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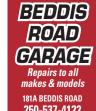
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CARRYING THE FLAG: Tudor Davies leads Sunday's Remembrance Day parade in Ganges, part of annual events organized by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92. For more Remembrance Day photos, see Page 2.

EDUCATION

SD64 moves to eliminate deficit

Teachers concerned about non-replacement policy for support staff

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Gulf Island School District has instituted cost-saving measures that will affect administrative, support and assistant staff at district schools and facilities to help eliminate a \$250,000 budget deficit by 2019.

The district sent out a letter to all staff on Nov. 6 advising of a new "non-replacement policy." The letter states that educational assistants (EAs), clerical workers, building service workers and information technology staff will not automatically be replaced by substitute staff for the first two days of sick leave.

Gulf Islands Teachers' Association president Deborah Nostdal expressed concern about the impact of the change at last Wednesday's school board meeting at Salt Spring Island Middle School.

"I've been hearing from all kinds of EAs and teachers that they're really stretched and there is not quite adequate personnel there," said

Nostdal. "When we look at the budget and see what a small portion of the actual budget that educational assistants take, only 2.94 per cent of the overall budget, I'm thinking it's a very shortsighted thing to have that particular exemption not to fill."

Nostdal later elaborated in an email that "EAs are in place to support vulnerable students and the learning and working conditions in the classroom are directly affected by their presence or absence. Our EAs are already stretched to fill the complex and diverse needs of our learners. We feel there is a safety concern here as well. We have some students who have safety plans in place for a variety of reasons, including those who run from the classroom."

Cindy Rodgers, the finance manager at the strict, said that the cost-saving measure was only temporary for the current year, and that in the case of EAs, it was ultimately up to the principals of the schools to make the final call.

"If they feel it's unsafe, then they will be put-

ting a replacement in where necessary," she said in the meeting. "It's not meant to create an unsafe situation."

Another class of unionized workers affected by the measure are building services workers such as janitors. Nostdal said if workers are not replaced when they are off sick it could prevent health and safety standards from being met in district facilities.

In cases where the health of students and teachers are in question, such as potential sickness outbreaks, the district said it will ensure necessary work is done.

Rod Scotvold, the district's chief financial officer, said, "We're not going to cut corners. It's all going to be looked at very carefully. If there's a problem, we'll address it."

He added that although it is difficult to make these kinds of decisions, the outcome to budgetary cuts could have been much different.

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Remembrance Day 2018





Above, from left, Helen Cannon lays a wreath at the Cenotaph in Centennial Park; a contingent from CFB Esquimalt marches in this year's Remembrance Day parade. Below, from left, parade commander Zeke Blazecka salutes facing the Cenotaph; a memorial cross decorated with poppies to be placed on the Cenotaph.





AFFORDABLE HOUSING

SS Commons awarded \$2.4 million

Province announces new Community Housing Fund

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

A Salt Spring Community Services affordable housing project is among the first to receive approval under British Columbia's new Community Housing Fund, with \$2.4 million awarded to the mixed-income 24-unit family development.

"I think what this really does is it finally turns the big green light to get going. We're ready to proceed as soon as possible," said SSCS executive director Rob Grant. "We're delighted and thrilled."

Projects for middle-income families in 42 communities are on the way to getting started under the new fund, which was announced Tuesday in Vancouver by Premier John Horgan and Housing Minister Selina Robinson. Administered by

BC Housing, it will see the province invest \$1.9-billion over 10 years and build more than 14,000 affordable rental homes for seniors, families and low- and middle-income earn-

The first set of projects selected focuses on non-profits and co-ops, and will be built over the next two to three years. According to the Ministry of Housing news release, individual buildings will contain units aimed at a mix of income levels, including homes for middleincome individuals and families, deeply subsidized rentals for seniors and others on fixed incomes, and homes for low-wage workers.

Salt Spring Commons is an \$8-million project that has been planned around multifamily townhouses and a common building. The most recent housing agreement approved by the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee is for 20 affordable home ownership units and four rental units to be owned and operated by Community Services.

Unlike many other proposed housing developments, the project has adequate water supply and correct zoning in place.

Community Services and project managers Green City Builders said they will have more information to share with the community in the coming weeks about the details of the BC Housing funding and requirements. They are willing to go with a full rental model but are awaiting further discussion with BC Housing staff to learn whether home ownership can re-enter the picture.

Grant said that some small bits of funding will still need to be found but the project cost is now largely covered. Private donors and Community Services have contributed to the capital fund. The organization will also carry a mortgage, with lowrate financing through BC Housing part of their agreement.

NEWS BRIEFS

Fundraiser begins Friday

Fans of books and jewellery won't want to miss Salt Spring Literacy's annual fundraising sale, taking place at the Farmers' Institute this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The 12th annual Giant Book Sale and fourth annual Jewels for Literacy Sale run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

An estimated 25,000 books have been prepared for this year's sale. Books are set out in some 40 categories, making it easy for people to track down what they are looking for.

The Jewels for Literacy team has collected more jewellery than ever, ranging from costume to designer items to a huge number of silver pieces.

Also new this year is the Salt Spring Rotary Club's coffee and treat stand inside, where people can sit and rest for awhile. Rotary members will also set up their BBQ outside on Friday and Saturday, weather permitting. As literacy is a focus area for Rotary internationally, the Salt Spring club sponsors the sale with a \$2,500 contribution towards expenses.

For more information about the Nov. 16-18 event, see www. saltspringliteracy.org.

FOR THERECORD

A story in last week's Driftwood about new regulations aimed at protecting orcas should have stated that the current southern resident killer whale population of 74 was a 30-year low. The all-time low occurred in 1973 with 66.

• Also, the Nov. 7 Viewpoint attributed to Ahava Shira about a Booth Bay aquaculture lease was actually written by a group of Quarry Drive residents, including Joi Freed-Garrod and Stan Garrod. Shira had signed on to the letter as a supportive gesture and inadvertently forwarded it to the Driftwood.

CHARITY

Seniors earn first 'caring women' funds



PHOTO BY RAMONA LAN

The new 100 Women Who Care Salt Spring members celebrate the donation of \$12,700 to Salt Spring Seniors Services Society at the group's first meeting at ArtSpring on Nov. 8.

New charitable program underway

BY GAIL SJUBERG

DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Salt Spring Seniors Services Society is the first beneficiary of a new high-impact local charitable program.

The society received \$12,700 at the inaugural meeting of 100 Women Who Care Salt Spring Island held on Nov. 8 in the ArtSpring gallery space. Funds came from the 127 women attending each donating \$100.

Thirteen local charities had been nominated by members, and three were drawn randomly at the beginning of the meeting. They were the Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust, the Salt Spring branch of BC SPCA and the Salt Spring Seniors Services Society.

At the meeting, a member from each organization gave a five-minute talk expressing why she believed the organization should receive the funds.

"All three presentations were compelling and informative, offering members greater insight into the work and projects of these local charities," said Coreen Boucher, an organizing team member.

As someone who benefits from services offered by the Seniors Services Society, Boodie Arnott gave a presentation that resulted in the majority of members voting for the society when they cast their secret ballot.

"I was thrilled to be able to help support a Salt Spring organization that touches so many lives in our community. A huge 'thank you' to the 127 women who made this possible," said Arnott.

As the 100 Women group explains, recipient charities can use the funds in ways that they need most as long as the charity's efforts benefit the community. A representative from the Seniors Services Society will be at the next meeting for 100 Women Who Care in February to tell members how their money helped the seniors organization and the island.

"I and others noticed a palpable feeling in the room right after everyone wrote their cheques to the Seniors Services Society," said Boucher. "The high-impact and collective nature of this fundraising model amplifies the sense of accomplishment and of excitement for the receiving organization."

The 100 Women concept sees registered charities with a local impact nominated by members. For every member who nominates a charity, an equal number of nominations is placed in the charity basket. At each meeting, three charities are randomly chosen. If selected, the member who nominated the charity provides a five-minute presentation on why they think that organization should receive the funds. After the three presentations, each member votes for her choice. The charity receiving the most votes is awarded all funds raised that evening. The successful organization is responsible for issuing tax receipts to each member.

The next meeting is on Feb. 12, 2019 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the ArtSpring gallery space. Registration and social hour begins at 6 p.m.

Members must nominate their charity at least four weeks in advance.

WATER RESOURCES

Golder report released

Two-phase study to aid in licensing

A major piece of Salt Spring Island's groundwater puzzle will be shared at a special presentation on Friday, Nov. 23 at Lions Hall.

Everyone is welcome to attend the session, which begins at 1 p.m., to hear the final results of a two-phase study by Golder Associates.

According to the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Alliance, water supply for Salt Spring Island's 10,000 residents and an estimated 10,000 annual visitors is derived entirely from the island's footprint, from community systems utilizing water from surface water and groundwater sources, together with private wells. Aquifer mapping for Salt Spring

Island was conducted by integrating available geological mapping and information from over 2,500 well logs using three-dimensional visualization software.

Monthly groundwater budgets were then derived for each aquifer to assess the sustainability of groundwater withdrawals based on available climate data, estimates of groundwater recharge and an estimate of groundwater demand from domestic, commercial and agricultural users. The results of the budget analysis will be used to inform groundwater licensing decisions by the B.C. Ministry of Forests, Lands, **Natural Resource Operations** and Rural Development under the Water Sustainability Act, and to support water management initiatives being undertaken by local authorities and community groups.



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AWARDS

Page nabs Writers' Trust prize

Dear Evelyn named year's top fiction at Toronto ceremony

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring author Kathy Page received one of the nation's highest literary honours this week, taking home the Rogers Writers' Trust Fiction Prize for her book Dear Evelyn last Wednesday.

The prize recognizes Canadian writers of exceptional talent for the year's best novel or short story collection. Page faced a tough group of peers in fellow finalists Craig Davidson, Esi Edugyan, Rawi Hage and Jen Neale, and was completely unprepared for the outcome.

"I was totally convinced I wouldn't win, and I also managed to convince many people who know me the same, so it was a real surprise — a nice one," Page told the Driftwood.

While some of the award category winners are announced before the gala and the recipients had nicely crafted speeches in hand, Page hadn't even considered the possibility that she might need one until shortly before her name was revealed.

"It went fine in the end. I just thanked everyone," Page said.

"It's been really nice to come home after bombing back and forth to Toronto with this great news, and to have so many people in the community and my friends and family so pleased about it. It's a very nice feeling."

The story of a marriage that lasts seven decades and unravels significantly over the long years, Dear Evelyn



Rogers Writers' Trust Fiction Prize winner Kathy Page displays her award along with prize winners in other categories, Christopher Paul Curtis, left, and David

takes the life of Page's own parents as inspiration and jumping-off point. In particular, she was inspired by a series of letters her father wrote to her mother during the Second World War. One of the triumphs of her writing is that Page engages the reader long after the exciting wartime years are over, giving prominence to the more intimate drama of human relationships.

Dear Evelyn has received high acclaim from critics in Canada and the U.K. alike, from the Globe and Mail to the Guardian and the Times Literary Supplement. (One reviewer was actually compelled to throw the book across the room due to an abundance of emotion.)

"It's been really good to feel people connect with the book — all sorts of people — and that people have a strong reaction to the characters," Page said. "That's a very good thing to feel."

With a major literary award like

the Roger's Trust prize, much benefit comes to the winner through recognition alone. Page said that had already started to be evident from the time the short-list was announced. And to make that list is an honour indeed, when a handful of jurors who are also celebrated peers select just five books from a huge field of entries.

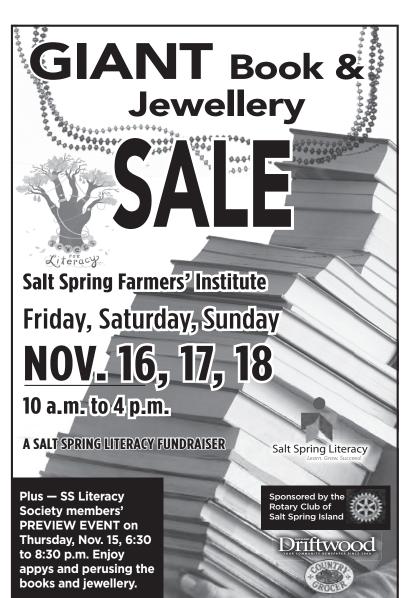
Winning the prize means an additional happiness in that more people are likely to read the book. Dear Evelyn is already being reprinted, for example.

The \$50,000 cash prize that comes with the award is no small matter, either. Page had a busy fall touring the book on the festival circuit, with events from Vancouver to Toronto and beyond. She also did launches in England earlier in September, all the while completing her teaching work for Vancouver Island University.

The prize doesn't mean Page can take time off from her part-time teaching job, but it does mean some relief from the ongoing financial concerns that characterize the writing life.

"And I'm feeling quite anxious to get down to work," Page said, adding she has something in mind that she wants to work on next. The subject is under wraps, but she did say it will be another novel.

Page notes she is in good company among Writer's Trust award winners on Salt Spring. Previous recipients include non-fiction prize winners Brian Brett (Trauma Farm, 2009) and Deborah Campbell (A Disappearance in Damascus, 2016). Brett also won the Trust's Matt Cohen Award for lifetime achievement in 2016. Kevin Patterson is a past winner of the Rogers Writers' Trust Fiction Prize, awarded for Country of Cold in 2003.



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Respect project debuts at middle school

New healthy relationships program from SWOVA

Grade 6, 7 and 8 students at Salt Spring Island Middle School can expect to participate in SWO-VA's newly redesigned R+R healthy relationships program this fall.

The program's new name is "The Respect Project," which will fall under the umbrella of SWOVA's healthy relationships programs.

"With the new redesign, SWOVA joins parents and educators in focusing on equipping young people with the life skills they need to thrive," SWOVA explains in a press release. "The redesign was developed with the help of a community advisory board, including parents, students, teachers and school district leaders, among others. It is fully aligned with the B.C. Ministry of Education's newly redesigned curriculum."

