for the land, the water, and the air."

The primal element of fire plays a sacred role in nearly every culture, religion and spiritual tradition in the world, says Tejomaya.

"In the Rig Veda, which is perhaps the oldest written scripture in the world, the first line is a devotional homage to fire as a transformational agent of divine change."

Sunday's event will begin with a dis-

cussion on the nature of the fire element, the practice of the sacred fire ceremony and the role of ritual in people's spiritual lives.

Very little preparation is needed, adds Tejomaya, but as this is a sacred Vedic ritual based on purity, he requests that all who come to participate take showers in the morning and wear clean clothing.

Chanting of a sacred healing mantra is also part of the afternoon.

For further information, see www.starofthesea.ca or email starofthesea-si@gmail.com.

TRADES EDUCATION

Apprentices honoured with awards



PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

Neil Kerrigan presents Cole Viberg with his apprenticeship award at a May 25 event. Kerrigan started Viberg off on the path to becoming an apprentice plumber in the TASK program at GISS.

Six graduates receive \$1,000 from Ministry of Education

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A group of young trades workers were recognized for their hard work at a GISS ceremony on Friday afternoon.

The six apprentices were awarded \$1,000 from the Ministry of Education for continuing their work in the trades after high school graduation. The awards

went out to 2017 graduates who were able to complete 900 hours of training at their jobs. Since many tradespeople do not need tuition, the cash award helps them pay for anything they need to help their careers, from tools to rent and groceries.

The students graduated last year from the Youth Work in Trades Apprenticeship program at GISS. Program teacher Shari Hambrook explained that the program lets students start working and learning on the job while they're still in high

school as registered apprentices under the Industry Training Authority.

"Students can start as early as age 15," she said, adding that the program "allows students to start their apprenticeships and trades while they're still in high school and to earn high school credits as they're accumulating their workplace training hours."

The six students honoured this year were Sarah Mollin, who took the culinary program; Andrew Chan, an electrician; Wyatt Scheres, who studied auto mechanics; Harrison Bradley, a welder; Cole Viberg, plumber; and Tyler McWhirter, who apprenticed in carpentry. While the award is given out each year to GISS graduates, this year there were recipients from each trade taught in the program, according to Hambrook.

Of the six graduates, five of them took dual credit courses, which allow the students to take college-level apprenticeship courses.

"While they were still in high school they finished their level-one apprenticeship training at the college level," Hambrook said. "The high school pays for that because they're still in high school."

The Trades Awareness Skills and Knowledge course, taught by Camosun College instructors, gives students the basic skills of working in the trades before they find their specialization. Apprentices also work with local companies to get their on the job experience.

"These fellows have to put their time and energy into the kids from an early age," said Hambrook. "It's a big job to do that: taking 16-year-olds and training them."

CAREERS

Health care assistant training offered

Sign-up for fall program underway

Camosun College was successful once again in securing "rural access" funding from the Ministry of Advanced Education to offer a second cohort of its Health Care Assistant Program on Salt Spring Island. Anyone wishing to train

without relocating to Victoria for this seven-month program will want to act quickly to secure a spot.

"In 2016 a cohort of 16 students enrolled in the program, which was a first for both Camosun and our island community of learners," said Maggie Allison, GISS manager of career development and community initiatives, who is

facilitating enrolment. "All students completed the program and the majority are working on Salt Spring Island."

But Allison said the need for more health care assistants on the island is still strong. "Both Beacon Community Services and Greenwoods Eldercare Society have indicated that they are still facing staffing shortfalls," she said.

The program will run from mid-October 2018 until mid-May 2019. Interested individuals should contact Maggie Allison at mallison@sd64.bc.ca for more information and a step-by-step guide to applying online.

An orientation is planned for the first week in June, so time is of the essence, she said.

VOLUNTEERISM

Volunteer and Community Resources ends

Thanks given to community as organization winds down

Volunteer and Community Resources has announced that after much careful thought and deliberation, the organization has regrettably decided to cease operations as of June 30.