SWOVA said the Respect Project adopts "toolkit" approach.

"Rather than focusing on a set lesson plan for all the classrooms, the toolkit offers facilitators a choice of themes and activities they can use to tailor sessions for a diversity of classrooms."

With the generous support of the Salt Spring Island Foundation, SWOVA was able to collaborate with InsideOut Policy Research of Victoria, in the redesign of its program. These researchers last year completed a three-year study of all the teen healthy programs (like the former R+R) across the country that are funded by the Canadian Women's Foundation. The Respect Project is based on the "best practices" identified by

this research. "Best practice" in this case means these are program elements that proved most effective in making a positive difference in the lives of the young people who participated.

SWOVA said it is is committed to maintaining good communication with classroom teachers and to developing increased parent engagement, to continue improving its programs. Information will be provided to the SIMS Parent Advisory Council meeting on Nov. 20. Broader parent information sessions will be held early in the New Year. All sessions will be led by Kate Nash and Alessandra Narcarato, two experienced youth facilitators who have demonstrated past success working with Salt Spring Island students.

"My favourite part of working with different hats here on Salt Spring Island is the opportunity to engage with the youth in our community as they grow," said Nash. "Here is a new and important way to make connections and participate in engaging our youth by empowering them, hearing their voices and supporting the development of the confidence and the skills they will need to maneuver positively through their adolescence."

It is hoped that additional funding will be forthcoming to make possible the incorporation of a youth leadership component. This component would involve a youth team of five to eight students who would gain leadership skills through the facilitation of monthly after-school peer-discussions on questions and topics emerging from the parallel in-school facilitator-led sessions.

AGRICULTURAL LAND

ALR land changes meant to curb speculation

Bill 52 introduced in B. C. legislature

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The BC Ministry of Agriculture's review of the Agricultural Land Reserve and Agricultural Land Commission has resulted in a new set of amendments aimed at protecting farmland from speculation.

Legislation introduced on Monday, Nov. 5 aims to ensure land in the Agricultural Land Reserve is for "farming and ranching in British Columbia, not for dumping construction waste or building mega-mansions."

If passed, Bill 52 will reinstate one zone for all ALR land in B.C.; limit new house sizes in the ALR to less than 500 square metres (about 5,400 square feet), except through application to the ALC in cases where it would

support farming; and require ALC approval of secondary or additional residences in the ALR. The bill also cracks down on the dumping of construction debris, toxic waste and other fill in the ALR through increased penalties.

"The old government let wealthy speculators drive the price of farmland out of reach for young farmers and allowed some of our most valuable agricultural land to be damaged," Agriculture Minister Lana Popham said in a news release. "We are protecting farmland in B.C. to ensure land is available now and for future generations of farmers, so people in British Columbia have a safe, secure supply of locally grown food on their tables for years to come."

"I am thrilled that the government is acting decisively to stem speculation on farmland," said Adam Olsen, MLA for Saanich North and the Islands. "The ALR is vital to our local food security and for realizing B.C.'s economic opportunities in the agricultural sector. I look forward to working further with government to find more ways to support B.C. farmers and protect our agricultural land."

Local government officials and farming advocacy groups are just now trying to digest what the changes will mean for Salt Spring.

"The Salt Spring Agricultural Alliance has not yet discussed Bill 52," reported board member Elizabeth White. "We are intending to look at farmworker housing in 2019 as part of a review of the Salt Spring Area Farm Plan, which we hope will be supported by the Local Trust Committee."

The legislative changes do not specifically address farmworker housing, which may come under further amendments. The need for such provisions was raised by local groups during the review process.

Information supplied from the ministry

around "additional" residences in the ALR explains, "The ALC has heard through consultation with some local governments that often they don't have the agricultural expertise or the level of staff to appropriately manage these types of applications. The new process will now have the ALC, who have the technical expertise on farming, making decisions together with local governments.

"Local governments will still play a role in ensuring the additional residence fits within their bylaw standards."

Islands trustee Peter Grove observed that applications for land use variances within the ALR are already decided by the ALC, although applications go to the Salt Spring LTC and the Agricultural Advisory Planning Commission for recommendation first. Grove said he would be surprised if the ALC no longer wished to have input from local government on those cases.

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Wastewater considered for field use

SD64 to undertake feasibility study

BYMARC KITTERINGHAM

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Gulf Islands School District is looking at the possibility of using wastewater from the Ganges sewer plant to help irrigate playing fields during the dry summer season.

A feasibility study will be conducted to look at extending piping from the sewage plant to the district's facilities building on Rainbow Road. The idea to use reclaimed sewage effluent was initially brought up years ago, but the last two dry summers have renewed interest in the plan. Rod Scotvold, financial officer for the district, explained that the cost of the project is the main reason it has never gotten off the ground.

"The only thing that has brought it to a head lately is the problems that we have with our fields at GISS over the past two years because of the water shortages," he said. "Certainly there's a renewed interest in the possibility of making it happen."

Though the initial cost of construction will be high, the project will likely save the district money in the long run.

"In the past couple of years, our high school fields have died, which has been expensive," said SD64 board chair Rob Pingle at the Nov. 7 meeting. "We're looking for cost-saving measures to improve the usability of our fields so that they are available for use by our students on the first day of school."

Scotvold said that the last time the district used

non-catchment water to irrigate the fields, the cost was \$30,000. This year, no watering was allowed on fields due to North Salt Spring Waterworks District restrictions. The cost to repair the field, according to a delegation made at the Ganges Sewer Commission meeting in August, was \$15,000. The high costs involved in keeping the field alive has made the prospect of spending upwards of \$100,000 on a project more feasible.

"We can't even afford that now, but when you look at it costing that much, it would certainly be worthwhile if something like this could be done," Scotvold said.

In 2018, GISS' upper field was kept alive using a catchment system, but the lower field had to be reseeded

"The grounds department has done a number of innovative things to keep the upper field going this past year," Scotvold said. "We have two or three large service tanks at plant services. We top those up, there are systems in place to catch groundwater and we use that. That's kind of a focal point for the system for all of the fields."

The discharge from the sewage plant is high quality and almost potable, according to Scotvold.

"The reality is that it's a really high-quality liquid resource. If we can use it, we want to use it," he said.

The feasibility study also includes the potential for additional community uses, but the district's priority will be to address their own fields problem.

A \$15,000 feasibility study was approved by the sewer commission back in October 2007 on the possibility of selling reclaimed water to entities like SD64 and the Parks and Recreation Commission for irrigation purposes.



School flex budgets also reduced

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"It's hard to find places [to make cuts], especially savings that won't impact anybody. They're just not there," Scotvold said. "It could be a lot worse. In previous years, it's been a lot worse . . . [This time] we've done it without layoffs."

The one-time measure will save the district approximately \$50,000 over the course of the year.

The district ended the 2017-18 school year with a \$524,000 deficit after an enrolment audit by the Ministry of Education resulted in anticipated funding being rolled back. After using the district's surplus of \$270,284 to pay down the deficit, approximately \$250,000 still needs to be recovered. Cost-

saving measures already in place include reductions to teacher coordinator positions, plant services, transportation costs, learning services and administrative reductions.

The district also implemented a reduction of 10 to 25 per cent to flex budgets for all schools, depending on the size of the school.

The Ministry of Education has mandated that the district balance their budget within one school year, and has requested quarterly reports showing progress in that direction.

The ministry is also currently undertaking a funding formula review. It will determine how schools across the province will be funded and is expected to be released in March. The new formula is anticipated to be put into place for the 2019-20 school year.

On November 3rd, Salt Spring Disc Golf hosted its first PDGA sanctioned tournament at our new home at Salt Spring Golf and Country Club. 72 persons played and more were in attendance to watch the best players in the region battle it out in the wind, rain, and muck. Prevailing for Salt Spring, were islanders Evan Eyles (Open), Eric Vanderwekken (Amateur 40+), and Ted Hickford (50+ Pro).

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EDITORIAL

Dwindling returns

'ater quality and quantity has been a longstanding issue of concern on Salt Spring Island, and all islands in the Salish Sea.

That's why it made sense five years ago to create a governmental organization to coordinate efforts to improve freshwater quality on Salt Spring. The aim of the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority (with "Authority" switched to "Alliance" last year) was to provide a framework for management of freshwater resources by bringing together various agencies that deal with water on the island.

However, like all initiatives that require cooperation and participation from different groups, the road forward has not been smooth. It's also been hard to see exactly how much benefit has been derived from the \$100,000 per year paid by Salt Spring taxpayers to the Islands Trust for SSIWPA.

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WE SAY:

Continuation needs consideration One positive outcome is facilitation of a Golder Associates study and report on Salt Spring's groundwater resources that will be released at a public meeting next Friday.

But otherwise, much time has been spent drafting terms of reference and guidelines for itself and its committees,

while other activities, like promoting a rainwater harvesting tour, had been undertaken by volunteer groups in the past. One thing Salt Spring is not short of is freely shared environmental expertise, which in years past has been used to create two St. Mary Lake watershed management plans and one for Cusheon Lake, for example.

With major partner North Salt Spring Waterworks District withdrawing its participation a couple of weeks ago, it suggests the SSIWPA experiment may not have proven as valuable as hoped.

Some people may view the \$100,000 special tax requisition paid by Salt Spring property owners for SSIWPA costs as chump change not worth worrying about. But so many other initiatives are waiting to demand our tax dollars, such as transit and pathway improvements, recreation facilities, a new fire hall/ emergency services centre and liquid waste management. Costs for those items will all add up and the \$100,000 for SSIWPA could perhaps be better spent on one of those projects.

While the previous Salt Spring LTC already gave its support to continuing with SSIWPA, we encourage the next LTC and Islands Trust Council to carefully examine whether SSIWPA is still needed. Use of onisland volunteer expertise may be preferable, along with maintaining the Trust-wide freshwater specialist employee role that the Trust agreed to fund last year.



Earth is our government

BY RON HAWKINS

With respect to the 40-acre clearcut ongoing along the Sky Valley hillside, Peter Grove empathizes but claims it is legal, and there is nothing he can do about it. Land clearing is a legal use under the property's zoning, he explains.

Last week's front-page Driftwood story further explains that Salt Spring Island rejected the notion currently practised by the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee, which designates the entire island a tree-cutting development permit area, to ensure that tree removal is limited, sustainable and strictly necessary for the intended use of the land. A change of Salt Spring's official community plan would be required for us to do that.

Diana Beresford-Kroeger, a world-respected medical biochemist whose books are in our library, concludes: "The biodiversity of the plant kingdom hoards a treasure trove of medicines for cures from a vast number of phytochemicals waiting to be studied, which we are only beginning to understand. But these cures could be gone tomorrow through the careless cutting of our forests."

I am disappointed that Peter Grove did not express a Nothing. That Trust staff Spring resident.

much more personal determination, demanded of all humanity by nature, to living within our ecological limits. Sustainability. Put bluntly, this means the Earth is our "government." Believe it or not, it is still true. Nothing can survive if it is not sustainable. And everything depends on nature for its existence. Ignore it at our own peril.

So what does this mean to us? I urge the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee, together with CRD director Gary Holman, to continue pursuing this to the limits of their respective offices, and with MLA Adam Olsen provincially. We have the capacity for defining limits, for moving more fully into policies and best practices for all activity impacting our environment unsustainably.

Begin with the OCP review, now, recognizing that Earth holds precedence. This is not a green ideology but a fact of life. George Grams recognized this. His last acts in office repeated the call that Salt Spring should now re-visit how many people can sustainably live here. Silence.

have done nothing is because "the LTC have not directed us to do so," I am told. How about it Peter and Laura [Patrick]?

Another critical required action: ensure that the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Alliance is sustained under capable chairperson leadership. Groundwater and rainwater capacities are receiving increasing attention. Be careful. If a particular aquifer or watershed is not thoroughly understood above and below the ground, things fall between the cracks of trial and error.

Golder and Associates' Nov. 23 presentation from 1 to 3 p.m. at Lions Hall will look at Salt Spring groundwater capacity based on projections from wide sets of data. But ask this: "Can you guarantee no wells so licensed by the B.C. government will ever run dry, impact or be impacted by other activity in the aquifer? To the degree they cannot, means more site-specific study may be required.

Best practices for sustainability demand healthy precautionary principles when proceeding into unknowns, if one wishes to avoid unexpected surprise.

The writer is a Salt

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OPINION { QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"In the past couple of years, our high school fields have died, which has been expensive."

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**

ROB PINGLE, SCHOOL DISTRICT 64 BOARD CHAIR

SALT SPRING **SAYS**

WE ASKED:

What do you think of banning plastic bags?

ELAINE BEATTIE



It's a good thing. The less plastic that gets into the ocean the better.

GISELLE PAQUET



It's about time!

MARIAH MAC



It's absolutely way overdue. Salt Spring Island has really not taken the lead on this. It's kind of my pet peeve.

PAM ADAMS



I think it's wonderful.

TINA SPALDING



I think it's high time that we figure out that plastic is destroying the planet.

LETTERS to the editor

Rainfall roof span, can cant rainfal play a pivota in allowing from its roof

It is a well-known fact that significant amounts of rainwater fall on Salt Spring each year, but that too much is lost through inadequate retention methods in our community.

Saving and using this "nature-provided" water can reduce the demands on our lakes and thwart greater severe conservation regulations. This has been recognized by the strong efforts of Rainbow Road Park Allotment Gardens (RRPAG), which is a part of Transition Salt Spring. Few people realize that the Rainbow Road Aquatic Centre i.e. the swimming pool, with its enormous

roof span, can provide significant rainfall harvesting and play a pivotal community role in allowing rainfall collection from its roof.

RRPAG has capitalized on this potential with a 2,500-gallon rainfall catchment tank that collects water from the swimming pool roof and helps supply its 38 community gardens. In addition, the gardens utilize an on-site 500-gallon tank, suitable for backyard gardening, to harvest rain from a small shelter building located amongst the gardens.

In the face of this past summer's drought conditions, RRPAG implemented strong conservation measures, in line with CRD regulations, and with the aid of these two rainfall catchment tanks was able to reduce water usage of its 38 gardens this year by

over 12 per cent.

Pursuing this trend, RRPAG, with strong financial support from Transition Salt Spring, have most recently announced the purchase of an additional 2,500-gallon rainfall catchment tank, which is in the final stages of construction for the 2019 season. This effort is being fully supported by PARC, North Salt Spring Waterworks District and Windsor Plywood.

According to a spokesperson at RRPAG, "The weather expert's forecast is that 2019 will again experience drought conditions and we are confident that with continuing conservation measures coupled with the added rainfall catchment capacity our future usage of community supplied can be further reduced. If more Salt Spring gardeners can make efforts to retain the

free water we get from the skies the better off we will all be "

JULIAN ELWES,

ON BEHALF OF 38 GARDENERS IN RAINBOW ROAD PARK ALLOTMENT GARDENS

Check lights

Thanks to Susan Gordon for the cautionary Nov. 7 "Road safety is everyone's concern" article urging drivers, pedestrians and cyclists to be alert, courteous and prepared on our dark winter-time roads.

I would add that these nights a significant number of vehicles appear to lack two operating headlights. It's time to check the lights on our cars and trucks to be sure we can adequately see, and be seen.

WENDY HILLIARD,

SALT SPRING

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It's time to end the SSIWPA boondoggle

BY DAVID RAPPORT AND LUISA MAFFI

We Salt Spring Islanders are a patient lot, and more often than not give the benefit of doubt to those who are keen to be of service. We did this in a major way with the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Alliance (SSIWPA), formerly the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority. After all, water on this island (and all of the Gulf Islands) is a long-festering concern, and it's becoming ever more critical in the face of climate change — especially so when coupled with rapid growth in our population and the associated development within our watersheds. Against that background, the idea of bringing together agencies that have a stake in the quality and quantity of water available on Salt Spring is a worthy one. However, SSIWPA has proved to be the wrong vehicle for accomplishing any of this.

Year after year for the past five, our trustees have recommended a special tax requisition — on the order of \$100,000 per year — to fund the activities of SSIWPA. At every turn, we have been persuaded by the SSIWPA chair (and outgoing trustee) George Grams that tremendous achievements are just around the corner. We've heard these unsupported statements over and over again, while hearing precious little as to how the monies have been spent.

In fact, unbeknown to most of us, nearly all that yearly amount has gone to a single individual for what has been described as "coordination services." As far as one can tell, that has amounted to little more than organizing sparsely attended meetings of SSIWPA partners, distributing the minutes of said meetings, and cobbling together a few reports from existing materials on watershed management — with a couple of recycled "expert" assessments, previously done by others for other purposes, thrown into the mill. It's a meagre output to say the least, hardly justifying the more than \$500,000 of taxpayer monies spent thus far.

And yet, despite the increasing dissatisfaction and disinterest of SSIWPA part-

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ners and others, SSWIPA is once again asking for additional funding to the tune of nearly \$100,000 to carry on its activities for the coming year. In one of its last acts, the outgoing LTC voted to support this request. With this prospect before us, it's time to call in the cards.

SSIWPA's essential and most important partner, North Salt Spring Waterworks District, has already cut bait, with one NSSWD trustee publicly justifying their withdrawal with a cryptic statement in the Driftwood (Oct. 31): "Subscribing to the distraction of SSIWPA is probably not a good investment of our time, our energy and our resources." We are aware, however, that behind the scenes there was growing unease within NSSWD that SSIWPA was going nowhere; that the research of SSIWPA's Technical Working Group was amateurish, duplicative and not carried out in a manner that would meet industry standards.

We have long publicly questioned SSI-WPA's research, as well as its lack of transparency about its budget allocations. While purporting to focus on the health of the island's freshwater bodies, the best SSIWPA has been able to do in that connection seems to have been to (literally!) send St. Mary Lake a "Get Well Soon" card. And to recap its "flagship" finding: on the basis of sampling a handful of septic fields around St. Mary Lake, SSIWPA concluded that leakage from septic fields had little or nothing to do with the algal blooms in the lake. Such results are lacking not only in statistical validity, but as well in the fundamental understanding of the complexity of factors contributing to algal blooms in inland waters. Yet, Mr. Grams is on record as claiming that this singularly flawed study may have saved our community millions that otherwise might have been spent linking properties in the St. Mary Lake watershed to the Ganges sewer system.

In our view, and in the view of at least

some of SSIWPA's partners, it has become a rather mindless exercise in gathering "catch as catch can" data relating to our water, collected by other agencies for a variety of special purposes, and filing them away in the vain hope that they will contribute to new insights as to how to improve the health of watersheds. That is most unlikely. Such a hodgepodge of data and reports will only result in clouding over the basic issues of what has caused the deterioration in the health of our watersheds and what can be done about it.

What SSIWPA has lacked from the outset has been direction. Years back, Jack Vallentyne, one of Canada's most illustrious limnologists, penned an editorial for Science Magazine, by the title of First Direction, Then Velocity. Without a clear sense of the complexity of how our collective activities influence the health of our watersheds, there is no prospect for adding value to what we already know from past efforts to come to grips with the declining water quantity and quality on the island. Without an integrated approach, there is no possibility for generating the critical data sets to track the health of our watersheds, the impacts of changes in water availability and quality on the health and wellbeing of our community, and whether or not our efforts at remedial actions amount to a row of beans.

NSSWD severed its ties with SSIWPA; it's high time that we taxpayers follow suit. SSIWPA's poor grasp of the dynamics of the watershed renders it incapable of making a meaningful contribution. Its new request for a tax requisition should be firmly rejected and its past expenditures carefully scrutinized. SSIWPA has pulled the wool over our eyes for far too long and should now be disbanded. More holistic and solid approaches to protecting our watersheds are urgently needed.

The writers are Salt Spring residents that have worked for decades on ecological and cultural health of large-scale ecosystems worldwide.

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Who to trust in pro-rep battle?

BY BOB MACKIE

I am involved with Fair Vote Canada (FVC) to encourage a "yes" vote in the current campaign for proportional representation.

Ninety-six per cent of people recently polled trust FVC and trust is important in this era of lies. Last May the Walrus published an article titled "We've Entered a New Era of Political Lying. Be Worried," which noted that Donald Trump has made it easier for politicians to lie. The article finishes: "Lying is so ingrained in our political system that it would be hard to imagine democracy without it."

Regarding the proportional representation referendum, to their credit, the BC Liberal Party website mostly attacks the process; although it seems asking every voter in B.C. whether they want 40 per cent of votes to equal 40 per cent of seats seems pretty straightforward to me. They do claim that "under Prop Rep candidates are selected by and accountable to their political party." That is untrue. In fact it is the opposite in two thirds of the ridings in B.C., which have been represented by the same party for the past four elections. In those safe ridings, the candidates, who are selected by the local constituency association, not the voters, will likely win the seat. Safe seats under FPTP also make it possible to parachute in a candi-

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date as was done when Christy Clark was parachuted into Kelowna, a riding she didn't live in.

The No BC Proportional Representation Society has four main claims that were repeated in the recent debate by the leader of the BC Liberals. I leave it to you to decide if these are solid supported fact, well-intentioned false claims or lies: "With pro rep, MLAs are awarded not voted in." Seriously?! In all three pro-rep systems we vote for our local MLA. What the "no" side are referring to is a mixed member proportional (MMP) system with closed lists where you still vote for your regional MLA but by party. With open lists you vote for a person. List type will be determined by an all-party committee and both the NDP and Greens favour an open list, so the Liberals make it unanimous.

"Say Farewell to your Local MLA." What?! The opposite is true. In all pro-rep systems you still have a local MLA, and maybe more than one.

"This is How Your Vote is Counted" showing an elaborate formula. In fact, actual voting is very simple and the count of even transferable votes is straightforward. I have counted them with paper ballots in a classroom at GISS. The

formula in the graphic has no relation to pro rep. I wonder how they manage in Ireland, they must be so much smarter than us . . . right? It would be laughable if it weren't so demeaning.

Finally, this is the one that ticks me off the most: "The perfect platform for extremist parties." It is not the fearmongering; although fomenting fear is a tactic I despise. What really bothers me is that under pro-rep there is a five per cent threshold to get a seat in the legislature, which is about 100,000 voters in B.C.. I am sitting here as I write this with a poppy on my sweater. When 100,000 voters want a representative to speak for them, they should get one. That is called democracy and that is what the people that I wear this poppy to remember fought and died for.

I know many people do not have the time to examine every claim. If you do want to check out some you can do so at prorepfactcheck.ca.

I have been a Progressive Conservative riding association president and president of the federal Greens, but this referendum is not about political parties. It is about democracy and representation.

Most politicians are good people but some feel they must have all the power and no opposition. I get it. It is harder if you have to consult, cooperate and sometimes compromise. I understand that the BC Liberals are very afraid that the BC Conservatives will rise up with pro rep, but I also wish they were a little more concerned with the 300,000 Liberal voters abandoned in safe NDP ridings.

I am outraged that our tax dollars are being used by No ProRep with no control over or fact checking of what they publish: so it is up to us to set fear aside and to take into account the motivations of the people involved. Who do you trust?

My expectation is our province will be better off if we have a consistent government that will avoid four years of one-party rule followed by a lurch as the other party comes in, reverses all the previous party did, and has their way for the next four years.

But what do I know? I have only been considering this since 2005. No one can say with certainty how pro rep will work out.

So let's see. Vote "yes" and after two elections, within 18 months there will be another referendum. Once we have experienced pro rep and know for sure, we vote again.

If you want to throw away that opportunity for yourself. OK, but please don't throw away mine. Thanks.

The writer is a Fair Vote Canada National Council member and a Salt Spring resident.

Residents demand action on Beddis logging

BY JEAN WILKINSON AND PETER

The following is a call for the Islands Trust to suspend a commercial logging operation on Beddis Road.

This 45-acre parcel, which is zoned for agricultural and rural residential use, was recently sold and is now the site of a commercial logging operation.

An estimated 100 to 150 loggingtruck loads of logs are expected to be shipped off the island, over the next number of months. The industrial noise from chainsaws and heavy equipment is and will be continuous. Nearby residents are already negatively impacted by this, and have serious concerns about potential consequences of the slope below their homes being de-stabilized if logging is allowed to continue. Furthermore, the visible degradation caused by a large logging operation is clearly detrimental to their property values

The area we have been told will be clear-cut includes what has become very scarce on the Gulf Islands — an ecologically impressive older forest stand. This one, largely on a steep slope, has checked erosion for well over a hundred years. A small seasonal stream runs through it and drains into a wetland. All together this ecotype is representative of the highest biological diversity found on the islands.

According to the Conservation Data Centre, older Douglas fir-dominated forest enclaves and wetlands are

among the most sensitive and threatened ecosystems on the Gulf islands. The increasingly rare nature of this stand made it a priority for securing a protective covenant but the previous owner's death and other circumstances brought an end to negotiations. The new owner could receive significant tax benefits and other compensation by agreeing to a covenant and maintaining at least some part of this forest in its natural state.

There is a designated development permit area encompassing a portion of this parcel. "The objective of the DPA is to protect development from hazards due to slope instability, to prevent soil erosion and to protect streams." Removing trees greater than 20 cm is not allowed due to a high hazard for slope instability. According to the zoning, "other areas not shown on the map may also have unstable slopes"

This applies to the steep slope (aver aging 30 degrees) supporting the precious older forest stand which is potentially very unstable and appears to be largely located above the current Development Permit Area 6 portion. We ask that logging be suspended while it is mapped and properly designated to receive the appropriate protection.

This operation is on the verge of entering very sensitive areas with hazardous erosion potential at a point in the wetlands where a towering six-foot diameter Douglas fir stands guard. We call upon Islands Trust to halt the logging immediately and closely examine these aspects and impacts.

This issue raises many important questions, such as: Who at Islands Trust, the protector of our unique natural environment, is out in the field monitoring these environmentally sensitive areas being clear-cut or about to be clear-cut? And how can deforestation on this scale be allowed when addressing climate change on the Gulf Islands has been embedded in the official community plan?

There are numerous examples on the island where timber has been liquidated from areas slated for development with resulting erosion, siltation in streams and ocean and a proliferation of invasive weeds. In the face of climate change and declining water sources we need regulations to retain as many trees as we can.

A public call for an environmental assessment of this intrusive commercial logging operation is of urgent necessity. It is fundamental to the Islands Trust's environmental responsibilities involving its mandate to "preserve the communities, culture and environment." The fate of a priceless remnant of Salt Spring's natural heritage is on the chopping

As of Nov. 13 the above letter had more than 300 signatories and had been sent to local and provincial government representatives.

The following was submitted to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and filed with the Driftwood for publication

BY BARB GALLOWAY

My name is Barb Galloway. I am 61 years old, born and raised on the coast of B.C. There has been a family cabin on Salt Spring Island since 1955.

I had the privilege of buying my own home here in 2015 and have lived here full time ever since. The abundance of wildlife outside of my house is amazing, but I also have a Transport Canada anchorage lot in front of my home. I am writing to you for this reason.

These anchor lots were designated 100 years ago, long before the southern resident orcas were endangered, and before the Gulf Islands became a top-10 tourist destination.

You say that industry and the environment can work hand in hand, but we have just now lost another southern orca, J50, a four-year-old female that the marine scientists so desperately tried to save, and now there is concern for an adult male, K25. This population was designated endangered in 2005 and at one point there were 91 orcas, and now we have 74

Now in the very waters where they are desperately trying to survive there are freighters parking for weeks at a time. For the first three years I lived here I never saw a freighter on the move in Swanson Channel or Captain's Passage. Now, two to three pass by my home

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every day. So not only do the orcas not have enough fish to eat, they have to avoid moving ferries, pleasure boats, dangerous cargo ferries, freighters, the navy, the coast guard and sailing races. They now have to pass by freighters that are parked. It's too much pressure on them. There will soon be an extra 400 oil tankers as well.