A press release notes that VCR has worked to promote volunteerism and support the not-for-profit sector on the island with boundless energy and enthusiasm despite limited resources.

"As VCR comes to a close, we hope this period of time will provide an opportunity to further discuss the challenges facing the sector, working to find solutions that will

support and stabilize our island's not-for-profit organizations," said long-time VCR chair Jacquie Stevilak.

"The volunteer hub component of our work is very strong," said VCR administrator Janine Fernandes-Hayden. "Over the years, we have worked collaboratively with many of our volunteer-driven organizations who feel just as passionately as we do when it comes to recruiting, retaining and recognizing volunteers."

Together with VCR, the island has celebrated these volunteers with It's Coffee Time, a collaboration with local coffee shops to recognize island volunteers over National Volunteer Week, as well as last year's successful Canada 150 Volunteer Challenge.

VCR also helped local not-for-profits by offering a series of sessions on the transition to the new BC Societies Act, and conducted a year-long needs assessment study to explore the feasibility of an administrative services hub. While the study reported the need for financial, governance and administrative support, most not-for-profits expressed a lack of capacity to pay for such support. The report can be found on VCR's website at www.vcrsaltspring.org.

Some components of VCR's work will continue, thanks to several other Salt Spring organizations.

The board expressed gratitude for the participation and enthusiasm from the many individuals, organizations and business that worked with VCR over its history.

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NATURE

Peter McAllister receives top B.C. naturalist award

Year of the Bird puts pet projects in focus

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring resident Peter McAllister has been recognized for his many decades of conservation work, receiving the Ian McTaggart-Cowan Outstanding Naturalist Award at the 2018 BC Nature AGM and conference on May 12.

Four days of speakers, field outings and special events at the University of British Columbia were capped by the awards banquet, where McAllister was given the prestigious award named for a hero of Canadian nature studies.

"It's the first time the award had been presented since 2015," said Kathleen Maser, who is the BC Nature director representing Salt Spring.

McAllister has stacked up plenty of credits to support the honour since moving to B.C. in 1963. He chaired the Sierra Club of B.C., was active in the Clayoquot Sound and Carmanah Valley campaigns, and invented the term Great Bear Rainforest while spearheading its protection.

More recently, since moving to Salt Spring, McAllister has initiated several projects with the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club and his own organization, Salt Spring



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Ian McTaggart-Cowan award winner Peter McAllister, centre, with BC Nature education and awards chair Margaret Cuthbert and association president Alan Burger at the 2018 conference at UBC.

Ocean Stewards. These include a campaign to protect Owl Island and the highly successful purple martin recovery program.

McAllister belongs to an impressive legacy of North American naturalists, and it's fitting that he receive an award named after one of his mentors. According to Rob Butler, who is director of The Nature Trust of B.C. and

introduced the award, McTaggart-Cowan ranks among the top three naturalists of the past 200 years across the world, along with Alexander von Humboldt and Alexander Skutch.

As it happens, McAllister retraced von Humboldt's South American exploration routes down the Orinoco and to Ecuador, and he later lectured at the

Humboldt University in Berlin. He counts Skutch, who is "universally regarded as one of the world's greatest ornithologists," as a personal hero, and was thrilled to meet him at Skutch's Costa Rica farm in 1986. McTaggart-Cowan was someone he actually knew when they were neighbours in Victoria's Ten Mile Point during the '90s. The older scientist would call McAllister over to get updates on the Clayoquot situation.

Another timely coincidence is that McAllister received his award on World Migratory Bird Day. He has been a birder since his childhood on Long Island, New York. Local community members have been lucky to join him on weekly bird-watching outings at the Salt Spring Conservancy's Blackburn Lake Nature Reserve during April and May.

While the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club's key area of activity has historically been hiking and trail development, Maser, McAllister and others are helping the "nature" part find equal footing.