There is now another study to be done on noise affecting the orcas in Boundary Pass, and yet they swim the waters of the entire Gulf Islands.

Let me give you a first-hand account of the freighters parking in front of my home. The very first freighter parked there from March 3-19 this year. The lights blare all night long, and the pollution coming out of the smokestacks is constant. There is a constant hum from the auxiliary generators and at least once a day they fire up the main engines for three to four hours.

The next freighter stayed from April 17-30, and then July 23-26 and the last in the summer was Aug. 26-30. On Aug. 24, a pod of orcas swam right over the anchor lot waters and not 10 hours after the freighter left on Aug. 30 a pod of orcas swam in the same waters. This time, though, they were feeding.

I cried because it was so beautiful, but I also cried because the pressures on these beautiful animals are so enormous that I feel they don't stand a chance. Another

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freighter parked here from Oct. 2 to 10.

On the East Coast the shipping regulations have been changed to try and save the right whales, but here on the West Coast there seems to be no sense of urgency. We are watching the orcas slowly die one by one. Is it not time to try and eliminate some of the pressures, like getting rid of the anchor lots in the very waters where these beautiful orcas are trying to survive? It seems like the least we can do.

I would also like to make a point about tourism. These channels and passages are narrow. When these freighters are parked they are right off-shore. The Gulf islands are a top-10 tourist destination and what kind of message are we sending to the tourists of the world when there are freighters parking half a mile off-shore from a main tourist beach? You're a hard-working guy. Imagine working all year and taking your family to Tofino, which you love so much, renting a cabin, getting there and finding there is a freighter parked right outside your door? That is what is happening throughout the Gulf Islands and it is wrong. There is only one industry here on the Gulf Islands and it is tourism.

Justin, as I re-read this letter I started to cry again because I feel complete dread and despair for the orcas and I'm glad I'm in the fourth quarter of my life because what is happening to these beautiful animals is a man-made sin and my heart can't take it. Please help them and do something.

The writer is a Beddis Road resident.

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Copper roses to all the folks who put their save-a-tape receipts in Box #31 at Country Grocer. Thank you. You make a difference! Copper Kettle Community Partnership.

Dark pink roses of gratitude to the anonymous lady who left the bag of books at the front door. They'll make a wonderful addition to our lending library. Salt Spring Hospice Society A huge bouquet of sweetheart roses to the wonderful emergency staff at Lady Minto Hospital in dealing with my husband's stroke, Oct. 25. Huge thank yous to Dr. Applewaite, Izzy (!), Samantha, other nursing staff, the blood technician, Elaine, paramedics Sean and Gordon, and the two paramedics from Saanich Peninsula Hospital (who braved stormy seas to safely deliver him to Vic. General Hospital). Thanks to all for assuring his recovery! We are so grateful! S&B Cooke.

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BY AMBER OGILVIE

DRIFTWOOD PUBLISHER

We couldn't have picked a better time to launch our new Business Bits column with the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce Salty Awards handed out at last Thursday's gala.

The awards dinner, hosted this year by Matt Steffich of Steffich Fine Art and Donna Robinson, former Islands Savings bank manager, is the who's who in business on Salt Spring event of the year. Taking place at the newly renovated Harbour House Hotel in the Crofton Room, the mood was jovial and the food delicious! Highlights of the evening included music from the Sky Valley Jazz band, with a short song from Valdy while collecting his "Favourite Hippy" award, and John Bateman upstaging host Matt Steffich to win the "Funniest Person on Salt Spring" award. (Be sure to pick up a copy of Bateman's new book Salt Spring Has Issues.)

This year the 45 awards in three categories — business, community, and fun and games — were determined by people's choice votes. After people and businesses were nominated, the winners were chosen by votes on the chamber website. Some 686 unique nominations were made and 3,395 ballots cast.

Here is a quick look at things that have been taking place in our business community:

- Jack Rosen stopped in at the Driftwood office last week. Since the sale of Island Escapades (now Beachside) to Jason and Anna Watkin, Jack and his wife Candace Snow have been busy with their Coastal Current Adventures company, leading school groups, summer camps and other programs with an environmental and outdoors focus.
- Country Grocer and Ganges Pharmasave announced last month that the grocery store would be taking over the pharmacy's uptown location on Dec. 31, 2018. The downtown Pharmasave location at 104 Lower-Ganges Rd. will remain under the ownership and management of Gary Utter and Linda Ramsey.
- Dr. Robert McGinn announced his retirement and the sale of his business to Dr. Peter Balogh earlier this year.
- Congratulations to Richard Weatherall and Gulf Islands Optical on celebrating the

business' 30th anniversary this month.

- David Sikora of Silver Shadow Taxi is the new owner of Pomodoro Pizza. He has been working with new chef Darrin over the past couple of weeks to set up a menu and ensure all the equipment is in place for a late night, delivery-friendly service. Sikora hopes to eventually have an electric car to make delivery runs. He also intends to make the business more green by using biodegradable food containers.
- Tom Boekbinder and his wife Marialyn took over ownership of El Loco Taco on Oct. 31. Many will remember Boekbinder entered the restaurant business earlier this year with his ketogenic menu, served up from a custom-built food truck parked in his own front yard as Dr. Tom's Cafe. You will now find ketogenic food as well as Mexican on the El Loco Taco menu.
- And of course, we cannot go without bragging about the Gulf Islands Driftwood's redesign launched last week. New type faces and font styles make the paper easier to read, and we've added many new features and columns, including this one. The staff and the owners, Tony Richards and his family, want to thank everyone for their kind words that have been both sent and said to us about our new



Salt Spring Fire Chief Arjuna George with his First Responder Salty Award at the Nov. 8 gala held at the Harbour House Hotel.



Congratulations to the nominees and the winners of the 2018 Business and Community "Salty" Awards

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From left, event MCs Donna Robinson and Matt Steffich have some fun, while Valdy proudly holds his award for Favourite Hippy. The Salty Awards are organized by the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce.



GISS chef and culinary arts program instructor Mark Kilner and his Salt Spring Salads contingent, who won four different awards: Your Choice Restaurant or Food Truck, Top Green Business, Greatest New Business and Best Menu Item.

FOCUS on EDUCATION

EDUCATION FINANCING

Scholarship program helps students thrive

GISS grads appreciate community support for post-secondary education

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Gulf Islands School District scholarship program has grown over the last 23 years from a side-of-the-desk initiative to a program that is able to give over \$100,000 to deserving students every year.

Maggie Allison has been running the program since 1995. In the years since then, it has expanded tremendously, now able to acknowledge students for much more than just academic achievement. Students can be awarded for volunteering, community involvement, artistic achievement and even their hobbies.

Nia Williams, a counsellor at Gulf Islands Secondary School, said, "There's just so many different parts of what make youth youth, and there's a scholarship really for everybody . . . Sometimes logistically, while [students] have the dream of what they want to pursue, it can actually feel incredibly overwhelming to consider how to even start paying for that dream. The scholarship program is a really big lifeline for a lot of students here."

Scholarships are a way for the community to help out its newest citizens as they begin their careers. With tuition rates increasing every year, young people are often forced to take on monumental debt as they

begin their adult lives. This debt pushes things like home ownership and other milestones out of reach, and can cause undue stress as they go through their post-secondary education.

According to a 2017 study by Statistics Canada, the average university graduate finishes their degree more than \$26,000 in debt. Collectively, Canadian graduates owe \$28 billion in student loans, according to the Canadian Federation of Students. Scholarships can help mitigate that financial burden and help people focus more on pursuing opportunities as they come up.

Every student who wants a post-secondary education will need to leave Salt Spring. For many, this will be the first time living off-island and the financial realities of renting, buying groceries and paying for school all hit at the same time.

"One of the big things is unlike in Victoria, Sooke, Saanich, Cowichan . . . our kids have to leave home to go to school," Allison said. "It doesn't matter which island they're from, they all have to leave. They have

"Knowing that there is some kind of support locally if you do go into medicine with its high tuition makes it seem like there's less of a barrier."

DR. ERIC SIGMUND Dr. James Buchan Memorial Scholarship recipient



GISS vice-principal Richard Bennett addresses the class of 2018 at the graduation ceremony where more than \$100,000 in scholarships and bursaries is awarded each year.

to take that big chunk right away."

Stuart Hambrook, a 2018 GISS grad and recipient of three scholarships, explained that his awards helped reduce his stress and contributed to his ability to pay for some of the costly textbooks at school.

"I know a lot of people who are really dependent on the scholarships to do what they want to do. I think it's important that those are made available," he said. "I'm in environmental engineering at UNBC. . . It's a pretty expensive pro-

gram compared to others and this has helped me be able to go into the program feeling a bit more comfortable with my financial situation."

That financial comfort can be a relief as students prepare for the next steps in

their education. Eric Sigmund graduated in 2007 and was the recipient of the Dr. James Buchan Memorial Scholarship, which helps Gulf Islands students attend medical school. Sigmund now practises family medicine in North Vancouver, and works in addiction medicine at a separate clinic in the

"Knowing that there is some kind of support locally if you do go into medicine with its high tuition makes it seem like there's less of a barrier," Sigmund said. "There are already enough barriers, like trying to get into medical school. It's overwhelming for a number of reasons, and finances are definitely a factor."



PHOTO COURTESY ERIC SIGMUNI Dr. Eric Sigmund, a GISS alumni now practising medicine in North

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SCHOLARSHIPS continued on 12

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Awards help students feel 'seen' at school

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships can do more than just help pay for tuition or textbooks. Receiving a scholarship at the graduation ceremony can be the first time a student is celebrated for his or her achievements.

"When someone walks across the stage and they're acknowledged with an award — regardless of what's on the cheque you can see how deeply moved they are to just have been seen by their peers and by their teachers and the professionals they've been working with," Williams

Whether it is by having tuition completely covered, or the pride of being acknowledged for accomplishments, scholarships make all the difference.

Graduate's thank-you card touches IODE

Support from local group not forgotten by woman earning PhD in Biology

Hannah Munro graduated from GISS in 2005 and received her PhD in Biology from Memorial University in Newfoundland this past May.

Despite the number of years that have passed since receiving the IODE Environmental Bursary in her high school graduation year, Munro impressed islander Lucille Adderley by sending a card of thanks through her to the IODE, as Adderley was the last known IODE contact person she had. Adderley brought the card and two photos inside it to the Driftwood, wondering if we would share Munro's accomplishments with our readers.

Munro had previously received her Bachelor of Science in Biology from Queen's University in Kingston, Ont. and her Master of Science in Biology from Memorial.

She observed that hundreds of GISS grads are positively affected by scholarships like the one she received from the IODE in 2005.

"These scholarships are small investments in a big future that many of these students embark in," she said. "I have always been





Hannah Munro doing fieldwork on seabirds on the Gannet Islands in Labrador and at her PhD convocation at Memorial University in Newfoundland in May of 2018.

raise a child, and these scholarships speak

Munro said her two younger sisters each received four local scholarships when they "Heather is a heritage engineer work- Brexit."

very aware that it takes a community to ing on various buildings, including Banquetting Hall and Tower of London. Fiona finished her PhD last year from University of Glasgow and is now a postdoc at the University of Sterling looking graduated and are now working in the U.K. at energy policy and how it relates to

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES

Homestay family encourages others to try it

Homes needed for international students

BY MARCIA JANSEN

DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Every year around 75 international students come to Salt Spring Island to study at the Gulf Islands Secondary School for a school term — a semester or a year. The Gulf Islands International Program, together with the Canada Homestay Network, are always looking for families that want to host a student from abroad.

Tami Wesley and her family started hosting international students in their Salt Spring home 12 years ago and have never looked back.

Tami Wesley and her husband Kris Plambeck started to host students in 2006 when one of their kids was still in preschool.

"We met the homestay manager at that time, and she told us that she was in need of host families. We were a young family our kids were four, six and eight

 and when she asked if we could so much about different cultures. host a student, I told her I would think about it," said Wesley. "To be honest, we had some doubts. We didn't have any experience tries and traditions. It brought with teenagers, but we wanted to help out and promised to do it for one year."

And so this tall, blond 17-yearold German boy made his appearance in their family.

"It was an amazing experience. He embraced our family life and he was an awesome big brother to our kids. Another concern I had was that we would have to entertain this kid all the time. We were both working, so we didn't have the time nor the money to go on trips. But he blended perfectly into our family and had his own group of friends, so he did not wait for us to take him places."

Their first experience was so good that they decided to continue hosting.

"In the past 12 years, we had 24 kids staying with us from Chile, all over Europe. We've learned cheesy, but I cry like they're my

The students made these incredible dishes for us from back home and they told us about their counthe world to our front door."

> "We've learned so much about different cultures."

TAMI WESLEY-PLAMBECK Homestay family mom

Ninety-nine per cent of the experiences the Wesley-Plambecks had with their international students were great.

"We also had students that did not totally blend into our family, but we fell in love with most of them. How could you not? They are a part of your family for months and they give back so China, Japan, Brazil, Mexico and much. It sounds probably super

Wesley and her family kept in touch with most of their stu-

"Our daughter Maddie went on a trip to Europe last summer and our first student drove all the way through Germany to pick her up from the airport and let her stay with her for a week. She also met up with two other students when she was there. And when Kris and I got married in 2017 we invited all of our former students. Twelve of them showed up, some with their partners and kids, and spent a ary School. week with us. It was our 10-year reunion of hosting and it was so special to have them back."

In the past years, a lot of their friends have been hosting too.

"Some just for five or 10 I would encourage everyone to give it try. It has enriched our lives so much.

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Indigenous learning studied

Researcher reports on time spent with Fernwood students last year

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The University of Victoria researcher who visited Salt Spring students last year has published her findings.

The Gulf Islands School District received a bound copy of the article by Jodi Streelasky as a thank you for allowing her to conduct her research in the district's schools.

"This was something that came forward to us as research so it is delightful to receive it," superintendent Lisa Halstead said at the Nov. 7 SD64 board meeting at SIMS.

Streelasky conducted her research during the 2017-18 school year. She visited kindergarten and Grade 1 classes at Fernwood Elementary School, participating in the daily rou-

tine of the children to learn how they were incorporating Indigenous knowledge through outdoor education.

She explained at the beginning of her research that she was interested in the ways flexible learning environments are used to teach young children about both outdoor education and Indigenous knowledge.

"How is outdoor learning being used with young children? Are any links being made to the local Coast Salish knowledge in regards to the landscape or the vegetation? I'm curious how this is going to be done at a very early level," she said in 2017.

Streelasky interacted with the children over a period of eight months, visiting every other week. She collected data by taking notes during her study period and by holding semi-structured interviews with the children in February and May 2018. Streelasky also asked the children to share their experiences through an arts and crafts project.

Her research showed that of the 15 children in the project, 13 said that their outdoor time was the most significant part of their day, according to Streelasky's abstract.

Part of Streelasky's work was also how Indigenous knowledge was begin integrated into learning at a young age. The Ministry of Education made the inclusion of Indigenous knowledge mandatory for all kindergarten to Grade 9 classes in 2016. Though combining Indigenous knowledge with all aspects of the curriculum can sometimes be a challenge for teachers, Streelasky's research helps provide insight into how it could be done.

"We've heard so many things about nature kindergartens, and coastal kindergartens and outdoor schools and I'm wondering how a rural school district like the Gulf Islands School District is utilizing their amazing outdoor spaces as another way to teach children about who they are, their local identity and their history," Streelasky said last year. "This new curriculum is just a great opportunity that needs to be seized."

International

Baccalaureate program close by

Sidney school has openings in progressive program

Parkland Secondary School is excited to be offering the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program to Grade 11 and 12 students.

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"More than ever, students today need to be creative, critically thinking individuals who are well equipped to look after our fragile planet."

The IB program has attracted students from southern Vancouver Island and from abroad who have bonded into a dynamic, energetic and passionately curious cohort, she said.

Chicanot is now taking names of students who may be interested in registering for this program.

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"Where Islanders & Friends Start their Day"

DANCE

Islander stars in Manon ballet

Screening is fundraiser for Salt Spring Hospice

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A unique fundraising event for Salt Spring Hospice Society taking place at ArtSpring on Sunday, Nov. 25 will provide islanders with the opportunity to support a great cause while enjoying a sublime filmed ballet starring Salt Spring resident Jennifer Penney.

Penney leads a quiet life these days, enjoying tai chi, gardening and a small but close circle of good friends. Her retirement years have been intentionally sedate, coming after 25 years of nearconstant work, travel and exposure to the public eye as a principal dancer with The Royal Ballet in England.

The fundraiser screening of The Royal Ballet's 1982 production of Manon reveals Penney in her prime and in one of her favourite roles, choreographed by Kenneth MacMillan to music by Jules Massenet in 1974. It was screened at ArtSpring once before around five years ago and comes back by popular demand and with the good cause attached.

"I have a lot of friends who volunteer for hospice and I know they always need funding," Penney explained.

Penney was born in Vancouver and trained in British Columbia before entering The Royal Ballet Upper School in 1962, when she was 16. She



Salt Spring's Jennifer Penney as Manon, receiving attention from her rich suitor Monsieur G.M. (Derek Rencher).

graduated into the company in 1963 and was promoted to principal in 1970. During her career she won acclaim for her pure classical lines and inspired such choreographers as MacMillan, Hans van Manen and John Neumeier.

Penney had been living with her dance teachers in Kelowna during her adolescent years, after her family fell apart. Her grandmother was able to send her to The Royal Ballet academy for just one year, so her promotion into the company came at exactly the right time.

"They were my family for 25 years," Penney said. "All that travelling, dancing at beautiful theatres and the wonderful costumes — it was a privilege, I realize now."

Based on the 1731 novel Manon Lescaut by Abbé Prévost, L'histoire de Manon tells the tragic story of two lovers whose relationship is marred by poverty. Manon's need to escape from it leads her to make bad choices, some of which compromise her lover Des Grieux. The action moves from Paris to a penal outpost in New Orleans, and then a tragic ending in the wilder-

The role of Manon was originally to have been created for Antoinette Sibley, but she became very ill after just a couple of weeks and Penney, who was her understudy, stepped in. MacMillan wrote around half the ballet for Penney specifically. She developed and refined the role over many years of performance.

"The wonderful thing about creating a role is even if the choreographer has a set idea, he will work with your body and the way that it's moving," Penney said. "People think that it's a very set process, but it's not at all. It's a very open process."

Under MacMillan's vision, Manon is quite different from archetypical pieces such as Swan Lake or Sleeping Beauty, with their fluffy tutus and dreamy sequences. However, it's also not something the audience needs a lot of dance knowledge to enjoy because the story is so strong.

"It's certainly not everyone's cup of tea, but to me this is much more interesting," Penney said. "It has a complex story of a love between two people. And the music's lovely."

Manon is in fact one of her two favourite roles of all time, along with Gloria, a ballet that MacMillan wrote for her as the title character.

"He was wonderful about discovering the weird and wonderful things you can do with your body," Penney said. "He was open to exploring. Not many choreographers

Anthony Dowell (now Sir Anthony, and still a good friend) stars opposite Penney as Des Grieux.

The Nov. 25 show starts at 1 p.m. Entry is by donation to the Salt Spring Hospice Society.

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FOLK CLUB

Cariboo Express back by popular demand

Entertaining show matches funds for local food bank

BY TRISH NOBILE

SS FOLK CLUB

On Monday, Nov. 19, the Salt Spring Folk Club presents Barney Bentall and the Cariboo Express at Fulford

The concert is a fundraiser for the Salt Spring Food Bank. "Back by popular demand," this show is one of the best ever and last year raised over \$20,000 thanks to the generous cash donations of our audience and business sponsorships.

The Cariboo Express is a highly entertaining, oneof-a-kind variety show hosted by Canadian music icon Barney Bentall and consists of some of Canada's finest roots and country musicians. Along with Barney Bentall the cast includes Ridley Bent, Kirby Barber, Dustin Bentall, Wendy Bird, Matt Masters, Leeroy Stagger, Adrian Dolan, Rob Becker, Geoff Hicks, Scott Smith, Stephanie Cadman and Geoff Hilhorst. This stellar showcase of performers is all about laughter, storytelling and the timeless sound of contemporary songwriters with great respect for tradition. The show is a heartfelt set of roots, folk and rock favourites.

The Cariboo Express tour is raising money for food banks in many different B.C. locations. Funds raised by this event on Nov. 19 will be matched by the Bentall family's Hawthorne Foundation. Donations made by community members are eligible for a charitable tax receipt from Salt Spring Community Services Society and can be made at the hall on Monday night or directly to Salt Spring Island Community Services. The Salt Spring Food Bank relies entirely on donations and so this fundraiser is a timely community contribution to stock up for the Christmas food hamper program.

The Cariboo Express has become a sought-after event across Western Canada that makes a significant impact on each community it touches with both its fundraising model and highly engaging show.

Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and showtime is 7 p.m.



CONCERTS

Viva Chorale choir shares 'Dreams of North'

Seasonal theme at Nov. 24-25 shows

The Viva Chorale community choir is set to take listeners on an aural journey featuring the music of several northern locales in their fall/ winter concert event, which is set for Nov. 24 and Nov. 25 at All Saints.

Dreams of North will explore music from places like Finland, Sweden and Norway as well as our own northern home in Canada. The choir will explore the beauty of winter, but it will also explore the longing to escape the dark and to head back towards the summer light.

"There is a mysterious and almost magical quality that comes to mind when I consider all things north," Viva Chorale director Caroni Young

said about crafting the program. "I imagine the northern lights and their rhythmic colour and shapes that change as quickly as the eye can take it in; the stillness that is unique to the moonlight on the first snow of winter. With these images in mind I went to explore the thoughts of composers who were also thinking of the North; musicians like me who were imagining what it was like, and those who live there and breathe the air."

The concert begins near the Canadian geographic centre in Baker Lake, Nunavut, approximately 320 km inland from Hudson Bay. Viva Chorale will perform an arrangement of a traditional song from the area entitled Inuit Hunting Song by Derek Healey. The piece grows from a single voice in unison to 12

different vocal lines, sung simultaneously, that blend to create a stunning image of the North.

"With the North, there is also a theme of the unknown and the desire to explore," Young observed.

In this vein, the choir will perform a piece by Edward Elgar entitled My Love Dwelt in a Northern Land, based on the poem Romance by Scottish poet Andrew Lang. The piece was written in 1890 when the popularity of the North was on the rise and stories about it were considered romantic and mysterious. The choir will also perform a suite of pieces called Songs of the Prospector by Vancouver-based composer Stephen Chatman.

"In this set of songs, we see a different side of northern dreams as thousands of people believed they could turn their fortunes around by heading north and looking for gold," Young explained.

"With the North, there is also a theme of the unknown and the desire to explore."

CARONI YOUNG Viva Chorale director

The concert will feature the women of the choir in a movement from Sarah Quartel's Snow Angel featuring cellist Jane Phillips, while the men will perform a fun piece entitled My Moustache. Another composition to listen for is Dan Forrest's setting of the Ralph Waldo Emerson poem Alway Something Sings, with a theme of light and dark, which will feature the Salt Spring String Quartet.

Viva Chorale has also taken a step outside of the traditional choral idiom with a performance of a piece called North by the artist Sleeping at Last, arranged by George Chung. Young describes North as "a gorgeous piece with a beautiful message of family and perseverance."

Show times are 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 24 and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Nov. 25. Tickets are available at Apple Photo or at the door.

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One website has a rather extensive list of materials for your survival kit and attached to it are a few paragraphs of excellent advice on what to do in case you are stranded in your vehicle. Check out http://www.21stcenturyadventures. com/advice/lists/winterSurvivalChecklist.html

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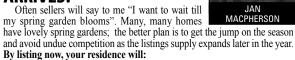


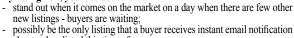
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Fitness Expert

Nutrition Tips

Everyone knows you have to eat right to stay healthy and fit. In order to stay active your body needs glucose. Glucose is the fuel your body needs at the beginning of exercise. Even

after exercising for a while and your muscles are getting energy from fat, glucose is still important. It's like gasoline for your body to keep your gas tank full. You get glucose from carbohydrates. Maintain a well balanced diet and choose lots of fruit and vegetables, to go with your grains (pasta, rice, bread, cereal). You need water to keep the nutrients circulating in your body and to clear out the waste. You sweat off a lot of water when you exercise (even if you exercise in water). You can eat a regular meal 3 hours before you exercise, since you'll have time to digest it. Balance a serving of lean meat with a good amount of carbohydrates - rice, spaghetti or bread - plus fruit, vegetables and water, milk or juice.

Just before exercising: Have something light-easy to digest like fruit and yogurt, string cheese and crackers, muffin or nuts. Drink water so you stay well hydrated. During exercise drink 1 cup of liquid every 15 - 20 minutes. After exercising: If you are going to be exercising again in the next 24 hours, eat some carbohydrate - rich foods within a half hour of your workout.

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Have you watched a movie or a series that you'd like to recommend to Driftwood readers? Send your submissions to news@ gulfislandsdriftwood.com for this column, and include a note about something yummy to eat to go along with the experience!

The Flicks

Riverdale (2017-Present) 14+:

Riverdale is a teen-oriented show about a group of high-schoolers solving dark mysteries while trying to survive the dramas of high school. Based on the characters and setting of the Archie Comics, the cast does a wonderful job of staying true to the original characters while adding their own flare to spice up the show. Starring KJ Apa as Archie, Cole Sprouse (a familiar face to Disney Channel fans, especially those who watched Zack and Cody) as Jughead, and Camila Mendes as Veronica. Into the third season, Riverdale streams Wednesday night on CW Network, and is on Netflix the following day.

Leatherface (2017, Horror) 18+:

This Texas Chainsaw Massacre prequel showcases a teenage boy who escapes from a mental hospital with three other inmates, kidnapping a young nurse and taking her on a road trip from hell, while being pursued by a lawman out for revenge. If you haven't seen Texas Chainsaw Massacre yet, watch this before you do! Cinematically amazing and captivating from start to finish, this movie gives the audience a true insight into the origin of the horror classic. Though it has a cast of fresh faces, they all did a perfect job embodying the characters in the movie

The Food

A great thing to eat in conjunction with watching Netflix is Jalapeño Cheetos. Not only does every bite keep your tastebuds stimulated, but you're getting action in your mouth as well as action on the TV! Just make sure to lick your fingers when you're done, they stain like crazy. Not up for heat? Cheetos has a non-spicy version for you to enjoy just as much.

— Kaylee Lapierre

at'S on this week



Nov. 19

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

Wed.

ACTIVITIES

Mother Goose. Join Nomi and Hannah Wednesdays in the program room for Parent-Child Mother Goose, with songs, rhymes and playtime. Salt Spring Library. 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Free Beginner Spinning Lessons.

Salt Spring Weavers and Spinners Guild holds free beginner spinning lessons. Learn to spin on a drop spindle. All supplies provided. GISS at 7 p.m. Book through Contact Us at saltspringweaversandspinners.com

Film Screening: My Generation.

Salt Spring Film Festival Society presents My Generation, a guide to life in the '60s, hosted by Michael Caine and directed by David Barry. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.



Nov. 15

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Mic at the Legion.

Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Open Mic.

Thursdays at Moby's Pub. 8:30 to 11:45 p.m.

Nov. 15

ACTIVITIES Investing in Cannabis Info Session.

Lionel Johnson, an investment advisor with Industrial Alliance Securities, gives a presentation at the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room at 1 p.m.

Giant Book & Jewellery Sale Preview Night.

For Salt Spring Literacy Society members (with memberships available for purchase at the door). Farmers Institute hall. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.



The Dawn Chorus -**Birding Presentation by** John Neville.

John Neville presents meaningful recordings and beautiful slide presentation on the reasons why birds sing, birds from around the world and their social life. Free Salt Spring Trail & Nature Club event for the public at the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room. 7 p.m.