"A lot of the work that we do is out in the ocean," said McAllister, who comes from a shipping family and ran a tug-boat company in B.C. Projects he's initiated with Salt Spring Ocean Stewards include eelgrass mapping and sea-star monitoring. A new project this year will map bull kelp

beds and may make use of drones for hard to reach areas.

The Ocean Stewards and nature club members also participate in ongoing bird counts for Bird Studies Canada. McAllister is responsible for monitoring specific areas that must be reached by boat.

Putting more attention on feathered species in 2018, which National Geographic has declared its Year of the Bird, does not just fulfill a personal interest. Maser points out that despite protective regulations, the combined total mass of birds around the world has decreased by 50 per cent over the past 50 years. The U.S. Republicans have proposed slashing the 100-year-old Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and have ruled against holding industry responsibility for bird deaths, making the future look bleak for world ecosystems.

Groups like BC Nature and its 51 member clubs are helping provide scientific evidence on species decline while inspiring meaningful response from citizens.

"It's a time of great concern, but locally down on the ground, there's lots of concern and action," Maser said.

Anyone who would like to join the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club or learn more about their programs can visit the website at www.saltspringtnc.ca.



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PERSONAL GROWTH

Men's group dives into issues

Gathering provides safe space for men to discuss feelings

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A weekly Salt Spring Island men's group is reaching out for new members.

Reinless is the name for the gathering of men who meet every Tuesday at 7 p.m. The idea behind the group is to provide a confidential, safe space with empathy and suspension of judgement for men to speak freely about their lives.

The group is "a safe environment where we can practise speaking the truth," explained John McColl, one of the members of Reinless. "[It's] a place where there's empathy, non-judgement — or judgement is suspended at least — and people can speak their inner truth without retribution or punishment."

Reinless has no political or philosophical leanings, and is simply a place for men to talk freely and to get support in a confidential, safe atmosphere.

Many men participate because they are not happy. The men's group is a place for them to help deal with negative feelings and to feel better about themselves. McColl has been a part of Reinless for around one year, and has facilitated men's groups in other parts of the country. To him, the group is about trying to find the things that help people in life and to move forward with those in mind.

Discussions also promote a deeper understanding of the feelings members have. As opposed to one-on-one exchanges, a group discussion allows people to get real feedback and to dive into the reasons behind their feelings.



Illustration of the Salt Spring's men's group commissioned by a member.

"It's taught in our culture that we're responsible for other people's feelings and we're not responsible for our own. If you switch that around and take 100 per cent responsibility for your own experience then you're dependent on yourself to create the quality of your experience," he said.

Confidentiality is important to the group. Many stories are brought up that could be embarrassing or cause shame. One of the group's few rules is to keep things discussed a secret.

"We have no real strong rules in the group except confidentiality is one," McColl said. "We don't out anybody that is here and we don't repeat stories to anyone. I can talk about maybe my experience of hearing you, but it's confidential, so that makes it safe."

There are six or seven regular attendees, though that number can fluctuate depending on the week. Any man is welcome to join the group and anyone interested can contact McColl at 519-821-9703. There is also an online sign-up at www.meetup.com/reinless/.

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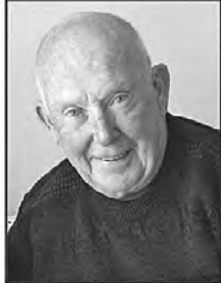
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It is with great sadness we announce Hank passed away on May 17th in Vancouver, B.C. Predeceased by wife Mona and granddaughter Nikki., Survived by daughter Linda Hardy (Bill), sons Lindsey and Dana (Cheryl); 4 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, partner Joy and her family.

Hank grew up in Pitt Meadows, B.C. In 1953 he started a distinguished career with the B.C. Forest Service retiring as Director of Fire Protection for B.C. in 1987. In retirement, Hank continued to pursue his enjoyment of cruising, golf, fishing and found the pleasure of refurbishing rods and reels.