Nov. 16 Fri.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Mika Tubinshlak House Concert.

Guitarist and singer performs at Over the Rainbow B&B (310 Isabella Point Rd.) Doors open at 6:30 p.m., concert at 7 p.m. Please bring snacks to share. Host is Lisa Dahling at 250-653-9123.



Giant Book & Jewellery Sale.

Salt Spring Literacy's annual book and jewellery sale runs at the Salt Spring Farmers' Institute from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

StoryWalk.

Walk from the library to Mouat Park and to the pool, following a story along the path. StoryWalk is an exciting program designed to bring literacy and the outdoors together for both children and adults to enjoy. Third Friday of each month, Mouat Park. 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Library StoryTime.

StoryTime builds early literacy skills, through books, games, crafts and more. Salt Spring Public Library. 11 a.m.

Nov. 16

Art Show Opening for A Celebration of Light: Solstice Show.

ACTIVITIES

Opening event for an exhibit of work by Salt Spring Gallery members & special guests. Salt Spring Gallery. 5 to 7 p.m.

Youth Games Night.

Weekly drop-in games night is a great chance to meet up with friends over a board game. Salt Spring Public Library. 6:30 p.m. until late every Friday (except holidays).

Nov. 17

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Carolyn Mark. Live music at the Legion. 7:30 p.m.

Soul Shakedown.

Live music at Moby's. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Giant Book & Jewellery Sale.

See Friday's listing.

Art Show Opening: Venter Gallery.

Celebratory event for an exhibit of selected works from Deon Venter's series Last Supper / The Order of Things and Kathy Venter's series Metanarrative / Life. At the Venter Gallery. 4 to 6 p.m.

Sat.

Anglican Parish Christmas Bazaar

ACTIVITIES

Delicious baking, preserves and great treasures. All Saints Church. 9 a.m. to to 2 p.m.

Nov. 18

ACTIVITIES

Giant Book & Jewellery Sale. See Friday's listing.

Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice Visioning

Event. Star of the Sea's development team invites anyone interested in sharing a spiritual journey to attend a visioning session at Star of the Sea (St. Mary's Church in Fulford) from 2 to 4:30 p.m. RSVP to staroftheseassi@gmail.com.

Mon. Nov. 19

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Salt Spring Folk Club: Barney Bentall & the Cariboo Express. One-of-akind variety show, hosted by Canadian music icon Barney Bentall and including some of Canada's finest roots and country musicians. Fulford Hall. 7 p.m., with doors open at 6 for season's pass holders and 6:15 for everyone else.

All funds matched by the

Bentall family's Hawthorne

Foundation to benefit the

Salt Spring Food Bank.

ACTIVITIES

Mon.

Island Infants Discussion Group.

A drop in for parents and babies with weekly speakers. Family Place. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SSI Parks and Recreation Commission.

Public welcome to attend monthly meeting. Portlock Portable. 5 p.m.

SSI Fire Protection District.

Public welcome to attend regular board of trustees meeting. Ganges fire hall. 7 p.m.

Music Bingo.

Every Monday at Moby's Pub. 7:30 to 10 p.m.



ACTIVITIES Salt Spring Probus Club Meeting.

Guest speaker is John Neville, award-winning nature recordist and past president of BC Nature. He will give an audio-visual presentation called Our Wonderful Canadian Owls. Lions Hall. Meeting begins at 10 a.m. and the speaker starts at 10:30 a.m.

ACTIVITIES

Tue.

Stay and Play Drop-In. Parents, caregivers and children 0-6 yrs welcome. Family Place. 12 to 3 p.m.

Nov. 20

Peace Circles in the Library.

A Salt Spring Restorative Justice Committee four-Tuesday event featuring different quest facilitators each week. Salt Spring Public Library Program Room. 12 to 1 p.m. Today's guest facilitator is Heather Martin.

Investing in Cannabis Info Session.

See Thursday's listing, except time is 7 p.m.

Wed. Nov. 21

ACTIVITIES

Mother Goose.

See last Wednesday's list-



Youth Book Club.

Salt Spring Public library. 3:30 to 5 p.m.

THE FRITZ CINEMA

A STAR IS BORN - Held over! Runs Wed., Nov. 14 to Tues., Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. PG. 135 minutes. Starring Lady Gaga & Bradley Cooper. A musician helps a young singer find fame, even as his career spirals downward.

EXHIBITIONS

- A Celebration of Light: Solstice Show of work by Salt Spring Gallery members & special guests. Opening reception is on Friday, Nov. 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. Show runs until Dec. 29.
- Venter Gallery presents selected works from Deon Venter's Last Supper / The Order of Things, and from Kathy Venter's series Metanarrative / Life. Opening event on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. Exhibition runs until

EXHIBITIONS

- Lorence Bryans shows digital art at T.J. Beans through November.
- A Love Story 20 women explore telling love stories through a variety of art media, including mosaics, collage, mixed media, up-cycling, paint, photography, and words. ArtSpring gallery through Nov. 25, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is the sixth year that some of these women have exhibited together.
- Peter Allan holds a photographic exhibition called Ink + Skin + The Rock, about Salt Spring Islanders' expression of their connection to Salt Spring through tattoos, at Salt Spring Gallery. Show continues through Nov. 16.
- Auntie Pesto's Cafe shows new work by Gabrielle
- Kahsia Hartwell has photographs hanging at

EXHIBITIONS

- Historic Fine Arts & Crafts by Ruckles and Neighbours, a display of decorative and useful items made to enrich the lives of early south Salt Spring farmers and their kin, shows in the library program room through November.
- Jerry Witmer holds an exhibit of paintings in the lobby of ArtSpring through November.

Giant Book & Jewellery Sale Fri., Sat., Sun., Nov., 16, 17 and 18

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Ruth Frances Pankhurst, MDCM, (nee Donald)

March 31, 1932 - October 31, 2018

It is with profound sadness that the family announces the passing of Ruth Frances Pankhurst. She passed away peacefully with her husband John at her bedside in her beloved home on Salt Spring Island, British Columbia. Ruth was predeceased by her parents, Jessie and Robert Donald, sister Ioan



Simons, cousin Huey Walker, and best friend Betty Stucker. Ruth is survived by and will be deeply missed by her husband John, four sons Robert, Jack, Donald and David, daughters-in-law Su and Kelly, cousin Fred Walker, nephew Donald Simons and by her eight grandchildren, Christina, Gabby, Wesley, Garrett, Johnathon, Kevin, Eric and Ryan.

Ruth was born in Point-Claire, Quebec and after graduating from the Montreal High School for Girls she went on to complete her nurses training at the Montreal General School of Nursing in 1953. In her early years Ruth had a gift for music and she often shared her musical talents when she performed as a soloist. In 1956 Ruth married the love of her life, John Pankhurst and they shared an amazing life together for over 62 years.

Ruth soon decided that medicine was her true calling and enrolled at McGill University, graduating with her Bachelor of Science in 1957 and with her MDCM in 1960. Ruth and John moved to Edmonton, Alberta in 1960 where Ruth interned at the University of Alberta Hospital and in 1961 began private practice in Edmonton where she worked for 37 years until her retirement in 1998.

Soon after moving to Edmonton Ruth and John began their family, and by 1966 they were raising four boys under the age of six years. While the boys were young many hours were spent at the family farm and multiple family trips to various countries. They were always active with down hill and back country skiing, hiking, and scuba diving. Ruth equally loved the theatre and opera, and she was a voracious reader and a phenomenal cook. Ruth passed her love of cooking onto all of her children. In 1998 she and John moved to Salt Spring Island, BC where Ruth and John found their joint passion in sailing in their sailboat, "Primetime".

The family thank all of those who helped and supported her during her illness: Dr. Robert Crichton, the Home Care Nursing staff, the Beacon Community Services staff and her many friends.

Ruth will be forever in our hearts and memories until we meet again. As per her wishes, a formal service will not be held. A private family celebration will be held at a future time. Flowers are graciously declined by the family. Anyone wishing to make a donation can do so to Lady Minto Hospital Foundation, or any charity of their choice.

In Memoriam



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Words are thoughts are deep. Memories of you we will always kεεp. and Royal Jubilee ICU. He was born August 20, 1946 in Montreal, Quebec and was proud to have attended Lower Canada College (LCC). He moved to Salt Spring in 1973 to start his teaching career. He later lived in Victoria for many years, before returning to Salt Spring in 2016 to reside at Braehaven.

He will be remembered by his two daughters Melanie and Lisa; his twin brother Tom, sisters Lee and Gina; his three grandchildren Lukas, Grey, and Ruby; his two nephews Russell and Ryan; and friends near and far.

TIMOTHY DONALD STAFFORD

on

He will be laid to rest in Montreal with his family.

Obituaries

Coming Events

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THE FLU SEASON IS HERE IMMUNIZATION CLINIC INFO

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Obituaries

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Gwendoline Daisy Rose Albhouse

1927 - 2018



With her adoring husband and children by her side, Gwendoline (Gwen) passed away on October 30th, 2018, in Victoria, BC, at the age of 90 from Alzheimer's disease. She is survived by her loving husband of 59 years, Jack, of Victoria, BC, son Paul (Cindee), daughter Alison (Igor), son Sean (Doreen), sister Daphne Ivamy (Fred, deceased) of Gosport, England, granddaughters Nadine, Natasha and Nicole (Sean and Doreen) and Katia and Julia (Alison and Igor), nieces Marion and Jennifer, nephews Colin, Jonathan and Tim, sister-in-law Linda Duffy (Michael) and many, many great nieces and great nephews.

Born in Gosport, Hampshire, England on December 3rd, 1927 Gwen is preceded in death by her parents, Edward A. Rose and Emma R. Rose, her sister Mabel (Jeff), brothers Arthur (Brenda), Thomas (Joyce) and Sidney.

Gwen was the youngest in her family and an evacuee during The Blitz and the Battle of Britain. She completed her schooling at the

age of 15 and later moved to London where she became a legal secretary. In 1958, at the invitation of her dear friends Basil & Leonore (Pete) Peyton, who had previously emigrated from London to Vancouver, BC after the war, Gwen immigrated to Vancouver with the intention of staying a year or two. Her first job in Vancouver was as a secretary at Riverview (Essondale) Hospital. Later in 1958, she met her would-be husband, Jack Albhouse, the successful owner of Western Barber Supply. He said it was love at first sight. They were married on July 10th, 1959. Gwen joined the ad firm of Cockfield Brown, MacLaren and Hayhurst and would later move to a new firm, Jack Ferry & Associates, as Executive Secretary to Jack Ferry. She left the firm in 1963 to begin raising her family. In 1970, Gwen, Jack and their three young children moved from West Vancouver to Salt Spring Island. In the early 70's, along with her friend, Sanchia Seward, Gwen was one of the founding members of the Ganges Farmer's Market, originally located beside the Ganges Marina parking lot, before it became too large and moved to the Centennial Park location, where it thrives to this day. Over the years, Gwen volunteered with Meals on Wheels, Girl Guides and Greenwoods Eldercare Society. She also worked part-time at the Gulf Islands Driftwood newspaper and, from 1981 to 1987, was the Executive Housekeeper at Hastings House. Jack and Gwen remained on Salt Spring Island for 45 years before moving to Victoria in 2015. Gwen lived a long, healthy and happy life. She loved theatre, literature, music, art, antiques, history, cooking, gardening and wildlife. All of these passions she passed on to her children. No wife or mother gave more love, more of herself, than Mum, and no wife or mother was ever loved more. While the pain of her loss is immeasurable, we will draw strength from some of the timely quotes she always seemed to have for the right occasion. So, we shall "Keep Smiling" and "Soldier On", and take comfort in the endless happy memories she gave us. "We'll meet again some sunny day."

Where my caravan has rested Flowers I leave you on the grass All the flowers of love and memory You will find them when you pass

The Albhouse family would like to thank all of the staff at The Heights at Mt View, Dr. Herbert Domke and Dr. Ted Rosenberg for the dedication, love and compassion they extended to Gwen and the entire family from beginning to end. We shall be forever grateful. Donations would be greatly appreciated to the Baptist Housing Society and The Heights at Mt. View.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.mccallgardens.com



Christmas Corner

CHRISTMAS

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EXHIBITIONS

Venter Gallery shows strong works

Reception event set for Saturday

The Venter Gallery is presenting a new exhibition for the month of November, featuring selections from critically acclaimed series by Kathy Venter and Deon

Kathy will share pieces from her Metanarrative, Immersion, Ostraca and Coup d'Oeil series. As well, for the first time, a remarkable selection of work from Deon's seminal Last Supper and The Order of Things series from 2005-06 will be exhibited. The Ven-

ters' work has been shown around the world, including New York, Chicago, London, Los Angeles, Miami, Seattle, San Francisco, Zug, Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver, as well as Johannesburg and Cape Town in their birth nation of South Africa.

Gallery co-director Michael Coughlin explains that Kathy's life-size sculptures explore "how representations of the female body are too often burdened by a grid of knowledge and interpretation which rarely escapes the clutches of hegemonic discourse, resulting in portrayals of the female subject as fetishes. As their names suggest, the life-size figures from her Coup D'Oeil series are frozen in contemplative glances that seem to draw attention away from the body."

Deon's works explore the human propensity to separate entities, particularly ones that stand in opposition to each other.

"Recognizing the conscious dissolution of line in the colour compositions of the Impressionists, and all those who paved the way for abstract works of art, the paintings of this series play with the effect of juxtaposing conceptually different approaches," Coughlin said.

"What predominates as visual sign, in a work whose iconic meaning traditionally resides in the religious theme of Christ's Last Supper, is a Mondrain-esque abstraction. The figures of the Last Supper are almost indiscernible, as is the perspectival space of the room, while the three-dimensionality of the work resides in a chair that seemingly floats before the matrix of lines."

A reception with the Venters takes place on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 17, from 4 to 6 pm at the gallery in Grace Point Square.