Special thanks to Dr. S Chapman and Canadian Cancer Agency for their support. Our sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the staff and volunteers at Vancouver Hospice Society for their exceptional compassion and caring of our father and family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Vancouver Hospice Society – 4615 Granville Street Vancouver, B.C. V6H 3M1 or www.vancouverhospice.org

Josie Clement Lake

Oct. 25, 1920 - May 7, 2018



Josie Clement Lake began her long, richly experienced life as Josephine Rachel Feldwick on October 25, 1920. Her autobiography, Memoirs: How Lucky I've Been (2012), <http://bit.ly/JosieMemoir> tells a vivid story of an acutely observant, shy young girl growing up in South London, with an older sister, Margaret, and (unusual for the time) a single divorced mother, Esther. Josie's happiest childhood memories were spending the summers with her many cousins in the Surrey countryside. Coming of age during the WWII, she escaped the worst of the Blitz, and developed an affection for the bleak Orkney Islands where as a Wren she repaired aircraft in the Fleet Air Arm.

Shortly after the war, Josie married Mike Clement. They emigrated to Victoria, BC in 1949, building a new home and raising three children

- Andrew, Ann and Ian. In 1960 the family emigrated back to the UK, but soon found they'd become more Canadian than they realized. Within 9 months everyone returned to Canada, this time to West Vancouver.

Longing to continue her interrupted education, Josie enrolled at UBC as an undergrad in 1964. She found it an interesting and exciting experience. As well as thriving in her studies of English, History, German, and Sociology, she joined much younger fellow students in protesting the Vietnam War. Josie also became active in the anti-war advocacy organization Voice of Women (VOW) and the Canadian Federation of University Women, promoting social justice and making lifelong friends.

In 1970, Josie and Mike moved to Saltspring Island, and began the long project of turning their 1 acre Rourke Road waterfront lot into a magnificent garden. Josie also threw herself into weaving and community life more generally. Her first major tapestry adorned a Royal Bank lobby in Victoria for years. In the 1980s Josie served as president of the Community Arts Council and later felt honoured to be recognized as Life Member of both the Gardening Club and Weavers Guild.

Tragedy struck in 1987. On a business trip to Seattle, Mike suffered a heart attack and died at the Canada-US border in the shadow of the Peace Arch. A generous friend softened her loss by paying for Josie to attend Semester at Sea aboard the SS Universe for its round-the-globe undergraduate educational program. She made long-lasting friends among her small cohort of senior students.

Tales about how in 1990 Josie got together with her also recently bereaved neighbour, Philip Lake, vary. Was it simply chance, innocent encounters at their shared mailbox? Very likely crafty matchmaking by mutual friends played a key role. Suffice to say that after first contact their romance blossomed rapidly, just as Josie was about to take the difficult step of selling her home. Philip quickly proposed a better, transformative alternative. Within weeks they married, giving them both a new lease on life and launching decades of happy living together. Together they continued the garden building project with gusto, of course grumbling all the while about the hard work it required. The high point came in 2004 when the Canadian Gardening magazine featured a multi page spread on their achievement as part of a special issue on Salt Spring Island gardens. One photo shows the ecstatic couple almost swallowed up by a colourful sea of the flowers they had cultivated. Shortly thereafter, they sold the property, passing over the first offer and holding out for a buyer who would do the garden justice. Moving into Brinkworthy, they continued gardening, albeit on a more modest scale.

Josie remained healthy and active well into her nineties. But several small strokes and falls took their toll, progressively diminishing her physical and communicative abilities. She spent her final years under the loving, attentive care of Philip and his 'care angels' - Jill F. and Barb B in the mornings and devoted team of care aids from Beacon Community Services at other times.

Josie spent her final days in the tranquil palliative care suite of Lady Minto Hospital. Attentive staff kept her comfortable while family gathered and friends dropped by to bid farewell.