Interesting **Wedding Photo** or **Wedding Story?**

The Driftwood's annual Wedding Planner is being prepared and we are looking for interesting and historic original photographs from our readers.

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Driftwood



EARLY MUSIC

Award-winning duo transmits 14th century

Duo corvi on stage at **ArtSpring**

One of Canada's most captivating early music groups will perform at ArtSpring next Saturday, sharing its program called Codiform, Books of the Heart.

Duo corvi was founded by vocalist Julie Ryning and Katelyn Clark, who plays clavicymbalum and organetto, while they were studying music at McGill University.

According to the group's website, the ensemble received its New York debut at Corpus Christi Church as finalists in the Early Music America Performance Competition (2009), and has toured in Austria, The Netherlands, the U.S.,



PHOTO COURTESY ARTSPRING Duo corvi, with Katelyn Clark, left, and Julie Ryning performs at ArtSpring on Nov. 24.

Canada and Spain. The group has performed at major international festivals,

including Musica Antiqua Barcelona. Festival Oude Muziek Utrecht Fabulous Fringe, Festival de Musica Antiqua de Caceres and the Festival Medieval d'Elx. They have also played across Canada, presented by such organizations as the Early Music Society of the Islands in Victoria, Whitehorse Concerts (Yukon) and Summer Music in the Garden (Toronto,

In 2017, duo corvi was nominated for the Western Canadian Music Awards Classical Ensemble of the Year. In 2010 they won the Musica Antigua Obra Social la 'Caixa in Spain.

The Nov. 24 concert begins at 7:30 p.m. (with the bar open from 6:30).

The Codiform, Books of the Heart, consists of pieces from the Italian Rossi Codex from the 14th century.

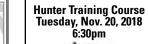
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BOOK LAUNCH

Retired diplomat shares South Sudan experience

Nicholas Coghlan speaks about new book next week

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

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"It was coming up to Christmas, the [UN radio station] was playing Christmas carols and we could hear gunfire all over the place," said Nicholas Coghlan, Canada's former top diplomat in South Sudan, describing the beginning of a civil war and ethnic-cleansing operation that has claimed more than 300,000 lives since 2013.

'There were rumours all over the place, and we were just trying to figure out [what was going on]. We were located between two major army bases. We could hear the fighting on both sides and could also hear tanks moving between them . . . There was no official news."

Coghlan was stationed in

the capital city of Juba with his wife Jennifer when the war began. They scrambled to pull together resources to help South Sudanese Canadians — most of whom were from the minority Nuer tribe escape the devastation of the Dinka tribe. Coghlan's new book, Collapse of a Country, talks about the events leading up to the war and describes in detail the effort made to evacuate, and the Coghlans' own escape from the East African nation.

Coghlan will give a talk about his book and experiences at the Salt Spring Public Library on Thursday, Nov. 22, beginning at 7 p.m.

The conflict in South Sudan began in December 2013, and has since caused the death of 380,000 people, according to a count done by the U.S. State Department. Most of the casualties are civilian, as the ethnic cleansing of the Nuer people by the Dinka tribe also caused massive displacement try. Coghlan wrote his book to help bring more attention to the tragedy.

"At the last count, over 100 humanitarian workers had been killed, which is more than Syria, Afghanistan and Yemen. It's an ongoing tragedy, which from my point of view doesn't get the attention that it deserves," he said. "The figures just get worse and worse. Because there are no great western interests there it is seen as 'just' a humanitarian tragedy."

When fighting erupted around the Coghlans, they immediately went into crisis mode. As embassy staff, their primary function was to help people escape the country.

Typically, when people visit a country they are encouraged to reach out to their embassy and check in, which lets the embassy know the number of citizens in the country in case of an emergency. However, most of the

had not done that, so when the fighting began, the Coghlans had no idea how many Canadians were in the country.

"The initial reaction from Ottawa when something like this happens is to get us out. We told them that we thought we had a bunch of Canadian nationals," Coghlan said. "They looked at the list and it only had 17 registered. But we renewed five passports per week, so we knew we had a lot more."

The Coghlans stayed in the country for about 10 days, until they were evacuated to Nairobi, Kenya. They continued to help Canadians left behind remotely, coming in once a week to take six or seven people out of the country.

Their posting in South Sudan was their last before retiring in 2016. The Coghlans were honoured with the Meritorious Service Cross for their work in 2017.



A Royal Air Force (UK) C-17 heavy-lift aircraft evacuates foreign nationals, including 30 Canadians, from Juba; December 2013.

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ISLAND HISTORY

Short road named for larger-than-life man

Castillous Way in focus; plus Castle Cross Road celebrates island view

BY DW SALTY

HISTORY REPORTER

Continuing along the letter "C" in our history of island roads is Castillou Way, a small road off the north end of North Beach Road.

The road is named after Judge Henry Castillou and his wife Mintie. Known as the "Cowboy Judge" due to his signature fringed buckskin jacket, 10-gallon hat and booming voice, Castillou never forgot his ranching upbringing. He was born in 1896 near Merritt, and worked as a pack train operator, a captain in the Royal Flying Corps in the First World War, a lawyer, a judge of the Supreme Court in Cariboo County an amateur anthropologist and one-time president of the B.C. Fish and Game Association, according to the Nicola Valley Muse-

The Castillou family bought 186 acres of land near Castillou Way in the 1930s from the Cotsford family, according to the Salt Spring Island Historical Society. The farmhouse at the time was run down and had sheep living in the kitchen. They named the property "Road's End" and rebuilt many of the dilapidated buildings on the farm. It would eventually become

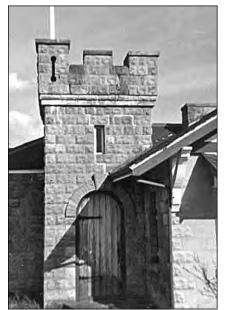


the family getaway, and most summers the Castillous would spend their time on the island.

Castillou was an accomplished amateur anthropologist. He developed a sincere respect for First Nations, and was able to acquire a large collection of pre-colonial artifacts. As a lawyer he defended three First Nations men who were charged with murder in 1934. The case made provincial headlines, but was ultimately lost, according to the Merritt Herald.

The Castillou family spent around four decades frequenting the island The property remained a family gathering place and recreational property for guests until shortly after Castillou's death in 1967.

According to the Salt Spring Archives, our next C road, Castle Cross, is named for its view of Castle Island. Officially First Sister Island, this is one of the chain of islets in Ganges Harbour. The island received its nickname from a castle-like stone house called "Halley's Folly," which architect John Halley built in 1914. (Information on the Salt Spring Archives



COURTESY SALT SPRING ARCHIVES

Castle-like stone house on Castle or First Sister Island in Ganges Harbour, from which Castle Cross Road gets its name.

website states the castle was built by John's son James Halley, but the publication Island Heritage Buildings firmly states it was John. Interviews with John Halley's grandsons contributed to the file.)

Legend has it that during the 1980s, Castle Island was owned by an American who was serving time in prison for tax evasion, and it may have been put up as a lottery prize at some point

MEMORIAL PROJECT

Blacksmiths honour WWI past

Unique wreath presented to Salt Spring Legion

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Local blacksmiths delivered a beautiful tribute to Canada's military veterans this Remembrance Day, presenting a wreath of hand-forged steel poppies to the Salt Spring Legion on the 100th anniversary of the First World War Armistice.

The project led by Katherine Ackerman involved many island hobbyists of all ages putting their marks on simple steel cut-outs and turning them into three-dimensional flowers. A total of 86 poppies were made and then welded onto a steel frame, which was wrapped with a ribbon of barbed wire.

Another 200 poppies were produced for supporters of the project. Every poppy purchased helps raise funds for fuel, materials and welding costs.

"We have poppies that have gone to Europe, poppies that have gone all across Canada, poppies that have gone down to the States, and poppies all over the island," Ackerman said.

"Everybody who purchased a poppy and took one home, there's a story for. I've been hearing back that they're in honour of people; instead of Remembrance Day being one day a year, it's become a daily event every time they look at their poppy or lay their hands

The Salt Spring project was inspired by a WWI peace monument that was created in front of the In Flanders Fields Museum in Ypres, Belgium in 2016. Now installed in the nearby German War Cemetery in Ypres, it comprises a huge plinth and field of metal poppies surrounding it.

Working on a project commemorating those who served and were lost in that war taps into a deep historical connection, as blacksmiths were integral to the effort. Motor vehicles were not yet common on the battlefield in WWI. With horses, donkeys and mules putting in most of the duty to haul equipment, ammunition and ambulances, an estimated 3,000 blacksmiths were deployed on both sides.

Salt Spring's blacksmithing group evolved out of a 4-H teaching project that Ackerman, Henry Baade and Bryn Finer did with their children years ago. They liked it so much they continued on, and built a permanent workshop at the Farmers' Institute in 2014. They continue to share the art with kids and adults on an informal basis.

The youngest children to work on the wreath included Gray and Ruby Williamson, ages 12 and eight, respectively. Their dad Ian Williamson, a chief engineer with BC Ferries, also contributed to the project, along with many other members of the community.

"Gray is an amazing blacksmith. He's surpassing our skills as adults," Ackerman reported. "Ruby is not strong enough yet, but she tells us where she wants us to hit."

To the average eye, every poppy on the wreath may look much the same, but the blacksmiths have far better insight into the craftwork. Ackerman said they know by looking who hammered out any individual flower. When looking at her own work, she can even tell which poppies



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Some of the local blacksmithing enthusiasts who worked on a memorial wreath project after a presentation at the Salt Spring Legion on Sunday are, from left, Gray Williamson, Ian Williamson, Katherine Ackerman, Henry Baade and Eben Finer, with Ruby Williamson inside the wreath. Missing from the photo is Bryn Finer.

she did early on in the process and which came later, and even whether she was doing the work in the morning or late in the day, just by the hammering marks.

The finished product is an impressive piece, and garnered much attention while displayed at Mouat's for the three days leading up to Remembrance Day. That has inevitably sparked requests for more poppies. Ackerman said the blacksmiths may produce more as a fundraiser some time in the future, but not right away.

"We're going to take a rest now because we haven't really been doing anything except for poppies for the past year," she said. "It's been such a cool project, but I'm glad it's done."

Extra support for the project came from Lorne Bakker of Mighty Forge in Duncan, who provided the metal at cost and cut out all the poppy blanks, providing significant savings.

The blacksmiths often gather on Sundays during the winter at their Farmers' Institute workshop, and Ackerman sometime facilitates ladies night sessions for women who'd like to get involved. Contact Baade at 250-537-5169 for more information.

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by Michael O'Connor

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What is particularly interesting and exciting right now is the fact that on the very day that Venus in Libra retrograde, resumes 'forward' motion (No.16), Mercury in Sagittarius, turns retrograde! Of course, those who have had negative experiences with Mercury retrograde, may not be so excited... Positively, Venus is in 'her' own sign where she is in honor, in her full princess posture. Further, since Jupiter is in Sagittarius, the focus of Mercury is transferred to it. This can manifest as an increase in ethical convictions and philosophical principles. At worst, it could inflate selfrighteous attitudes. So, be aware and steer the other way if you want to avoid what could amount to colossal ravings of credulous convictions. To begin the talks, consider that what we call 'reality' is actually a synthesis of subjective experience, perception, belief, and interpretation. No matter how much we may deem them to be 'the' facts or 'the' truth, they are invariably theories and opinions to many others, if not most.

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)

There comes a time when a person wants to go both deep and wide. That person is you, now. On one hand, you feel inspired by the challenge of the adventure. On the other, the adventure requires that you face your fears. You may want to run away, to escape. But, you are feeling guided, pushed and are in the mood for something grand, anyway

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)

You have entered a time of returns. These may come in the form of promotions or perhaps inheritances or even lottery winnings. On the other hand, if you have not been doing your work, or worse, have been obstructing others, you could be in trouble. This is a time of taking accounts and a learning curve is implied.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

You have entered an expansive time. It is inviting you to venture out, perhaps to travel and adventure. New relationship opportunities are implied. Focusing to create a deeper sense of security is indicated. Financial security is featured. You would like to do something that leads to mastering skills. This could amount to new employment goals.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

The time has come to take new initiatives. This includes taking better care of yourself. At worst, you feel a little lost and overwhelmed by the challenge. While a better diet and weaving in a more consistent exercise regime is ideal, like simply walking 30-minutes a day, you may feel the need for more rest, retreat and downtime, too.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

Big changes are brewing for you. You are in a process of graduating from one phase or stage to another. This process will take about 12-18 months. Trusting the flow but navigating the waters too, is and resources. It will help to keep in important. You are ready to take mind that this includes the power of some risks. The biggest risk could amount to ignoring these cues and resisting change. Go for it!

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

inner Circumstances and/or inspirations are summoning you to make meaningful contributions to a higher cause. Fortunately, your confidence levels are steadily rising. Answering the call will lead you to new levels of power and authority, down the road. In the short term, sincerity is the best attitude. Yet, proceed with practicality in mind, for all-around best results.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

You may have noticed that you have entered a busier time in your life. This will not be over soon. Positively, you are excited by the challenge. Negatively, you feel scattered an overwhelmed. It may prove extra important to get organized and implement a systematic approach, that is if you want to be productive and assume a new level of power and authority. **Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)**

Ambitions and opportunities are coming together. You are beginning to get a clearer sense of the future. The writing may be stark and speaks of the need for a very deliberate plan. Fortunately, there are indications that if you ask now, you will receive. Yet, you do have to be ready and willing to enter new territory and persevere

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

You have entered a powerful and exciting time. It will last for about 18 months and will include a full range of experiences from birth, to death and rebirth too. The rebirth may be of you... into a whole new expression of your being. Yet, you do have to pay your dues. You have likely already begun to do so. These include incorporating a steady flow of change into your life...now.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

The time has come to recognize the needs of others more fully, again. Do so is linked to doing it your way, but focusing to realize what constitutes their authenticity. This can be understood as a complex process. The key is to be open in your communications and willing to negotiate. If you try to control people and situations, you will cause problems for all concerned.