Josie died peacefully on May 7, 2018 at the age of 97. In an elegant pine casket built by son Ian, we buried her four days later at the Purdy Cunningham Memorial Cemetery, next to Mike's grave. It was a bright, glorious spring day.

In addition to her spouse of 28 years, Philip, and offspring, Andrew, Ann and Ian, Josie is survived by 4 granddaughters, Mila, Sarah, Julia and Malika.

A memorial celebration of Josie's life will be held in mid-August. Those wishing to be notified of time and place, please contact Philip <balladoyle@shaw.ca>. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Saltspring Conservancy or Lady Minto Hospital Foundation would honour her.

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**Saturday, June 2nd
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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NOTICE of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

**All meetings will be held in the CRD Electoral Area office
located at 108 121 McPhillips Ave, Salt Spring Island**

Fulford Water Service Commission -

Monday, June 4, 2018, from 10 am-12 pm

Beddis Water Service Commission -

Monday, June 4, 2018, from 1 pm-3 pm

Liquid Waste Service Commission -

Tuesday, June 5, 2018, from 10 am-12 pm

Cedar Lane Water Service Commission -

Tuesday, June 5, 2018 from 1 pm-3 pm

Ganges Sewer Local Service Commission -

Thursday, June 7, 2018 from 10 am-12 pm

Cedars of Tuam Water Service Commission -

Thursday, June 7, 2018 from 1pm -3 pm

Highland Fernwood Local Water Service Commission -

Monday, June 11, 2018 from 1pm -3 pm

Maliview Sewer Commission -

Monday June 11, 2018 from 3-4 pm

INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED??

These Local Service Commissions advise the CRD and make recommendations regarding the financial obligations of running their local area water or sewer treatment facilities. These volunteer positions are open to a resident or property owner within the local Service Area and have a two year term. The Commissions include the CRD Regional Director and are supported by local CRD Staff Members. The CRD is seeking nominations for volunteers which will be accepted at each of the Annual General Meetings and throughout the year for two year terms beginning in January 2019.

Contact 250.537.4448 for more information
or email: saltspring@crd.bc.ca



Deborah Toynbee

Jan 23, 1950 - May 21, 2018

At roughly 9:45am on May 21st, 2018 our beautiful mother, wife, sister, auntie, cousin, and friend, Deborah Toynbee passed away due to a serious case of both viral and bacterial pneumonia complicated by liver failure.

Born Deborah Yvonne Gisi in Ft. Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan on January 23rd, 1950 to her two wonderful parents, Alphonse and Anne Gisi, Deborah spent most her childhood and formative years in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

After leaving her childhood home at the age of 17, Debbie enjoyed her substantial and eventful life in many places in North America. In addition to being a Salt Spring Island resident during the 1970's, some of the places that Debbie lived included Ontario, the Yukon, Saskatchewan, New York, New Jersey, Florida, Texas, and it was on Camano Island in Washington State where she lived her final years with her beloved and loving husband Richard Laurence Toynbee.

Deborah is survived by her husband Richard and two sons, Richard Gisi and Logan Alphonse. We will so deeply miss this amazing lady and remember her for her many great qualities. Not the least of which, for her kind generosity and fantastic sense of humor. Debbie would never think twice about helping those she knew in need and was quick witted with a healthy dose of comedy and joviality.

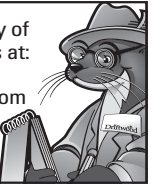
We will be holding a Celebration of Life for Debbie on Salt Spring Island toward the end of the summer and will publish details closer to that date.



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D.W. Salty is looking for material for his column, **Streets of Salt Spring Island**

If you have information on any of our streets, please contact us at: 250-537-9933 or dwsalty@driftwoodgimedia.com



RACQUET SPORTS

Island's squash club members welcome new players

Expansion considered after successful first year

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Squash Club members want to teach new players the love of the game.

Markus Wenzel is the president of the Salt Spring Squash Club, the group that spearheaded the construction of Salt Spring Island's first squash court that was completed in December 2016. Now, a year and a half after opening, the club is looking to reach out to new players and young members of the community.

There were a few attempts to get a squash court built on the island over the years, the first of which was started by Wenzel's father. However, none of the attempts had gotten any traction. After living on Salt Spring for a few years without a place to play, Wenzel was finally able to move on his father's dream of having a squash court on the island.

"My father Wolfgang Wenzel moved to Salt Spring in the 1980s from Calgary and was an avid squash player. He realized there was no facility on the island so he put together a bit of a crusade back then to try to get a court built. It didn't fly just in terms of organizing," he said. "So when my father passed away in 2012 . . . I thought I'd give it a shot to kind of finish off that dream of his."

The idea for the court started in 2013, but did not get off the ground until the following summer. After becoming an official non-profit society, the board of directors began fundraising for



PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

Allison Marr and instructor Benjamin Uliana play at the Salt Spring Squash Club court, which opened on Salt Spring Golf & Country Club property a year and a half ago.

the court. Using the golf course property arose after the construction of the indoor tennis court on that site and the golf club's openness to different sports. After planning, rezoning and approvals, the group finally started work on the court in August 2016. From there it did not take much to complete the building.

"It surprised all of us how quickly it went from when we put our first shovel in the ground," Wenzel said. "On Salt Spring there's usually somebody tying themselves to a tree or something, but that didn't happen."

The project, which cost about \$280,000, was funded completely by the community through donations and private investments. A funding model was borrowed from the successful Centre Court indoor tennis facility, and Wenzel says it worked well enough that they did not feel the need to reinvent the wheel.

The court is open to the community, and new players are encouraged to come down and try the sport. A core group of about 40 or 50 regularly use the facility, but Wenzel says more than 200 people have come down to try it out. Many players

have had long absences from the sport and are returning to enjoy it again.

"We have a lot of people who come back to squash and who live on Salt Spring who haven't played it for many years. I think the record is a guy who said he hasn't played it for 50 years," he said.

Looking forward, the club hopes to bring in people who have never played before from Salt Spring to enjoy the game. Some youth camps will be offered this summer, and certified coaching will be provided to those interested. Plans have already been drawn up to

build a second court if demand requires it. The court has also brought attention from off island. Groups from Vancouver have come to Salt Spring for a weekend of squash, and many people who were once unsure about moving here due to the lack of a place to play are reconsidering, said Wenzel.

The club also hosts drop-in nights every week for new players to try the game. They provide the rackets, balls, some instruction and eye protection. People are simply asked to bring indoor shoes.

Squash is considered a winter sport, and it helps provide a rest from the long grey winters on Salt Spring. It is also one of the most beneficial sports to play. In 2003, Forbes Magazine put it at the top of their list of healthy sports.

"It combine[s] the tactical, technical, fitness and the ability to get a really good workout in a short time," Wenzel says. "It is very much a strategic game. You're a bit like a chess player . . . Whereas with a lot of sports it's about who's stronger or faster, being smart plays a lot into squash as well."

One of the main reasons Wenzel wants people to try the sport is because it is fun. Unlike many sports where it can take weeks of training to get to a point where it becomes fun, squash can be entertaining after only a small bit of training.

"Half of the battle in getting kids to take on something new these days is that it has to be fun, right?"

To reserve a court time, or to come to a drop-in session, check the squash club's website at www.saltspringsquash.ca.

SWIMMING

Local pair grab fourths at national swim meet

Calgary hosted 2018 competition

Salt Spring swimmers Jane MacKenzie and Joan Gunn-Allard swam their hearts out at the Canadian masters national championship in Calgary from May 19-21.

MacKenzie competed in six events, with a fourth-place finish in the 50-metre breaststroke, fifth in the 100-m breaststroke, sixth in 50-m freestyle, seventh in the 100-m individual medley, ninth in the 100-m freestyle and a 12th in 200-m freestyle.