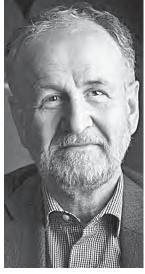
Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

The time has come to bring forth a new level or aspect of your personal power. It will require that you draw upon a full spectrum of your talents your imagination. Directing it for the sake of practical accomplishments is featured. Focus on the cultivations of skills and talents.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20) You have entered an extra creative

cycle. This will manifest in your career and public life. You will be challenged to take risks to increase exposure and explore the possibilities. It is important that you emphasize a spectrum of creative abilities. The focus includes taking pioneering leads and aiming for returns both in terms of money and self-confidence.

SALT SPRING Store of the WEEK- Larry Blackman



Larry Blackman

How long have you lived on SSI? I am in my fifth year of living on Salt Spring. My wife Joan and I came for an overnight visit to see if we might someday want to move to Salt Spring and ended up buying a house.

Where did you live before then? I spent 40 years living and working in Vancouver as a musician in the winter months with summers and whenever else I could get away at our cabin on Valdes Island, so am a true islander at heart.

Where do islanders know you from? For many it will be from having a chat (with or without our dogs). I also did a stint on the ArtSpring board. Some will also know me from the "Vetta Presents" series of concerts we do at ArtSpring.

What's your claim to fame? I would like to say my claim to fame was having performed concerts as a violist on many of the world's famous stages: Carnegie Hall, Symphony Hall, Kennedy Centre, for example. Or it could be performing for the Queen, Pope, Dalai Lama, presidents and prime ministers. Maybe it was the time I asked Audrey Hepburn to put out the cigarette she was smoking.

But most likely my number-one claim to fame is having more lives than a cat! My most famous cheating of the hereafter was on March 19, 2007, when my son and I were rescued by then Salt Spring Air owner-pilot St. Clair McColl and passengers Mary Paul and Jonathan Yardley after our aluminum boat overturned in the Strait of Georgia. The experience represented my first connection to the island.

What's your favourite thing about living on SSI? My favourite thing about Salt Spring is that there is a sense of community. People have time for one another, whether it be just saying hi on the street or in a store, to getting involved in community events and organizations and all that makes this island truly special.

What's your least favourite thing about living on SSI? My least favourite thing is we take way too long getting things done that need to be done: things like affordable housing, a pathway up Ganges Hill, etc.





HISTORY LESSON: Exhibits from the Salt Spring Public's Library's November show by Brenda Guiled called Treasures Found: Ruckle Family and Neighbours, Fine Arts and Crafts. The show documents some of the creative activities different members of the pioneering family were up to when they weren't farming. Right: Pages from Ella Ruckle's diary of her 1912 journey to Tangiers with a group of art students from the Chicago Institute. Extracts from the diary which were selected and transcribed by Margaret Day.

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The following is a compilation of items that appeared in issues of the Driftwood newspaper during the second week of November in past years.

Five years ago

· Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission members issued a plea for property owners with land suitable for the development of playing fields to contact them.

"Developing recreational amenities on Salt Spring is a priority to build a healthy community, said PARC chair Gregg Dow.

Creating new baseball diamonds and soccer fields had long been a PARC goal.

• A dolphin super-pod that had been seen in the Strait of Georgia wowed a few lucky Salt Spring residents, who saw the marine mammals cavorting about 600 metres offshore from Bader's and Vesuvius

"It was kind of a special occasion to watch them ... I was down there for a long time," said Bader's Beach resident Neil Martin. "I felt kind of privileged to take it in for a while. I just happened to be in the right place at the right time."

A couple of other neighbours who happened to be at the beach that day were apparently the only people to witness the phenomenon.

- Ten years agoThe Local Trust Committee was considering the affordable housing project on Norton Road. Trustees deferred consideration for the proposed housing agreement until they received more information about the homes' initial selling price. The application said that the homes would be affordable to residents with household incomes between \$51,000 and \$76,000, but trustees wanted more specific information before proceeding.
- Dog walkers were complaining about an expansion of areas off limits to dogs in Ruckle Park. Only 18 per cent of the park's 15-kilometre trail network had been open to people walking dogs, even on leashes, as of Aug. 31. The decision was made by BC Parks management after Mike Lane of Ruckle Farm reported consistent and ongoing violations of the park-wide "dogs on

Twenty years ago

• New "fast ferries" and a reservation system were predicted to raise substantial revenue for BC Ferries in the ensuing five years, as the government ferry service's debt was predicted to reach \$100 million in the next year. In other ferry news, the Coastal Council to the B.C. Ferry Corporation agreed to give the Islands Trust two seats on the council, which consisted of

25 stakeholders.

 Islanders were mobilizing to help Central Americans devastated by Hurricane Mitch. The Ometepe-Gulf Islands Friendship Association, which handles the importing of Ometepe Coffee and supports grassroots projects on its "sister" island in Lake Nicaragua, was urging people to donate to the cause. OGIFA co-founder Ron Pither had just returned from the area, reporting that "the infrastructure is just devastated."

Thirty years ago

 The Driftwood's Remembrance Day coverage included an interview with two veterans of the First World War living in the Gulf Islands: Donald New, a longtime Galiano resident, and Bill Dodds of Salt Spring. Both had fought in the battle of Vimy Ridge, where close to a quarter of a million solders from France, England and Canada lost their lives.

"It was absolutely terrible at Vimy," said Dodds. "We were up to our knees in mud all the time and at one point we went three days and nights without any

• Derek Topping, 16, was getting closer to his dream of playing in the NHL since becoming goaltender for the Cowichan Valley Midget Triple-A team. Topping said his hockey hero was Sean Burke, the young goaltender who took his New Jersey Devils team to the Stanley Cup semi-finals the previous year.

Forty years ago

- The youth soccer schedule was interrupted after someone drove their car around the Portlock Park soccer pitch. The Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association offered a \$25 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the damage.
- In other recreation news, Leo Toutant was the first bowler of the season to crack a 400 score. His 408 game began with eight consecutive strikes. Ken Collins got the first 900 series of the season, with games of 335, 325 and 252.

Fifty years ago

• Plans to a establish pound district on the south end of the island the district were met with opposition from farmers who were running livestock on large unfenced areas of land. The recommendation to establish the pound district was made to the provincial government to help keep animals from crossing Fulford-Ganges Road. The government rejected the proposal as unworkable.

BOOKS

Barista shows what it's like behind the counter



PHOTO COURTESY MAGAN HO

Megan Hope and her new book Confessions of a Tired Barista.

Local writer tells stories of life in the coffee service industry

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Ever wonder what the person serving your coffee is thinking? For former barista Megan Hope, those thoughts were enough to fill a book.

Hope's new book Confessions of a Tired Barista looks at the coffee service industry from the inside out. Lessons, rants and encounters from her seven years behind the counter are instantly recognizable to anyone who has worked in the service industry.

"After so many years you sort of get tired of the same complaints over and over again. I realized after a while that I had enough to write a book," she said. "It's essentially just rantings of a coffee customer service industry worker."

Hope started her career in coffee on Salt Spring, where she grew up. She worked at the now-closed Salt Spring Coffee Co. cafe, learning the proper way to make coffee and taking pride in the drinks she made. After graduating from high school, Hope moved to Nanaimo to earn her diploma in nutrition at the Cana-

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LAST WEEK'S WINNER

was Lynne York, who was the first person to correctly identify the Victorian "gazing ball" in the yard of Burgoyne United Church in the Burgoyne Valley.

Readers are welcome to submit their photographic submissions of objects or Salt Spring places for What is This? Where is This?

dian School of Natural Nutrition. She continued her work at cafes as both a barista and as a manager.

The idea for the book came as she was working at a cafe that was about to close down.

"I worked a lot of 5 a.m. shifts. I was sleep deprived and grumpy and I would find myself on a break jotting down a rant just for my own therapy," she said. "I noticed after a while that I had three folders full of rants. I was like 'Oh, ok, this is a book now.'"

Though she did serve coffee on Salt Spring, Hope said that none of her stories come from her time on the island.

"I don't know if it was because I was fresh and new into the coffee scene, but that was actually a wonderful place to work."

The book is not an angry diatribe about the hard life of working in the service industry but rather a look at the side of cafes that most people do not get to see.

"The people who are rude to those working in customer service have never worked in customer service themselves. They just think we're coffee dispensers," she said. "I made sure there were no ties to any specific customers or businesses that I worked with [in my stories]."

Confessions is entirely self-published. Hope did all the writing, editing, design and illustrations. She published the book through a press in Victoria and has been working hard to distribute it ever since. Hope thinks the book would be a great read for anyone who has worked in the service industry.

"Baristas find it hilarious and relatable for sure!" she said.

The book can be found at local book stores and coffee shops.





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GISS SPORTS

Boys soccer season ends in disappointment

But team advanced to island championships

BY CIARAN AYTON

GISS SENIOR BOYS SOCCER COACH

The Gulf Islands Secondary School senior boys soccer team had an eventful season that had highs and lows, lots of learning, fun times and disappointment at

North Islands were hosted at Brentwood on Nov. 1 and 2. After a poor first day where the boys started slowly and lost to Brooks and Brentwood, the boys beat Wellington 3-0 on the second day to advance to a playoff game against Ballenas. The boys fell behind to a wonder strike from outside the box, but rallied through a Bradon Nordine goal to make it 1-1 before half time. In the second half, GISS dominated against a tired Ballenas, and amazingly, Jaidyn Byron after three years of playing senior-level soccer, scored his first ever goal for GISS and sent the boys to Vancou-



GISS senior boys soccer players in white jerseys on the field during a 2-1 win over Ballenas in north Vancouver Island championships are, from left, Nathan Lavallee, Hiatt Grant, Drayke Young, Fraser Byers and Eric Berendt. The team qualified for island finals but did not win a game at that tournament.

ver Island championships.

The tournament was hosted by Carihi in Campbell River and Courtenay on Nov. 8 and 9, and GISS were drawn in the tougher pool and as bottom seed. The first game saw Carihi, who are potential provincial winners, dominate and win by 3-0 with two of the goals scored

from wonderful set plays.

The second game saw GISS face Stelly's in a must-win game. GISS got a penalty within two minutes of the game after adventurous play by Owen Norgard saw him chopped down in the box. Unfortunately, luck was not on GISS' side, and the resulting penalty shot crashed against the inside of the post and flew across the goal, but not in. GISS continued to dominate and then after 20 minutes or so, Stelly's scored a screamer from 25 yards, with the shot evading the goal keeper and dipping just under the cross bar.

The second half was a battle with most of the traffic going towards the Stelly's goal. The Stelly's goalkeeper made two fine saves to deny Ben Shugar and keep Stelly's hopes alive.

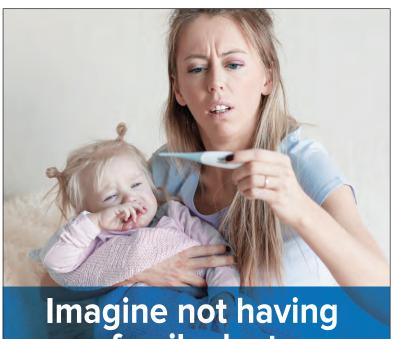
With morale low, GISS faced Brentwood in their final game, needing a 1-0 win to progress to the third or fourth game. Having already lost to Brentwood twice that season, it was going to be tough. However, a great game took shape. Brentwood had possession roughly 60 per cent of the time, but GISS was dangerous on the break and found openings at times. With the score 0-0 at half time and bodies aching, the boys put everything in during the second half to keep Brentwood out and to try to snatch a goal. A half

chance fell to GISS with five minutes to go but Brentwood's keeper saved it. The clock ticked, the boys huffed and puffed, but that golden chance would not arrive, and when the ref blew the whistle the boys' season was over.

Carihi went on to win the islands championships with a 2-0 win against St. Michael's University School, while Brentwood would snatch the final provincial berth from Brooks with a 1-0 win in the game for third place. At the end of it all, the GISS boys were disappointed, but among those players who will return there was a determination that next year GISS would make the next step.

For the Grade 12s, this was their final action: Davin Norgard (four years), Coltan Archer (three years), Jaidyn Byron (three years) and Eric Berendt (two years). Well done to them, their contributions will be missed.

The senior boys soccer team would like to thank those who provide them with the field and the



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Woodley honoured with life membership

Contributions of club's longestserving member recognized

BY SARA BOWDEN

DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Former educator Glen Woodley was recently presented with an honorary life membership to acknowledge the many roles he has played in the Salt Spring Island Golf Club — not to mention the community.

Woodley, a former principal of three elementary schools on the island, first joined the club in 1965 when his wife, Linda, bought him a \$50 membership for Christmas. He tirelessly fulfilled many roles. Some of his key achievements included establishing standard maintenance practices at the club and implementing the new irrigation system, both of which vastly improved the quality of the course's playing

Woodley was club president for four years, men's captain and served on many other committees. He is the longest standing current member of the club.

As the second oldest business on the island Mouat's is older — the club is wrapping up its 90th vear of operation. In addition to our usual tournaments and club championships - congratulations again to low-gross winners Mike Horan and Carolyn Sharp – the club also hosted its second annual pro tournament. This event brought some of the best professional golfers in the region to Salt Spring Island and saw Ben Griffith win with a score of five under par.

One of the fun highlights of the summer was the opportunity for players in the annual North South tournament to try playing a hole with hickory golf clubs that were as old as the club.

At the recent fall general meeting the club's members voted to approve the ongoing integration of disc golf. The disc golf experiment has been ongoing for almost a year with great success and the golf course



Glen and Linda Woodley with an honorary lifetime membership certificate given to Glen by the Salt Spring Island Golf Club.

provides a tournament-quality venue for the island's many disc golfers. Disc golf can be booked via the pro

The golf club has recently become a hub for community recreation facilities and disc golf has added to this. In addition, the tennis club has recently opened its second indoor tennis court. The squash court continues to provide another wet weather alternative for fun and fitness.

Now that the season is over, the pro shop remains open and golf continues, weather permitting.