Gunn-Allard competed in seven events, with a fourth-place finish

in the 100-m individual medley, fifth in both 50-m and 200-m backstroke, seventh in 100-m backstroke, eighth in 50-m butterfly and 11th in both 50-m and 100-m freestyle.

More than 500 swimmers from across the country showed up to participate in the most competitive meet of the season. Some 52 events were swum during the competition. MacKenzie and Gunn-Allard qualified for the Calgary meet based on their performances at provincial finals in April.

The next nationals will take place in Montreal at the end of May 2019 and both women say they hope to compete.

Spirit of Salt Spring



From left, Salt Spring Centre School students Evan Baukol, Kiera Shea, Johanna Scurtescu and Zach Staicescu volunteer at their "juice bar" in the Saturday market for their leadership project. The kids raised \$328 to donate to the Salt Spring Food Bank.

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DRAGON BOAT RACING

Spirit Point Dragons earn bronze medal in Victoria

Good result despite competing four members short

BY LORHAINNE ECKHART
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

"Starter has the race. Attention, please."

And the shot fired in the gorge for the annual Super Sprints in Victoria at Sunday's dragonboat race.

Eighteen members of Salt Spring Island's very own dragonboat racing team, Spirit Point Dragons, had made the trip over to Victoria in time for the 8 a.m. start after catching the crack-of-dawn 6:15 a.m. ferry from Fulford only to find the race was delayed by a barge filled with junkyard cars reduced to a pile of scrap metal, an eyesore that everyone on the team was glad to see leave. No one had overslept and everyone



COURTESY SPIRIT POINT DRAGONS

Spirit Point Dragons members at the Super Sprints regatta in Victoria.

had made the ferry, so we were seriously off to a great start.

Our very own Robyn Huntley, who is now the head fitness coordinator for the team, led the first of three carefully choreo-

graphed warmups, which, as one member of the team commented, rivalled an aerobics workout and had everyone on the team primed and ready for our first race. Our steersperson,

Andrew Okulitch, called the commands and steered the boat down the 250-metre raceway, with head coach Mary Rowles, who has worked tirelessly training this team, leading us across the finish line with a time of 1:25 in the first race, 1:21.820 in the second, and 1:17 in the final heat, blowing past the finish line and not only jumping us into Jade A category, a first for the team, but earning us a bronze medal.

Although short four paddlers, the Salt Spring Island dragonboat team that made the trip over was made up of Lesley Grott (stroke), Huntley, Lorenn Ekelund, Marylou Cuddy, Wendy Eggertson, Melynda Okulitch, Lisa Coles, Carmelle Labelle (our captain, who keeps us all in line), Wendy McEachern, Lynda and Barry Green, Sam Goddard, and our newest team member, Shirley Julien, who paddled her first

race, as well as Janice Shields, who stepped out of dragonboat retirement to save the team, and Rob Huber and his son Geoff Huber, who made the trip over from the mainland to fill another spot.

Seven paddlers from the Victoria IBS team tagged out in the three races to fill the remaining spots, so special thanks to Erin Ragan, Denise Chow, Shannon Hjermstrad, Angie Walters, Charlene Tufford, Rheina Cott-Meyers and Pat Pearce, who stepped up to paddle with the team in our second race in the season. And then, of course, there was me!

The next race for the Salt Spring team will be an all-women's race at Sproat Lake on June 10. See you on the water!

If anyone is interested in joining the Salt Spring dragonboat racing team, please send an email to our coach Mary Rowles at onthewater181@gmail.com.

TENNIS

Juniors get boost

Locals fare well at Rajsic Classic

The 2018 Rajsic Classic held at Portlock Park over the May long weekend saw 50 teams from Salt Spring, Vancouver Island and Vancouver compete to raise funds for the Salt Spring junior tennis program.

The annual tournament is a tribute to Roy Rajsic, one of Salt Spring's legendary tennis players and a junior tennis supporter.

Results were:

Ladies 80 Combined - Justene Tedder and local pro Marjorie Blackwood defeated Vancouver Island team Hayhoe/Kemshaw.

Ladies 100 Combined - Tracy MacKinlay and Deb Orange of Salt Spring defeated Paula Evans and Patti Karan 8-2.

Ladies 120 Combined - Micheline Berry and

Jean Martin (Vancouver) defeated Cerris Davies/Penny Kemshaw 8-7.

Ladies 140 Combined - Local Susan Russell with Lillian Lamb (Vancouver Island) defeated islanders Barb Freitas and Ann Stewart 6-3, 1-6, 10-4 in tie-breaker.

Men's 100 Combined - An all local affair, Blair Carley/Andrew Ross Collins defeated local pro Peter Schelling and Tim Dubois 8-6.

Men's 120 Combined - Locals Markus Wenzel and Peter Lamb defeated Ted Laveck/Dave Rowse 8-4.

Mixed Doubles Combined 100 - Art and Rita Hobbs (Vancouver Island) defeated Holly and Brian Calvin of Nanaimo 8-5.

Mixed Doubles Combined 120 - Local Salt Springers Marianne Bannan/Mike Chin defeated Erica and Colin Ross 8-2.

TRAIL & NATURE CLUB

Hiking season ends with strawberries

Strawberry Festival

The hiking season ends with the Strawberry Festival in Ruckle Park on June 19. This year's event is being organized by the hikers group. Meet at noon in the lower picnic area with your packed lunch to enjoy a scrumptious dessert of strawberries and ice cream. Remember to bring a dish and spoon! Short walks are scheduled before lunch.

Iceland's Amazing Geology

Come learn about the Amazing Geology of Iceland Thursday, June 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Salt Spring Library. Steve Earle is a geologist with a PhD in geochemistry, now living on Gabriola Island. After 12 years in the mining industry, since 1992 he has been teaching at Van-

couver Island University in Nanaimo and at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops. The talk is open to the public.

Hikers

June 5: Susan will lead a short hike in Burgoyne Bay starting at the parking lot, up to the boulders and then higher to a viewpoint. Lunch can be there or at Daffodil Point. Some off-trail hiking. Meet at the ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or the Burgoyne parking lot at 10 a.m.

June 12: Barry & Sheila will lead a loop hike on the Cowichan River Footpath, starting at Skutz Falls. Moderate but long if the weather is good. Depart Portlock at 8:40 a.m. in carpools.

June 19: Walkers and hikers will have a short walk before the Strawberry Festival. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or at the picnic area in Ruckle Park at 10:15 a.m.

Walkers

June 5: Yvonne Gibbon and Sonja Baker will lead a walk through the Reginald Hill Strata to the First Nations Reserve starting at the end of Morningside. This is a moderate to easy walk with some short uphill sections. Please meet at ArtSpring to carpool at 10 a.m. or at the end of Morningside at 10:20 a.m.

June 12: Rob Mason will lead the walkers through the Bryant Hill Park Trail and up to the Andreas Vogt Nature Reserve where we will have lunch and enjoy the views. Meet to carpool from ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or at the top of Sarah Way (off Jasper) at 10:20 a.m.

June 19: Walkers and hikers will have a short walk before the Strawberry Festival. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. or at the picnic area in Ruckle Park at 10:15 a.m.

Ramblers

June 5: Leader's Choice Ramble with Betty Ball. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

June 12: Leader's Choice Ramble with Marjorie and Brian Radford. Meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m.

June 19: Meet at 10 a.m. in Centennial Park to car pool for a Ramble in Ruckle Park before the Strawberry Fest or meet at the picnic area at noon.

Interested in joining us? Contact Barry Spence (Membership) at 250-537-2332 or come on Tuesdays to the meeting point for the activity you are interested in.

Participants need to bring a lunch and wear appropriate footwear and outdoor clothing.

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